



The Burl

Member Chapter

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June 2008

Next Meeting
Thursday June 12th 2008

Open for Library & Visiting: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Starts: 6:30 p.m.

Salem Senior Center (Lunch Room)
1055 Erixon Ct. NE, Salem, OR 97301
(503) 588-6303.

A map of this location is on our website

Note: If the Salem-Keizer schools are closed on the day of the meeting due to inclement weather, then the Senior Center will also be closed and the meeting will be canceled. When in doubt, call the Senior Center at the above number before 4:00 p.m. to verify if they will be open that evening. Alternatively, check online at [http://www.newsbridge.net/Salem-Keizer Sch Dist/](http://www.newsbridge.net/Salem-Keizer_Sch_Dist/)

The President's Chatter



I want to start by apologizing to Rex Brown. Rex was the club's member of the month for May and I failed to make that announcement during the meeting. Rex, we do appreciate your attitude and participation in the club.

The Willamette Valley Woodturners ended the winter season in grand style with two events. May 23 found 10 members under the leadership of Rick Harris helping member Dave Anderson provide a turning experience at the North Salem Spring Fling. This was the fourth time in 2008 that the club provided volunteer mentors to the high school. Thanks to

Rick for organizing and making this participation work. Thanks to the many members who have shown up to help the students. On May 25, Soren Berger presented a very educational all day workshop attended by 17 turners at the shop of Nick Stagg. Our thanks to Nick and Schone Stagg for organizing and hosting the workshop.

Nick Stagg is organizing a wood gathering opportunity for club members for June 28. Individuals will be able to harvest a variety of species for their use. We will also gather logs that will be processed into rounds at a club potluck/workday in August with Jack and Margaret Knight hosting that event at their home. Further details of these events are in this newsletter, additional information will be provided as it develops. This is a great way for some of our newer turners to get inexpensive turning stock of a variety of species; look for the sign-up sheets at the June meeting.

The club will be demonstrating woodturning and answering questions for the public at two events later this summer: the Steam-up at Powerland Aug 2-3; and the State Fair Aug 26 through September 1.

In Aug-Sept. the Senior Center will be moving to a new location. We will continue our meetings at the new location. Details will be provided later.

Keep the chips flying.

Walt Thies

President

Willamette Valley Woodturners

Current & Upcoming Events



June Meeting

Nick Stagg: Catches, how they happen and how to try and avoid them.

Our own VP, Nick is an accomplished turner and it will be interesting to get his advice on a problem that occasionally affects all of us.

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Upcoming Meetings

July: Jim McCallister Demonstrating the Rose Engine lathe he built.

August: Rudy Rodolph Turning alternative materials

September: To be determined

October: Bill McCoy Christmas ornaments

November: Ken Spaur Details to come

Sawdust Session News



HELP!

We ran this appeal last month and include it again as a reminder.

Are there any interested members that would like to host a Sawdust Session? We've had some good ones this year that were well attended and we'd like to keep them going. Perhaps several of you with a common interest could combine one!

I'd also like some suggestions for Sawdust session topics. What do you want to see, learn or know more about? The gatherings are low key with time to visit, leg-pull and a chance to share ideas. What do you think, can you do one?

Are there any members that would like to conduct one, but don't have the room?

My shop is available for anyone to use for a Sawdust Session. All you need to do is call or email me and we'll set it up.

Nick Stagg

ukstagg@dishmail.net 503 871 1128

Club News & Benefits



Our Member of the Month for May 2008 was Rex Brown

We recognize Rex this month as an example of kind of member that makes our club the fun group that it is. As with many of our members, Rex brings energy and enthusiasm for both woodturning and for the learning and teaching that is the core mission of the club. Since joining late last year, Rex has attended Saturday Sawdust sessions and been a one-man recruiting team introducing others to the club and convincing five to join. Recognizing that the club functions through volunteers, Rex recently offered to help with setting up and running the video coverage of demonstrations. Rex, we are glad you found us.

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This is a great **BIG THANK YOU** to the following members who stood out in the rain and cold, without even getting lunch, for 3 hours to make the final turning session at North Salem High for this year a big success. They were Troy Mullins, Jerry Lelack, Ed Letterman, Pete Peterson, Mike Mason, Don Roberts, Walt Thies, Roger Molsom, and Myron Yancey. There is no way to really say how much Dave Anderson and I appreciate the time and effort

you put forth, so we are going to fix you BBQ hamburgers on the 20th or 21st of June which ever works better for you, this is for the lunch you missed.

