



The Burl



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Next Meeting
Thursday July 12, 2018 6:30 pm



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LET THE CHIPS FLY

Turning or rather re-turning was the theme of my month. The symposium was inspiring and made me want to turn again but I left feeling like a talentless hack. Instead of starting a new project I spent a day cleaning up a set of old bowls a friend of mine has had sitting around for years. The finish was badly deteriorated and unidentifiable. Two of the set had cracks. After a few minutes lathe time the cracks are filled, the finish is food safe and whole set is usable again.



I never would have guessed the beauty of the wood hiding underneath all the years of grime and peeling finish. I was reminded again at how fortunate we are to enjoy an art form that revolves around revealing the beauty hidden in raw materials.

In other news I was contacted by someone looking for a banjo for a Delta Rockwell lathe. If you have one lying around let me know and I'll get you in contact.

My turning shed is slowly taking shape so Henrik will soon be able to expect my newsletter on time as I won't be spending every spare minute doing construction. If there are any electricians in the club that would be willing to help with the sub panel process I would be very grateful.


Lastly if anyone happens to have the box of club business cards please bring them to the July meeting. If not we will be printing up new ones for the steam up and the fair. I was going to remind you all to sign up for those events but I already hit the send button.

Turn safe my friend,
Darcy Tataryn
President Willamette Valley Woodturners

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**ReTurn to the Community:
Beads of Courage**

Woodturners have created and donated these boxes, which will be donated to **Beads of Courage**, a nonprofit that provides supportive care programs for children coping with serious illness. Through the Beads of Courage, children receive a unique bead to represent each procedure or treatment. For example, a red bead for each blood transfusion, a yellow bead for each night in the hospital, a star bead for surgery, a white bead for chemotherapy. Their collection of beads becomes a tangible record of their journey. Each woodturned box will be used to hold a child's precious beads.



The Beads of Courage at the 2018 AAW Symposium was a great success thanks to the large participation of woodturners. The attendant working the collection site said 90 of the boxes would be shipped out that week. You can see from the pictures there was a wide variety of styles and woods used. Hopefully you're already thinking about how you can help out by making a Beads of Courage box. We will be collecting them at the Oregon Woodturning Symposium in March 2019 in Albany, OR. Thanks to everyone who took the time to make a box for children to store their precious beads.



Pens for Troops

Submitted by Jeff Zens

There are still quite a few pen kits outstanding. Please bring all completed pens to the July meeting; if you haven't completed the project please return the unfinished kits and I will redistribute them. I will also bring along all of the completed kits so the membership can get a sense of how much this club has done to support our service men and women serving in overseas deployments.

I will get the kits packaged and sent off to the national coordinator after the July meeting, so please return what you have – completed or not!

Thanks to everyone who participated in this effort. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!!

Upcoming Events

July 12: Jigs, Gadgets and Gizmos

It's been quite a while since we've featured the creativity and ingenuity of our membership at a monthly meeting. A number of you have risen to the challenge of sharing your lathe problem-solving skills with the rest of us, and this month we'll be enlightened by Walt Thies, Bruce Stangeby and (hopefully) Jim Devorss. Each of these long-time turners has had to confront and solve turning issues of one sort or another over their careers. Many of their solutions DON'T involve spending tons of cash – they've managed to design and create items from stock on hand, or with minimal out-of-pocket expense.

If I can make the technology work, I will also do a brief demonstration for the newer club members on accessing the club's website to place a Craft Supplies USA club order.

Please refer to Walt Thies' one-page outline of the topics he plans to cover, found on page 6 in this issue of The Burl.

July 28 & 29th and August 4th & 5th: Steam-Up

August 9: Eric Lofstrom

We're indeed fortunate to have Eric Lofstrom return to visit the club in August. His Thursday evening demonstration is one we haven't seen in several years – triple-axis turning. He has refined this practice to high art in his "Resilience" series of turnings. From Eric's website:

"Resilience- *'the ability to adapt or recover quickly from adversity.'*

The Resilience Series is inspired by water's ability to constantly adapt to external forces. Water never disappears, it just morphs its state of matter; when exposed to heat, it becomes steam, when frozen it becomes ice, when exposed to gravity it erodes a new path."





If you haven't seen Eric at one of our club meetings don't miss this one. He's a gifted turner, a great speaker and a fun guy!

Eric's bio:

Eric's earliest memories of creating with wood are in Grandpa's dirt floor, basement workshop; he had a special place at the bench, right next to the scrap bin. Eric grew up around woodworking, but had never learned about a tool called the lathe until the first weekend in October of 2001, while attending a free demo at a woodworking store in Sumner, WA. It was here that his woodworking trajectory changed and the woodturning adventures began.

A demonstration on turning pens and letter openers was all it took to hook his curiosity. Creating shavings on a lathe consumed Eric's thoughts for the next few weeks as he wrapped his brain around how a finished piece could emerge from rough materials so quickly! After hearing all the details (several times), Eric's wife pursued this spark of excitement and set his woodturning journey in motion with a mini lathe and tool set for Christmas. Years later, Eric's woodturning enthusiasm continues to grow.

Like many turners, Eric began with scraps of 2x4s and "factory sharpened" tools. Several startling catches in the first few projects quickly focused him on the why and how of creating curls instead of settling for sawdust. Gaining tool control and improving technique became a personal quest. Whether creating a fitted lid box or multi-axis turning, a translucent or winged bowl, a hollow form or exploring surface embellishments, Eric enjoys projects which both challenge his skill and stretch his creative curiosity.

