

# The Burl

A monthly newsletter for the  
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**Next Meeting: 6:30-8:30 PM, January 9, 2025**  
**Salem 50+ Center**



## January President's Message:

Welcome to another wonderful year of woodturning. Kip has some very good turners lined up for 2025. Plan to attend as many meetings as you can.

We also offer our condolences to Marc Vickery who lost his mother this week. Please keep his

family in your prayers.

Remember that the Oregon Woodturners Symposium is only about 60 days away. We could still use a few volunteers. Remember, you don't have to be registered for the Symposium to volunteer.

Also, remember that there is an Empty Bowls event at OWS. Please bring your bowls to the February meeting.

See you Thursday.

Larry Curry

## From me, the Burl editor (Brian Skaar)

Okay, this is my 39th Burl and I'm thinking y'all gotta be tired of hearing my voice. When I took on the job, in his gracious welcome, then president Jeff Zens asked the club to make my job easier by submitting items for inclusion in the newsletter. I was stoked to get an excellent article by Ron Freshour right off about walking sticks and whistles! And I've gotten some great pieces since. I know I'd miss quite a few if I tried to mention all the folk who've contributed, but mostly the Burl is just my ramblings. Which is fine if you're satisfied; I'll ramble on...

I've been compiling a list of presenters from over the years and, in looking at old Burls to get the names, noticed some fun pieces. My favorite, and I think it was coordinated by Mark Choitz, was the "What's on my lathe" column. I love the idea of just a simple *take a pic of what you're working on and send it in*. With the cameras on our phones now, it can be a quick snap and send it by text!

Anyway, here are a few ways you can share what you've got going on, maybe inspire others to get after it, and contribute to your newsletter!

**1. What's on my lathe:** As mentioned, snap a pic, write a description or don't, send it on. It could be in a text message or email (our phones do that too!). It doesn't have to be done or brought in to a meeting, just what you've got going.

I missed my opportunity to do this recently. I was feeling I was over the trauma of my first spiral turning and tried another. Fresh pain, but much shorter lived. Shoulda taken a pic or two... I'll try again!

**2. Gadget or gizmo:** I visited Dick Powell recently and he's got all kinds of things that he's made, adapted, or finagled to solve some problem. I went home after the visit and made a simple board with a cleat underneath that I can drop on my ways and protect them from dyes and oils. Actually, it's the only bench I've got access to in my messy shop area... We'd

## Year of Challenges from Chuck

### Fell: 2025

#### January: Cereal Bowl or Porringer

**February** \* Hollow Form

**March** \* Plate or Bowl with 4 square edge

**April** \* A turning which has a charred finish (Use all SAFETY PRECAUTIONS while burning wood! Do not burn your shop down!!!!)

**May** \* 3 Legged Vessel

**June** \* Find an old wood turning at thrift shop, or wherever you may find one, and rework or reuse it.

Take and bring the picture of the "before" so we know the starting point (Suggestion by Mark Choitz)

**July** \* Something with live edge

**August** \* For the kitchen (or grill or...cooking theme)

**September** \* Candle stick holder off axis

Check out Carl Jacobson's video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ftsz8DFXeQM>

**October** \* Something way outside your comfort zone

**November** \* Miniature form no larger than 2" x 2"

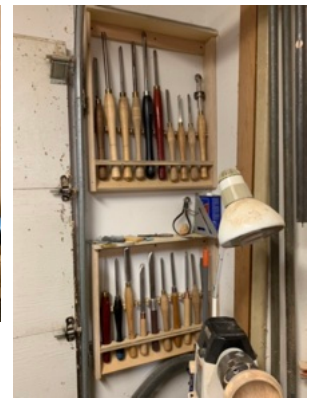
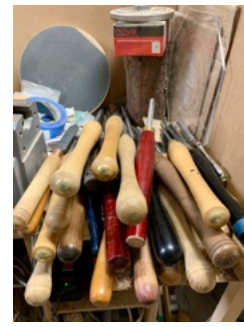
**December** \* Christmas Ornament or Holiday decoration

**Note:** Enhance any project as you wish [ex. texturing, coloring, burning, piercing,?]



love to see what you've come up with to make your wood working/turning life easier. *(to the right is my before/after tool storage)*

3. **Shop tour:** Or partial tour. I tried this one a couple years ago and we got a great tour of Bruce Stangeby and Dick Powell's shops. I wonder if folks thought their shops unworthy... I can guarantee we all don't have the space and tools we drool over in the videos. I consider a fellow tight messy shop worker relatable! Anyway, a couple pics and voila! Content!



4. **Processing:** For lack of a better title, seeing folks gathering and processing wood for their projects can be pretty interesting. I need to do better chronicling my collecting. I recently cut up about a dozen rounds of madrone and made an incredible pile of shavings! Now to figure out how to turn madrone...

