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Next Meeting

**Thursday, March 8, 2012**

Center 50+

2615 Portland Rd, NE. Salem, OR 97303

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## **Chip Chatter**

2012 name tags will be available at the meeting for those members who have paid dues for this year. If you have not yet done so please pay your 2012 dues of \$30, so that you can continue to receive the benefits of club membership.

The new club rosters will be available at the meeting. If you find an error or omission please let me or Walt Thies know. Addendum sheets will be published as needed to include new members and to correct contact information.

The club has continued its internal education program with a well-attended sawdust session last month. Attendees were introduced on just about all of the available methods of sharpening turning tools. I think everyone came away with useful information. Terry is working on some follow up sharpening sessions and will have additional information when it's available

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The following letter was sent to the club webmaster. This does not lend itself to being a club function but there is an ongoing need for several people. If you have an interest please contact Charlie King directly.

My name is Horace (Charlie) King. I have been asked to assist the North High School in their woodworking class and have been doing so for the last few months. We will be providing three or four people to assist two of the classes with some carving and turning instruction but they need assistance on turnings for four of the classes. My wife Mardean and I and one other are instructing two days a week. Mardean and I are on Friday and the other on Monday.

Thank you

Charlie 503-363-1471

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Don't forget the new contest, to run every other month for those members who wish to participate. Contest items will be on a separate table next to the show and tell items. Each item will have a cup attached to it. Members will be able to vote on who has brought the best item and tell item by putting a

ticket in the cup. The cup with the most tickets will win and the owner will receive a \$20 Craft Supply discount. This month the contest item is a box. For May we will be doing bowls.

## Club hats

New hats are available for those members who wish to purchase one. The price will be \$15.

## New Members

I would like to welcome three new club members:

1. Merle Hood and his wife Susan. They live in Keizer.
2. Ron Parvin and Tater Kapan. They live in Salem.
3. Robert Chandler and his wife Andrea. They live in Salem.

Keep the chips flying

Bruce Stangeby, President

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## MARKET PLACE

The 1st Annual Woodturners Show and Sale will be held at the Fred Oldfield Western Heritage & Art Center in Puyallup, WA. It will run from March 17th - April 1st. We would truly appreciate it if you would share this information with all of your members. We would be happy to send you invitations and information for your members if needed. This information is also on our web site: [fredoldfieldcenter.org](http://fredoldfieldcenter.org). Please email or call with any questions you may have and we will look forward to working with you on this exciting project. Regards, Joella Oldfield

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Hi Willamette Valley Woodturners,

North Woods is having a Warehouse Sale and Open House March 31st, Saturday, 9-5. Mike Meredith will be doing a turning demonstration, and there will be milling demonstrations at 10 and 2. We'll have deals and unadvertised specials, and refreshments. Since last time we have a much larger stock and variety; including Cherry, figured Black Walnut, Big Leaf Maple burl of all sizes, flame box elder, madrone; kiln dried lumber and other goodies.

We'd like to extend a special welcome to you, our almost-local turning group! If you could be so kind to announce it at your next meetings, or include in your newsletter, we'd appreciate it.

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A final reminder that the Northwest Washington Woodturners will be hosting *A DAY WITH AL STIRT* on March 10 in Anacortes, WA. We invite you to join us and share in this informative day. Al will be discussing and demonstrating the details of how he creates his unique turned bowls and platters as well as discussions and slide show of his work and inspirations.

Preregistration is only \$40 and includes snacks, beverage and lunch. If it is too late to mail in your registration fee you are welcome to call or email me with your registration info and then pay when you arrive on the 10th.

[Please click here](#) to find all the relevant information. If you are unable to open the attachment or have further questions please feel free to contact me.

The Anacortes area is a wonderful place to spend a weekend. If you will be staying in our area overnight, a list of accommodations including hotel/motel, B&B and RV is available upon request.

We look forward to seeing you on March 10th!

Rick Anderson  
President, Northwest Washington Woodturners  
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## **Club Business**

### **Current & Upcoming Events**



### **March Demonstration** (Thursday, March 9, 2012)

Presenter: Larry Miller, Olympia, WA.  
Topic: Stacked boxes and demo on the Klein Threading jig.

"What started as a hobby has turned into an addiction," but hopefully after looking at Larry's web site you'll agree it's one of the better addictions. He creates wood products that he calls "functional art", or in other words everything Larry makes has not only a function, but also shows off the beauty of the wood. All the wood he uses comes from trees that have been removed for environmental purposes or from recovered "fire wood". These one-of-a-kind works of art last generations as evidenced from the first salad bowl he created for his mother in high school about 50 years ago and as functional today as it was then.

Larry is also involved with the American Association of Woodturners youth program. At the annual AAW symposium, vendors donate 25 woodturning stations (lathes, tools, safety gear, chucks) and classes are conducted by experienced woodturners to up to 25 students at a time. Then when the symposium is over, the 25 woodturning stations are given to 25 lucky students whose names are drawn out of a hat. This is a great program. There are usually between 60 and 100 youth enrolled in the program at each symposium.



