



The Burl

Member Chapter

A monthly newsletter for the
Willamette Valley Woodturners

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Next Meeting
Thursday, May 14th 2009

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

Center 50+
2615 Portland Rd., NE. Salem, OR 97303
(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/

The President's Chatter



President's Chatter

We had another great sawdust session in April when Jack Knight lead us through making purse mirrors and introduced new skills to many. Thanks Jack for a great session. And thanks to Greg and Debbie Ego for hosting the session in their shop.

Bob Hutchinson organized a group of members to harvest two large walnut trees which supplied many of the club members with good turning stock. Thanks Bob for organizing that effort.

In the past year our membership has doubled. Some of those new members have asked about the structure of our meetings. The club's primary objective is education about woodturning. Our use of the building sets the limits for our meeting time. We try to start promptly at 6:30. After a few minutes of introduction the meeting is turned over to the speaker or demonstrator for the evening. Our speakers are asked to plan a 90 minute program and by starting the meeting with the program we assure that they will get to present the program that they have prepared and not get cut short on time. We try to start our meetings 6:30 because the Senior Center expects us to be out promptly at 9:00. From time to time we may shift the meeting night or starting time to accommodate a special speaker such as we did in February when Malcom Tibbetts presented or in June when we will shift the meeting to Tuesday June 2 to hear Allan and Stuart Batty. Further, to avoid cutting into program time the business of the club is handled by the executive officers and board. The only business that must be brought to the club meeting is a motion to change dues and a motion to elect officers.

You may have wondered about the way we handle sign-up sheets. Passing clip boards around during the meeting always missed a few people and many thought it was disruptive and distracting to be handed a clipboard while were listening to the presentation. To answer these concerns all sign-up sheets are on the tables as you come into the meeting room. If you have announcements please give them to one of the officers and we will either make the announcements or, if there is time, print it in the Burl. If you have a suggestion, please pass it on to a board member and we will address the suggestion at the next board meeting or by phone or email.

Keep the chips flying,
Walt Thies
President
Willamette Valley Woodturners

Additional note

I would like to thank the members who assisted in the wood cutting session on April 20, 21, 22. We took down and cut up 2 black walnut trees at a private residence in Salem. Those who assisted me in the cutting session were: David Hanselman, Jerry Lelack, Gary McGuire, Pete Peterson, and Myron Yancey. We had a good and safe wood gathering session even though I picked the two hottest days so far in 2009. All of the members who participated were able to go away with an amount of turning wood they felt they could use. We also had Myron's 20 foot trailer full which was brought in for other members to pick from with more left over.

Current & Upcoming Events



May:
Club members: Gadgets and Gizmos. Bring your best! You have a fantastic shop toy the rest of us could benefit from? Bring it. The more people who bring something to share, the better.



Allan and Stuart Batty Demonstration at the June 2nd. Meeting

Don't forget the meeting date has changed to June 2nd. so we can all see Allan and Stuart while they are here giving classes.

If you haven't seen them in action together before, it's worth the price of admission, and that's free!! They are probably the most talented technique turners in the world and to have them both on stage turning and throwing barbs at each other is a once in a lifetime opportunity. They are both top notch turners and demonstrators, if you don't come, you'll wish you did. Turning is hard enough, to turn AND entertain takes skill. Don't miss them.

Jul 9 Scott Leavengood --- Wood properties
Aug 13 JJ Jones --- Hollowing
Sep 10 Bob Beck --- pyrography

Summer Demonstrations

The club has accepted invitations to staff a demonstration booth at two events this year: the Steam-up at the Powerland museum at Brooks, OR and the State Fair. We are invited to demonstrate at the Steam-up both weekends of the event: July 25-26 and August 1-2, from 8:00 to 4:00 each day. Last year was the first year they included a "heritage craft" section, they liked the interaction of the visitors with the woodturners and asked us to demonstrate both weekends of the event. The State Fair organizers have asked us to demonstrate six days, September 2-7, from 10 AM through 8 PM. The club will conduct itself about the same at both events: 1. Bring mini lathes, tools and materials. 2. Each member can decide what they want to turn and bring the appropriate materials and tools. Past experience has shown that turning many small objects gathers the attention of more visitors than one or two large objects. Visitors will often stand long enough to see a small object turned to completion. However, if there are a variety of things being worked on having a long term project or two is not bad. 3. We plan to shift off with some talking with visitors while others turn. 4. Those who participate will get free passes to the events for that day. 5. No-one need stay at the demonstration booth all day. 6. Any member who wishes to demonstrate will be welcome to do so and should plan to wear their club nametag and blue t-shirt (which will be provided by the club).

