



The Burl

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The President's Chatter

Walt Thies, President

We are finally getting a little cool wet weather, the excuse many of us use for staying inside and devoting time to our neglected wood lathes. We will have the opportunity to revisit our shops and to participate in a variety of club activities. The program this month, Christmas ornaments, is seasonally timely and will be presented by one of the charter members of our club, Bill McCoy. Bill's presentations in the past have been well received. There will be two sawdust sessions in October: on October 12, Joe Torgerson will host a session turning pens in his shop; details for the second session are still pending but will be announced at the October meeting. The club will staff a booth at the Woodworkers Show in Portland November 6-8, additional details will be sent to those who sign-up. Anyone helping to staff the booth will get into the show free. A sign-up sheet will be available at the October meeting. Our last event of the year will be the dessert/auction on December 10. Plan on donating a few pieces to help the club raise the monies needed to maintain our program.

It has come to our attention that many of you do not have a current roster. Copies were printed in March 2009, and are available at the front table. Recently Addendum 1, to the March 2009 roster was completed and sent to members with email. Hard copies will be available at the front table for those who do not have email. If your contact information is not correct please contact a club officer with any changes.

Please check the front table for sign-up sheets. We use sign-up sheets at the front table to reduce the time taken up in meetings with details about upcoming activities. Generally, only members who sign-up for an activity will receive additional information about the activity.

Please note that the next Craft Supplies group order will be submitted on October 12. The group order is now being coordinated by a relatively new member, **Terry Gerros**: (503) 580-5013; gerrost@yahoo.com. So get your orders in soon to save 13% plus shipping.

The slate of officers for 2010, developed by the nominating committee and endorsed by the club board, will be presented to the club at the October meeting. Elections will be at the November meeting. The club thanks the nominating committee of Jim Devorss, Nick Stagg and Myron Yancey for their efforts.

We are a club of volunteers and we still need members to step forward to fill a few positions. See the announcement later in this newsletter.

~Keep the chips flying

Current & Upcoming Events

October Meeting

Bill McCoy is going to demonstrate how to make Christmas ornaments. October should give everyone a couple months, time enough to make a few for the holiday season.

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Upcoming Meetings

November:

Dick Worthey: Dick is going to demonstrate ‘streptohedrons’. I’m not exactly sure what that is other than multi-sided, three-dimensional objects. He says these can be good skill builders and gives us a chance to brush on long forgotten math.

Opportunities

Please look over the list of vacant positions, find one that you can fill, and let Walt know. We need for all of the positions to be filled and functioning for the club to continue to provide learning opportunities and to be the great organization that it has become.

Our club secretary has agreed to fill-in for awhile but we need to find a replacement. Neva Hutchinson has a demanding new job and will not be able to continue as secretary

Other Opportunities (volunteers, appointed by the president)

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster will be split into two jobs: The incumbent is starting a graduate program and anticipates not being able to do both jobs.

Webmaster: Todd Yunker will continue.

Newsletter Editor: VACANT Duties of the newsletter editor include receiving written material and assembling it into the newsletter. Editing duties are limited to eliminating duplicate and outdated material.

Librarian: Incumbent Pete Peterson will continue in this position for another year but would like an assistant or two to help and to fill-in when he cannot be present.

Assistant Librarian: VACANT (2)

Photo Roster: VACANT Maintaining the photo roster currently requires a digital camera and computer with Word. The roster is updated once a year (about March) to add new members and for changes in contact information. An occasional addendum page is produced to add new members and to correct contact information.

Coordinators:

High School Mentoring Program: Incumbent Rick Harris will continue.

Steam-up: VACANT

State Fair Demonstration: Bob Hutchinson has agreed to fill this position in 2010.

Woodworking Show: VACANT in 2010;

New Members: Bob Garvey and Tom Morrison agreed to continue.

Facilities: Incumbent Dave Hanselman will continue to fill this position but would like an assistant to help and to fill-in when he cannot be present.

Facilities Assistant: VACANT

Calling Tree: Richard Pucillo and Carl Rodney agreed to continue

Wood: Roger Molsom, two assistants have volunteered to help coordinate the wood gathering program: Jerry Lelack and Bob Hutchinson.

Video: Nick Stag will continue in this position. Nick would like to have two assistants to help set-up cameras and run them. Nick has changed jobs and will be forced to miss some meetings and needs someone who can fill in.

Video Assistant: VACANT (2)

Classes

Tool Sharpening

Sharpening classes began in February. The classes will be developed and taught by Nick Stagg. Due to the nature of the subject each class will be attended by 4 members but we anticipate many classes. It will take many days to conduct enough classes but the intent is to make them available to any member who wishes to attend. Members will be expected to bring their own tools to the classes. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meetings to indicate your interest in attending a class. We are planning classes on making hollow forms. If you have an interest either send a note to Walt or indicate your interest by signing-up on the “interest” sheets on the table at the entrance to the next meeting.

Membership Rewards

Wood Gathering

Sign-up sheets will be available to indicate your availability to help with wood gathering. A limited number of members experienced in the use of a chainsaw will be needed. In addition we will be seeking those who have a pick-up or trailer suitable for transporting wood and those who are willing to help with the loading. If logs are obtained a work party will be planned to slab the logs and process the wood to turning blanks. Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify Roger Molsom (503-304-9418). Anyone looking for wood to use for turning should contact Roger for wood availability. Be patient this activity will need some time to get properly organized and to balance needs for turning wood with available supplies.

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). Recently the club purchased a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool, HSS rods (\$3) 1/4" x 8" used to make the round skewers demonstrated by Bill McCoy at the October meeting, and (\$5) adjustable angle depth gauge.. Bob Quadros will have the resale items still available at the meeting. It will expedite sales if you bring the correct change for the items you want.

Group tool order

The club has an opportunity to submit another tool order at a reasonable discount to Craft Supplies USA. To participate in this program the club must submit an order for more than \$1,000, paid for by one source, and delivered to one address. We will get a discount of 13% off of any current price plus shipping is free. For example if we order more than two tools we get a 10% on those tools with an additional 13% taken off and free shipping. Machinery and fluids that require special shipping are not included. If you wish to participate in this program send your list to include **page number, catalog number, item name, and price** (use the 2009 catalog, or the sale page on their website) and send your list to Terry Gerros (503) 580-5013; gerrost@yahoo.com. We will send in the order on October 12..

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Club Member Discounts

We have given some basic cuts classes and have just started giving classes in sharpening. Many of our newer members do not yet have a basic set of tools and may not have decided which tools they really need for the turning they are interested in doing. By having four sets of tools we can give any member experience in sharpening and using all of the basic tools. The club received an outright gift of two sets of six tools and an option to buy additional sets at a very favorable discount.

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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). Show your club card at Rose City Lumber (Westside of Beaverton) and they will give you 10% off of exotic woods and up to 50% off on local hardwoods: rosecitylumber@live.com 503-875-2602.

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