In the fall of 2002, Eric began a membership with the South Puget Sound Chapter of the AAW. He enjoyed serving on the board of directors from 2005-2012 and representing the club at several woodworking shows in addition to mentoring others at the club's monthly sawdust sessions. He began demonstrating and teaching woodturning classes at local woodworking stores in 2006. Since then, Eric has taught at multiple symposiums and has become a highly sought-after instructor for woodturning clubs across the United States and Canada. The constant exposure to other turners continues to transform his awareness and understanding of turning fundamentals.

Conscious of the importance tool control plays in creating pieces, Eric believes it is not only important to know which techniques work but also why they work. As a passionate teacher and woodturner, Eric is on a mission to impact the world of woodturning by helping others build confidence in tool control and developing their own creative voice!

There is nothing more powerful than being inspired by an idea and having the courage and confidence to create that one-of-a-kind piece... to Eric, this is what woodturning is all about!

August 11 - 12 Educational Opportunity: Turning with Eric Lofstrom



Professional woodturning maestro Eric Lofstrom will offer a **2-day weekend series of classes for club members only**, on Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12, 2018. The Saturday class, “**A Day of Turning Triple-Axis Raindrops, ‘Resilience’ Series, expands on Eric’s Thursday evening demonstration to the club.** This hands-on class is designed for turners who want to explore the interaction of multiple curves within a single sculptural piece. In addition to reviewing spindle turning techniques, you will learn concepts of multi-axis turning, sharpening methods to obtain a razor sharp tool

edge, and how to produce the cleanest cut possible with control. Time will also be spent on embellishing techniques which can be utilized to enhance the grain in your artistic pieces. You will take home samples created during the class for inspiration once back in your own shop!



Sunday’s class shifts gears considerably. “**A Day of Turning Square-Rim Bowls, ‘Resonance’ Series**” is designed to equip you with basic skills to create a small bowl with an outward flowing square rim. Created from a square blank with basic turning tools, we will explore techniques to maximize the bowl gouge and finishing scrapers, in addition to utilizing several methods of mounting a face grain blank to the lathe for turning. Focus will be placed on tool control and creating a flowing form, while aiming for the cleanest cuts possible from the tools. The square-rim bowl class is sure to tease your mind and set ripples of inspiration in motion!

This two-day class **costs \$200**. A sign-up sheet will be at the meeting on July 12, or you can register early (suggested, as this class will fill quickly) by email to jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com. Your class fees must be paid in order to reserve your spot in this class. A list of tools and materials will be provided to every registrant. Don’t delay on this one!!

August 29th - September 3rd: Oregon State Fair

September 13: Reed “Robo Hippy” Gray: Shear scraping, peeling cuts, and negative rake scrapers

Club Business

Treasurer's Report (6/6-7/6)

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer

Beginning Balance	<u>\$14,525.91</u>
<u>Income</u>	
Membership	\$15.00
Total Income	\$15.00
Ending Balance	<u>\$14,540.91</u>

Partial List of Gadget and Gizmo topics July 12, 2018

Walt Thies, Presenter

Tools From:

High Speed Steel bits (10% Cobalt, extra hard, optional)

Replacement bits

Bit holder (handle)

Commercial

Shop made

Planer blades

Skew

Cutters

Goose neck scrapers

Under cutter (forms the area adjacent to the opening of a round-over bowl)

Beading tool

Captured ring cutters

HSS rods hardened

Point tool w 2 facets (grinding guide, compliments of Myron Yancey)

Vortex tool (see Cindy Drozda you-tube video)

Drill rod unhardened, shape then harden

Long drill bit (Milwaukee 3/8"x 14")

Allen Wrench (hex key)

Saw blades repurposed as parting tools

Commercial (0.057")

Band saw (0.041")

Bow saw, craftsman (0.027")

Flush-cut pull saw, DeWalt (0.015")

Taps (any size, used)

Jigs and non-cutting tools

Drilling jig

Wall thickness gauge for hollow-forms

Wooden Faceplates (Headstocks and tailstocks)

Burning rings (Formica sample piece)

PVC pipe used in turning

Vacuum chucking

Bearing surfaces

Wood protector

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, the Holdfast vacuum chucking system and Saburrtooth Carving bits. 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 (\$10) and Anchorseal (\$11/gal). The club has a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool, and depth gauges (\$5). HSS Round Tool Bits rods (1/4" x 8") are also available (\$3). Bruce Stangeby will have the resale items available at the meetings, except for Anchorseal which is available through [Jeff Zens](#).

Club Member Discounts

- **Craft Supply:** The club's order will be going out on the Monday following our Club Meeting if our order equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supply gives us a 10% discount plus free shipping on 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. For detailed instruction for ordering see the article in the [November](#) 2015 Burl. Questions? See 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.
- 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.

Club happenings in our area

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

Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

www.northwestwoodturners.com

Meets 1st Thursday 7:00 PM at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

www.cascadewoodturners.com

Meets 3rd Thursday 6:45 PM at Willamette Carpenters Training Center, 4222 NE 158th Ave., Portland

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

www.beaverstatewoodturners.com

Meets 4th Thursday 6:00 PM at the Woodcraft Store, 1052 Green Acres Rd, Eugene

Oregon Coast Woodturners (Newport, OR)

www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com

Meets 3rd Saturday 10:00 AM at Hasting Coastal Woodworks, 3333 SE Ferry Slip Rd, South Beach, OR

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

Meets 4th Wednesday 7:00 PM at Friends of the Carpenter's Center, 1600 West 20th St, Vancouver, WA

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