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The President's Chatter
Walt Thies, President

We just returned to Oregon after a two month absence, part of which we spent in Indianapolis providing care for my father-in-law. This may be the first year in our memory when Indianapolis was cooler than Salem. A special thanks to Dick Powell and the other board members and coordinators who covered for me my absence.

As in past years August and September are particularly busy for the club. We have two demonstration opportunities: in July/Aug the Steam-up at the Powerland Museums in Brooks, and in September the State Fair. Both events give us the opportunity for woodturning education by showing others that turning can be fun and letting them see what is involved in woodturning. We just completed the second Saturday at the Steam-up. When we engage visitors in conversation we often heard words to the effect "I have turned before, but not since shop class in Jr. High". Usually followed by some reminiscing about how much they enjoyed woodturning in those bygone days. Our members have

been doing a great job of answering questions about turning and inviting interested parties to get back into woodturning by visiting our club or one of the others in the state. This may or may not translate to new club members but most of us would agree that we have met a lot of great people and demonstrating is a lot of fun. Mark September 2 through 7 on your calendar and join us to staff our demo booth at the State Fair, contact Rick Harris for a time and details. Our club meeting is August 13, we do not have a sawdust session or other event scheduled in August.

Do you use your club photo roster? Many of us use the roster and we need to keep it updated on a regular basis. An addendum page is printed whenever we have enough additions and corrections to fill a page. We already have 10 new members since the roster was printed in March 2009. Please look at your entry in the roster and if any of the contact information needs to be corrected please notify Neva Hutchinson or Walt Thies.

Need help with turning? Find help by using the list of mentors on the club's webpage and by watching for classes that will be starting up again when it gets cooler.

~Keep the chips flying

Current & Upcoming Events

New Members

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new members. We are glad to have you.

Volunteer Needed

Several times this year the club has taken advantage of the discount offered by Craft Supplies. If there is an order for \$1,000 charged and delivered to one address, Craft Supplies will give a 13% discount and free shipping. The starting price is the lowest in effect at the time of the order. The

starting price could be a sale or the 10% discount when two or more tools are ordered. This has amounted to significant savings for members in the past. Walt Thies has been handling this during 2009 but because of anticipated trips to the mid-west to give elder care, receiving and dispersing items from the orders will be difficult. Please contact Walt if you are willing to support the club by taking on this activity.

Here is a great big THANK YOU to the following people who made the Powerland Steamup a great success: Bob Garvey, Bill Hill, Damen Howard, Jack Howard, Steven Howard, Jaun Howard, JJ Jones, Sam Lee, Gary McGuire, Troy Mullens, Pete Peterson, Jerry Riewald, Carl Rodney, Nick Stagg, Bruce Stangeby, Walt Thies, Myron Yancey, Jon Zwemke. Without these people giving of their time this event would not have been a success. A special thank you to Jenine Howard and Jerry Rriewald for the sweet treats and the extra pounds.

Thursday, August 13, 2009

Opens 6:00 p.m.

Center 50+

2615 Portland Rd., NE. Salem, OR 97303 (503) 588-6303.

August's WWV meeting is our own JJ Jones. JJ will show us his hollowing techniques.

Upcoming Topics

September 10 meeting:

Dave Anderson, also a WWV member, will show us how to break down a log. This is especially timely because he will use some of the ideas regarding wood properties as presented by Scott Leavengood, our July presenter.

Summer Demonstrations~

The club has accepted invitations to staff a demonstration booth at the State Fair organization has asked us to demonstrate six days, September 2-7, from 10 AM through 8 PM. The club will conduct itself about the same at both events: 1, Bring mini lathes, tools and materials. 2. Each member can decide what they want to turn and bring the appropriate materials and tools. Past experience has shown that turning many small objects gathers the attention of more visitors than one or two large objects. Visitors will often stand long enough to see a small object turned to completion. However, if there are a variety of things being worked on having a long term project or two is not bad. 3. We plan to shift off with some talking with visitors while others turn. 4. Those who participate will get free passes to the events for that day. 5. No-one need stay at the demonstration booth all day. 6. Any member who wishes to demonstrate will be welcome to do so and should plan to wear their club nametag and blue t-shirt (which will be provided by the club).

Additional information will be provided as we get closer to the events. What we need for organizing purposes is a list of those who have an interest in participating, a list of those who can bring a mini lathe, and t-shirt sizes so the shirts can be ordered. Sign-up sheets will be at the front tables at the next two meetings. These events will be coordinated by Rick Harris (503-910-4059). If you can't make it to a meeting to sign-up please call or email Rick. Sign-up even if you can only make it for a half day, Rick will need all the help he can get. Last year we had a great turn-out for both demonstrations. We can easily accommodate 10 people in the booths at one time.

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 (\$13/gal). Recently the club purchased a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool and HSS rods (\$3) 1/4" x 8" used to make the round skewers demonstrated by Bill McCoy at the October meeting. 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.

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.

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 2008/2009 catalog, or the sale page on their website) and send your list to Walt. We will need to wait with submitting the order until the total is more than \$1,000 so it

may be ordered quickly or it may take several months. The next order will be sent in shortly after our meeting on August 14. To be included in the next order, immediately email your list to Walt or any additions and corrections to a list that you already submitted. If you don't have email give your list to Walt at the August meeting or call Walt soon.

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.

The Club Meeting
The Secretary's Minutes
Club Meeting Minutes for July, 2009

48 members present with 3 guests.

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The presenter was Scott Levensgood from the OSU Forestry Dept. His presentation was on the characteristics of wood. He dealt with the process of drying wood and the way various woods react to being dried. He referenced a booklet "Dry Kiln Schedules for Commercial Woods" which can be accessed on line.