



The Burl

Member Chapter

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October 2008

Next Meeting
Thursday, October 9th 2008

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

Center 50+
2615 Portland Rd., NE. Salem, OR 97303
(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/

Important Notice

Note that we have a new location for our club meetings. The address is given above. If you are receiving this newsletter by mail, a map is enclosed.

The President's Chatter



The Willamette Valley Woodturners experienced an active and exciting late summer and fall. In early Aug., 14 members staffed a demonstration booth during the Steam-up at the Powerland Museum. In mid-Aug., 43 persons gathered for the club's pot-luck picnic,

always one of my favorite events. Members processed logs to create bowl blanks and turning blocks; which were shared by all. In late Aug. 26 members staffed a demonstration booth for six days at the State Fair and put in a total attendance time of 329 hours. It is fair to say that the demonstrators thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Club offers a big thanks to all who helped with the demonstration booths; they served to both educate the public about turning and to expose interested persons to the possibility of club membership. We anticipate an increase in the number of visitors at our next two meetings. Be sure to meet and greet our visitors. If they like what they see and hear encourage them to join the club.

We expect to begin developing some training sessions for new turners this fall. To do this we will need the help of many members to provide shop space, mini-lathes and some one-on-one help at training sessions. Begin to think how you can help with this effort. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting on Oct. 9.

There will be two workshops in Nov. conducted by professional turners: Bonnie Klein will do a hands-on workshop on turning boxes. That workshop is already fully subscribed. There will also be a seminar put on by JoHannes Michelson (the hat man), details are provided elsewhere in this newsletter. Workshops like these are great educational opportunities that will allow many members exposure to new techniques.

At the Nov. meeting we will conduct two important pieces of club business: we will have election of our officers and board for 2009, and we will vote on club dues for 2009. A slate proposed by the search committee and ratified by the board will be published in the Nov. newsletter. At the Nov. meeting a slate proposed by the board will be introduced, additional nominations from the floor will be accepted, and we will elect our new officers. Dues have been \$20/year since the club was started in 1997. Like everyone else, the club now pays more for everything we purchase in support of our activities. An increase in dues is necessary to continue the operation of the club at its current level. The board is proposing that dues be raised to \$30/year starting with 2009.

In Dec. we will gather to share our dessert potluck and auction. This year there will be a Christmas tree ornament raffle for members who wish to participate. Those who wish to participate are asked to turn and bring a Christmas tree ornament to the Dec. potluck. Those bringing an ornament will receive a raffle ticket for an ornament drawing. Everyone who brings an ornament will take home an ornament. It is timely that the program in October will be about turning Christmas ornaments. Details of the raffle will be in the Nov. newsletter.

Keep the chips flying.

Walt Thies

President

Willamette Valley Woodturners

Note: Photographs taken at the above activities can be found on the "Gallery" page of our web site.

Current & Upcoming Events



October Meeting

Our October Demonstrator will be **Bill McCoy** on the subject of **Christmas Ornaments**.

The following bio tells you a little about **Bill**:

I was introduced to wood turning when I was in the 7th grade. In the early 1980's while living in Fairbanks, Alaska, I bought a Shopsmith which came with some basic turning tools and I used the Shopsmith to get back into turning. I moved to the Anchorage area in 1987 and joined a woodworking group whose membership included several very good turners. I was inspired to buy a "real" lathe after attending club sponsored demonstrations by Rude Osolnik, Richard Raffan & others. I moved to Creswell in 1995 and commuted monthly to Cascade Woodturners meetings in Portland until there were enough of us interested in starting a group in the Salem area and I become one of the first of members of WVW. Later I did the same thing and helped start the Beaver State Woodtuners in Eugene, always moving closer to home.

