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Next Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2015

Center 50+

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LET THE CHIPS FLY.....

As I begin this message, I am thinking of a member who passed away last June. Although I never really knew Ralph Brennan, I recently had the opportunity to see some of his work. Ralph was not only a wood turner but also a wood carver and a furniture maker. I took on the task of selling his lathe and his son in law's lathe. They are both Sears Craftsman 12/42 model# 112.228160 lathes. Please see me, Bob Hutchinson if interested.

On the brighter side, remember that the April meeting is a pen exchange meeting. For those who turn a pen and bring it in they will be entered with others and drawn. The exchange will only be conducted between members who also contributed a pen for the exchange.

Now that the weather is warming up and the sun may get to your wood, it is even more important to treat the ends of your wood pieces to reduce their splitting. At least the sun is out "some of the time".

I just finished turning, finishing, and shipping a 200+ order of Cocobolo handles to a customer so now I can settle down with my Saturday market sales. Isn't retirement fun with "no commitments".

See you at the April 9 meeting.

Bob Hutchinson
President

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

April Demo, Cynthia Gibson

Pyrography
April 9, 2015



We will have Cynthia Gibson at our April meeting to share her expertise in Pyrography. Cynthia resides in Georgia and will be making her first trip out to the great Northwest. She has taught workshops throughout the US and several international locations. Michael Gibson does the turning and Cynthia applies the detail. Their artwork has garnered the attention of many collectors and has been included in corporate and private collections. Join Cynthia on April 9 for her club demo and don't forget to sign up for the two day workshop on April 11/12 for those interested in learning more about the art of Pyrography.. The costs will be \$200/person for the two days. This is a great opportunity to spend two days with a very special artist. You can sign up by e-mailing Bryan Thoet at bthoet@pacifier.com. **ONLY THREE SPOTS REMAIN!!!**

A Sawdust Session is scheduled for March 21 from 9 AM to 4 PM. This will take place at Bruce Stangeby's shop located at 432 Stoneway Dr NW; Salem, OR.

May Demo, Darren Wellington

Box Making
May 14, 2015



Our May demonstrator will be Darren Wellington. Darren is an active member of Willamette Valley Woodturners and very willing to share his knowledge with the group. He participated in workshops on box making from some of the elite turners - Bonnie Klein, Richard Raffan, and Ray Key. Taking good notes and pushing his own boundaries, Darren will share his approach to end grain turning and share some of his own tricks he has developed. You definitely will want to be front row at this demo and don't forget to ask several questions about his technique and how he gets those lids to fit so perfectly.

June Demo, Soren Berger

Tool development

June 11, 2015



Our June demonstrator will be Soren Berger, who will be traveling to the US from New Zealand. Soren is no stranger to the US or to our group. He is well known throughout the world as a teacher, demonstrator and exhibitor, with his art pieces featured in many journals, publications and books. Sören's interest over the last 5-6 years has been focused on developing tools that enable everybody to create beautiful objects with ease of use. A two-day workshop will follow his demonstration on June 11. The cost will be \$220 and space is limited to 6 people.

April Pen Exchange

The Willamette Valley Wood Turners will be holding another Pen Exchange at the April meeting. I will once again bring in a box to the April meeting and anyone who has made a pen will place their pen in the box and receive a ticket. Then after the meeting (during the wood raffle), you will redeem a different pen from the box with your ticket. We want the pens to be wrapped so that it will be kind of a grab bag when you select a pen from the box. You will also need to include an information sheet with the pen describing the pen and who made it. I will be running the pen exchange and if you have any questions let me know.

Required items needed to participate in the pen exchange:

Hand crafted pen

Information sheet included with pen

Enclosed in a wrapped package

The idea is to have fun making a pen for a fellow member. Just do your best and I am sure whoever receives your pen will appreciate the work you put into making it. It is also nice to have items that other members have made and this will help you to get an item from someone else. Enjoy, and be sure to bring your wrapped pen to the April meeting.

For those you who would like to use polyester resin (PR), I have added instructions on the web site for creating a silicon mold for pouring the PR:

http://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com/files/Silicon_Mold.pdf

Thanks, Ron Fox

Membership Rewards

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). 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: The club's Craft Supply order will be going out on **April 13th** if our order equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supply gives us a 10% discount plus free shipping in all items, and occasional additional discounts on certain other items and quantity purchases. 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. When filling out the web site order form, please use the item number and complete item description from Craft Supply's web site. Do not use an old catalog item number, as these might not be current. Occasionally, Craft Supply is out of an item, and I'm notified that it is on back-order. I will assume that if an item is ordered, it's wanted as soon as it becomes available. If you do not want an item if it is back-ordered, make that comment in the "Notes" column on the club's order page on the web site. I work with Craft Supply to have back-ordered items shipped directly to the member's home address at no additional cost. For this to work effectively, the entire order must be paid for when your in-stock items are picked up. While I'm not equipped to accept credit cards, cash or check are both fine.

Contact me with any questions at jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com.

- 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 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 . 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.

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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