

The Burl

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Next Meeting: 6:30-8:30 PM, September 10, 2026
Salem 50+ Center



September President's Message:

From Brian: When I realized how completely time had gotten away from me regarding The Burl, I sent a message to Kip about his message. And he had the same realization...

He, Jim, and Walt have been at the State Fair every

day which, with the set up, has been nearly 2 weeks!

*Anyway, Kip asked me to pass on his most **sincere gratitude** to everyone who has demonstrated at the fair. It was a much bigger ask than any year in the past and he very much appreciates those who stepped up.*

Brian Skaar

September Challenge:

Something new you tried!
Of course, any item for the gallery is welcome

Upcoming Presenters and Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter/Event</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Sept 10	Kevin Jesequel	Live edge bowl turning (hollow form class Saturday after)
	Sawdust Session	9AM, Darcy's Studio Wear your nametag and come learn or teach or practice or visit!
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! No regular meeting More info to come



September presenter-Kevin Jesequel

Kevin Jesequel is a wood turner living in Portland, Oregon. Kevin took an interest in hollow forms after the passing of his mother in 2020, and quickly became recognized as one of the top hollow form artists today.

His work has been published several times in American Woodturner and he has been a juried and invited artist to numerous exhibitions. In 2024 he was selected by the American Association of Woodturner's POP Committee to receive the Artist Showcase at their annual symposium. In addition to creating pieces at the lathe, he enjoys demonstrating and teaching at clubs and schools across the country. He is an active member of two local woodturning clubs and served as president of Cascade Woodturner's Association in 2024.

Presentation summary

Bark on or off? There are strong opinions for each, but either way, there is something alluring about the undulating rim of a natural edge bowl. Round, oval, deep, shallow, footed or rounded, the variations are nearly limitless.

In this demonstration, I will show how I orient and manipulate the blank on the lathe to achieve balance between the high and low points of the rim as well as balance through the grain in the bottom of the bowl.



August Meeting Notes:-Brian

-President Kip Allen gavelled the meeting to order at 6:30 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 40 people were in attendance. A smaller crowd, but no less enthusiastic!

-Kip told the story of why WVW was going to be in our State Fair booth for the whole run of the fair and reiterated his thanks for those who signed up and the need for more to do so.

-Sandi V spoke up about her very positive time at the Benton County Fair, her first. She said she was nervous going in, but soon realized there was no need to be concerned and encouraged folks to give it a try!

-Kip shared that a member had anonymously donated \$1100 to the club. Wow! To that individual: **thank you so much!** It certainly helps the club in its 4 part mission to keep the craft alive. https://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com/files/ByLaws_2016_501c3.pdf

VP Brian: I did a followup survey asking if folks were interested in a wood sale in the Philomath area to be held by Eric Brodersen (pictures and info had been seen via email). Much interest was shown and after visiting with Eric, he decided **he will bring a large collection of blanks to the Sept 10 meeting** and will have them on display and for sale beginning between 5 and 530PM. *(A couple members will be out of town this month so contacted Eric for a visit and picked up a lot of pieces and were very happy with the quality and price.)*



Gallery: Square was the challenge for August and 6 people stepped up with 4 plates, 1 bowl, and a salsa and chips platter. Well done. And, of course, there was a nice assortment of pieces. Thanks all who brought them in!



Above: Paul Hirt, Doug Neve. Right: Tom Huhn
Below: Brian Skaar, Rick Jarosz





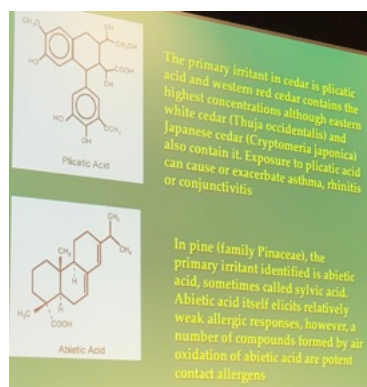
Above: Dave Pitman, Ron Odachowski
Below and right: Doug Neve, Dave Pitman



Above: Roger Dirkx, Steve Rice
Below: Terry Gerros



Above and right: Brian Skaar, Kip Allen



The quinones are also moderate carcinogens. Wood industry workers have a three-fold excess occurrence rate of nasopharangeal and throat cancer

Mike talked about the journey from seemingly not being affected, to developing a sensitivity, to developing a full blown allergy (dangerous).

