



The Burl

Member Chapter

A monthly newsletter for the Willamette Valley Woodturners

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May 2008

Next Meeting
Thursday May 8th 2008

Open for Library & Visiting: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Starts: 6:30 p.m.

Salem Senior Center (Lunch Room)
1055 Erixon Ct. NE, Salem, OR 97301
(503) 588-6303.

A map of this location is on our website

Note: If the Salem-Keizer schools are closed on the day of the meeting due to inclement weather, then the Senior Center will also be closed and the meeting will be canceled. When in doubt, call the Senior Center at the above number before 4:00 p.m. to verify if they will be open that evening. Alternatively, check online at http://www.newsbridge.net/Salem-Keizer_Sch_Dist/

Current & Upcoming Events



May Meeting

Jack Knight: Cutting the Grain

Anyone who's been around the club for a time will know Jack as one of the founding members of the W.V.W. Some of us have spent time with Jack at his sawmill reducing logs into bowl blanks and spindles. In fact, it's not uncommon to have a brigade of folks marking out the boards, rounding them up on one of his bandsaws and stacking them as well! You never go home empty handed.

Jack will discuss cutting logs, spindles and bowl blanks and show us how to get the best out of what we have in the way of wood. This will include diagrams, props and turning. Jack's had years of experience cutting wood on and off the lathe and you'll get to share some of that knowledge. Try and make the meeting because you won't want to miss this.

Upcoming Meetings



June

Nick Stagg: Catches, how they happen and how to try and avoid them.

Sawdust Session News



There is no Sawdust Session set for May.

Are there any interested members that would like to host a Sawdust Session? We've had some good ones this year that were well attended and we'd like to keep them going. Perhaps several of you with a common interest could combine one!

I'd also like some suggestions for Sawdust session topics. What do you want to see, learn or know more about? The gatherings are low key with time to visit, leg-pull and a chance to share ideas. What do you think, can you do one?

Are there any members that would like to conduct one, but don't have the room?

My shop is available for anyone to use for a Sawdust Session. All you need to do is call or email me and we'll set it up.

Nick Stagg

ukstagg@dishmail.net

503 871 1128

Wounded Warrior Canes



The carving club has informed us that the tenon needs to be about 1 7/8 to 2" long and 1" round, the taper remains the same 8-10" from the end of 3/4". Any questions call or e-mail Rick Harris at dragon726@aol.com

Club News & Benefits



A big "Thank You" to the following club members for their help with the North Salem High School turning program: Roger Molsom, Troy Mullens, Nick Stagg, Walt Thies, Myron Yancey, and Bill Hill. It has been very rewarding to watch these kids get excited about woodturning and to see how far they have come, however we still need more mentors, the more we have the more time we can spend with each student. The next dates for the North Salem High School turning program are May 16, with the possibility of May 23 for an outdoor carnival. If you would like to get in on this great program to help keep wood working alive in the Salem schools please contact Rick Harris at (503)910-4059 or e-mail dragon726@aol.com. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting so be sure to sign it.

Don Fisher is looking for a larger lathe than the Jet mini-lathe he currently uses. If anyone has for sale a standard size lathe from any of the major manufacturers, he would be interested in hearing about it. He is interested in spending \$750-\$1500. Don lives in North Bend, you can leave him a message at 541-756-8970, or contact him at his cell phone number 541-404-2861.

AAW News



The AAW needs several more people to help out at the Richmond symposium. One great opportunity for a spouse or member, is to help out at the Instant Gallery. There is already a great group of people that socialize and have a great time together and they get to see everyone and have fun to boot. To help here, contact Lynn Geller at lynngel@pacbell.net. Another area where we need help is the demonstrator's assistants. Here is your opportunity to get up close and personal with the great demonstrators from all around the world. You will not have to operate the camera but will be there to help the demonstrator and have the best seat in the house. We have a great opportunity for you to help in the Youth room. There is no greater feeling than helping a young person to learn to turn. You will receive free, a special T-shirt identifying you as an AAW volunteer. For any of these positions, please contact www.inquiries@woodturner.org as soon as possible.

New Members



Welcome to our new members.

Ken Budeau and his wife Linda. They live at 21450 Cherry Hill Rd., Sheridan, OR. Phone number is (503) 843-3746, e-mail address is kenbudeau@hotmail.com. He has been turning for about 6 months.

Aaron Howard and his wife Gracian. They live at 16064 Old Mehama Rd., Stayton, OR. Phone number is (503)769-9969.

Ernie Shuyler and his wife Gina. They live at 40550 Fishhatchery Dr., Scio, OR. Phone number is (541)258-3654 e-mail address is erniethewoodman@yahoo.com.

