



The Burl
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Next Meeting

Thursday, July 9, 2015

Center 50+

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LET THE CHIPS FLY.....

Last time I wrote, I just thought the weather was getting hot. The remainder of June and now July is proving to be a little more in the 90's and 100's than we are used to here. This may sound like a broken record but I need to remind everyone that unless you have a good cooling system you need to watch your exposure time as well as keeping well hydrated.

Last meeting we started giving two gift certificates per month for show and tell table items. In the course of our Executive Board meeting we decided to help more people be recognized for their creations by drawing for one certificate and doing a people's choice for the second. The people's choice would be similar to the raffle except you wouldn't have to buy a ticket to put in the show and tell cups. Every paid member could get one ticket (of a different color than the raffle tickets) to deposit in the cup of the show and tell item you think warrants it.

This is another reminder to sign up for our two summer events; the Steamup at Antique Powerland on Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26; also Saturday August 1 and Sunday August 2. Then the State Fair event Wednesday, September 2 through Monday, September 7. This is the last meeting before the Steam Up with only one more meeting in August before the State Fair event. As always we can use as many members as we can get signed up.

This will be the first time since 2008 that I will have to miss most of the State Fair turning. I can only be there for the first 2 days. Others will help coordinate the daily activities in my absence. Again, any extra volunteers will be appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Thursday afternoon, July 9th.

Bob Hutchinson, President WVV

June 2015 Treasurer's Report, by Henrik Aberg

Beginning Balance	\$9,300.84		
June Income		June Expenses	
Raffle	97.00	AAW membership for Club President	\$ 60.00
Glue/Anchor Seal Sales	100.00	Shop fees and reimbursement for	
		Two classes (Gibson & Berger)	637.82
Soren Berger Class (5)	1,100.00	Soren Berger fees	1,800.00
		Anchor Seal purchase	556.00
<hr/> Total June Income	<hr/> \$1,297.00	<hr/> Total June Expenses	<hr/> \$3,053.82
Ending Balance	\$7,544.02		

May Membership Report, by Henrik Aberg

No change from last month. The club has 103 members.

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

July Demo, Alan Stratton

Segmented Bowl
July 9, 2015

A committed woodturner, Alan lives in Tigard, Oregon and actively Willamette Valley Woodturners. That's a commitment! Alan's promise to variety, whether solid or segmented. Alan shares his week on YouTube and you can be a part of his world by subscribing www.AsWoodTurns.com. Alan will demonstrate creating a wood bowl. He is a firm believer that every woodturner should have a understanding and ability to produce a segmented turning. A challenge for all of us! This is your chance to get started.



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August Demo, Alan Carter

Creative ability to "think outside the circle"
August 13, 2015

Mark the date and plan to attend. Our August demonstrator will be Alan Carter from North Carolina. Alan will share his creative ability to "think outside the circle" and share his thought process from design to finished product.

With a degree in music from Indiana University School of Music, he started his artistic exploration. From painting photorealistic urban landscapes to designing and building contemporary furniture, Alan has allowed the right side of his brain to guide his endeavors.



His design influences are many and varied. The shapes and proportions of interesting buildings may spark an idea. Art Deco and Asian influences are certainly evident in some of his pieces. He often lets the wood itself suggest the shape or pattern. Even organic sources such as land formations and plant structures can have a subtle pull.

Regardless of the influence, the end result will be intriguing.

Alan will also lead a workshop on Saturday/Sunday (August 15-16) for those interested. The cost will be \$220 for the weekend. This one will fill up quickly, so please sign up soon.

“Bioengineering or New Opportunity for Woodturners?”

The term "foxfire" is a name commonly applied to several species of bioluminescent fungi that grow on rotting wood in damp forests (like the Southern Appalachians) during the warmer months. These fungi typically produce a dim blue-green glow that can be seen only in dark, starlit areas, away from any artificial lights or moonlight. Other names associated with these glowing fungi include "faerie fire" and "will o' the wisp."



Photos by Tim Spencer

A friend had done some clearing on their property along the Alsea river and that night as nature will call he went outside to find this eerie glow on the ground amongst the cherry trees they had toppled. Seems it was all over in pieces from the trees. I had remembered the popular Foxfire books from the 60's so had a clue what it was but had never seen it in person. OSU confirmed that it was this phenomenon and explained a little about it.

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 **July 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 ad 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.exotewoodusa.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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