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The President's Chatter  
Walt Thies, President

As we move into the fall season the club can look forward to a number of exciting events. I almost said “changes” but “change” is now associated with a whole raft of meanings that I don’t want to have invoked here. As this is written the club is halfway through our six day demonstration at the State Fair. The event has been a success for the club: members have had a great time turning and creating in a public venue, we have discussed the craft of woodturning with many visitors spanning the range of experience from those who have never made chips to expert turners, and we have met many really great people. This has been a great way to connect with active turners living in the central Willamette Valley. Some of these new acquaintances will probably visit a club meeting and may even join thus adding to the range of skills and creativity in our club.

At their August meeting the board decided to accept the invitation to have a Willamette Valley Woodturners demonstration booth at the Woodworkers Show in Portland

November 6-8. Anyone helping to staff the booth will get into the show free. A sign-up sheet to indicate your interest will be available at the September and October meetings. This will be similar to our demonstration booth at the State Fair.

To help assure a smooth transition in club leadership, we will soon begin the process to identify the club officers for 2010. There are more details later in this newsletter, but briefly, the board has appointed a three member nominating committee (Jim Devorss, Nick Stagg, and Myron Yancey) to develop a slate that the board will present to the club in October. This committee will also be collecting ideas for programs and activities. So if there is something you want to see, pass it on to a current officer or someone on the committee. Elections are held in November, and the new team takes over on January 1.

~Keep the chips flying

## **TRANSITION AND OPPORTUNITIES**

The club is run by volunteers and by persons who see a task that needs to be done and just do it. As we move into 2010 there are a number of positions that need a volunteer. Look over the following list of positions and find a place where you can help out and then, contact a person on the nominating committee or Walt Thies and make your availability known.

The board has appointed a three person nominating committee: Myron Yancey – from the current board, Nick Stagg – familiar with many club members as a result of giving classes in his shop, Jim Devorss – offers the perspective of our newer club members. Any member who would like to be considered for office should make that

desire known to a member of the nominating committee. The committee will establish a slate to be approved by the board and then presented to the club at the October meeting.

The following is excerpted from the club by-laws: **Executive board:** The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, past president and two members elected by the membership. The board shall be charged with day-to-day conduct of the affairs of the Association, and with making decisions on such matters which do not require a vote by the general membership. The President shall be Chairperson of the Executive Board. This board shall meet at least quarterly. **President:** The President shall be the principal executive officer of the WVV. The President's duties include: Supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the WVV, conduct WVV meetings, and appoint and work with the various standing, subcommittees and Ad Hoc committees of the WVV. **Vice President:** In the absence of the President, either due to inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice president shall be responsible for public relations, overseeing the program committee, as well as such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the President. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall take and keep in proper order the minutes of the WVV meetings, and see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required and, be responsible for sending a copy of the minutes of each meeting to the administrative office of the AAW. The Secretary will also act as the WVV Historian. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall collect all membership fees and all other monies belonging to the WVV. The Treasurer

will be responsible for keeping current and accurate records of all monies that flow through the WVW and also for ensuring that all local WVW members are current paid up participating members, and maintain a current roster.

**Term of Office:** Each officer shall hold office for one year from January 1 to December 31. No person may hold the office for more than two consecutive terms.

**AAW Membership:** Because all officers of the WVW are required to be members of the AAW, the club voted in January 2009 to pay the dues of the four WVW officers starting in 2010.

Status of Incumbents as of January 1, 2010:

\*President: Walt Thies – has served two consecutive terms, not eligible for reelected.

\*Vice president: Dick Powell – served one term, unavailable in 2010 due to job responsibilities.

\*Secretary: Neva Hutchinson – served one term, unavailable in 2010 due to new job.

Treasurer: Gary McGuire – served one term, willing to continue.

Board member: Myron Yancey – served one term, willing to continue

\*Board member: Joe Torgerson – served two terms, unavailable in 2010, job conflict.

\* Positions projected to be VACANT for 2010

**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; Incumbent Walt Thies will coordinate in 2009.

**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, needs an assistant coordinator.

**Wood Assistant:** VACANT

**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)

Please look over the above list of vacant positions, find one that you can fill, and let the board 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.

**Bob Quadros is the member of the month for August 2009.**

It is custom of our club to provide a special recognition when someone has gone above and beyond the call of duty for the club. This is not given every month and some months we may recognize more than one person. Along with the recognition comes a gift certificate to one of our suppliers. As you might guess, with the diversity of club activities and the size of the organization there is much to be done and many work behind the scenes to keep everything running. This month we recognize a member who has been running our club resale program for the past five years. The club uses its size to purchase a few items at a great discount and then resell them at cost to members. Anchor seal and CA glue are our most visible sale item however, constitute most of our sales there have been a few other special buys such as protractors, tool steel rods, and dividers. To be successful this program requires that one person take the responsibility and initiative to just do what is needed. In addition to sales Bob also takes care of storing other club owned equipment like tables and picnic supplies. Thanks Bob we appreciate all you do to make the club successful.

## 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.

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Opens 6:00 p.m.

Center 50+

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

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.

### Upcoming Topics

October meeting: Bill McCoy, Bill has been with us previously and will show us how he makes Christmas ornaments. This will be a timely meeting since October

gives us some lead time to make a few ornaments for the upcoming holiday season.

### 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 skews 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. 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.

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.

Hartville Tool will give club members a 20% discount for the next year and a 15% discount after that:  
[www.hartvilletool.com](http://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](mailto:rosecitylumber@live.com) 503-875-2602.