



# The Burl



A monthly newsletter for the  
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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday October 8, 2020 6:30 pm**  
**using ZOOM**

## **President's Message October 2020**

### **The State of the Club – From Where I Sit**

This month's meeting is overdue, in my opinion. We haven't had a "club business" meeting for quite a while, and we probably should do it more often.

According to our bylaws, the role of the president in this outfit is quite broad. I won't repeat the language here; you all have access to the bylaws on the club's website. The president's main responsibility, in my view, is to provide a long-term vision and oversight of the club's business. With that in mind, let me offer you my perspective on our long-term health as an organization.

#### **Fulfilling the Club's Purposes**

We have done a pretty good job of meeting the four foundational purposes of the Willamette Valley Woodturners over the past dozen or so years I have been a member. This year – 2020 – is the exception to this assessment, and of course the shutdowns imposed by Oregon's elected officials in response to CoVid-19 are the reason. We have not been able to meet in person, nor have live demonstrations, and our Empty Bowls community service event has been drastically modified from its original format. It is hard to forecast any sort of return to "normalcy" – whatever that term now means – and I won't try to do so today. I remain optimistic that once we are permitted to gather together we will once again be the club so many of us remember.

#### **Financial Health**

As I write this message we are in good financial shape. Our bank balance is healthy at the moment. We have enough cash on hand to meet current and near-term expenses. However, if you look at only the bottom-line number in our checking account you would likely think we are swimming in dough – and we are not.

Our club has one main source of income – membership dues, and two or three ancillary sources of funds. These include a bi-annual contribution from the Oregon Woodturning Symposium, the funds we take in at monthly wood raffles, and (in the past) our holiday-time auction. A fourth source of income over the past several years has been very generous donations from Marc Vickery's mother.

Expenses that draw on this revenue include demonstrators' fees and travel expenses, rental of the Salem 50+ center, insurance, and other minor expenses that occur from time to time such as postage and renewing our website domain. Additionally, we equip and maintain club equipment for demonstrations for our members and for the public.

2020 has been a mixed bag financially. We have not incurred most of our annual rental expenses, and we have not had a lot of travel-related expense for demonstrators. We have, however, paid all of our online demonstrators their required fees, and have also paid for Zoom licensing to present these demonstrations to the membership. We have not had any income from the monthly raffles since the beginning of the year, and since this is an off-year for the Oregon Woodturning Symposium that income is missing from the revenue stream. I do not anticipate any noteworthy donations from any source during 2020. I would be happy to be wrong about that!

A proposal has been submitted by one of our members to waive the membership dues for 2021. If we do that, we will eliminate the primary revenue stream for the club. The board had substantial discussion about this proposal at our last meeting, and it will be a topic of discussion at the October general membership meeting. I strongly urge your attendance and participation via Zoom. Dues for the following year are set at the October meeting, so if you have an opinion on the matter, here's your chance to be heard.

### **Membership**

Our membership has remained fairly steady. This is both a good and a bad thing. It's good because we have a core group of members who regularly attend meeting, who are available as mentors, and who have built up a huge body of knowledge on most any aspect of woodturning. The downside of this stability is that every year, we're a year older. We are not attracting and keeping new *young* members. Maybe this is just a fact of life: lathes don't have a Wi-Fi connection to the internet (at least mine doesn't). Lathes don't have keyboards, and lathe tools require more than two thumbs to operate. For most of us, obtaining wood to turn requires an investment of physical labor, also not popular these days.

I believe that recruiting and retaining new, young members is essential for the long-term viability of the WVW. Those of you who have children, or grandchildren, nieces and nephews: please consider bringing them to a meeting when we get back together. During the period of online meetings, have them watch with you. Invite them to your shops, or to a wood gathering session. We need an infusion of youth to keep the club vibrant and alive.

### **Member Participation in Club Business**

The second area we could improve is the level of participation in club leadership. There is a very good reason the club officers turn over every two years: new blood brings new ideas and fresh approaches to how we do what we do. This year has been a challenging one for many; we hope 2020 will see us meeting again. During those meetings, expect your current club officers to approach you individually to encourage your participation in leadership functions for the club. New ideas from new officers are just as important as new members to the vitality and longevity of the Willamette Valley Woodturners.