Bill Sieg and his wife Juanita. They live at 24960 Crescent Hill Rd., Sweet Home, OR. Phone number is (541)367-2347.

Fritz Skirvin. He lives at 6694 Rippling Brook Dr SE, Salem, OR. Phone number is (503)581-9372, e-mail address is fskirvin@msm.com.

Gary Vogt and his wife Delight. They live at 854 Crenshaw Loop N., Keizer, OR. Phone number is (503)463-1383, e-mail address is gvogt1@yahoo.com.

Mentors



It is time once again to validate and add to the club's list of mentors. The primary mission of the Willamette Valley Woodturners is to provide education and enhance awareness of woodturning. Mentors are an essential to accomplish this goal. It is helpful for members to know who to call for particular issues. If you wish to continue your name on this list or add your name to the list send an email or contact Walt (wgthies@comcast.net) and indicate the phone number you wish to have used and 1-3 special skill areas. For example in addition to general questions special interest areas may include pens, bowls, sharpening, offset turning, lidded boxes, dust collection and the list goes on and on. The new list will first appear in the June newsletter

Club Library



All members are welcome to check out up to three items at a time from the club library. This includes any combination of books, VHS tapes, DVDs, magazines, etc. Items should only be kept out for one month. If you can't read or watch them in that time, please bring them back so someone else can take a turn. You can then check them out again later. Thanks for your cooperation!

Due to family health problems, Jim Coon has resigned as Librarian. Thanks Jim for all of your help. Pete Peterson is our new Librarian.

An inventory of library items is underway. When finished it will enable members to quickly identify items of interest.

WWV Board Announcements



The Club's board met in April a week after the normal club meeting, and plans to meet twice more this year, tentatively in July and October. The board continues to make decisions by consensus after discussion. Any club member who has a suggestion should share it with a board member and it will be discussed at the next meeting. The following are decisions from the April meeting:

Wood Raffle: The board discussed the wood raffle and decided to continue the streamlined approach with this clarification. Those bringing an item to the Instant Gallery will receive one blue ticket. Please enter each turning in the Instant Gallery only once. At the drawing one blue ticket will be drawn and that person will receive two \$10 gift certificates for Craft Supplies. This will continue into the future as long as our supply of certificates lasts. Craft Supplies currently gives the club a few gift certificates each quarter. The board has determined that encouraging members to participate in the Instant Gallery is a worthy expenditure of the certificates. After drawing the winning blue ticket the remaining blue tickets will be mixed with the red tickets and drawn as part of the wood raffle.

After careful consideration, the board decided to continue the streamlined wood raffle. To restate that approach: Raffle tickets will be sold before the meeting and during the first break. Before the start of the second break the first five numbers drawn will be announced and members or visitors with those numbers will select their wood during the break in the order that their number was drawn. Enough additional numbers will be drawn to account for the number of pieces of wood remaining. The numbers will be posted on a reader board and made available at the end of the business meeting. Members can check if their ticket is a winner and then proceed to the table to select a piece of wood. Unless multiple pieces are wrapped together, one ticket one piece of wood. If your number is towards the end of the list it would be appropriate that you hang back a little. This streamlined system will allow members to quickly check their numbers and move on to help with clean up.

Club Meetings: The board evaluated and discussed the agenda of the monthly meetings. It was decided to maintain the agenda used in the last several meetings. To restate that for newer members: 0. Doors open at 6:00, before the meeting pick up a name tag, visit the library and socialize with members and visitors. 1. Meeting called to order, 6:30. 2. Pledge of Allegiance. 3. Program first half. 4. First Break, 10 min starting approximately 7:30. 5. Program second half. 6. Discussion of Instant Gallery. 7. Announce blue tag winner and first five numbers of the wood raffle. 8. Second Break, 10 min starting approximately 8:20 (sheriff collects \$1 for no name tag). 9. Q&A time. 10. Business meeting. 11. Wood Raffle numbers available, clean up, rearrange tables and chairs.

Lathe Wheels: Several attempts have been made by members to put wheels on the club's lathe. The board appreciates the time and enthusiasm contributed to this effort but the current wheels are breaking down and it has become a safety issue. The board agreed to purchase a mobile platform for the lathe. The platform should be in place by the June meeting.

Social Events: The board has agreed to once again have a club picnic in September and a potluck/auction in December. This is dependent on volunteers stepping forward to assist with these activities.

Survey: In order to determine the needs of the membership and to gain ideas for programs the board authorized a telephone survey of the membership. If you are contacted please answer the questions and offer your ideas. None of the information gathered will be shared outside of the club.

Library: An inventory has been completed of the library and a committee formed to evaluate our current library items and to recommend additions and deletions as appropriate.

