

The Burl

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Next Meeting: 6:30-8:30 PM, August 13, 2026
Salem 50+ Center



August President's Message:

To my fellow Willamette Valley Woodturners,
I want to let everybody know that we have decided
to do the whole fair, all 11 days.

Mary, our contact at the State Fair, called in desperation because the group that
had our spot before us canceled at the last minute.

Mary has been so good to the club over the years, I felt obligated to help her out. So now I'm counting on
you guys to help me out!

The State Fair has always been a lot of fun. Gets a lot of interesting people to BS about wood turning with
all of our friends in the club.

I'll go over things in more detail when we have our meeting next week.

Other than that, I've been staying inside and out of the smoke and hope everybody is doing the same.
Being in my shop has been OK.

Thank you to all the club members who add so much to our club. I appreciate it very much.

Warm regards

Kip Allen

President, Willamette Valley Woodturners.

August Challenge:

Square platter/bowl!

Upcoming Presenters and Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter/Event</u>	<u>Topic</u>
August 13	Mike Meredith	Wood toxicity and mediation
August 16	Sawdust Session	9AM, Darcy's Studio Wear your nametag and come learn or teach or practice or visit!
Sept 10	Kevin Jesequel	Live edge bowl turning (hollow form class Saturday after)
Oct 8	Kathleen Duncan	Thin bowl piercing and more
Nov 12	Jason Goodrich	All things craft show related (items, selling, booth, etc)
Dec 12-13		WVW Bazaar! <i>No regular meeting</i> More info to come

August presenter-Mike Meredith

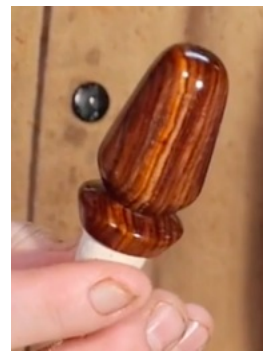
From Mike: I started woodturning in 1956 with my grandfather, a cabinet maker, and continued with my father who
was a shop teacher. Life gets in the way sometimes, but I should be a much better turner. Through my 35 year career as



a research scientist at three of the nine NIH-funded Centers for Molecular Toxicology, recreation sort of got pushed aside. I started making more room for turning about 2000 when I joined Cascade Woodturners and later Northwest Woodturners.

Presentation summary

The toxicity associated with wood in the course of woodworking comes in three different forms: direct chemical insult, pulmonary damage, and humor immunity, mediated damage. An introduction to all three types of damage will be presented as well as mechanisms of mediation, how you protect yourself and what you can do when you recognize a problem.



July Meeting Notes:-Brian

-President Kip Allen gavelled the meeting to order at 6:30 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 50 people were in attendance including 2 new members and 4 visitors. Welcome!

-Kip reminded folks that WWW will have booths at both the Benton Co Fair and the State Fair and that folks were needed to volunteer to demo and/or visit at both. (a clipboard sign up was passed around)

-Kip also announced that the club would be holding a holiday bazaar Dec 12-13 at the 50+ Center. Members will pay only \$25 to have a table for the 2 days and can share tables as they'd like. The Salem Carvers will most likely share the space. Advertising is being worked on and help will be needed.