Rick Harris

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Wood Gathering In Coos Bay

Volunteers needed!!!

Don Fisher has kindly invited us to harvest wood on his property in Coos Bay, Saturday June the 28th.

There are all kinds of wood available except oak and for the most part it's long lengths and large diameters. Myrtle, cherry, maple, holly, alder and others I can't remember!! Don has a loader there to lift into trailers.

The plan is to take it to Jack and Margaret Knight's house and combine the annual picnic with a day of sawing logs.

What we need are some volunteers with trailers to transport the wood to Jefferson and some foot soldiers with chainsaws to help with loading.

If you'd like to be a part of this Field Day we'll have a sign up sheet at the meeting as I need to give Don a rough head count of those who plan to attend. At that time we'll also have an idea of people with trailers.

The wood is free and the only payment Don would like is a turning in return. This is a great opportunity to get wood for your self and others who can't attend, or, for the monthly wood raffle.

As far as folks who drive with trailers, we'll need to come up with some way of fuel sharing to make it equitable. The location is only five minutes from downtown Coos Bay

Nick Stagg

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Eli Avisera from Israel will be doing an all day demo at Dale Larson's shop in Gresham on Thursday June 26th. Eli is a great teacher and uses different shaped tools than most of us use. And he does beautiful woodturnings. The cost is \$30. The class will start about 9:30 am. If interested call Dale at 503-661-7793 or email woodbowl@verizon.net

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Woodturners of Olympia are presenting a Woodturning Symposium - Creativity in Woodturning on July 26, 2008 at the American Legion Post #3, 3201 Eastbay Dr. NE. (Boston Harbor Rd. NE), Olympia, Wa. 98507

Cost: \$50.00 - early registration until July1, 2008,

\$65.00 after July 1, 2008

\$10.00 - Youth under the age of 18 when accompanied by a paying adult

For information and Map w/Directions or to register on line visit :

www.woodturnersofolympia.org or www.wtooly.org

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Margaret Parker, widow of former member Ed Parker, has 2 items for sale: they are a planer and a table saw. Work phone is (503) 371-3013 ex 1318 and home phone after 7:00 PM is (503)363-9501

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Table saw for sale for \$100. It is a Sears, 10 inch, with stand and fence. Contact J.J. Jones at: 541.745.3802, or jjsjones@peak.org, or at the next meeting.

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We hear that Wes Coffelt 408-726-1994 (cell) has various kinds of woods from tree trimming that might be of interest to the woodturner. He lives in South Salem. Wes is not a club member.

AAW News



The Arizona Woodturner's Association will hold its third Desert Woodturning Roundup on February 6, 7 & 8, 2009 at the Mesa Convention Center, Mesa, AZ. For details please go to: www.desertwoodturningroundup.com

Journal Archives On-line:

The AAW journal, American Woodturner, is arguably one of the most compelling reasons for joining the organization. We have an incredibly valuable resource in the older issues of the journal, and for some time we have been working on a plan to make this material available to all members. All journals have now been converted to pdf format. We will begin by uploading archived copies of the complete journals and selected articles on to the members only area of the AAW website. This will be of particular interest to newer members who will have access to all the collected knowledge the journal has to offer. Of course, seasoned members will also find much of interest. This is a huge undertaking that will provide members with ready access to projects, articles on techniques, tool making and many useful tips.

Initially, there will be a selection of articles available free for downloading. We will begin with about 40 articles and projects covering a wide variety of topics. Additional articles and issues will be made available for a nominal fee on a regular basis until the complete archive is available. The fee will help cover administrative and development costs incurred to make this possible. The articles and issues will be searchable by keyword(s), author, title, date, and issue number. By using the index that is currently available on the site, finding a particular article or topic of interest will be easy. The software required for this is in development now. Check the website for an announcement of availability.

New Members



Welcome to our new members.