Webpage: A committee was formed to evaluate the current webpage and recommend changes that will make it more user friendly for the Webmaster. The committee will also formulate policies for content and ads.

Officer Reports



The President's Chatter



By Walt Thies

Unfortunately we have lost the excellent services of Sarah Letterman as our club secretary. Sarah stated that she is having difficulty fulfilling her other responsibilities and still attend monthly club meetings. We will look forward to seeing both Ed and Sarah at any meetings that they can make.

We want to thank Neva Hutchinson who has agreed to step in to fill the position of club secretary. Neva will be at the table by the door when you come into the meeting in May, stop and thank her for stepping forward. The club exists because of volunteers.

The club is experiencing an increased interest in membership. Paid memberships have increased from 62 in 2007 to 78 currently. In the past month alone seven new members joined and there were six visitors at the April meeting. Welcome new members!!

In April our program was presented by Fred Kline, president of the Northwest Woodturners. Those of you who missed his presentation missed a good one. Fred is an excellent presenter.

We want to thank Nick and Shone Stagg for again hosting a sawdust session. The session in April was attended by 14 members. The discussion centered on finishes and much good information was shared. Nick, thanks for taking the lead. Regular club meetings center on a presenter discussing a particular topic in a lecture format; usually with a minimal amount of discussion. A sawdust session changes the emphasis to mostly hand-on learning. Usually a broad topic is chosen and members come prepared to make chips and to share and discuss the topic. There is more discussion and sharing between members than occurs at a regular meeting. If you are a beginning turner the sawdust sessions are a way to accelerate your learning curve for turning and to get your specific questions answered. With an activity like woodturning, hands-on is the learning fast track.

We plan to do a telephone survey to better learn the needs of members and to determine the programs most desired and the skills most needed. This will also be an opportunity to pass along quietly your willingness to help with some of the support activities in the club, and discuss some of your particular needs or skills that you could share.

We look forward to seeing you on May 8, when Jack Knight will be sharing some of his skills with us.

Keep the chips flying,

Treasurers Report

By Rick Harris



April 2008

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| Beginning Balance | \$5212.65 |
| April Income | |
| Dues | 120.00 |
| Raffle | 95.00 |
| Glue/Anchor Seal | 60.00 |
| Magazine Sale | 10.00 |
| Total April Income | <u>\$285.00</u> |
| Expenses | |
| Demo Fee | 50.00 |
| Video Camera Warranty | 129.99 |
| Clip Boards & Light Bulbs | 19.56 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$199.55</u> |
| Add. Error Mar 2008 | 3.00 |
| Ending Balance | <u>\$5295.10</u> |

The Secretary's Shavings

By Sarah Letterman



There was a board meeting on 4-17-08. We discussed ongoing items such as; current changes to the monthly meeting format, the newsletter, member participation in activities and other club business.

It is with regret, that effective immediately I will no longer be able to fulfill my role as club secretary. It is becoming increasingly more difficult for me to juggle my ongoing responsibilities and the commitment to attend the monthly meetings on a regular basis. Ed and I will continue to be members of the club and I hope to be able to attend some of the future meetings.

Neva Hutchinson has agreed to be our new Secretary. She filled in for Sarah at the last meeting and filed the following report:-

There were 55 people present...including 6 visitors and 5 new members

Fred Kline from Northwest Wood Turners demonstrated making duck calls. He started turning in 2001.

Fred passed out a handout explaining his process and with information about resources where he gets supplies

Recommended *Turning Custom Duck and Game Calls* by Ed Glenn and Greg Keats as a good resource

He discussed the use of a spiral tool and the need for very hard woods to make it work correctly. He demonstrated spiraling using a slower speed, 300-400 rpm. His recommendation was to make several shallow passes to achieve the required depth. He also demonstrated finishing and cleaning extra finish out of the spirals.

Recommended finishing both inside (lightly) and outside of Duck Call because of its use outdoors. His product of choice is Shellawax

Fred also passed out an information sheet on turning bottle stoppers and did a quick 5 min. demonstration of how to make stoppers.

Categories for the Oregon State Fair Competition have been finalized. They are: Bowls, Platters, Pens, Boxes, Kitchen Utensils, Hollow Vessels and Christmas Ornaments.

Competition will be broken down to Juniors (17 and under), 0-5 years experience, 5 years and over experience. Applications will be available on line after June 1st.

Newsletter Editor's Note

Although the Burl is now being sent to most members by email, our web site is still being maintained. An exception will be that the Burl update will be one month in arrears.

Please submit all items for the June 2008 newsletter to your newsletter editor, Keith Walker, no later than May 30th.



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