Additional information will be provided as we get closer to the events. What we need for organizing purposes is a list of those who have an interest in participating, a list of those who can bring a mini lathe, and t-shirt sizes so the shirts can be ordered. Sign-up sheets will be at the front tables at the next two meetings. These events will be coordinated by Rick Harris (503-910-4059). If you can't make it to a meeting to sign-up please call or email Rick. Sign-up even if you can only make it for a half day, Rick will need all the help he can get. Last year we had a great turn-out for both demonstrations. We can easily accommodate 10 people in the booths at one time.

Another announcement:

A retreat "Exploring Art and Woodturning" sponsored by Pacific NW Woodturning Guild will be held in Gresham on August 7, 8, and 9. Participation will be limited to 20 people. The fee is \$190 for the three days and it includes meals. Reservations must be in by June 18 with a deposit of \$35. If interested contact David Williams, President of PNWG, email dwilliams97007@yahoo.com

Sawdust Session News

A sawdust session is an opportunity for hands-on learning. The session will either be an open shop or a specific topic. Those who have a portable lathe are asked to bring it and an appropriate chuck. The club has one portable lathe that will be available. We expect to share

the lathes so that all who want to turn will get some lathe time. Any member is welcome to come and bring tools to work with or projects that are causing you a problem. Help will be available. When the session is scheduled to work on a particular project the designated resource person for that day will be available to show specific techniques and answer questions. The format will be hands-on with informal discussion for clarification. Normally a sawdust session will not involve a formal presentation such as we have at monthly meetings.

The next sawdust session will be May 30 (see the flyer at the end of the Burl for location) at the Ego's shop (1890 22nd St. SE, Salem) from 8:30 – 3:00. The project will be lidded boxes, Darren Wellington will be the resource person. Bring and be prepared to make chips. Bring your club name tag, whatever you want to sit on, tools, and lunch.

June will be small group sawdust sessions in members shops. Details will be in the June Burl. July will be pens and Joe Torgerson will be the resource person. The club will have mandrels, bushings, and pen kits (at cost) for those who need them. If you have not made pens before and want to try it without buying the mandrel, bushings this will be a neat learning opportunity.

August is busy with club activities already and a sawdust session is not scheduled.

If you have suggestions for sawdust session topics contact Dick Powell, Walt Thies or another board member. Let us hear from you about topics of interest.

Club News & Benefits

Historic First!

Allan and Stuart Batty

They haven't ever done a class together..... until now! Allan and Stuart will be here for a three day class in June, the dates are 1st, 2nd and 3rd. This will be a structured class with a curriculum and because there will be two teachers we will offer the class to ten students.

The details for the class have been worked out. Allan will take half of the class on the first day and will work on spindle cutting techniques and the use and preparation of the skew chisel. He is a master of the skew chisel!!!

Stuart will take the other half and work on bowl turning techniques and sharpening skills and much more. Stuart's a wealth of information.

The following day the roles will reverse.

The third day Allan will offer hand thread chasing tuition and Stuart will teach advanced bowl techniques.

This will be an excellent class to take and one you won't want to miss. You'll get the best of both turning disciplines being taught by two of the best teachers there are!!!!

When: June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
Where: Nick Stagg's Shop
Times: 8:30 am until 4:30 pm
Cost \$110 per day x 3 = \$330

To confirm your place in the class a deposit is required, please mail a check for \$110 to:
Nick Stagg

8545 Parker Rd
Independence
Or 97351

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to take a class of this caliber.
Mark your calendars for this one, you'll be entertained and taught for the same price!
Nick Stagg ukstagg@dishmail.net 503 871 1128

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Wood Gathering

Sign-up sheets will be available to indicate your availability to help with wood gathering. A limited number of members experienced in the use of a chainsaw will be needed. In addition we will be seeking those who have a pick-up or trailer suitable for transporting wood and those who are willing to help with the loading. If logs are obtained a work party will be planned to slab the logs and process the wood to turning blanks. Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify Roger Molsom (503-304-9418). Anyone looking for wood to use for turning should contact Roger for wood availability. Be patient this activity will need some time to get properly organized and to balance needs for turning wood with available supplies.

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Club Hats

Good News! The embroidered hats have arrived. If you ordered and paid for a hat see Jim Coon either before the meeting or during one of the breaks.

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Supplies

The club purchases a few supplies in bulk and sells it to members at club cost. We routinely have superglue (\$5), black or brown superglue (\$10) accelerator (\$6) and Anchor Seal (\$13/gal). Recently the club purchased a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool and HSS rods (\$3) 1/4" x 8" used to make the round skewers demonstrated by Bill McCoy at the October meeting. Bob Quadros will have the resale items still available at the meeting. It will expedite sales if you bring the correct change for the items you want.