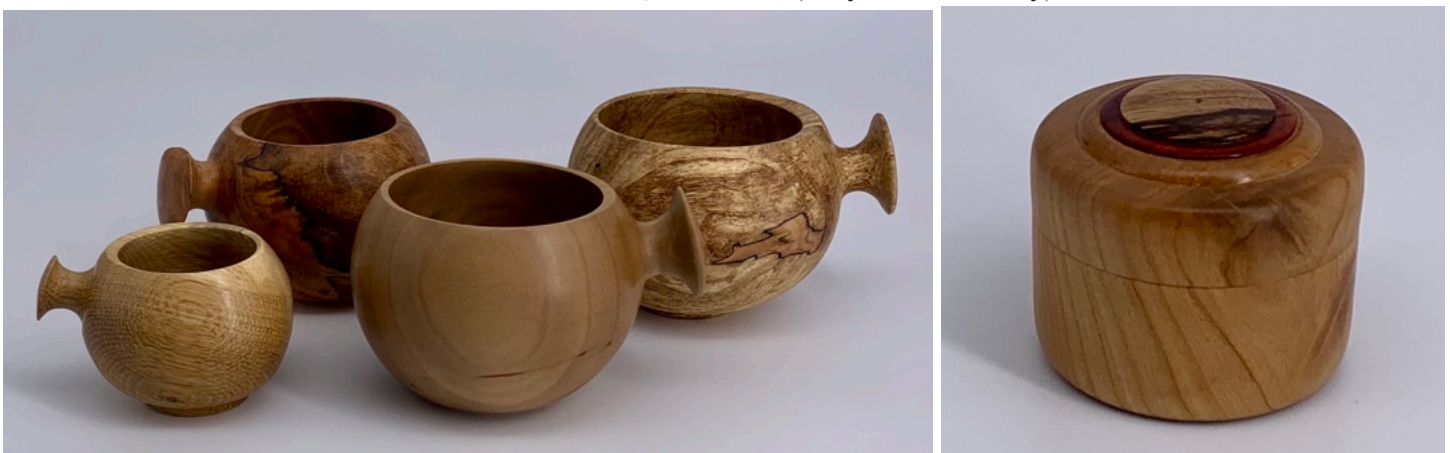
-Kip reminded folks that club sponsors are being sought and asked the members to sell the idea of a tax deductible contribution as they can.

Gallery:



Above: Tom Huhn rose to the kuksa cup challenge!

Below: Brian Skaar, Steve Rice (inlay within an inlay)

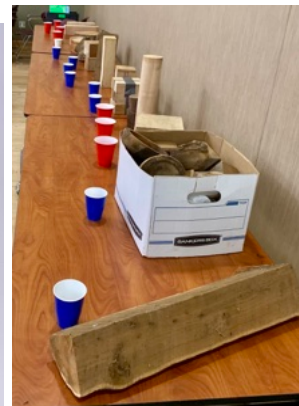




Above: Gary Dahrens (nice native American inspired pyrography)
Below: Darcy Tataryn's beautiful maple burl bowl



Above: Bill Hughes nice live edge pieces
Below: Jerry Lelack, pic of raffle table-thanks to all!





Above: Mark Choitz (notice textured foot)



July Presenter: Tom Hasting-Brian



Tom started by discussing wood and preparation saying quarter sawn wood is his favorite as it's so stable and cuts well.

Start by finding the exact center on both sides and mounting between centers with the final base side toward the tailstock. Take time to make sure it runs true so that the wings will be the same thickness.

Below left: Tom marks the location of the corner on the toolrest as the corners are invisible once it's turning. He then turns from the corners in leaving the center that's fully round at full thickness (to help with vibration).



Below: Once the wings were shaped, he cut the tenon, finished the bottom, and reversed the piece.





Above: Once reversed, he had to do a little truing and then he began the hollowing, again working from the corners in and leaving the bulk of the center mass.

Below: Once the corner wings were to thickness desired (he likes about $\frac{3}{8}$ "), Tom sanded using a little 3" random orbit sander with the lathe off.



Above: Tom cuts to thickness moving in about 1" at a time to help with vibration.



Above left: Some of Tom's square platters. He said they're quite popular!
Below: To finish the foot, Tom reverses the piece and uses a padded jam on a faceplate. He did get a tiny catch and a hole, proving he too is human!



Thanks Tom! You made this intimidating project look doable to us mortals!

June Sawdust Session About 15 folks were in and out of Darcy's shop and lots of turning was happening.



Jeff explaining the bow and arrow technique...

Below: Doug went right after a square platter! Terry and Mark worked with Sandi and she completed her first bowl using traditional gouges!



Below: Nate started with a football bowl and then moved on to try a kuksa cup!



Darcy setting up his little cole jaws...