I first turned this type of Christmas Ornament at a Michael Hosaluk hands-on class in Portland sponsored by Cascade Woodtuners. Michael credited Bob Rosand with the design and in 1997 I attended the AAW symposium in San Antonio and watched Bob Rosand turn these ornaments and his bird house ornaments picking up many valuable pointers. I have had the opportunity to watch Bob Rosand at other symposiums and have seen his techniques evolve over the years. Since 1997 I have turned several hundred of these ornaments and I will be demonstrating my methods to produce this type of ornament at your October meeting.

Bill McCoy

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Upcoming Meetings

November: Ken Spaur. Pen Turning

December: Dessert Potluck and Auction

January: Reed Gray and Nick Stagg. Two Different Ways To Turn A Bowl

February: Malcom Tibbetts. A Dicussion And Slide Show Of Some Of The Most Amazing Segmented Turning You Will Ever See.

Sawdust Session News



JoHannes Michelson Demonstration (The Hat Man)

When: Sunday November 9th.
Where: Nick Stagg's Shop, Independence
Cost: \$30
Time: 9:00 am until 4:00 pm

Bring a lunch, chair and a drink

We need a piece of sound wood for this if anyone can help. The dimensions can be seen below. It would have to be as green as possible and a light colored wood: maple madrone.

If there's someone who thinks they can come up with some wood, please let me know. It might be best to have two or three choices for JoHannes to look at and choose the best.

You can contact me at ukstagg@dishmail.net

or 503-871-1128.

Thank you, Nick

A quote from JoHannes' email:

**"Big Leaf is great, if it's curly better yet--makes a nicer product-- if it's burl that's the best, that way the club gets a hat that's worth some real money and of course it makes for the best demo, nothing like a nice piece of wood to help create excitement!
The wood should be 15-16 inches long/round by 7 1/2 inches high; in other words, when you are looking at the end of a log you are looking at the front or back of the hat not the top or bottom, grain must run thru the hat from front to back. if there is any doubt just look at my video the see it cut."**

"The wood needs to be dead green, the fresher the better. My saying is "tree today, hat tomorrow" that way it is most bendable, but something that has been cut even as much as a year ago is also OK as long as there are no cracks in the end grain, I keep my wood stored outside with it on the end with some shavings on top to keep out the cracks and to keep it wet".

Club News & Benefits



Jerry Pollari is selling his Jet 6-speed Mini Lathe, Mini Lathe stand, and a 4-jaw Oneway chuck. He is asking \$300 for the set which has a total use of less then ten hours. You can contact him at 541-754-8178.

Ken Lake ran across a man that has some very nice black walnut for sale. It is the part of the tree that is underground, the lower stump part of the tree. He says it is gun stock quality. He also has some myrtle. The price is negotiable. Give him a call, Steve @ 503-510-1067.

Dick Powell sends us this: The American Tree Farm System publishes *Tree Farmer* magazine every couple months. The July/August issue arrived on my desk yesterday and there were a couple articles I thought would be of interest to wood turners.

ATFS #1 is a little different way of making bowls then from what wood turners are accustomed to doing. The part I thought of most interest to a wood turner is the box on the second page with the "Ten Ways Bowls are Like People".

ATFS #2 does a very nice job of capturing the essence of, as the author notes in the title, "Wood People".

These articles by Karen Robertson are attached to the "Tips & Techniques" page of our web site.

AAW News



The American Association of Woodturners sends us these messages.

Please alert your membership about an unique event scheduled in a few months. This will be the very first symposium exclusively organized for "segmented" turners. The dates are November 14th-16th at the Marc Adams School in Indiana. All the details are posted on the event website at: <http://www.segmentedwoodturners.org/>

If you are not already a member of the AAW, here are some reasons why you should consider joining. Membership dues are \$45/year.

