

# The Burl

A monthly newsletter for the  
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**Next Meeting: 6:30-8:30 PM, March 12, 2026  
Salem 50+ Center**

## March President's Message:

Dear Willamette Valley Woodturners members,

As we usher in the month of March, I am filled with a sense of renewal and inspiration that comes with the arrival of spring. This is a time when nature begins to awaken, and I encourage each of you to embrace the spirit of creativity and growth in your woodturning projects.

March also brings us exciting opportunities to learn and connect with one another. I want to remind you of our Sawdust Sessions each Sunday following our meeting. Sawdust Sessions start at 10 AM and run until one. Whether you are a seasoned turner or just starting your journey, this is a fantastic opportunity to expand your skills and ignite your imagination.

On a sad note, we'd like to send our condolences to the family and friends of long time member Hal Schalles who passed away in February. While Hal was unable to participate in club activities in recent years, long time members remember Hal as a really nice guy and great club member.

As always, I would like to extend my gratitude to each of you for your commitment to our club and the craft of Woodturning. Your passion and creativity are what make the Willamette Valley Woodturners a vibrant and dynamic community. Let's continue to support one another, celebrate our successes, and inspire each to reach new heights in our craft. Wishing you all a productive and inspiring month ahead.

Warm regards  
Kip Allen  
President, Willamette Valley Woodturners.

## Upcoming Presenters and Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter/Event</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mar 12	Brett Williamson	Bowl turning: Design and Technique
Mar 15	Sawdust Session	As needed: time 10 AM, Darcy Tataryn's Studio Wear your nametag and come learn or teach or practice or visit!
April 9	Terry Gerros	Mystery Salt and Pepper Shakers
May 14	Elizabeth Weber	TBA

## March presenter-Brett Williamson

*I started turning in August of 2022 and immediately knew that I had found something that I had to keep doing.*



*I called Dale Larson, a long time friend and let him know what I was doing and the adventure began. He has mentored me in all aspects of turning from processing the timber to the finished product.*

*I have had so many great woodturners help me along the way. I love our community for so many reasons with the coolest to me being the knowledge sharing. Turners tell each other everything we know and learn along the way!*

*I hope that I can pass on to others what has been passed on to me. My goal is to keep the knowledge going from generation to generation. I hope my passion for woodturning is apparent and I hope it is contagious.*

*-Brett*



## February Meeting Notes:-Brian

**President Kip Allen** gavelled the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 2 guests joined us as well as 1 new member which brought the total in the room to an excellent 63 people. Way to show up WWV!

*Announcements:*

**Kip** is hoping to get a club motto going. He suggested a pretty funny one something like, “You can’t have too much wood or too many tools-especially chucks.” It’s a work in progress.

**Jeff Zens** announced the D-Way order is at \$546 (once it hits \$1k it will be submitted-click on the link on the main page for more info on this 10% discount program).

-Jeff reminded folks that he still houses the club’s walnut oil and Anchorseal and to contact him to arrange getting what you need.

-Jeff also said he’s been in contact with Nova about their 20% club discount program (he’s since gotten the details-see info below).

**Larry Curry** announced it is one year until the 2027 Oregon Woodturning Symposium and that he would soon be starting his campaign to fill volunteer positions and encouraged folks to jump in and help out!

**Jerry Lelack** let folks know he had a collection on black walnut branches up to 6” in diameter in his truck to be given out at break time.

**Gary Dahrens** shared the latest on the woodgathering event including that it would take place Feb 21 and that it was about 8 minutes south of Amity in Yamhill County. He picked up some and said it has a ton of character (see his big bowl in the gallery!!).

**Marc Vickery** (woodgathering coordinator) reminded folks to sign up at the entry table or email him if you want to be notified of woodgathering events.

**Kip** auctioned off the three ‘dirty pour’ lids from Sally’s demo.

-Kip also announced the Sawdust Session would be starting at 10 AM (which will be the starting time again this month).

**Gallery:** Now that was a showing! We had a

ton of items brought and the tables were busy with folks looking over the pieces, asking questions, and I’m sure, getting inspired. Thank you again Darcy for leading the sharing and pointing out aspects of the pieces that stood out and getting input from the creators!



Above: Rick Jarosz; Marc Vickery  
Below: Larry Kime (amazing segmented work!)



