



# The Burl

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**Willamette Valley Woodturners**

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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2007**

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.**

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## ***Current & Upcoming Events***



### **January Meeting**

#### **Reed Gray**

Reed Gray will be our demonstrator this month. Reed's a club member from Eugene and has displayed his skills for us on several occasions. He will show us how to use up all the scraps we accumulate and put them to good use. Drawer pulls, mushrooms, basting brushes and even lidded boxes will be part of the program. Come and join us and find an idea for all those pieces of wood you've been tripping over.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Our Demonstrator for February is Phil Lapp. He'll be demonstrating his handled bowls. He's been before, but we heard from several people that they wanted to see it again because they didn't take notes.

#### **March**

Don Roberts: Platter and Discs

#### **April**

Fred Kline: Game calls

### **Challenge of the Month**

The challenge for the January meeting is to turn a gavel for the new President. The President will select the winner and use it for the rest of his presidency. He will then keep it as a memento.

### **Sawdust Session News**

If there is a sawdust session it will be announced at the January meeting.

### **Time to Pay Dues for 2008!!!**

Membership dues for 2008 are now due and payable.

In the past, just over half of the members have been paying their dues on time, which means on or before the first meeting of the

year. A few members let several months of the New Year go by without paying dues, yet they still attend the meetings, receive the newsletter, and even continue to use the library. Needless to say, this is unfair to those members who do pay their dues on time. In 2007, the officers spent a significant amount of time and money in contacting members that had not paid.

To encourage members to pay their dues on time, the following rules have been put in place:

- For members who pay their dues in full no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008, the dues will continue to be \$20.
- As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, a late fee will be imposed, and the dues for renewing members will be raised to \$30.
- In addition, starting at the February meeting, the librarian will be given a list of unpaid members. Anyone who is not current on his or her dues will not be allowed to use the library.

We realize that, due to winter weather and holiday travel, some members may not be able to attend the January meeting. Please remember that you can mail your dues directly to the club Treasurer, Rick Harris. His address is on the back page of this newsletter.

There is a basic overhead in preparing the newsletter and maintaining the website. If you no longer wish to be a member of the club, please notify Rick Harris. We will then take you off the newsletter and website mailing list.

Thanks so much for your cooperation!

### **AAW News**



The AAW has announced the following exhibit at The American Art Company in Tacoma: The 8th Sculptural Wood Invitational. The

show runs May 15th through June 14th, 2008. Some of the top wood turners from across the country and Canada will be exhibiting their latest work. To see work from the 7th show please click on the following: <http://americanartco.com/page.aspx?cid=209&eid=85>

We hope you and your members can attend the show. Note: The exhibit will be online at americanartco.com just prior to the show opening.

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This is an abbreviated report from Bill Haskell

Your AAW continues to work at bringing more and better exhibitions of woodturning to you and the public. This past year, in addition to our annual theme exhibition, "Turning Green," we had three other exhibits at the Portland symposium. One, a first, "Japanese Bowls – A Western Perspective" was a big success. In addition, the demonstrators from Japan brought a great number of pieces for display reflecting woodturning designs from their country. A third exhibit featured the work of the three POP Merit Award recipients: Giles Gilson, Stephen Hogbin, and Mark Lindquist.

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The year 2008 will feature "Turned for Use II," a juried exhibit in Richmond, Virginia, during the symposium. The deadline for applying to participate is Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. Many of the projects can be seen online at <http://www.woodturner.org> after the exhibit closes.

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The Utah Symposium information is now available at <http://www.utahwoodturning.com/site/page/pg1205-pn Home.html> Right now it is just an announcement of new time and place, but in mid-January they promise to

have more information and this will be the site of available information in the future.

The Utah Symposium will no longer be held at Brigham Young University. In 2008 the Utah Symposium will be held at the Utah Valley State College, which is close to BYU, on May 22 - 24, 2008.

2008 Symposium in Richmond, June 20 - 22

We are expecting the 2008 symposium to be the best to date with expanded SIN (Special Interest Night) activities, more rotations than ever, and increased participation by our POP (Professional Outreach Program) members. The Resident Artists Program will also be a fascinating addition to the mix of activities. Attendees will be able to watch the creation of a complex piece from start-to-finish over several days.

### Club News & Benefits



#### Latest on Leigh Roberts

As you know, our most senior member, Leigh Roberts (90), took a tumble in his garage a while back and injured his head. He was in the hospital and then a rehabilitation center, but you'll be glad to know that he is now at home. To our delight, he was able to attend the December auction and party.

Leigh and Barbra are now living at:  
The Springs at Sunnyside  
1950 45<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Apt#124  
Salem

Phone 503-370-9273.

He would love to have visitors, so please go see him. Thanks.

### New Member Announcement



A big welcome to our newest members!