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Bob Garvey has a number of lathe tools for sale. You can check them out on our website at <http://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com/ads.html> or call him at 541-327-2332.

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Nametags

Nametags for 2009 are grey and will be available at the front table for members that have paid their dues. Please bring your badge holder to the meeting to receive a new name tag. These holders have a clip and will hold without damaging fabric. Three reasons for wearing nametags: 1. It is easier to meet other members and remember the names of people we see briefly only once or twice each month. 2. It is easier to locate a member if you want more information about an item they placed in the instant gallery. 3. A common club name tag makes it easier to spot a visitor or a stranger that has just wandered in. In the past some items have gone missing including turnings and library materials. Please help by consistently wearing your nametag and introducing yourself to those without a grey club name-tag. Nametags for 2009 are grey and will be required for participation in the wood raffle, check out of library items and should be worn at other club events such as sawdust sessions and demonstrations.

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Sharpening classes began in February. The classes will be developed and taught by Nick Stagg. Due to the nature of the subject each class will be attended by 4 members but we anticipate many classes. It will take many days to conduct enough classes but the intent is to make them available to any member who wishes to attend. Members will be expected to bring their own tools to the classes. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meetings to indicate your interest in attending a class. We are planning classes on making hollow forms. If you have an interest either send a note to Walt or indicate your interest by signing-up on the "interest" sheets on the table at the entrance to the next meeting.

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Picture Roster

As soon as the remaining membership forms are submitted an updated picture roster will be produced, we hope it will be available. There are many new members and many changes in contact information. Send membership application forms to the treasurer, Gary McGuire. Pass along changes in your contact information to either the secretary (Neva Hutchinson) or the treasurer (Gary McGuire).

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Thanks to Craft Supplies USA

The club expresses its thanks and appreciation to Craft Supplies USA for helping us to acquire good quality tools (Artisan) for use in our club classes. We have given some basic cuts classes and have just started giving classes in sharpening. Many of our newer members do not yet have a basic set of tools and may not have decided which tools they really need for the turning they are interested in doing. By having four sets of tools we can give any member experience in sharpening and using all of the basic tools. The club received an outright gift of two sets of six tools and an option to buy additional sets at a very favorable discount.

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Group tool order

The club has an opportunity to submit another tool order at a reasonable discount to Craft Supplies USA. To participate in this program the club must submit an order for more than \$1,000, paid for by one source, and delivered to one address. We will get a discount of 13% off of any current price plus shipping is free. For example if we order more than two tools we get a 10% on those tools with an additional 13% taken off and free shipping. Machinery and fluids that require special shipping are not included. If you wish to participate in this program send your list to include catalog number, item name, and price (use the 20089/2009 catalog, or the sale page on their website) and send your list to Walt. We will need to wait with submitting the order until the total is more than \$1,000 so it may be ordered quickly or it may take several months. Contact Walt if you want an estimate of when the next order will be submitted.

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Discounts

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.

Hartville Tool will give club members a 20% discount for the next year and a 15% discount after that: www.hartvilletool.com or 800-345-2396

If you show your club card at checkout time to the cashier at Woodcraft in Tigard they will give you a 10% discount (may not apply to some machinery).

Show your club card at Rose City Lumber (Westside of Beaverton) and they will give you 10% off of exotic woods and up to 50% off on local hardwoods: rosecitylumber@live.com 503-875-2602.

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Nick Stagg reports that the attached link will get you to a source of very good reasonably priced grinding wheels:

<http://www.hartvilletool.com/product/10846>

New Members

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new members. We are glad to have you.

Aaron Ebner; 1060 Sharon Lp SE; Salem, OR; 97306.

Bill Gourley, his wifes name is Elvina and they live at 8325 SW Gopher Rd in Sheridan.

Terry Gerros. Terry is from Salem and has been turning for about a year now. He is a current member of the American Association of Woodturners and has enjoyed turning bowls, ball, platters, trivets and spurtles. Terry is interested in Eccentric turning and Deep Hollowing Turning. Good news for Terry Deep Hollowing is in the plans.

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 541-752-5214

dust collection, Christmas ornaments, mushrooms

Dallas

Myron Yancey 503-623-8930

pens, bowls, S & P grinders, boxes

Eugene

Reed Gray 541-463-9634

bowls, coring, tool techniques

Independence

Nick Stagg 503-838-4817

sharpening, general turning

Jefferson

Bob Garvey 541-327-2332

bowls and spindles

Jack Knight 541-327-2647

turning basics, preparing turning wood

Keizer

Roger Molsom 501-304-9418

bowls, general questions

McMinnville

Doug Smith 503-472-5616

basic turning skills

Keith Walker 503-435-1461

segmented bowls

Mill City

Ken Spaur 503-897-2082

pens, bowls, general questions

Sheridan

Rex Brown 971-237-5309

pens, general questions

Salem

Jim Coon 503-566-6528

pens and general questions about turning

Tom Morrison 503-364-3090

segmented bowls

Pete Peterson 503-363-0945

bowls, pens, general questions

Club Library

Pete Peterson is our Librarian.

