



The Burl

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No March Meeting due to the Oregon Woodturning Symposium

**Next Meeting: 6:30-8:30 PM, April 10, 2025
Salem 50+ Center**



March President's Message:

Well, here we are one week from the Oregon Woodturning Symposium. I still need a couple of volunteers for demo room 1. If you are attending the Symposium please stop by room 1 and see me.

I have three open slots for camera operators and three open slots for room monitors.

Remember, because of the overlap between the symposium and our regular meeting dates there will be no monthly meeting or sawdust session this month. We will be back on our normal schedule (mostly) in April.

Remember to bring your bowls for the Empty Bowls event to the Symposium.

See you there.

Larry Curry

Ramblin's from the Burl editor (Brian Skaar)

*Well done WVV raising Dick Powell's spirits. His daughter was able to share the emails y'all sent and said he definitely enjoyed them. He's on a roller coaster for sure as he takes a turn for the better and then for the worse. As of this writing he is home with his new close companion (sarcasm), the oxygen tank. The pneumonia did a number on his lungs and he is nowhere near out of the woods yet. He is able to get on his computer daily and so continued support is appreciated.



I would like to say also, I've heard a number of folks have had some hard times with various health battles recently and want to wish you all successful recoveries. Between a root canal and a bout of projectile vomiting, I was shorted some turning time myself this month... Ha!

* Rick J was ordering from Taylor Woodworks (<https://taytools.com/>) and asked them about club discounts and was told they indeed do 10%. You just need to enter "Guild10" where it says "discount code or gift card". Looks like they are a quality source with reasonable prices. It will be added to the list at the bottom of the Burl in the *Discounts for members* section.

***A tip!** I was looking for bowl profile ideas and thought of AAW's website and found there a **510 page** gallery of member submitted photos! Each page has 40 items which can be clicked on for info and a close up. Anyway, I have been snipping and making a collage of possible designs to try and thought it might be a source for some of you as well. <https://www.aawforum.org/community/media/>

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=Ftsz8DFXeOM>

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,?]

*Okay, we have got to get into the schools somehow. I shared how Mark C and I visited Crescent Valley HS a while back and in retrospect, the tiny amount of turning going on there turns out to be the most I've seen in a HS since. I did a couple demos for two classes at two other schools and while one had five lathes, they were mothballed and the other had no lathes at all. My middle school program looks pretty amazing right now... Three other schools didn't respond to offers for a visit. Don't know what to make of that...

This isn't to say they are do-nothing programs. All of them are teaching woodworking quite successfully. S. Albany even has a shed construction class that funds itself! I just wish turning was more a part of the programs.

*Tom H passed on that after using his face shield for a number of years, he finally noticed he hadn't removed the protective plastic layer put on it for packaging... Ha! (Ask around if you're not sure why that's funny.)

*Foam work? Our local middle school is putting on the play "Aladdin" and I was asked to help out with a few set pieces, the most daunting being the nine foot tall Cave of Wonders (or COW as I came to call it). As mentioned, I had a couple health adventures and doing some work with the OWS and so got started a bit late to the ridiculous project but



after a bunch of late nights

and a glue issue (contact cement eats right through foam-like completely!), my part is now done (I put a primer on it, but they get to do the final painting). I need to make a list of people that can do these jobs 'cuz I need help...

*Finally, I did do some turning. I mentioned I'd been trying my hand at thin mushrooms and found they're pretty fun though admittedly kinda useless. I've got a large supply of Sitka spruce up to about 3" if anybody would like some!

Oregon Woodturning Symposium news fm Mark Choitz:

It's here! Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Expo Center in Albany!

A few last minute reminders and a plea:

1. Bring up to 3 items for the gallery! All levels are welcome. Lots of folks beyond registered visit to see the pieces and we'd like to put on a good show! Plus, there are prizes. The professionals always bring amazing items, but I'm always impressed by the items those of you turning for the love of it contribute.
2. Bring a bowl or two for the Empty Bowls effort. We're aiming for 100 and we've got over 30 in hand. Let's push it over the top!
3. You don't have to be registered to bid on silent auction items or buy raffle tickets (we've got 2 midi lathes up for raffle and with a limited number of tickets ya better get yours fast!). There will be a bunch of high end pieces and professional gear (including a Lyle Jameson hollowing system) up for bid. These have been donated by turners and companies from around the world for the health fund for Nick Agar, a much loved turner who is battling cancer.
4. You can still register! You won't get the meals and may or may not get a shirt, but the demonstrations are well worth the cost of admission.
5. **The plea:** WWW is in charge of Room 1. Roy A most recently stepped up and took 3 slots, but as Larry mentioned above, we still have needs. Of those, the 3 camera operator slots are the most pressing. Marc V, Larry, or Jeff W will gladly give you the how-to.

[MARCH 14-16, 2025]

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Upcoming Presenters and Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter/Event</u>	<u>Topic</u>
March		<u>No regular WWW club meeting; it's Oregon Woodturning Symposium month!</u>
Apr 10	Dave Landers	<i>Sliced Hollow Form</i>
Apr 11-13		No regular Sawdust Session as we will have 3 days of classes with Dave Landers. Hope to see you there!
May 8	Bill Karow	<i>TBA</i>
May 11	Sawdust Session	As needed: 9 AM-1 PM, Darcy Tataryn's Studio Wear your nametag and come learn or teach or practice or visit!
June	WWW members	Christmas Ornaments (Kip thinks it a good idea to not wait until December to get started on them)
July	Carl Jacobson	Will try again since he got aced out by the weather in February!



Dave Landers Classes

In much the same model as the Matt Monaco classes, Dave will be doing three days of classes at Darcy's studio after his April demo. We're looking to keep the cost low again, probably \$30 a day, and get lots of folks involved. Look for emails in the coming weeks regarding numbers and such!

<https://dlwoodturning.com/>



February Meeting Notes:

Um, we got snow and iced out. Hope y'all stayed out of the ditches. Carl has rescheduled for July.

Sawdust Session And two days later the roads were fine...

And whether folks were jonesing to get out or missed their monthly turning connection, a bunch of you showed up at Darcy's! We counted about 24 and then remembered a few had finished turning and had left. It was a great turnout indeed.







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 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. (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.
- **Taylor Woodworks** offers 10% off your online order. Enter **Guild10** in the “Discount code or gift card” window when checking out.

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)

<https://beaverstatewoodturners.org/>

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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