We have 2 new members Gary McGuire who likes to be called "Grandpa", (but we already have a "Grandpa" Jim Coon) Gary is married to Merial and lives at 17090 Hardel Ct NE, Woodburn, Or 97071. Phone #(503)981-3929 and (503)951-1172 email garylmcguire@msn.com. He likes to turn just about everything and is interested in our mentor program.

The other new member is Tom Morrison, his wife is Verna, and they live at 5222 Cobb Lane S, Salem, Or 97302. Phone (503)364-3090 and e-mail address is tomverna@wvi.com. He is interested in bowls and segmented bowls, and is also interested in our mentor program.

They both have lathes.

Mentors



Whether you are a new turner or have been turning for a long time, there is always something new to learn. If you need help on any skill, please call one of our volunteer mentors. This service is free to our members. If you can contribute additional skill areas contact Walt and have your name added to the list.

Corvallis

JJ Jones	541-745-3802	plates, natural edge bowls, general questions
Walt Thies mushrooms	541-752-5214	dust collection, Christmas ornaments,

Eugene

Reed Gray	541-463-9634	bowls, coring, tool techniques
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Independence

Nick Stagg	503-838-4817	sharpening, general turning
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Jefferson

Jack Knight	541-327-2647	turning basics, preparing turning wood
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McMinnville

Keith Walker	503-435-1461	segmented bowls
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Mill City

Ken Spaur	503-897-2082	pens, bowls, general questions
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Salem

Jim Coon	503-566-6528	pens and general questions about turning
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Club Library



Pete Peterson is our Librarian.

All members are welcome to check out up to three items at a time from the club library. This includes any combination of books, VHS tapes, DVDs, magazines, etc. Items should only be kept out for one month. If you can't read or watch them in that time, please bring them back so someone else can take a turn. You can then check them out again later. Thanks for your cooperation!

An inventory of library items is underway. When finished it will enable members to quickly identify items of interest.

WWW Board Announcements



The Board did not meet in May

Officer Reports



Treasurers Report

By Rick Harris



May 2008

Beginning Balance	\$5295.10
May Income	
Dues	40.00
Raffle	73.00
Glue/ Anchor Seal	50.00
Soren Berger Demo	425.00
Total May Income	\$588.00
Expenses	
Glue/Anchor Seal Purchase	202.00
Soren Berger Demo	500.00
Total Expenses	\$702.00
Ending Balance	\$5181.10

The Secretary's Shavings

By Neva Hutchinson



There were 43 people present...including 4 visitors and 2 new members

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of New Members

Introduction of Visitors

Report on Keith Walker who had surgery on his jaw. He is home and doing well.

Jack Knight gave a presentation on bowl making and on preparing your wood. He showed emphasizing the use of long grain. He demonstrated on a piece of cherry wood that was 11" inside the Cambrian layer. He warned about avoiding checked areas as it will ruin your bowl. Jack explained how the position of the pith when you do your turning, effects how to cut a large log to get the best usage, avoiding the pith area in the center and the pattern of the grain in your bowl. He showed two options...one with the pith on top when the bowl was turned and one with the pith on the bottom.

Next he discussed turning spindles and that the grain always goes parallel with the table of the lathe. He discussed speed and that small spindles turn easier with higher speeds. His recommendation was that you always work from the high side to the low side to prevent gouging into the wood.

For his third demonstration he turned toad stools. His wood of choice- almost anything including tree prunings. Some of his samples were lilac, rhododendron and juniper. Jack said he used medium super glue to attach his wood to his glue block.

Walt reminded the members that there are two turning events this summer, one at the Steam Up and one at the Oregon State Fair.

Break at 7:30-Resumed at 7:45

After the break, Jack demonstrated free form spindles. The process involves off setting the chuck to allow for different centers. He also took the time to actually turn a small bowl, demonstrating all the techniques that he had talked about.

Nick did Show and Tell. Conrad Witt brought a very nice Mango bowl, Bob Garvey turned a maple bowl and we had an alabaster bowl with wood rim and an ebony foot made by Aaron Howard.

Break at 8:30-Resumed 8:43

Short question and answer period-no questions

Rick asked that if there are any turned canes out...they need to come back. He also asked again for volunteers for the wood turning day at North Salem High School.

Meeting adjourned 8:45.

Newsletter Editor's Note

Please submit all items for the July 2008 newsletter to your newsletter editor, Keith Walker, no later than June 27th.



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