There are eight primary benefits of membership in the AAW. Following is a brief description of each benefit:

- 300 AAW Chapters in North America and around the world, which are a great place to meet other woodturners, to share ideas, and to learn. They have monthly meetings with demonstrations and many other activities
- AAW Journal: American Woodturner is The Journal of the American Association of Woodturners with high quality, full-color publication with a wealth of information for woodturners with articles on all aspects of woodturning and is published quarterly
- AAW Resource Guide: Lists all AAW members with contact information and lists all local

chapters, with addresses and meeting times as well as information on Chapter Best Practices, the AAW Member Web Site, Star Chapters, 20th Anniversary Chapters, AAW bylaws, AAW Board of Directors, educational materials such as books and videos, lathe safety guidelines, and a host of other things and is published annually.

- **AAW Symposium:** World's largest gathering of woodturners with approximately 60 world-class demonstrators, a trade show with every major manufacturer of lathes, tools, and turning supplies and accessories in the world, an instant gallery with hundreds of the world's best wood turnings, a Youth Training Program, with lathe/equipment give-aways to participants, a banquet and auction of selected woodturnings from the Instant Gallery and much, much more. The 2009 Symposium in Albuquerque June 26-29, 2009.

- **AAW Website:** www.woodturner.org which is a great source of current information about the AAW and contains contact information for every AAW member world-wide, contact information for demonstrators, a guide to all local chapters, meeting times, locations, and contacts. It has current events, a gallery of current work, membership information, and much, much more.

- **AAW Forum:** www.aawforum.org which is an interactive web site for AAW members where you can interact with woodturners from around the world. It is a great source of current information where you can post your questions, comments, information about your woodturnings, photos, etc. and seek information about woodturning resources.

- **Educational Opportunity Grants:** Almost \$100,000 in grants given away this year for individuals, clubs, schools. They are for any qualifying educational opportunity. See the AAW web site for details.

- **AAW Liability Insurance:** Liability insurance for Chapter sanctioned events. See the AAW web site for details.

Anyone who wishes to join the AAW may become a member simply by visiting the AAW web site at <http://www.woodturner.org/org/mbrship/> and signing up.

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AAW Members are invited to join the 25th Anniversary Project

The editors of the AAW 25th anniversary book invite AAW members to submit short essays about their introduction to the woodturning field and the AAW as an organization.

“We’re going to go after writing from the well-known members, but we’re also looking for writings from those who might not be so well known,” the volume’s editor, John Kelsey, explained. “We want to be sure ordinary members have a way to tell their stories in the anniversary volume.”

The AAW Board of Directors has appointed Kelsey, of Lancaster PA, as editor and manager for the 25th anniversary project. He’ll be working through 2008 and 2009 to gather material for the 256-page book.

“We’d like to hear from as many members as we can,” Kelsey said. “We’d like members to write about how they came to the field of woodturning, and what it has meant in their lives.”

The editorial team also invites members to submit photographs they have taken at AAW events. It's important that these photographs be dated, and they should be accompanied by as much information as possible about the turners and turnings that appear in them.

Members who would like to discuss this project, or participate in it, are welcome to contact the editor by email at editorkelsey@gmail.com.

Oregon State Fair



This was sent by email to our members and is repeated here for those who do not have email and for the record:

I want to thank all the club members who made the State Fair the best one yet, by giving of their time and effort we made more positive contacts than any other year. There is no way I can tell each one of you how much I appreciate the job you did to make this year a BIG success. THANK YOU: *Jim Baltimore, Jim Coon, Dave Hanselman, Tucker Harris (age 9), JJ Jones, Jack Knight, Jerry Lelack, Ed Letterman, Mike Mason, Gary McGuire, Troy Mullens, Dick Powell, Rich Pucillo, Jerry Riewald, Don Roberts, Carl Rodney, Ken Spaur, Nick Stagg, Walt Thies, Christina Torgerson (age 13), Joe Torgerson, Keith Walker, Myron Yancey.* A special thank you to my 2 assistants Bill Hill and Bob Hutchinson who started working more than a month before the fair started. Last but not least to Neva Hutchinson and her State Fair crew who helped out with any problem or need that we might have had and helped with golf carts to load and unload all our equipment. I look forward to next year and hopes that even more members get involved and have the fun that all of us did.