**March Workshop:** As an impromptu event, Larry is offering two one day workshops on turning and dyeing a ceremonial urn. Currently we have 4 people signed up for each workshop. Larry's day rate is \$450.00, so trying to keep costs down, we need only 5 people for each workshop, then the cost will be \$90.00. So, please, two more volunteers.....one for Friday and one for Saturday.

Larry will be providing the needed dyes and we will have a couple different hollowing systems available, feel free you bring your own system.

#### Workshop on Urns

This workshop will focus on the layout, design, volume requirements and embellishment considerations in the making of cremation urns. We'll also review threading techniques and other options for securing the top onto the urn.

#### Tools/supplies required:

- Hollowing tool of choice with the ability to hollow to about 5" safely – the workshop will focus on the above characteristics rather than create a full sized urn in the class, with the goal of the student being able to replicate the techniques in their own shop where deeper hollowing tools are available.
- Bowl gouge
- Detail spindle gouge
- Round nose scrapper
- Parting tool
- Skew
- Spindle roughing gouge
- Thin super glue
- Super glue accelerator
- Dyes if available, but I'll be bringing some for use
- Various grades of sand paper – 120g through 600g
- Four jaw chuck or face plate

- Beading tools or other embellishing tools such as the Sorby or Wagner texturing tool, etc.
- Safety gear

Wood requirements:

- 1-2 pieces per student at least 5" in diameter by at least 8" in length, reasonably dry so there is limited movement when completed

Other requirements:

- Air compressor
- Band saw
- Denatured alcohol for mixing dyes
- Jet Mini lathe for the threading jig

**April Demo:** Terry Gerros attempts Keith Gotschall's Secret Salt Shaker. Wear your safety gear for this one. A fun little project with lots of potential.

**May Demo:** OK, you were tortured by the April demo, so now is your reward for putting up with the mundane. Soren Berger, New Zealand will be here for a club demo, Friday all day demo and Saturday/Sunday workshop. TBD.

## Membership Rewards (sorry, available to club members only)

### **Library**

A friendly reminder to members with books and /or videos checked out from the library. Please return them at this next meeting.

### **Wood Gathering**

Sign-up sheets will be available to indicate your availability to help with wood gathering. Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify Jerry Lelack (503 510-1577) or Bob Hutchinson (503 508-3279). The intent is to gather wood, process it to usable pieces, store it at the home of Terry Gerros', and then make it available to members. Terry can be reached at 503 580-5013.

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**From Terry Gerros:** Hey all, as many of you know Mike Smith and I hauled a small boat load of wood to SWAT at the end of August. Many of you took advantage and bought some blanks from Mike. Before we left, I talked Mike into leaving a number of turning blanks to sell to the members of our club. Currently I have Ambrosia maple, Honey Locust, Mineral stained Poplar and a few other species available. There are some really nice blanks available in many different sizes. Mike also has left several sections of Maple burl logs. The log sections are at my place and have the price painted on them. If you have an interest, let me know and we can make arrangements for you to come by and take a look. I have a chainsaw large enough to cut these log sections so you can handle them. They are loaded with burls and you won't be disappointed. Give me a call on my cell: 503-580-5013.

I am now a distributor for Stick Fast CA glue, Sharpfast Sharpening system, and Holdfast vacuum chucking system. Current club members are offered a 10% discount on purchases. Price list will be available later.

### **Sawdust Session update:**

We had on the order of 15 members participated in the Feb. 25 sawdust session on sharpening jigs and freehand grinding. The members got a chance to use the various systems and Nick gave a nice presentation on how to freehand grind. Although things seemed to go rather well, a discussion amongst a few revealed it could have gone much smoother if we segregated into different groups. To this effect, we will now be offering not only classes on freehand grinding, but also sharpening classes using the various jigs available. Terry Gerros

will offer jig sharpening classes for those interested, especially those new to turning. IF you have an interest, please put your name on the sign up sheet.

### 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 (\$10/gal). Recently the club purchased a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool, HSS rods (\$3) 1/4" x 8" used to make the round skewers demonstrated by Bill McCoy at the October meeting, and depth gauge (\$5). Bob Quadros will have the resale items still available at the meeting. Please bring the correct change for the items you want.

### Club Member Discounts

- From Terry Gerros: Club orders will be going out on **March 12th**. If our order equals or exceeds \$1,000, Craft Supply gives us a 13% discount plus free shipping. If you order from the sales items, you will receive the club discount in addition to the sale discount, making many items available at very attractive prices.
- 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.
- Hartville Tool will give club members a 20% discount for the next year and a 15% discount after that: [www.hartvilletool.com](http://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).
- 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.
- North Wood Figured Wood can be viewed at North Woods Figured Wood. Here's our website [www.nwfiguredwoods.com](http://www.nwfiguredwoods.com) . Please take a look! We're happy to offer you our courtesy 15% discount. Anyone from our club can simply type in "WOODTURNERS" at check out to receive the sale price. No minimum purchase. We've got beautiful Big Leaf Maple, Black Locust, Madrone, White Oak, Ash, Elm and Yew.....turning blanks, slabs, burls and lumber.

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