### **Bylaws**

Look in the following pages of *The Burl* for revisions to several of the existing Bylaws. These will be read at the October meeting, and will be voted upon at the November meeting, along with the elections of club officers for 2021.

I hope to see all of you online at the October meeting. Until then,

...Let the Chips Fly!

~~Jeff Zens

## Club Meeting Minutes - Sept 24, 2020

Submitted by Milt Engelke, Secretary, Willamette Valley Woodturners.

Host: V.P. Marc Vickery – John Beaver

Meeting was rescheduled due to Forest Fires and intense smoke throughout region during regularly scheduled meeting time. President rescheduled the regular meeting for September 24 to continue with Zoom meetings.

Call to Order by Marc Vickery 6:30 pm

Brief show and tell by attending club members.

Participation in the online Zoom meeting included 24 total participants, a slight improvement in attendance each meeting.

Guest Host for the evening was Mr. John Beaver Pacific Palisades, CA presenting the turning of a wave bowl. See John's web site @ [www.johnbeaver.net](http://www.johnbeaver.net) .



John Beaver presented several unique turning techniques, including steam bending. Recommend visiting Mr. Beavers web site (above) for more detailed information.

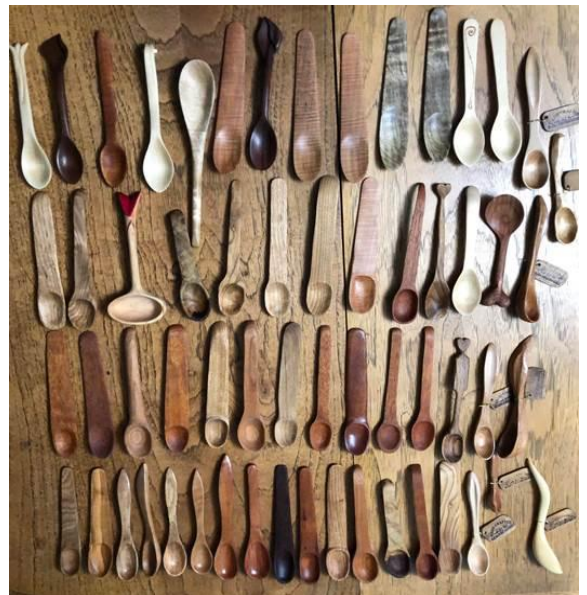
### Club Business:

Darcy Tataryn – Update for Empty Bowl Program

The Willamette Valley Wood Turners will join the Salem Arts Center empty bowl program for the week end of November 21 -22, (prior to Thanksgiving) at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. It will be a three (3) day event commencing on Friday evening with a special event for members and patrons, open Saturday and Sunday to the general public.

Jerry Lelack is collecting the bowls to be presented by the Willamette Valley Woodturners and he presently has between 50 – 55 bowls. Several more needed over next few weeks. Further Volunteers will be needed to help during the event

Capital Carvers have donated many wood spoons, forks and salad tongs to the club to combine with the bowls in support of the EMPTY BOWL PROGRAM. The Club is grateful for the contribution to the program.



The October meeting to be regularly scheduled on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month will be held on Zoom. The club has numerous business issues to be dealt with during the meeting which will consume most of the allotted time. Participation is encouraged by all interested members. A detailed agenda will be included elsewhere however the agenda is brief:

1. Revision of By-laws will be discussed and will be set for a November Meeting Vote.
2. Discussion on setting the Dues for the coming years.
3. Slate of Officers for the 2021 years
  - a. Term limits presently in place require the election of a new president and new secretary as both incumbents have fulfilled two terms (limit).

Marc Vickery presented a motion to allow present officers to extend for one year in the event additional nominations for President and Secretary are not forthcoming. Second by Henrik Aberg. Motion Passes. Nominations can and will be accepted until the vote at the November meeting.

