



# The Burl

A monthly newsletter for the  
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**Next Meeting: 6:30-8:30 PM, May 9, 2024  
Salem 50+ Center**



## May President's Message:

Good news. This is the last month that I will be asking you to volunteer to help at the AAW symposium. We are only about 3 weeks away. Please feel free to come down and help. You will be appreciated.

The other good news is that next month I will start looking for volunteers for the Oregon Woodturning Symposium in March of 2025.

Before that though, Kip will be asking for volunteer demonstrators for the State Fair.

So, start asking yourselves, "How can I help?"

In between all of that fun, I hope you continue to enjoy all of the great turners that Kip is lining up.

See you at the meeting!  
Larry

## 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: Focus will be on feet; pieces can be new or old

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>
5/5/24	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. <b><u>This is a change from the regular day and takes place before the monthly meeting</u></b>
5/9/24	Rick Rich	3-Legged Stool	
6/13/24	Carl Jacobson	Brass Insert Box	

### **May Presenter: Rick Rich**

Rick is from Clark County, Washington, and is a member of the SW Washington Woodturners, the Cascade Woodturners Association and the AAW. He is a spindle turner by preference, although many items he makes include faceplate turning, such as bowls, small tabletops, dishes, and like items.



The demo will be basic spindle turning beginning with combination cuts exercises from the book 'A Course in Wood Turning' and then a footstool leg from the book 'Elementary Turning'. Both of these books were published early in the 1900's to assist manual arts teachers in wood turning courses for high school students. The books are available free for downloading from the Library of Congress website.

The next two turnings are both useful craft projects, a shorter length rolling pin and a garden dibber. These projects make quick easy gifts and supply excellent practice in spindle turning techniques.



### April Meeting Notes:

The meeting was gavelled to order to a mildly confused group of 43 folks including a guest and a new member!

Following a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance were the following announcements:

\*The Member of the Quarter for the 2nd period was announced and, weirdly to write about, it was me: **Brian Skaar** (if you didn't know who the editor of the Burl is currently...). He was/is very grateful for the recognition and enjoys the parts he's playing in the club!

\*Club dues are beyond due at this time. **Pres. Larry** wishes folks to know that May 1st, those not current will lose access to the Members Only section of the club website as well as other perks members are privy to.

\***Mark Choitz** updated the group on the **2025 OWS** (Oregon Woodturning Symposium) and passed around "Save the Date cards (March 14-16) and a sign up clipboard. There are quite a few committees and other volunteer positions that will be vital for the event to continue its excellence.

\***Pres. Larry** updated the group on some of the AAW Portland (May 23-26) details including:

- volunteers are still needed in numerous areas (see website to sign up)
- 14 lathes are coming for the learning room-Larry could use help with their set up
- you don't have to be registered to volunteer for many of the positions including the learning room
- 5 of the lathes will be won (9 will need to be packed up for return)
- the lathe raffle money will be divvied up among volunteering clubs

\***Jeff Z.** announced the CraftSupplies order sat at \$200 (is at \$464 as of this writing)

\***Pres. Larry** announced he'd been approached about a bed post job and to contact him for more info

\***Larry Gookin** announced that the Woodcraft store in Tigard will be closing its doors June 30 and sales are going on right now

\***Pres. Larry** did an informal survey on interest in a spiral making class with **Terry Gerros**. A show of hands indicated yes. Look for more info to come as details are worked out.

\***Jerry Lelack** raised the question about interest in carbide bits that was brought up previously. These would be bought and resold at a cost of \$4 each. Darcy has a source out of Springfield. Much interest was shown. Stay tuned again!

\*A question about tung oil was brought up. Info shared included that it was a nut oil that dries completely like walnut oil. Unlike walnut oil, it takes a long time to dry and has a somewhat short shelf life. For this reason it often has many additives including polyurethane and other ingredients and comes under the name Tung Oil *Finish*. Few people were fans of the finish.

**Show-n-Tell Chuck Fell** took the group through an incredible collection of entries which even included an imposter! Well done WVV. Jim Devorss' goblet was voted best in show!



Left: Philomath Middle School bowls

Right: My "live edge" as in the edge flew away like it was alive...







Above: Dick Powell

Below: Jim Devorss, Stuart Mortimer, Gary Dahrens, Marc Vickery



Above: Brian Skaar, Gary Dahrens  
Below: J.J. Jones, Bruce Stangeby (x5)



Above: Jerry Lelack, Tom Huhn,  
Warren Gookin  
Left: Dave Pitman  
Right: Archie Hebron





**April Demonstration** Here's where the mildly confused cause mentioned above comes into play: Reed believed his demo date wasn't until the next week. Thus when folks arrived and did not see the lathe set up with the large coring system, there was a sense of "Huh...".

It's also why the announcements became such a sharing session!  
Hopefully, we'll see his demo in the future.

**April Sawdust Session** The pattern seems to be that when the sun streams in through the windows, the Sawdust Session sees fewer folks. The April session was a pretty nice day and the pattern held as only about 15 folks made their way to Darcy's. Those folk got after it though and the chips flew, laughter was heard, tools were sharpened, knowledge was gained, skills were practiced and it was time well spent!