Above: Brian Skaar  
Left: Jeff Wimer (HUGE!)  
Below: Dennis Johnson; Rick Jarosz





Above: Rick Jarosz, Dennis Johnson, Randy Jesse

Below: Marc Vickery (giant winged platter)  
Left: Chuck Fell (TALL segmented hollowform)



Above: Gary Dahrens (maple from woodgathering site)

Below: Tom Huhn; Steve Barlow



Left: Kip Allen  
Below: Levi Kinter (1st bowl!)



Thanks Darcy!



**February Presenter: Rick Rich -Brian**

*Rick demoed 3 different projects: the Turmkreisel (tower and spinning top), a fancy top and dish combo, and a whistle. Rick's preferred tool is the skew and he did a large percentage of the projects with it with the spindle gouge, parting tool, and bowl gouge used when needed.*

**Turmkreisel:** Both the base and top started as 2x2x3" red oak. Rick started with the base. He first rounded what would become the base of the tower, made a small tenon, decorated it with a couple grooves, and then reversed it. Last two pics are cutting the top to a diameter similar to the Oneway live center threads.



Below: Rick cut a cove with his spindle gouge below the tower's top and then went back to the skew to round into the cove.



Above: Tower recess for the top to spin in was cut with a parting tool and cleaned up with the skew as a neg-rake scraper (1st pic). Rick then chucked up the other piece of wood and peeled down to make a jam chuck showing how to make a mark touching the tower base to the slowing tapered jam chuck to indicate the diameter precisely. Below: Left-Rick was then able to clean up the lower part of the tower using the jam chuck and tail stock. To make the top, he started with the point, peeled down to a smallish diameter, undercut the tip so it could “hook” the tower, then undercut a curve below the skirt.





Above: Rick made a couple deep V cuts so that he could rapidly peel away material to the handle. He likes a long handle for the dramatic “fall” as it stops. Below right: Rick showed how he supports the piece as it gets thin.



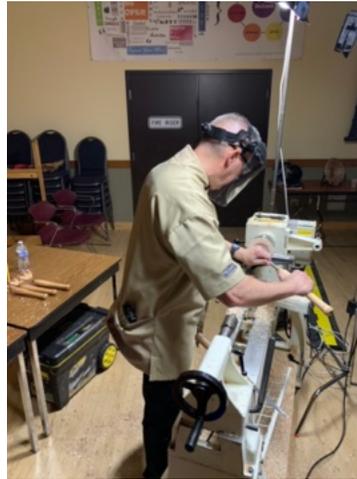
Above: It worked!





Above: Rick made a tall “fancy” top and told of his club’s policy to make these tops for fair goes out of cheap poplar or alder and to these large dimensions for safety (they start with 1 ½”x 4” blanks). The dish was made from a 4 ½x4 ½ x1” piece of soft maple. He mounted it using a shallow 2” forstner bit drilled recess, then, using a bowl gouge, rounded the piece and turned an ogee shape profile.

Below: Rick cut and decorated a short tenon and then reversed the piece to cut the “dish” for the top to spin in. Final cuts were made using his fingers to gently support the rim to reduce vibration.

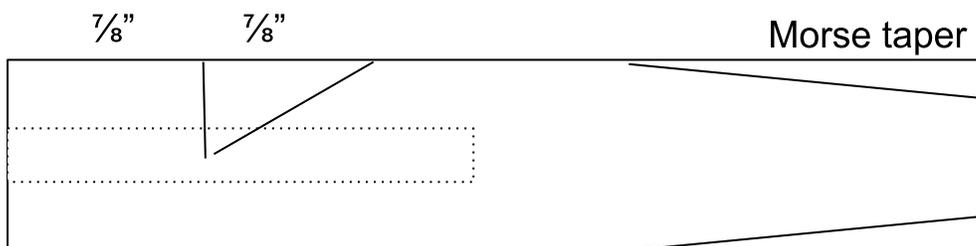


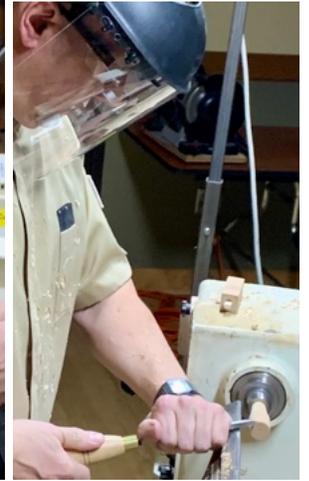
Below: Rick then showed the fastest whistle creation I’ve ever seen... He started with a predrilled ( $\frac{3}{8}$ ”) and V cut 1” piece a ways long (I didn’t get the length). He then used calipers to copy the small and large parts of a morse taper of a center and then created that taper on the undrilled end of the blank.