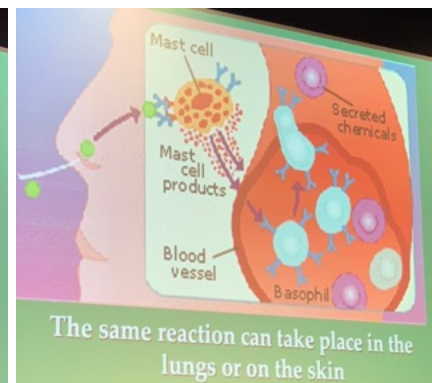
The larger particulates and chemicals are cleared by the microscopic cilia (hairs) and mucus until they are paralyzed by prolonged exposure, thus allowing the particulates deeper into your body.

Some wood toxins, like those found in cedar and pine, go right through the skin. Both ways can trigger white blood cell reactions which is a part of the allergic level achievement.

HOW DO YOU BECOME ALLERGIC TO SOMETHING?

- STAGE 1- SENSITIZATION
- The first time an allergen meets the immune system, no allergic reaction occurs. Scavenger cells called macrophages surround and break up the invading allergen. The macrophages then display the allergen fragments on their cell walls to specialized white blood cells, the T lymphocytes, which are the main orchestrators of the body's immune reaction. The T cells secrete a signaling chemical called interleukin-4, which activates other white blood cells known as B lymphocytes. These cells secrete antibodies specific for that particular allergen. These antibodies, called immunoglobulin E (IgE) receptors, are attached to cells in the immune system, called mast cells and basophils. Individuals prone to allergies are known to have abnormally high levels of IgE antibodies.

- STAGE 3- LATE PHASE INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE
- In Stage 3, tissue mast cells and neighboring cells produce chemical messengers that signal circulating white blood cells to migrate into that tissue, to help fight the foreign material.
- These recruited immune cells secrete chemicals of their own that sustain inflammation, cause tissue damage, and recruit yet more immune cells. This phase occurs several hours after exposure and can last for hours and even days.



WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT WOOD ALLERGY AND SENSITIVITY?

AVOID THE INSULT

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- DUST EXTRACTION AND WASTE REMOVAL
- PROPER CLOTHING-SMOCK OR OTHER OUTERWARE THAT EXCLUDES DUST FROM THE SKIN AND IS LEFT IN THE SHOP
- DUST ISOLATION-DUST PRODUCING OPERATIONS IN ONE AREA

NCDOL RECOMMENDATIONS

- DUST MASKS-APPROPRIATE PERSONAL DUST BARRIERS FOR APPLICATION AND SPECIES
- WEAR A HEAD COVERING OR RINSE DUST FROM THE HAIR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
- BE AWARE OF REACTIONS TO WOOD WORKING
- WASH EXPOSED SKIN-HYDROCORTISONE CREAM FOR SKIN ERRUPTIONS

Mike talked about hepa pleated filters on dust collectors, body and head coverings, and fans as part of your defense.

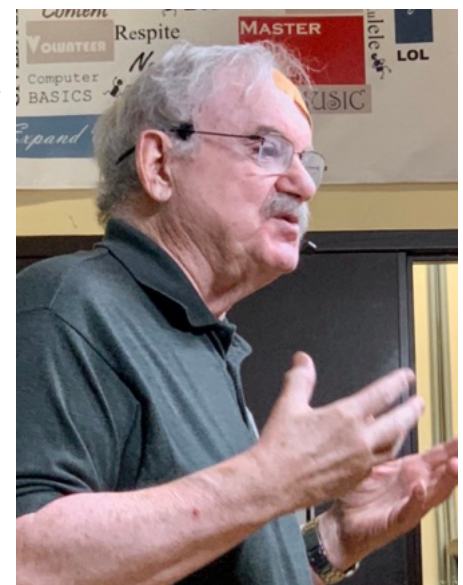
Throughout the evening, Mike talked about specific species, but when asked, shared that maple, even spalted maple, was relatively harmless!

Thanks so much Mike! I know I'll improve in a number of practices regarding the dust I create and will credit you in my efforts.