## Terry Gerros-Window Towers



Over the previous year, I, along with many of you, have been intrigued by the smallish towers created by Terry. They were made out of pieces of wood with large voids, were gracefully thin, whimsical, and had the recurring theme of a window in each. Until he put three windows in one...

I asked him whether that was indeed his theme and he said it was and that the one I was looking at had a classic window from Portugal. I wanted to know more, but as is typical, that wasn't going to happen during our free time at a WVW meeting. So I made an appointment and visited him at his shop in March.

Our conversation was wide ranging and covered much more than just his window towers. Terry has a significant history with the club and with the larger turning community that I'd like to share a bit of...

He took up the craft in 1997 and joined WVW about a decade later and has held various positions including librarian, CraftSupply order, Vice President, and President. During his time on the board, he spearheaded the offering of about four multi-day classes per year and saw the club grow a great deal.

In 2013, after a trip with **Mike Smith** to SWAT (Southwest Association of Turners symposium), he worked with others to start the Oregon Woodturning Symposium, with the first edition taking place in 2015, and has been integral to that event's success ever since.

AAW has also been part of his journey both as a participant and volunteer.

In 2014, through his friendship with **Stuart Mortimer**, he was able, as Stuart's assistant, to go on a woodturning cruise off the west coast of Norway. This cruise takes place every 4 years and





sounds amazing.

The ship's B deck has 4 demonstration lathes and a "tuition room" with 8 lathes for people to learn on. The boat stops at 12 cities where folks can board to visit and buy from vendors including Verktoy A.S., Woodfast Tools, Tormek, Record Power, King Arthur Tools, and Trend (the demonstrators used German lathes).

Terry made himself useful enough that he was asked back for the 2018 and 2023 versions of the trip!

During 2023 cruise, Terry watched **Yann Marot** ([www.yannmarot.com/?lg=uk](http://www.yannmarot.com/?lg=uk)) turn similar towers out of green wood and thought them to be beautiful. He also developed a friendship with **Neil Turner** ([www.turnerandturner.com.au](http://www.turnerandturner.com.au)), an Australian turner and a master of surface textures (search his sea urchin boxes-wow).



Upon returning home he started on his own attempts. After experimenting and playing, and based on the influences of Yann and Neil, he included a combination of turning, piercing, texturing, and pyrography in developing his versions (though no doubt his versions will continue to evolve).

I had to laugh about his window design source. I asked, thinking he had a niche book on windows, but he just said, "Naw: Google."

Terry emphasized that he treasures the human connections he's made in his woodturning journey. The symposiums, clubs, classes, and the cruises have all added to a community of friends that stretches across the country and overseas. He marveled that he got to stay with Allan Batty in England where he toured the Sorby factory in Sheffield! Pretty good results far beyond nice looking bowls!



Above: Terry's towers in order of completion

Below: wall with signatures of class instructors over the years, towers in progress, the "oops" that led to Terry's final tower (so far)







For the window frames to “protrude”, a ring of wood must be left proud of the cylinder and then carved away (see the example embedded in text above).



Note the amount of texturing and pyrography and its different application in the pieces.





Below: Terry intended the spirals to completely encase the “flame” before the oops mentioned above.



### **Tool Sale!!** (and some wood)

Club member **Paul Adams** has had hand surgery and has decided to sell his lathes and tools. Here is a partial list of some of his tools:

- Jet 1221 V5 variable speed midi lathe
- Record Power RP ML300 swivel head mini lathe



- Grizzly band saw, drill press
- Wolverine Vari-Grind attachment
- forstner bits
- Robert Sorby and Henry Taylor gouges
- Several pieces of bowl quality wood including birch, black walnut, cherry, western maple and some pear

The sale date is **Saturday, May 18, starting at 8:00 am.**

Address: **764 Wisteria Independence 97351.**

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## **Tool Sale #2**

*From Walt Theis*

WVW members,

Recently, **Don Waddsworth**, one of our more experienced turners, decided to part with some of his older tools. Don has generously given about 50 tools to the club to be sold to club members with the **proceeds going to the club.** As his agent, I have priced the tools and will take them to the **sawdust session at Darcy's shop on Sunday, 5/5/24.**

Residual tools from this initial sale will be taken to the May club meeting.

I will act as cashier. If any of you think that a tool is undervalued you are invited to pay the higher real market value so the club can benefit.

Payment is by **cash or check made out to the Willamette Valley Woodturners.**

Don also gave the club some dry turning blocks which will be available Sunday. Earlier this winter Don gave the club blocks of teak, decking from the Battleship Oregon. Additional blocks will be available at the tool sale on Sunday.

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## **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](http://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](http://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](http://www.northwestwoodturners.com)

**Cascade Woodturners** (Portland, OR)

[www.cascadewoodturners.com](http://www.cascadewoodturners.com)

**Beaver State Woodturners** (Eugene, OR)

[www.beaverstatewoodturners.com](http://www.beaverstatewoodturners.com)

**Oregon Coast Woodturners** (Newport, OR)

[www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com](http://www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com)

**Southwest Washington Woodturners** (Vancouver, WA)

[www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com](http://www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com)

**South Coast Woodturners** (Coos Bay, OR)

[www.southcoastwoodturners.com](http://www.southcoastwoodturners.com)

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