He then jammed it into the spindle and was able to cut most of the mouth end of the whistle to shape. He parted it off leaving some material to make a jam chuck to hold the mouth end and final shape the parted off end.

Brilliant. *(My phone/camera died during this part of the demo so pics were in scant supply...)*

*Below is my attempt at the basics of the whistle blank.*

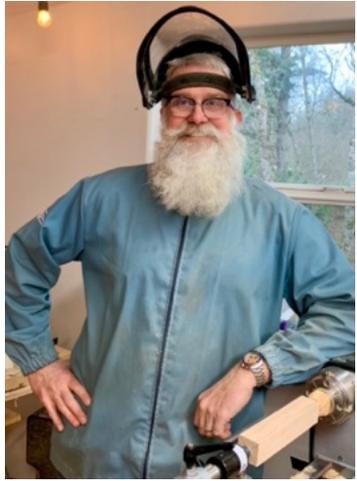




*Thanks Rick! Great projects with tons of info, tips, and technique for us to get after and improve in our craft journey!*

**Rick Rich-Subdue the Skew class:** The Friday after Rick's demo we filled Darcy's studio with 14 turners and got after learning to use the skew more effectively and make a project. Rick was incredibly organized and we went step by step with Rick zooming around the room helping as needed. The pattern was to gather around Rick for an explanation and demo of a narrow skill or step and then return to our lathes to apply the lesson. We did this a great number of times and the day went very fast! Funny note was that the temp in the room got pretty high and the discussion was whether this was due to machines and bodies, or fear... Ha!







**February HS class: -Brian**

This month we decided to have the kids make small dishes using the technique Rick showed. Kids got after the small plates with a great deal of attention to making an accurate tenon. They came out great!





**Sawdust Session:** Over a dozen folks showed up to turn and get help with their projects and techniques. The 1st two pics are from the previous month of a giant platter/lazy Susan by Marc V.



Above: Steve brought in a large beautiful burl platter for feedback and worked with Jim quite a while.  
Below: Roger brought in a wonky little piece for advice on how to turn it and Marc worked with one of our new young members.



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**From the store (Roger Dirx):** Passing on that we are down to our last roll of double sided tape but letting you know another shipment is on its way.

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**Woodgathering Event (Marc Vickery):** The woodgathering group was invited to gather at a tree that must have been over a hundred years old and possibly older. It had a base about 10 feet across!

Wood gathering was a success with about 15 members showing up to harvest a bunch of beautiful maple. It seems a few folks got some tips on cutting and chainsaws.

So here's an update. Our benefactor has suggested he would be up for our group to come out and gather more. At this point, it may be possible to meet on the Saturday following the regular meeting, the 15th of March. But the date needs to be confirmed and it would be helpful to get interested members to confirm. If interested, reach out to **Gary Dahrens**.

On another note, it has occurred to some of us that there may be members interested in getting wood but may not have resources to actually cut and gather with the woodgathering group. To amend that, it would be helpful if folks needing wood to reach out to me, **Marc Vickery**. I will start a list of folks. It may not always be something we can accommodate, but on the occasion such as this giant tree, there is plenty to go around. We simply need to hear from you

that you are interested.



*Looks like a good collecting day!*

### **Reflections on January (Darcy Tataryn)**

January was a good month for learning at my shop. I had a few people drop by with questions about projects they were working on.

We had Sally Ault classes for two days, one of which I attended. I learned enough to have completed 3 sample projects from the class.

We had our usual group of students from Outlook Christian School. This is a monthly class that we have been doing for about 3 years now. Thank you to Roger, Larry, Jeff, Marc, and Brian for being regular instructors at these monthly classes. If anyone else has a passion to help teach new turners please let me know. These classes are usually on the last Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:30. This month the students got to try their





hand at wet bowl turning. The theme was, unofficially, thin to win. Several of the bowls were thin enough for light passage.

I also had a small bowl class for a group of first time turners.



We also had a class of one. She was someone who had a maple burl stored away for several years and wanted to convert it into a gift. She did well and left with a bowl that still had a very natural burl type look. Especially on the foot and part of the outside wall.



I had a little more fun experimenting with milk paint and with the joys of cutting swirls for yarn bowls. I need to find a better way to cut that



pattern. The milk paint can be a lot of fun.

