

The Burl

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Willamette Valley Woodturners
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**Next Meeting: 6:30-8:30 PM, February 8, 2024
Salem 50+ Center**



February President's Message:

Well, the first month of the new year is gone already. I once read that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end the faster it goes. I believe this is true.

We had a great demo from Sally Ault in January and I am looking forward to many more this year. I know Kip is already lining up some good demonstrators for us.

We are also one month closer to the 2024 AAW Symposium. We are in need of lots of volunteers. I will send Brian a list of areas needing help for inclusion in the Burl. I am responsible for the Youth Area and need help during the Symposium to assist young people in learning about turning. Equally important is the need for help assembling 12-14 lathes on Wednesday and Thursday before the Symposium and disassembly and packing the lathes again on Sunday, May 26 from 1-5 PM.

You do not have to be registered for the Symposium to volunteer. You will have access to the vendors room and the gallery.

Anyone interested should send me your name, telephone number, area of interest, and T-shirt size.

Larry Curry

Year of Challenges from

Chuck Fell

Dec. Holiday ornament

Jan. Bowl with piercing/president's gavel

Feb. Vase with any type of enhancements

Mar. Lidded Box

April Goblet

May Prep for Symposium

June Sphere

July Spinning top

Aug. Calabash Bowl

Sept. Wing Vessel

Oct. Anything with 3 woods

Nov. Platter or Plate

Note: Enhance any project as you wish (ex. texturing, coloring, burning, piercing, etc)

Upcoming Presenters and Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter/Event</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Follow-Up/notes</u>
2/8/24	Betty Simnitt	Basket Illusion Bowls	
2/11/24	Sawdust Session	As needed	9 AM-3 PM-ish, Darcy Tataryn's Studio Wear your nametag and come learn or teach or practice or visit.
3/14/24	Terry Gerros	Spiral Turning	
3/17/24	Sawdust Session	As needed	9 AM-3 PM-ish, Darcy Tataryn's Studio Wear your nametag and come learn or teach or practice or visit.

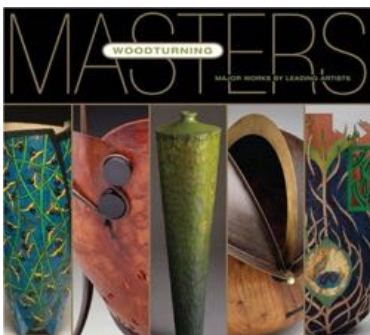
Call for help! There are a lot of areas looking for volunteers for the 2024 AAW symposium May 23-36.. Below is a list of the areas. If you are interested there will be sign up sheets at the meetings. Grinder Setup is already filled. More info at our meeting Thursday.

Title	Person	Phone	Email
Portland AAW 2024			
National volunteer coordinators	Dave and Sue Madden (AZ)	C-602-717-2261 H-928-286-9915 S- 602-882-2261	dsmadden12@aol.com skmadden@asu.edu
National video Coordinators	Tom and Darcy Lawson (TN)	T-615-533-9037	woodchuckvideography@yahoo.com
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Instant Gallery lead	Kathleen Duncan	360-241-3378	woodspinner@gmail.com
Wood lead	Mike Meredith Dave Wood	503-522-0531 503-880-1349	mmeredith23@comcast.net davewood.tracks@comcast.net
Tool room lead	Gary Borders	360-609-1241	gbborders@comcast.net
Video lead	Steve Walgrave	503-997-6378	swalgrave@comcast.net
International demonstrator lead	Kevin Jesequel	971-777-3198	kevinjesequel@msn.com
Shipping lead	Dale Larson	503-661-7793	woodbowl@frontier.com
Volunteer booth	Adam Cox		adamcoxpdo@gmail.com
Registration lead	Sarah Livingstone	626-975-1825	pexieplants@gmail.com
Youth/visually impaired lead	Larry Curry		lcurry@aol.com
Vendor/Safety lead	Harvey Rogers	646-660-3669	harveynrogers@gmail.com
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Merchandise			
Spouse craft room			
1-17-24 list			



