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Next Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2014

Center 50+

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A skewed view.....

So the calendar has flipped on us once again and 2013 ended with some interesting weather, to say the least. Let's hope that the weather for the rest of 2014 is milder. Nuff said.

The Freedom Pen Project has been completed except for a few hold out pens. So lets get everything finished up and turned in at the January meeting. If anyone has an idea for a 2014 club project, please let me know. Of course I suppose we could consider the 2015 symposium the club project for 2014. Speaking of which.....

There will be a tremendous amount of work in preparation of the symposium. We will need help in every aspect from greeters, registration, care and nurturing of the demonstrators and vendors, the list goes on. As you are aware, the symposium dates are March 6-8, 2015 at the Linn County Expo Center. We are getting a great line up of tuners, including: Mike Mahoney, Trent Bosch, Kirk DeHeer, Dale Larson, Dave Schweitzer, David Nittman, Molly Winton, Eric Lofstrom, Nick Stagg, Sara Robinson and I'm working on a few more. No doubt some wonderful talent. The program should cover all aspects of turning and we are also planning a Friday evening program for special interest groups and Saturday evening banquet and auction. So mark that weekend in March for the woodturning time of your life, now roll up your sleeves, we've a lot of work to do.

As you have probably guessed, the dessert/auction was a big success, especially considering the inclement weather we had. Auction sales were \$2,087.25 and raffle sales, \$134, for a total of \$2221.25. After all was said and done, our net for the evening was \$1843.25. This year we had 50 outstanding turned pieces in the auction and a variety of other items: chair, blanket, tool rest, coffee, cradle and a box of pasties. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the great dessert table. A special thanks to those who contributed items that were auctioned and to those who purchased those pieces. The treasury is in great shape to support the club program in 2014.

Club dues are due as of December 31. We have about 75% compliance, so please, those that haven't renewed your membership, we need your assistance in achieving 100% compliance. Please complete the 2014 membership form and send it along with your check made out to "Willamette Valley Woodturners" c/o Elling Hoem, WVV Treasurer. The membership form is available on the website or you can just pay your dues (\$35.00) at the meeting.

Your help in this regard is greatly appreciated. Remember those benefits.....good friends, good company, great library resource, and 13% discount on most things at Craft Supply!!

Our demonstrator for January is our own Darren Wellington and the topic is New Year's Resolution.....hmmm, I have no idea, but based on Darren's turning skill, I have no doubt it will be informative and entertaining.

Time to head to the shop,

Terry

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

January Demonstrator: Darren Wellington

New Year's resolution

January 9, 2014



Darren, like most of us has a New Year's Resolution to become a better turner. Using samples from Salem's architecture, Darren will present a number of turning cuts from a new point of view.

February Demonstrator: Bryan Thoet

Finishing

February 13, 2014



I am a local member with a propensity to color outside the lines! Like many 'baby boomers' I was introduced to wood turning in high school. Thirty years later it became a hobby and today it is my passion.

Recently, frustration and curiosity has combined to focus my attention on finishing products. Hopefully, I can remove some of mystery that surrounds finishing products and help you develop confidence in your ability to use finishes that meet the overall objective of enhancing and protecting. In simple terms, applying finish is transferring a liquid to wood using a rag, a brush or a spray gun. At face value, this should be straight forward and relatively easy. Well, maybe not that simple. Do finishes dry or cure? Is linseed oil actually boiled? What are conversion varnishes, pre-catalyzed and post-catalyzed lacquers? What protection do French polishes, polymerized oils, and water based finishes offer?

I will help you move past the marketing hype and understand to basic properties of the products you are using. This does not require a chemical engineering degree, just some basic fundamentals to determine the actual process and time requirements necessary to achieve the end goal. And yes, it does require one additional factor..... Patience.

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.

From Terry Gerros:

I am a distributor for Stick Fast CA glue, Sharpfast Sharpening systems, and the Holdfast vacuum chucking system. If you have an interest in these products, give me a call or send me an email for details.

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, 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 Jeff Zens: Club orders will be going out on **January 13th**. 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. A reminder that JEFF ZENS is now our new coordinator for Craft Supply orders.
- 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).
- 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 Gilmers, 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 . 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, Madronne, White Oak, Ash, Elm and Yew.....turning blanks, slabs, burls and lumber.

Club happenings in our area

(Please visit the club's website listed below for additional information)

Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

<http://www.northwestwoodturners.com/>

Meet first Thursday at Franklin High School

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

<http://www.cascadewoodturners.com/>

Meet Third Thursday at Franklin High School

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

<http://www.beaverstatewoodturners.com/>

Meet fourth Thursday at Woodcraft

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

Dan Baker (President), email: ridgewoodworks@aol.com

Meet fourth Wednesday at the Friends of the Carpenter's Center

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