Total attendance for Zoom meeting was 24. We are seeing an increase in the number of participants with each presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Another excellent detailed presentation and we did not have to clean up the sawdust afterwards.



## Empty Bowls 2020

First of all I want to thank everyone who has been working so hard to complete bowls for our event. We have had some beautiful pieces turned in.

Due to restrictions placed on public events the format and venue for our sale has changed.

We will be joining forces this year with the Willamette Art Center as they hold their annual Empty Bowl sale. The event will be the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving; November 20 and 21. The Oregon State Fair is going to allow us to use Columbia Hall for the sale so we will be able to spread out and maintain distancing requirements.

In addition to more bowls we are also looking for volunteers to help with pre sale set up, day of sale help and take down help on Sunday after the sale.

We will be able to have a lathe and demonstration during the sale. If you are interested in that position please let Marc Vickery know. Ideally it would be demonstrating how a bowl is made.

A special thanks to Willamette Art Center for inviting us to join them and to Capitol Wood Carvers for donating 50 beautiful hand carved spoons to go with the bowls. This truly has become a community effort.

Please continue to work on completing bowls. Jerry Lelack will continue to collect them. If you have further questions please reach out to me any time.

Thank you again,  
Darcy Tataryn

## Upcoming Demonstrators for 2020

NOTE: due to the Coronavirus, the next several months are undetermined including the ones shown as scheduled. Scheduled meetings are all subject to change.

Date	Name	Website	Topic	Saturday Class
10/8/2020	Important Club Business meeting items to be discussed. Also Show and Tell your Christmas Ornaments			
11/12/2020 SUBJECT TO CHANGE	Art Liestman	<a href="http://artliestman.com/">http://artliestman.com/</a>	Demo and class are on the “lost wood process”	Not yet
12/10/2020	Show and Tell your best work for the year and /or Christmas ornaments Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery – THANK YOU			
FOR 2021: Please express an interest of ANY Demonstrator or weekend workshop you would like to see to Marc Vickery				

### PLEASE NOTE:

#### October meeting:

The Zoom meeting is to include several Club discussion points and it is very important that as many members join in order to get the broadest array of input. These topics include but are not limited to the following:

- Club dues for 2021.
- Bylaw adjustments including officer term extensions for a temporary period.
- Officer slate for voting on in November which may bring include results for the bylaw adjustments.
- Following the club discussion points, we would like to have a Show and tell of Christmas ornaments. The purpose of this is to inspire lots of the members for the Holiday season.

#### November meeting:

Zoom meeting will include the club business of voting for the officer slate for 2021. Again, this will be a very important meeting to attend and get your opinion heard. Based on the input from the October meeting, there may be a final decision made for several board positions and bylaw changes.

Following the club business, we have a demonstration by Art Liestman.

#### December meeting:

Show and tell for members favorite work of the year and Christmas ornaments.

No demonstrator scheduled.

#### Sawdust sessions:

In a discussion with Terry Gerros, it may be possible to change the day from Sunday to Saturday. If you would be more inclined to join a sawdust session on the Saturday following the Thursday meetings please let Marc Vickery know. Not many folks have been attending the sawdust sessions, and this may be an incentive where Sunday scheduling may have been problematic.

**As for scheduling for 2021**, member input is requested. Bear in mind we may not be able to continue to provide as many demonstrators on a paid basis as there is very little income coming in to support demonstrators and other expenses.

If members have ideas about fundraising please feel free to bring it to the table!

To bring the photos for Show and Tell to the meeting, PLEASE forward by email to me at my address below.

In the world of technology, I discovered some members found Zoom a bit of a hurdle. IF YOU want a practice session, please email me a note asking to be invited.

And if you have a best time include it in the email me and we can discuss a time that works for you.

Please feel free to reach out to Marc Vickery if you have questions, observations, ideas, or any other concepts.

Thanks,

Marc

Email to [halepaumarc@gmail.com](mailto:halepaumarc@gmail.com)

Call if I can help in any other way.