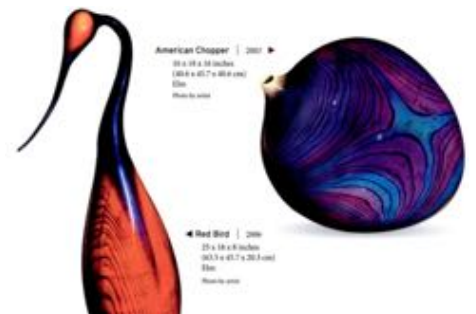
February presenter: Betty Simnitt

Betty Simnitt is a retired Family Nurse Practitioner, having retired in 2015 after a career in nursing and medicine. Retirement afforded her the ability to fully embrace her passion: everything woodwork. Her interest in woodworking started at a very young age. Her special interest is in making what are called “**Basket Illusion Bowls**” – a many-step process that she will demonstrate for the club this month.



Word from the Library

When I picked up this book and scanned through the stunning works, I thought this must be a brand new book as many of the works seemed so modern. As a 2009 publication, it is fairly contemporary, but still 15 years old. A lot of the pieces are pretty edgy though!



And gorgeous. And confusing. So many of them fit in the category of “How in the world...?” Each artist gets a description and 4-8 pages of beautiful photos. I highly recommend taking a look!



January Sawdust Session: Um, yeah, no... Ice nightmare that day. Can't believe Darcy braved traversing the distance from his house to his shop. And really am amazed that Ryan somehow made it as well! Crazy...



January meeting notes:

New president Larry Curry gavelled the meeting to order at 6:30 using a member made gavel large enough to drive railroad spikes... Of the many beautiful gavels to choose from, Larry chose the one made by **Terry Gerros**. Well worth taking a close look at; really nice piece.

-We had a huge turnout this month with 64 people in the room! 8 were visitors and 3 were new members. Welcome all!

-With so many new folks, **Larry** reviewed some club perks including our Sawdust Sessions

-Also announced was the return of the **Member of the Month** award. However, the board opted to amend it to the **Member of the Quarter** and will award a \$25 gift certificate to go along with the recognition. Larry then announced the winner for this

1st quarter: **Jeff Zens!** Congratulations and well deserved, Jeff.

-Also, the board voted to bring back the Show 'n Tell \$10 gift certificate for the top vote getter.

-**Jeff** reviewed the status of the Craft Supplies order (threshold was met a couple weeks ago and order was made).

*See the article below on how this Member Benefit works and how to order. The same directions can be found on the “Place Group Order” page in the Members Only section of our website.

-**Larry** reviewed the needs for the upcoming AAW Symposium in Portland and that more info would be coming.

-Larry also shared some deeply personal information for which we all offer our deepest condolences.

-**Chuck** took us through the Show 'n Tell gallery which again was full of amazing pieces made by our members! (See pics below)

Presenter: Sally Ault-Sea Urchin Boxes introduced by new **VP Kip Allen**

Wow! What a ton of info! Fortunately, Sally generously provided instructions found in our **Presenter Files** section of the **Members Only** portion of our website.

She has a numbered 53 step guide which includes drawings that are labeled to indicate which step they go with as well as a paragraph form document that describes in more detail the making of the project. The directions are fantastic and much more clear than I could reproduce from my notes... Enjoy!

The notes I'll include are some that are not part of her notes (that I saw anyway; might have just missed them).

*10-15% of her shells break or were broken when bought. Sally recommends you hold them up to the light to look for hairline fractures.

*As seen in the pics, Sally uses all kinds of items for finials and says to get creative!

*Safety note: if you're turning alone, the Apple Watch has a great fall alert feature.





*Sally spent some time discussing the importance of a precise tenon and touted the 3-D printed examples of jaws offered by Trent Bosch to use to gauge the accuracy of your tenon.

*Sally's tools sported very short handles!