Rick Harris

New Members



We extend our welcome to a new member. He is Jerry Riewald, spouse's name is Glenna and they live at 5422 Portland Rd., NE. Salem 97305. Their phone number is 503-390-0557 and their email is ggriewald@msn.com. Jerry has been turning for 4 years.

Mentors



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 free to our members. If you can contribute additional skill areas contact Walt and have your name added to the list.

Corvallis

JJ Jones	541-745-3802	plates, natural edge bowls, general questions
Walt Thies mushrooms	541-752-5214	dust collection, Christmas ornaments,
Eugene		
Reed Gray	541-463-9634	bowls, coring, tool techniques
Independence		
Nick Stagg	503-838-4817	sharpening, general turning
Jefferson		
Jack Knight	541-327-2647	turning basics, preparing turning wood
McMinnville		
Keith Walker	503-435-1461	segmented bowls
Mill City		
Ken Spaur	503-897-2082	pens, bowls, general questions
Salem		
Jim Coon	503-566-6528	pens and general questions about turning

Club Library



Pete Peterson is our Librarian.

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!

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

WVW Board Meetings



The next board meeting to be reported on will be October 16, 2008.

Officer Reports



Treasurers Report

By Rick Harris

August 2008		and picnic	100.00
Beginning Balance	\$3511.14	Web Page & Newsletters	81.20
Income		Supplies for Picnic	140.52
New Member	10.00	Total Expenses	527.35
Anchor Seal/Glue	25.00	Ending Balance	\$3121.79
Raffle	43.00	=====	
Hat Class	60.00	September 2008	
Total Income	138.00	Beginning Balance	\$3121.79
Expenses		Income	
Demo Fee	75.00	Hat Class	30.00
Postage	40.23	Total Income	30.00
Photo Copies for Steam Up	8.88	Expenses	None for this month
Videos & Book for Library	81.52	Ending Balance	\$3151.79
Band Saw Blades for work day			



The Secretary's Minutes



By Neva Hutchinson

August 14, 2008

There were 37 people present...including 2 visitors

Pledge of allegiance

Introduction of New Members

Introduction of Visitors

JJ asked about an abrasive kit that someone had won at a previous meeting...no real response.

Mark "Rudi" Rudolph was our presenter. He demonstrated turning bottle stoppers. His business is called Wooden Apple. He has been turning for 15 years, primarily small gift items. He teaches classes at a woodturning store in Eugene.

The first half of the demonstration was dedicated to a discussion about turning alternative materials. Three types of materials were natural materials, natural base materials and synthetics. Some examples are vegetable nuts, ivory, horns, antlers and beetle nuts.

The second half of the demonstration was devoted to actual examples of turning techniques. He sands with grits from 180 and moved to 1200 grit. He wipes down with paper towels after sanding. He uses three finishes, rouge, then white diamond and the plastic coat.

.Member of the month is Bob Garvey. He won a \$20 gift certificate to craft supply

Nick Stagg announced that Eugene Woodcrafts has changed owners. They gave two gift certificates to be given to members as needed for various projects.

It was announced that any items that have been checked out of the library need to be returned to the new Senior Center, starting with the October 9th meeting.

We had 28 pieces on our show and tell table, including small turned beads and a crucifix.

Walt reminded the members of the picnic on the 16th and told everyone to remember to bring their potluck dish and to bring work cloths. He also announced that Bill McCoy will be demonstration in October and talking about Christmas ornaments.

Bob Hutchinson announced that there were 43 wood turning entries at the Oregon State Fair this year as opposed to only 3 entries in 2007.

The next meeting will be at the New Senior Center on October 9th.

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.



Newsletter Editor's Note

Please submit all items for the November 2008 newsletter to your newsletter editor, Keith Walker, no later than November 1st.

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