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## **Proposed Bylaw changes:**

### **Current Language**

#### ARTICLE III –WVW Club ADDRESS

1. The mailing address of the current WVW President shall be used as the club's mailing address. This address shall also be the 'Principal Place of Business' as it pertains to any filings with the Oregon Secretary of State, and shall be kept current by the Treasurer with said office.

2. When a new President takes office or when the current President changes mailing address, the President shall provide that information to all club members and to the national office of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) within 30 days of when the new address becomes effective.

3. The current club address shall be included in every edition of the BURL, the WVW club's monthly newsletter.

### **Proposed Revised Language**

1. The Club's mailing address shall be:

Post Office Box 151

581 Lancaster Drive SE

Salem, OR 97317

2. For the purposes of official filings with the Oregon Secretary of State or other governmental agencies that require a physical address, the current Club president's address shall be used. The Club treasurer shall keep this information current with government offices that require it.

3. When a new President takes office or when the current President changes mailing address, the President shall provide that information to all club members and to the national office of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) within 30 days of its effective date.

4. The Club's mailing address shall be included in every edition of "*The Burl*", the club's monthly newsletter.

## Proposed Revision to the **TREASURER** position description

### Current Language

**5.Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall collect all membership dues and all other monies belonging to the WVW. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping current and accurate records of all monies that flow through the WVW and also for ensuring that a current roster of member is maintained. In general, the Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep current the Business Registration with the Oregon Secretary of State and renew the filings as required by said office. Hence, the Treasurer shall be the Authorized Representative for the WVW Club as defined by said office.

### Proposed Revised Language

**5.Treasurer:** Duties. The Treasurer shall:

- collect all membership dues and ensure that a current membership roster is maintained and published;
- maintain current and accurate records of all receipts, disbursements and accounts of any sort that flow through or belong to the WVW;
- develop and promulgate cash handling procedures that ensure accurate accounting of all club cash transactions;
- maintain an accurate and detailed inventory of the physical assets of the club, and prepare an annual inventory report for the Board of Directors' first quarter meeting each year. The Treasurer shall obtain the assistance of other club members, as needed, to complete this inventory. The annual inventory report shall contain, at a minimum, detailed information about the type of asset, its approximate value or purchase price, if known, and its current location.
- prepare a budget proposal for the Board of Directors first quarter meeting each year that provides, at a minimum, the following information:
  - The previous year's adopted budget and actual experience, in a form developed by the Treasurer and approved by the Board;
  - A proposal for the current year's operating budget for consideration and adoption by the Board;
  - Detail sufficient to track all income and expenditures by category (membership dues, equipment purchases, demonstrator fees, demonstrator expenses, etc.)

The Treasurer shall keep current the Business Registration with the Oregon Secretary of State, and shall renew these filings as required by said office. The Treasurer shall be the Authorized Representative for the WVW Club as defined by said office.



# Membership Rewards

## **Chain Sharpening Service** from [Jeff Zens](#)

I have recently purchased an electric chain sharpener and can accurately sharpen your chains and adjust your depth stops for your saw chains. This will restore the chain to “factory-new” condition. Most chains can be sharpened for \$10.00, but longer chains or badly damaged chains might be a little bit more. This service is only available for club members.

## **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 Gary Dahrens, (503) 260-9778. .

## **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 (\$9/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). Jerry Lelack will have the resale items available at the meetings, except for Anchorseal which is available through [Jeff Zens](#). You will need to bring your own gallon jug; contact Jeff to make arrangements.

## **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 [Jeff Zens](#)
- 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.
- 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.



## Club happenings in our area

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

**Northwest Woodturners** (Beaverton, OR)

[www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://www.northwestwoodturners.com)

**Cascade Woodturners** (Portland, OR)

[www.cascadewoodturners.com](http://www.cascadewoodturners.com)

**Beaver State Woodturners** (Eugene, OR)

[www.beaverstatewoodturners.com](http://www.beaverstatewoodturners.com)

**Oregon Coast Woodturners** (Newport, OR)

[www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com](http://www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com)

**Southwest Washington Woodturners** (Vancouver, WA)

[www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com](http://www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com)

**South Coast Woodturners** (Coos Bay, OR)

<http://southcoastwoodturners.com/>

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