*A **teaching tool** Sally has created is a large bundle of bamboo skewers glued up with which she then turned some coves and beads. The direction for cutting supported grain really shows!

*Sally does not like small platforms to stand on for gaining height for working on taller lathes as she either thinks too much about the edges as she moves around or finds them a tripping hazard. Her lathe at home has a very large platform with neither issue.

*Her measuring tool of choice is a **sewing ruler**. The clip stays in place and it's small and works well with this type of project.



*Sally talked a bit about the use of these tiny boxes with my favorite being as a holder of an engagement ring!



*She shared a carbide tool with a slightly cupped blade that she likes for hollowing.

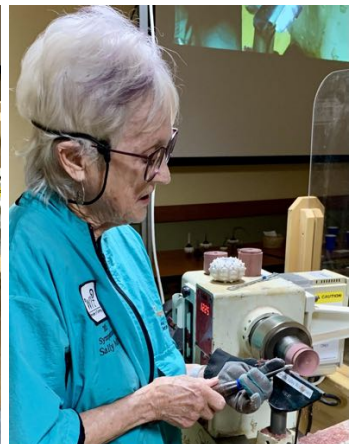
*For sandpaper, Sally likes the cloth backed. For the final polishing, she likes the foam backed sandpapers, but found the typical versions too expensive. She has since found **bowling ball** polishing pads via Amazon that have been great!

*She often uses thin CA as a finish using Yorkshire sanding paste which achieves a glass like surface.

*Sally has made her own tenon cutting tool from a small open ended wrench. The top wing protrudes further out and is the cutting wing.

*She often makes multiples of her tiny finials knowing one will rise as the best fit.

Thank you Sally! Your good humor and clearly refined technique were wonderful and your pieces are amazing!



Above: foam filled shell, parting sections for finial/box top/base/foot; measuring for box size; turning box
Below: color coded sandpaper and tools; applying CA finish; turning lid; drilling hole in lid for finial





Above: turning finial; cutting hole for box with Kutzal (sp?) burr; squaring up sides of hole with sanding drum
 Below: lots of refinement of hole; tools (sewing ruler at bottom); box in hand; Sally was totally willing to continue conversation after demo!



The meeting was adjourned with the reading of raffle numbers and cleanup just after 8:30.

Show 'n Tell Gallery



Above: Chuck Fell; Shelly. Below: Brian Skaar; Shelly





Above: (no name), Rob Gibson (HUGE), Roger Dirx. Below: Roger Dirx, (no name)



Above: Dick Powell. Below: Jim Devorss, (missed name), Terry Gerros





Above: (no name), Roger Dirkx. Below: Terry Gerros



Placing Club Orders to Craft Supply USA

Jeff Zens, Club Liaison to Craft Supply USA

The Willamette Valley Woodturners offers a great benefit to its members: the ability to order turning supplies, tools and even lathes from Craft Supplies USA (CSUSA). In most cases, members receive substantial discounts on every item ordered through the club. In addition, the club benefits by your order; I'll describe that below. In this article, you'll learn about the order process and find answers to the most frequently-asked questions. Long-time club members are familiar with the process, but new club members might be learning about this benefit for the first time. In either case, some of the discounting and ordering process has changed at CSUSA, so please read on.

Understanding the Discounts

The standard discount on all items except those requiring additional freight (lathes, grinders, and other heavy items) is 10% off the item's current price, which is the price at the time we place the club order. Note that if you add an item to a club order in March, but the order isn't placed with CSUSA until May, the "current" price is the May price. CSUSA is very consistent in their pricing month-to-month, but some items occasionally fluctuate. There are a few additional discounts that might also apply.

Smaller items (such as pen kits) are frequently offered at a reduced price-per-item if you purchase multiples. The quantity purchase discounts you'll see most frequently are 10, 25 or 50 items. For example, recently the price for a single Apprentice Fancy Slimline pen kit, in a gun metal finish was \$2.95. If you order 50 or more of these kits the unit price drops to \$2.51, which is a 15% discount. You will receive the 10% club discount in addition.