Note: Please return any books that



were due back at the April meeting.

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!

WWV Board Meetings



Club Board Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2009

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Walt, Dick, Gary, Myron, Pete, Neva, Bob, Todd, Joe

Meeting started at 7:00.

Walt introduced Todd Yunker to everyone and Todd filled us in on his history.

Walt's first order of business was to question if anyone felt that anything needed to be changed.

Gary – High schools and outreaches. Walt talked to Dave Anderson about the Spring Fling. Walt asked our opinion and we all agreed that Pens would be a better option. May is Gadget meeting.

July, Scott Levinston on the Properties of Wood, August JJ on Hollowing, September is Pyography. January is on Craft Shows pricing, computer selling, etc. February is on mass production of items for big market selling.

Pete – Library maintenance – Pete has a list of all the items in the library and he feels that we need to review the list and get rid of some of the old stuff and maybe add a few new things. Walt suggested that Nick look over the list to see which one is really worth keeping. Also we need to get rid of the old videos that are poor and hard to see. Pete will work with some of the new members to review the demo tapes to see if they have any value.

Bob – Two black walnut trees to take down- Bob will put together a wood cutting group to get the trees taken down. Walt discussed the Steam Up – July 25th and August 1st. The hours will be 9:00 to 4:00.

We asked for display cases for this year. We will be in the same place as last year.

He mentioned the State Fair and that we would be there for 6 days, Sept. 2 thru Sept. 7.

Classes – 16 people attended 4 sharpening classes. 8 are scheduled to attend on the 18th and 10 are waiting. There are 18 on the list for a hollow vessel class. Membership is going up every month by 1 or 2.

Sawdust sessions – on May 30th Darren Wellington is going to lead a session on box making. Pete suggested a session on pen making. Jim Coons is capable of teaching a sawdust session. We discussed the pros and cons of doing it. It was generally agreed that the club should front the money to buy 8 mandrels and bushings for the slim line pens. Gary will take care of getting the setups and 2 drill bits. He will also take care of buying 50 titanium pen kits, and 2 barrel trimmers. We will make the July sawdust session a pen session. The mandrels and bushings will stay with the club and we will resell the pen kits to members for cost. Joe agreed to be a resource person. It was decided that we would have Rick look into getting more light blue T shirts for the group to wear to steam up and the state fair. Meeting ended at 9:30

Officer Reports

April Treasurer's Report

By Gary McGuire

INCOME:			Explanation
Wood Raffle		\$80.00	
Dues		\$30.00	2009 dues
Hardware/Glue & Anchor Seal		\$108.00	Sale of Glue and Anchor Seal
Hats		\$270.00	Special Logo Hat Orders
Total In		\$488.00	

Expenses:			Explanation
Videos and Books		\$75.16	New Books for Library
Anchor Seal		\$0.00	
Saw Dust Session		\$30.00	Mirrors for Saw Dust Session
Total Out		\$105.16	
Final Total		\$382.84	
March Balance		\$4,532.16	
Aprils Balance Balance		\$4,915.00	



The Secretary's Minutes
By Neva Hutchinson

Newsletter Editor's Note

Please submit items for the June Burl to me by May 28th.
Todd Yunker at tey0089@msn.com.

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Turn-A-Round
17090 Hardel Ct NE
Woodburn, OR 97071

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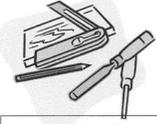
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	Carl Rodney	503-843-3563	
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Video	Nick Stag	503-838-4817	ukstagg@dishmail.net

Sawdust Session*



Location: The shop at Greg Ego's business,
Rasmussen Spray Service
1890 22nd Street SE, Salem
 Next to Sunbelt Rental and across from Cemex
 (Map on the back)

What to Bring:

- ☑ Name tag
- ☑ Portable lathe & turning tools
 (Stand & Light if you have one).
- ☑ Eye Protection (if you don't wear glasses).
- ☑ Brown Bag lunch including drink.
- ☑ Chair for taking a break.



What will be provided or available:

- ☑ Grinder wheel for sharpening
- ☑ Band saw, table saw and some tables for lathes.

*Due to liability insurance issues, this event is open to club members only.

Address: 1890 22nd Street SE, Salem
 Lost? 503 932-4496 (Greg's Cell
 Phone)