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August Sawdust Session *In my conversations at the State Fair, I often bring up our Sawdust Sessions, touting free beginner lessons, help with all kinds of turning and tools, help with sharpening, a chance to try different lathes and tools, and on and on. And folks are amazed that such an opportunity is included with a membership!*

What I'm also thinking is that it seems like only a small percentage of our membership takes advantage of this resource. I don't know of any club where you can get access to anything like it.

But what do I know... I enjoy the time and it seems the folk that come do as well. So the offer remains! Hope to see y'all there.

About a dozen of us were there for the August SS and the chips flew, laughter was heard, and learning took place!



Oregon State Fair-Brian

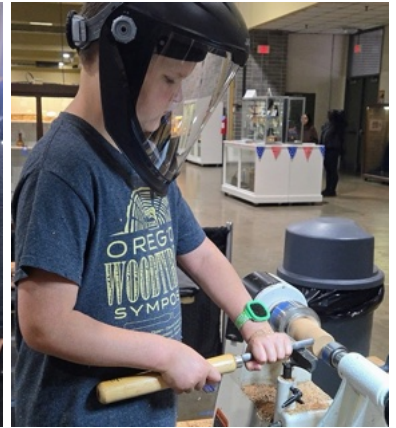
Well, it seems like over half of August is prepping for fairs, going to fairs, demonstrating at fairs, and recovering from fairs. It's fair to say that's a fair load for August... Lots of fun though for sure!

The fair is not over as of this writing so there are more tops, mushrooms, and bowls to go!



Thursday before opening day saw our dream team of Marc V, Kip, Bill, Ed, Jeff Z, and Darcy put the booth together.
Thank you and well done!

Below right: Archer and Vincent getting after it!



Kip and Walt (above) and Jim (below) were our three who were there all 11 days. Whew...







There are bowls for baby food, and then there are bowls for babies..



The ***Oregon Woodturning Symposium*** returns March 19 to 21, 2027 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon. An amazing lineup of demonstrators includes Eli Avisera, Elizabeth Weber, John Beaver, Janine Wang, Mike Jackofsky, Eric Lofstrom, Kathleen Duncan and many more! The vendor marketplace and Instant Gallery are free and open to the public. Registration, schedule, and lodging at oregonwoodturningsymposium.com

March 19-21, 2027




Linn County
Expo Center
Albany, Oregon

For more symposium info and registration:
oregonwoodturningsymposium.com


From Mark Choitz: I attended the SouthWest Association of Turners in Waco, TX, last week, and here's a quick recap of the experience.

There were approximately 825 registered attendees and around 45 vendors. The demonstrations were well attended, typically drawing between 45 and 100 people. The Instant Gallery was impressive, with roughly 400 pieces on display—plenty to look at, admire, and be inspired by.

The meals were so-so, (lunch ran out twice) but the raffle was extensive, with a tremendous amount of artwork, tools, and other items given away.

And then there was the weather! Temperatures were around 100 degrees every day, with one day reaching 103 degrees. I also learned an important travel lesson: if you're going to SWAT, don't fly into Waco. Fly into Austin! Overall, it was a great opportunity to see how another major woodturning symposium is organized and what they do well. This was the first Symposium that I have been to as an attendee. I must say that the **Oregon Woodturning Symposium** is the Symposium to put on your list to attend.



What's on your lathe? Well, didn't get many (or any) items for this section, but not surprising with my last second call...I'll put in my couple things for giggles.



Left: I got a massive Carter and Sons steady rest at one of the estate sales and decided to use it on my little lathe. Worked great, though pretty silly looking! Below left: Tools and items for State Fair in my little truck. Complete with footlong Subway. Ha!

Below right: On my second day, my smock bounced out of my cart way out under the oaks. I didn't see it that night when I left and it didn't show up in the lost and found. But there it was 3 days later, in the dirt and weeds, well run over and totally soaked, with a few dollars still in the pocket. Should have used the money to buy a lottery ticket. Ha!



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) and accelerator (\$12).

*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:** WVW members get a 10% discount on a group order (See the **September 2025 Burl** for complete details). Jeff Zens manages the program.
- **Nova:** WVW 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 WVW.

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/>

South Coast Woodturners (Coos Bay, OR)

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