We have two new members Bill Hill and Rex Brown and one returning member Jerry Pollari

### Mentors Available

Whether you are a new turner or have been turning for a long time, there is always something new to learn. If you need help on any skill, please call one of our volunteer mentors. This service is always free to our members:

Jim Coon (pens)	(503) 566-6528
Don Ditto	(503) 566-8185
Reed Gray	(541) 463-9634
J. J. Jones	(541) 745-3802
Jack Knight	(541) 327-2647
Ken Lake	(503) 851-7468
Ken Spaur	(503) 897-2082
Nick Stagg	(503) 838-4817
Walt Thies	(541) 752-5214

Send a note to our newsletter editor if you would like to be added to the mentor list.

### 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!

## **Officer Reports**



### The Past President's Pen By Ken Lake



When you get the January news letter I will no longer be president and will then be your past president. I have enjoyed being president and want to thank everyone for supporting me.

I would like to thank all of the officers for there help last year. JJ has done a great job keeping me focused, lining up saw dust sessions and getting some very good demonstrators, thanks JJ for a job well done. Thanks to the rest of the officers for their help, with a special thanks to Rich Harris, as he, as always, has gone the extra mile. A special thanks to Don Ditto, as he is always there when needed.

We have had a very productive year starting with the symposium. Our club had 3 team leaders, a dozen volunteers, and over half of the club that went to classes. For a small club this was very impressive. Because of club support, the symposium broke many AAW records. AAW was very pleased with the local clubs and the city of Portland. What a blast.

Other events went well. The fair, the picnic, sawdust sessions, and field trips all had great participation.

The Christmas party/auction was the best we had (except for the power going out last year) as we brought in \$2079, which is a record. Members are doing a good job in getting their dues paid and with the \$2000 we got from AAW we now have over \$6000 in the bank account.

We are also doing good things with North Salem High about getting a wood turning program started there. There is a lot of excitement there and when the next term starts we will be needed, so please be willing to help.

Thanks again for all your help in making the past year a great one.  
Keep on turning.

Ken

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### From our Past VP, JJ Jones

I want to thank Willamette Valley Woodturners for allowing me to be your Vice President for this year. I also want to thank the other Board Members for their help throughout the year. Cindy and Don Ditto, for all the work that you have contributed to the WVV this year and other years that you have contributed to the club. Without all the persons that contributed their time on the monthly programs and sawdust sessions our club would not have been as productive as we have been this year.

Thank you all,  
J.J. Jones

**Treasurers report**  
By Rick Harris



Beginning Balance	\$1611.21
December Income	
Member Dues	\$ 515.00
Auction	\$2079.00
Windfall from AAW	\$2000.00
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Total Income	\$4594.00
Expenses	
Chucks for North Salem	\$ 409.96
Auctioneer	\$ 200.00
Supplies for Christmas Party (Food)	\$ 50.26
	=====
Total Expenses	\$ 660.22
Ending Balance	\$5544.99
As of 12/28/2007	

**The Secretary's Shavings**  
By Sarah Letterman



The December meeting was on 12-13-07. We had a pretty good turnout with 66 people present. Seems everyone had a great time at the auction. There were lots of good treats and best of all with your help and the help of auctioneer Dave Coleman and his friend Kevin Ray we raised \$2079. Nick Stagg and his son were also a big help in the auction, thank you both. Ken announced that we will receive \$2000 of the remaining funds from the

symposium. Credit goes to all those who helped out at it, as this is why we received the funds. He also mentioned that we still need tools for the program at North High, and that there will hopefully be a grant available for the North program after the first of the year. JJ won the bid on some turning tools that were auctioned, and promptly donated them to the school, way to go JJ.

Don and Cindy were recognized for all their efforts and 7 years of service to the club. They deserved this as they really have done quite a lot for this club.

The challenge for the January meeting will be to turn a gavel for the new president Walt Thies.

**Editor's Note**



Please submit all items for the February 2008 newsletter to your newsletter editor, Keith Walker, no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. His e-mail address is: [keithreklaw@verizon.net](mailto:keithreklaw@verizon.net)

Cindy Ditto has done a remarkable job with the newsletter and our web site and is a hard act to follow. I will do my best to live up to her reputation.

Keith

**Librarian's Report**

**Overdue Items:**

Several of our overdue items have been returned, but some are still out. Please get these back to the library as soon as you can. If you can't attend the next meeting, contact a club officer and they will be happy to pick them up and turn them in for you.

If you are listed as having something checked out, but you don't have it, please

let the librarian know. We will mark the item as lost, and remove you from the list.

**Chris Weaver:**

- “Fundamentals of Sharpening” (DVD) by the AAW. Due April 2007.
- “Woodturning E-book Volumes I and II” (CD) by Steven Russell. Due April 2007.

**Pat (no last name given):**

- “Turning Bowls” (book) by Dick Sing. Due April 2007.

- “Turn a Bowl” (book) by Ernie Conover. Due April 2007.

**Jerry Robnett:**

- “More Woodturning Vol XIII, Number 5” (magazine). Due July 2007.

**Mystery Person:**

- The book “Turning Boxes with Richard Raffan” was checked out at some time, but no one signed the card or put down the date. Please check your shelves - if you have the library’s copy of this book, please return it!



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