5. **Woodworking projects:** Ron's story of walking sticks was not purely a turning piece; it was family fun! I think the whistles were turned (fun project I've had some students do), but the sticks were carved. Darcy often has stuff going on that's off lathe (cutting boards and coasters!). Many of you are doing projects of all sorts. Take a pic and inspire! *(Ron's piece is in the Nov' 2021 issue)*

Okay, there are five easy ways to be a part of your newsletter. I'm going to try some new things this year (been playing with profiles a bit; failing... Ha!) and will try to share some of those adventures. Hope you'll join me!

Cheers!

Brian



**A thank you from Jimmie Allen via Cindy:**

Kip,

Please forward on to the membership how much we appreciated their positive energy and support. It was great to reconnect and share our combined passion for woodturning. The flexibility in letting us start earlier and intentionally reducing our credit card fees was very much appreciated. Jimmie enjoyed doing the demo and meeting with such a great group of turners.

Jimmie & Cindy

**Upcoming Presenters and Events**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter/Event</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jan 9	Matt Monaco	Bowl turning: Matt will be teaching 3 days of workshops (Fri, Sat, Sun)
Dec 12	Sawdust Session	<i>Cancelled for January due to Matt's classes and free beginner classes</i>
Feb 13	Carl Jacobson	TBA
Feb 16	Sawdust Session	As needed: 9 AM-1 PM, Darcy Tataryn's Studio Wear your nametag and come learn or teach or practice or visit!
March		<i>No regular WVV club meeting; it's Oregon Woodturning Symposium month!</i>
Apr 10	Dave Landers	TBA
May 8	Bill Karow	TBA

**January presenter: Matt Monaco** <https://www.monacobowls.com/>

Matt Monaco operates a full-time woodturning studio in the Ozark region of Missouri, and is one of the only full-time modern traditional woodturners in America having trained & apprenticed within the handmade trade landscape as a working professional — Working closely within the high-end professional furniture production,



Shackleton Thomas Furniture & Pottery as full-time in house wood turner; which preceded a time period of training, and skill development while earning a living as a full-time item producer within both the wholesale tradeshow, and retail circuit.

At center of Matt's work is his understanding & mastery of tool control, sharpening and cutting execution as an expression of traditionally crafted design as fine art -- in producing forms & items that are made to be as tactile as they are sublime, and created with intent & purpose.

Matt is also a Fine Woodworking Contributor & Ambassador who values both the integrity of traditional woodturning and its mastery as an art, as well as diversity

within the handmade and woodworking craft idiom.



**December Meeting Gallery:**

Well, we didn't have a ton of items show up this month but those that did were fun to check out. Thanks to **Jimmie**, our presenter, for taking us through the items! Marc's giant ebonized beaded bowl was amazing, Dick's epoxy pieces were stunning, Jim's skew flowers were mind bending, and the ornaments from Marc and myself were fun to enjoy. Jimmie also pointed out the boxes and tool handles he's made with his excellent inserts saying they've been very fun to make!



Above: Brian Skaar, Marc Vickery, Brian, Jim Devorss  
Below: Marc, Dick Powell





Above: Dick, Jimmie Allen (below as well)



### **December Meeting Notes:**

Since all knew this would be a busy meeting as folks would be paying 2025 dues (*Well done! And thanks much to **Jeff and Dick** for being so on top of all things membership and money!!*) and shopping tools from Jimmie's excellent selection, the meeting got started early at 6:00 with 59 folks in attendance.

**President Larry** led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by **announcements**.



\*a construction company in Brownsville is renovating an old house and had need of about a dozen 18" turned balusters. Larry got a hand raised showing interest in the job. (*editor's note: I would love to get an article and some pics of the project. Can be just a quick note or a longer narrative.*)

\*Larry reminded folks that the OWS is coming up and we're still in need of volunteers and to contact him or Mark Choitz. (*Thank you to those that signed up!*) Shifts can be short or long and done by registered or non-registered folk. (*See note below*)

**Marc V:** Empty Bowls was a giant success again raising just over \$37,000! WWV's bowls, which sold out by 2 PM, raised \$1700 and Marc's bowl raised \$500 in the raffle meaning WWV's portion was \$2200 of the total. Thank you all who contributed bowls to the effort! (*See the next opportunity below in the OWS note*)

**VP Kip** announced that the January presenter, Matt Monaco, would be doing 3 days of classes at the super low price of \$35 per day (or \$100 for all three). The signup list was quite full by evening's end! (*And is full as of this writing. Well done! A class is an excellent way to advance your skills for sure! If someone drops between now and the meeting, spots may open up. Be ready!*)



### **Presenter: Jimmie Allen**

Jimmie was with us 13 months ago and presented box making at that time as well. I was inspired again, marvelling at

the way his tools work, his skill in making and using the tools, and his fine crafting of beautiful boxes!