Another area where CSUSA really helps out turners, especially folks just starting out, is with the purchase of tools. Occasionally, CSUSA offers additional discounts if two or more tools of the same category/manufacturer are ordered. You will find these additional discounts listed on the tool's individual online page. Any time two or more of these tools are purchased in one order, each tool is reduced by an additional amount AND the club discount is also applied. This additional discount applies only to turning tools – not to other "toolish" items like grinding wheels. If you have questions about a particular item, let me know. The easiest way to take maximum advantage of this discount is to frequently check the current club order (more on that in a moment) and see if someone has already ordered a tool you're interested in. If so, order one yourself and enjoy that extra savings!

Finally, because I don't place the order until the total before the discount exceeds \$1,000, everything excluding lathes and other "additional freight" items is shipped free. In many cases that's an additional \$10-20 savings for each individual member's order. All in all, this is a very nice membership benefit.

How the Club Benefits

CSUSA offers frequent purchasers like our club an additional benefit called the Frequent Purchaser Program. Because we purchase fairly often, and spend a lot of money, we accrue a cash bonus similar to cash-back credit

cards. The club uses this bonus to purchase items that benefit the entire membership such as books and videos for our library, and gift certificates used as prizes and incentives. We also order items that make the club more effective at fulfilling its mission, such as accessories for the club lathe, used by our demonstrators at monthly meetings. The mobile base for the large club demonstration lathe is just one example. We encourage you to use the club order process for both personal and club benefit.

How to Order

Placing an order is simple, but there are a few important steps you can take to streamline the process and ensure you get what you want. First, you must be a club member to use this benefit, and you must have both a user id and password for the club's website (www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com). If you lack either of these, contact me at Webmaster@willamettevalleywoodturners.com and request your username and/or password. Once you have them, log in to the website, click the "Members" tab on the menu bar, and in the window that opens, click "Place Group Order."

On the screen that opens next you have several self-explanatory options. Of note, you can view the current group order and see what others are ordering. This is the place to see if other tools are being ordered and decide if you want to take advantage of the multiple tool discount.

To place an item on the order, follow these steps.

1. Go to the Craft Supplies USA website and find the item you want. Be sure to specify size, color, finish, or any other distinguishing characteristics that set items apart.
2. Once you have identified the correct item, copy the part number from the Craft Supplies page and paste it into the Part number box on the Club Order web page.
3. Do the same with the item description.
4. Do the same with the price. Enter only numbers and a decimal point. Do not include a dollar sign (\$) or additional spaces.
5. Specify the quantity of this item you are ordering, and then click "Add."
6. Repeat the process for as many items as you need.
7. To review your order, click the "My Current Order" radio button.
8. You can continue to add items to an order up to the day I close it out and place it with Craft Supplies.
9. Only two gift certificates can be added to a single club order. If you wish to use a gift certificate, enter it in the "notes" field as follows: "GC ##### MM/DD/YYYY". Substitute the **EXACT** gift certificate number for the ### symbols, and enter the date that you are requesting use of the gift certificate. If more than two gift certificates are entered in a month's order I will use the first two entered. Please be precise with the numbers – if they are mis-entered, the entire order is held up until I can get correct information.
10. Once in a while, items are out of stock at CSUSA. Out-of-stock items are dropped from the list, and I will notify you after the order is processed by CSUSA of this fact.

Here's What I Do

When the order exceeds \$1,000.00 on the Monday following a club meeting, the order is closed on the web site. After that time, no more items can be added – but you can certainly start a new order for a future month. I then coordinate the order with our customer service rep at CSUSA, who checks it for accuracy. Any inaccuracies in item description, size, etc. must be corrected before the order can be finalized. **That's why accuracy on the part of the individual club member is so important to the process.** Once discrepancies are resolved, costs and discounts get calculated, and the order goes to their fulfillment department. Orders generally ship in time for a pickup the following Saturday, and I notify everyone who has ordered via email of the date and time for pickup. I pay for the order as soon as it is placed.