Benton County Fair-*Brian*



The BCF went great!
I was bummed after that I hadn't taken that many pictures of our turners and wondered why. Then I realized it was because we always had people we were engaging with! We ran out of brochures as folks visiting so wanted to know more about the club and the craft. It was a good reason to not get pics...

Left: The night before fair I realized I was short a shield and had to make another one. Oops.

Right: Paul and Sandi in action. Paul

of course, is a legend, but Sandi was a revelation visiting and sharing info and being an amazing liaison!





Above: Randy getting after a bowl; Mark on a business call... Eli is a former student that entered a number of turned items and cranked out a couple honey dippers for folks to see a kid in action.

Below: Joyce, and family, visited over and over and finally talked her way onto a lathe and had a good time. Would not be surprised to see her and her family at future meetings.



Darcy got down a couple times after work for some laughs. Jeff turned whistles for the kids, a huge hit, and had some

long conversations with some folks about turning. Huge thank you to both as well as Marc!
 Below: Marc being bemused by the enthusiasm of the kids and families looking at his stuff and enjoying his tops.



Above: Larry was great with the visitors, of course, and cranked out a number of items! The middle pic above is of a family from Chile. She's a PhD student at OSU. They grew up with the bolero toy that is so hard for most people and could use it with ease, even showing some of the tricks they did on the streets in their village! So cool.

Below: Joyce again amazed by the variety of things turned and really enjoying Darcy's creations!

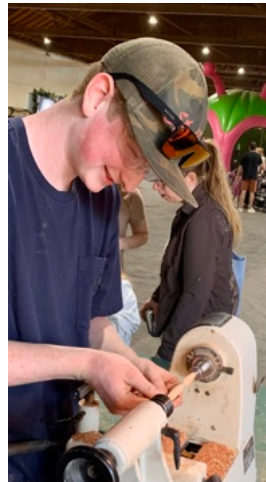




Above: Great to have whole families visit. Last day, I splurged on a Texas dog.

Fried braut buried in jalapenos and fried onions and bbq sauce. So good... Mark thought I was gonna be done for. Ha!

Below: Rick was a soldier putting in a ton of time and able to teach about carving and calligraphy as well as turning. Trenton is a former student who's doing well at craft fairs with his pens.



Mark also was an MVP putting in large hours as well as helping me with tear down the morning after. Many, many thanks, my friend.



Hope to see more WWW folks involved next year!

What's on your lathe?

From Mark Choitz: My recent adventures at the lathe were all inspired by our oldest son's wedding. For the occasion, I turned the groom's wedding band, his and hers registration book pens, and a pepper grinder and salt shaker as gifts. It's especially rewarding when you can put your woodturning skills to good use and create meaningful, one-of-a-kind gifts instead of heading to the store.

To make the pepper grinder and salt shaker even more personal, I inlaid a beautiful cabochon handcrafted by a friend into the top of each piece. The registration pens were





finished off with laser engraving by a local trophy shop, adding the perfect custom touch to commemorate a very special day.

From Brian: My wife Linda had foot surgery recently so I was very homebound. 2 hour naps were not enough time to ride, but I could turn a bowl so for a couple weeks it was a bowl a day challenge. Lots of sawdust.



Left: Recently, I visited my sister's place. She is a rock person. So many rocks... Anyway, I didn't actually see her, but my brother in law asked if I'd seen the turned vases she'd recently gotten. They are crazy. 2 of them. About 3 feet tall. Probably couple hundred pounds. Turned rock. What in the...



Right: Don't know how many of you have lathes on metal stands. They drive me nuts. They need wings for chucks, tools, centers, and the tailstock! After the fair, two club lathes came to my house. They will soon have said platforms...



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 Roger Dirkx at club meetings

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

*CA thin and medium superglue (\$10), black or brown superglue (\$10) accelerator (\$12).

*WVW hats

*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 and accelerator. 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.
- **Nova:** WVV club members get a 20% discount with no club minimum. See March 2026 Burl for details.
- 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.
- **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

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)

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

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