Some notes:



Above: Jimmie glues his piece to a waste block with a threaded insert that mounts on a screw chuck. By using this he can take the piece off and remount it in the exact same place. Jimmie explained the 3 main tools he'd be using were the point tool, square end, and half round scrapers. All his negative rake scrapers are ground at 20° on top and 70° on bottom which he has found supports the burr most effectively. (*He eventually used more than 3... Ha!*)

Below: Jimmie throwing crazy long maple ribbons truing up the end; cutting the shoulder (tenon); cutting the initial bead at the edge of the tenon-lathe rpm? 3128...



Above: rounding the body of the base into the bead with a skew used as a negative rake scraper; beginning to hollow with a 1/2" half round scraper; touching up the burr on 80 grit wheel (*after feeling how large his burr was compared to mine, I asked what I was doing wrong. I was told to push into the the wheel harder-worked!*)

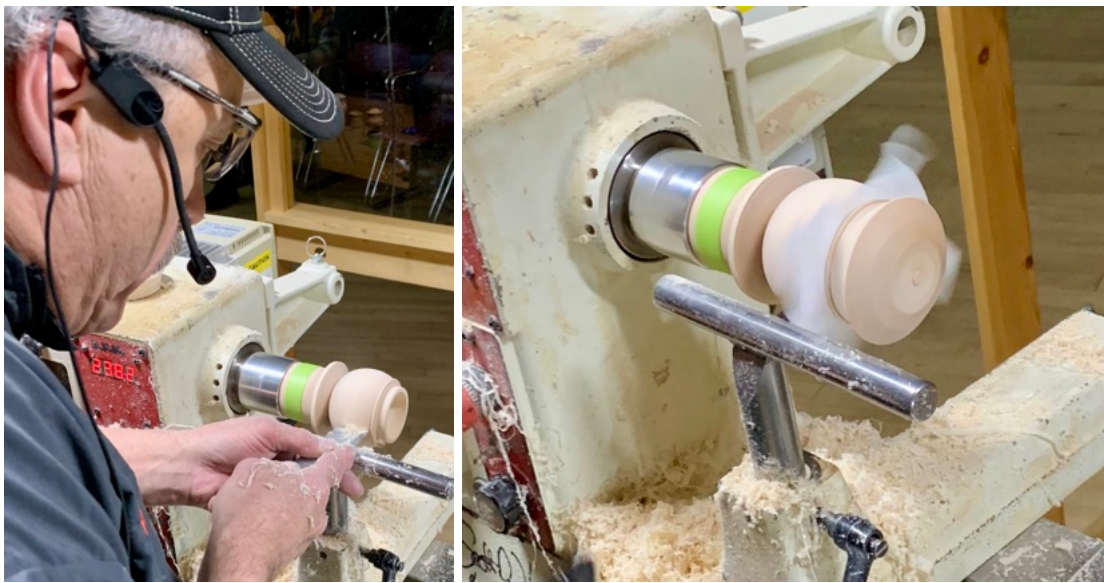
Below: rounding the body more; not shown is more hollowing using a double ended 1/2" half round scraper running the

lathe in reverse to use other end; middle pic shows box base on waste block and lid on lathe being marked using calipers for mortise; shaping the lid



Above: Jimmie like the coved lid for the way it looks and feels; 3rd pic-Jimmie explained the bead on the edge of the top needs to be slightly smaller than the base bead-even if equal it can look top heavy  
Below: more shaping of top and eventual parting off (after making sure the sides of the mortise are straight as possible); note how Jimmie wraps his pointer finger under his tool rest-likes this for control





Above: base back on lathe to refine shape; to make a vacuum fit slightly round the tenon (Jimmie's got a tad small so need a paper towel to make it tight)

Below: Jimmie uses a spent sanding mandrel (hook and loop material gone) as a rotating jam chuck fitting it into a live center with a removable tip; refining the top



Above: refining, refining; to finalize top Jimmie added some tape to the joint for extra security-he used a spindle gouge for final cuts for final cuts

Below: sharpen beading tool flute up (cut with flutes down); after parting base off (do not part off all the way as it will

result in torn grain-saw the last 1/8”), Jimmie made a jam chuck fo finish the bottom of the base



Below: Jimmie refined the base, took it off the jam chuck, looked at project with the lid on, and then put base back on jam chuck for a bit more refining; Jimmie answering questions at the after meeting meeting-always a sign of a good demo!



*Thanks again for the visit Jimmie!*

Meeting adjourned about 8:20 after the raffle.

*(Thanks all who brought in raffle items this month! Great contribution! And thanks all who helped clean up! Makes it go much faster.)*

### **December Sawdust Session:**

About 20 folks participated in the turning opportunity in December. Stephen brought in a monster piece of wood and really learned a ton from Darcy and others about turning large items (including how to save them when you go through the bottom!). We had a couple first ever bowls worked on, Terry got after a platter, and some fun spindle work was done by our youngest turner!