Wood turning can be a very solitary endeavor. I challenge all of Willamette Valley Woodturners to make 2026 a year of sharing, teaching, learning and collaboration. Take part in the mentoring program, either to help someone new or to learn something new.

Take a class when they are offered.

Attend a sawdust session.

Participate in wood gathering.

Invite a friend to come and create something with you on your lathe.

Bring a friend to a meeting.

Write a little something for the Burl.



**What's on your lathe?** Well, got a good one from **Jeff W!** I stopped at his place on my way through town and man, he's got a ton of things amazing in the works. This one (left) had a bunch of punky areas and he wasn't sure if he wanted to put that much cactus juice into it so went after it with a wire brush ala Bill Karow. He said it didn't work, but remembered a Sorby tool that would do what he wanted and got this out of it. Look forward to seeing said tool!



I was working on set pieces for my old middle school and totally missed the woodgathering and apologised to Marc. And lo, he hooked me up with some gigantic slabs! I turned them into about two dozen 3-5" spindles which will be ready to turn in a year... or two... Beautiful grain!

And then there was the Turmkreisel top debacle. I made a few... This one looked so good and when it stops, it tips, but doesn't tip over to the side. Argh. Others tip over and out in a pathetic and embarrassing way. I'll get it. Wish there was a formula...



## NOVA/Teknatool Club Order Process

submitted by Jeff Zens

As mentioned in earlier editions of The Burl, and at club meetings, we've worked out an arrangement with the good folks at NOVA/TeknaTool to participate in their club discount program.

What follows is my first cut at a process to get club members' orders processed efficiently. As we get more collective experience we can adjust the flow as required.

Here are the outlines of this benefit to Club members.

- NOVA offers a 20% discount on everything they sell.
- They DO accept back-orders on out-of-stock items, with a 20% deposit. This deposit reserves your place in line for an item when it becomes available.
- Shipping is NOT free. Shipping charges are based on the dollar amount of the order, not the individual weights. More information on shipping appears below.
- An up-to-date inventory and price list will always be available on the Club website. The list includes the club discount price as well as the public "list" price.

To access the order form and the price list, members will need to log in to the club website. On the landing page (after you log in) you will see the following (*screen shot to right*):

**Click the "Prices and Stock List" link** to open the current data on your desktop. It's presently 3 pages in length, and you might need to zoom in a bit to accurately read the text.

Right below the price list link you'll see another one for the **order form** (*screen shot below*).

Clicking this link will download the order form, in Excel spreadsheet format, to your computer. You will need both the order form and the price list to place an order under this program.

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Click Here to View and Download Current Stock and Prices

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Click Here for the Order Form

I will add \$5.00 shipping to each order at pickup. (A shipping cost chart is found below.)

**Option B** results in your order being shipped directly to your home address. You will pay the shipping costs associated with your order. You will pay for your order directly to NOVA, either by a payment link sent to you by NOVA's club order coordinator, or via a phone call from her (*the program manager*) to you.

### The Order Form

The Excel order form looks like this(*below*):

### There are two ordering options for you.

**Option A** combines your order with other club members, and you pick up your items at my shop when they are delivered.

I pay for the order at the time of submission, and you reimburse me when you pick up your items. This is exactly how the Craft Supplies USA ordering has been done in past years.

The benefit of Option A is some savings in shipping costs. I will pro-rate the shipping based on the number of orders that make up the group order. For example, if I submit 4 individual orders as a "group" order, and the total shipping cost is \$20.00,



**Shipping Charges:** Current rates are found in this chart (*at right*). They are subject to change.

### **Order Submission**

I will submit orders on the **Monday following each scheduled Club meeting, at 9:00 a.m.** Any orders I receive after that time will move to the following month.

### **Wrapping Up**

If you have questions about this process, email them to me at:

[webmaster@willamettevalleywoodturners.com](mailto:webmaster@willamettevalleywoodturners.com)

and I will reply as soon as possible.

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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 **Marc Vickery**.

### **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 D-Way:** WVV members get a 10% discount on a group order (See the September 2025 Burl for complete details). Jeff Zens manages the program.
- 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.
- **Taylor Woodworks** offers 10% off your online order. Enter **Guild10** in the “Discount code or gift card” window when checking out.
- **Rockler** offers 10% off with a mention of membership to WVV.

## 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)

<https://beaverstatewoodturners.org/>

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

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

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

<https://www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.org/>

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

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

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