I calculate each individual's order total, apply the current club discount, subtract any gift certificates from applicable orders, and what's left is what you owe. I also sort the bulk order into individual bags or boxes for your convenience at pickup.

Your Responsibilities

Pickup days and times are generally a two-hour window in late morning or early afternoon on Saturday or Sunday. Members who take advantage of this Club benefit are expected to pick up and pay for their items at the time specified. Sometimes that's not possible; in those instances it's the club member's responsibility to contact me, get their order total and send me a check for that amount. Once the items are paid for, you can make arrangements with me for pickup at another time. I am unable to transport orders to club meetings.

Orders that aren't paid for and picked up as described above will be returned to Craft Supply USA at the member's expense.

Payment can be in check or cash, but if you bring cash please get close to the order amount. I can make small change, but I don't have a cash drawer loaded with loot. Sorry, no credit cards.

Wrapping Up

The Club's CSUSA order service is a great membership benefit. If you've read through this article, and still have questions, I am happy to get them answered. Please get in touch – my contact information is in the membership directory, and can also be found on the club's website.

Membership Rewards

Chain Sharpening Service from Jeff Zens: I have an electric chain sharpener and can accurately sharpen your chains and adjust depth stops for your saw chains. This service will restore the chain to “factory-new” condition. Most chains for 18" and shorter bars can be sharpened for \$10.00. Longer chains (up to 30" bars) are \$20.00. Badly damaged chains might be a little bit more. I will also tell you if the chain has reached the end of its useful life, and will not sharpen a chain beyond that point. This price is only available for club members.

Supplies-See Jerry Lelack at club meetings

The club purchases a few supplies in bulk and sells them to members at club cost.

*CA superglue (\$7), black or brown superglue (\$10) accelerator (\$10).

*Half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool

*Depth gauges (\$5)

*HSS 1/4" x 8" Round Tool Bits rods

*Anchorseal (\$9/gal) and walnut oil (\$20/gal) are available through **Jeff Zens**. You will need to bring your own gallon containers; contact [Jeff](#) to make arrangements.

Wood Gathering

Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify **Randy Nichols**.

From Terry Gerros

I am a distributor for Stick Fast CA glue, Sharpfast Sharpening systems, the Holdfast vacuum chucking system and Saburrtooth Carving bits. If you have an interest in these products, give me a call or send me an [email](#) for details.

Club Member Discounts

- **Club Member Discounts at Craft Supply:** The club's order is processed the Monday following our Club meeting if it equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supplies offers us a 10% discount **plus** free shipping on almost all items (lathes and other heavy items are excluded) and occasional additional discounts on certain other items and quantity purchases. If you order from Craft Supplies current sale items, you will receive the club discount in addition to the sale discount, making many items available at very attractive prices. For detailed instructions for ordering, see the article accessed by clicking on “*read this document first*” which is linked to on the Place Group Order page in the Members Only part of our website. Questions? See [Jeff Zens](#).
- Club members are registered with **Klingspor's Woodworking Shop** at www.woodworkingshop.com or 800-228-0000. They have your name and will give you a 10% discount.
- If you show your club card at checkout time to the cashier at **Woodcraft** in Tigard they will give you a 10% discount (May not apply to some machinery).
- **Exotic Wood** is offering a discount of 15% off any orders placed at: www.exoticwoodsusa.com. (This includes sale items and free shipping on orders over \$300). Use promo code ewusaAAW
- **Gilmer Wood** now offers our club a 10% discount on purchases made there. If you haven't been to Gilmer's, it is well worth the trip to Portland, if only to make your mouth water and make you cry if you leave empty handed.

Club happenings in our area

(Please visit the club's website listed below for additional information)

Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

www.northwestwoodturners.com

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

www.cascadewoodturners.com

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

www.beaverstatewoodturners.com

Oregon Coast Woodturners (Newport, OR)

www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

South Coast Woodturners (Coos Bay, OR)

www.southcoastwoodturners.com

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