From the desk of OWS President Mark Choitz

With just **72 days** left until the 2025 Oregon Woodturning Symposium, the excitement is growing!

## Need a New Year's Resolution? Try These On for Size!

### 1. Turn a Bowl for the Empty Bowls Project

Support the Linn Benton Food Share by creating and donating turned bowls. Each \$1 raised provides six meals to families in need.

- Our goal is to collect 100 bowls for the project.
- Each turner donating a bowl or bowls will receive one \$10 Craft Supplies USA gift card.
- Each bowl donated gets you a chance to win one of three \$50 Craft Supplies USA gift cards.

### 2. Bring a Friend to the 2025 OWS

Share the Symposium experience with someone new to woodturning!

- Enjoy inspiring woodturning demonstrations.
- Explore tools, displays, and shopping in the vendor hall.
- Marvel at the craftsmanship in the Instant Gallery.

### 3. Volunteer and Be Part of the Symposium

Play a key role in making the Symposium a success—there's something for everyone to do!

- Non-registered volunteers can assist at Registration, in the Instant Gallery, or with Event Setup.
- Registered attendees can be videographers or room monitors for an up-close view of demonstrations.
- Volunteer Perks: Receive an OWS T-shirt and contribute to your local club's stipend.

### 4. Support the Symposium Through the Raffle

- Each chance costs only \$1 and there's only 3,000 chances available!
- Enter to win amazing prizes, including two lathes and other smaller items.
- Proceeds from the Raffle and Auction support the Symposium's philanthropic efforts, like the school grant program and participating woodturning clubs.

### 5. Enter an Item in the OWS Instant Gallery

Show off your work, whether you're a beginner or an experienced woodturner.


- Every entry is eligible for the People's Choice Awards. The top three vote nominees will receive one of three (\$100, \$75, \$50) Craft Supplies USA gift cards.
- If you would like, you can offer your piece for purchase
- We would also appreciate any donated pieces for the Auction

Thank you for being part of the **Oregon Woodturning Symposium – 2025!**

[ MARCH 14-16, 2025 ]

# OREGON WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM

LINN COUNTY EXPO CENTER – ALBANY, OR



Jan Hobson – South Coast Woodturners

Jeff Wimer – Willamette Valley Woodturners

Mike Boyd – North Pacific Coast Woodturners

Ray Bellin – SW Washington Woodturners

Alan Heltz – Oregon Coast Woodturners

Kevin Jessequel – Cascade Woodturners


Dick Worthey – Beaver State Woodturners

Bill Kerow – Northwest Woodturners


All photos by the respective artists unless otherwise noted.

[ 2025 DEMONSTRATORS ]

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KEVIN JESEQUEL – DAVE GUTSCHMIDT – CURT THEOBOLD – CRAIG TIMMERMAN  
KIM WINKLE – KURT HERTZOG – DAN TILDEN



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**Crescent Valley Visit:** *fm me (Brian Skaar) Photos by Mark Choitz*

As part of the OWS youth outreach, we're trying a new approach: give out 3 Saturday passes to school shop teachers to dole out as they see fit. The hope is to get a bit of that "special" feeling of being chosen to receive a golden ticket.

Anyway, I contacted high schools in my area offering up tickets and/or a visit. I got responses ranging from interest to setting a date to nada. Oh well. We do what we can.

Crescent Valley HS scheduled me for December 11th during their "advisory" period meaning just the kids who were interested would show up. Mark Choitz and I showed up and got a brief tour (amazing shop with 6 nice Nova lathes) and then the kids came in. We were happy to see about 25 of them!

They looked at the variety of turned items I brought in and then Mark and I explained our purpose.

As a demo, I turned a sphere which I'm happy to say came out round...

Mark said the kids and instructor were attentive and we even got some questions. I heard no snoring and did not get heckled so I was happy...

After the bell rang, Mr. Kirsch asked if I'd stay for his next class for which I turned a little 6" bowl. I made it thin, about 3/16", so it was howling on the final pass. Ha!

Anyway, if you've got a school in the area with a supportive shop instructor, I encourage y'all to offer up the 3 OWS passes and/or a demo or talk! There are a number of members, including myself, more than willing to accompany you if you'd like as well.



Above: Trying to figure out the computerized Nova lathe; My "Okay, what's .293 times 71?" look...

Below: checking out the wares!



## **For Sale!**

Roger Dirkx is selling his like-new condition Laguna lighting system. The light has a wide array of colors from a cool blue to a warm amber. It has solid, versatile clamping capability and many pivot points that clamp down solidly. New cost Roger was \$175; asking \$100.



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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 (\$8), black or brown superglue (\$10) accelerator (\$16).

\*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.

- **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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