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Next Meeting
Thursday, November 13th 2008

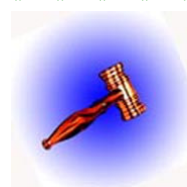
Open for Library & Visiting: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Starts: 6:30 p.m.

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/](http://www.newsbridge.net/Salem-Keizer_Sch_Dist/)

The President's Chatter



This past month has been a busy and exciting one for the Willamette Valley Woodturners. At the October meeting we had 17 new members join plus one mailed in application from Bend, OR. These new memberships mainly resulted from our exposure at the State Fair. The club now has 104 paid memberships and we expect a few more at the meeting on November 13. At the request of some of the new members we have organized two classes for 14 new turners to be held on November 1. The classes are being hosted by Nick Stagg at his shop; he will be assisted by 8 experienced members who have agreed to mentor these students. That is a great club response to a need. Our thanks to Nick, the mentors, and the new turners who were willing to ask for help. We will be offering another class for new turners, probably in late November or early December.

Another club project is the mentoring of students at North Salem High School. On November 7, about 12 members of our club will spend several hours introducing students in the shop classes to

woodturning. We anticipate that there will be 5 to 7 additional sessions with the students this school year. This was a very rewarding activity when we participated during last winter and we expect it to be equally exciting this school year. The club is currently exploring the possibility of a similar program with another area school. If you would like to participate in mentoring students contact Rick Harris or Bob Hutchinson.

A larger membership allows the club to be able to sponsor workshops or seminars by world-class turners. During October 24-26 a hands on workshop was conducted by Bonnie Klein, one of the best teachers of woodturning in the world. On November 9, there will be a seminar by JoHannes Michelsen where he will demonstrate how to turn his signature piece, a wooden hat. JoHannes Michelsen is world famous for making wooden hats of all kinds, from Stetsons to Bowlers. JoHannes lives in Vermont and seldom makes this western pilgrimage. We are very fortunate that he was able to include us in his schedule. Both of these events are being hosted by Nick Stagg in his shop. Thanks Nick for all you do to help make this a great turning club.

A reminder: at the November meeting we will be voting on a proposal to set membership dues at \$30 per year per membership and voting on a slate of officers for 2009.

Club membership should be renewed before Jan. 1.

Keep the chips flying.

Walt Thies

President

Willamette Valley Woodturners

Current & Upcoming Events



November Meeting

Our November demonstrator will be Ken Spaur; he will show us his skills in Pen Turning.

Ken submitted the following biography:

I am a 76 year old retired USAF Lt.Col. I spent 20 years flying various aircraft; single engine jets, multiengine transports and helicopters. The major part of my Air Force career was flying air rescue.

I retired from the Air Force in 1973 and puttered around with woodworking. In 1979, my wife gave me a Shop Smith and I puttered around until 1985 when I joined International Wood Collectors Society. Members there were turners and introduced me to the lathe. One IWCS member was Jack Knight and also a member of Cascade Woodturners. With him, I joined Cascade Woodturners and then Willamette Valley Woodturners when It formed. I attended several wood turning symposiums at BYU, spent a week with Ray Key turning boxes, bowls and platters. Since then I've enjoyed turning tops, boxes, pens, platters, kaleidoscopes and some segmented bowls and vases.

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Upcoming Meetings

December: Dessert Potluck and Auction

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

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

Sawdust Session News



There is no information at this time on future sessions.

Club News & Benefits



Our Treasurer, Rick Harris had shoulder surgery on Oct. 21. We wish him well and a speedy recovery.

The club had a very successful demonstration booth at the State Fair. In addition the club encouraged members to enter items in an expanded number of categories. Last year only 3 items were entered in the Fair. This year there were 43 entries by 10 members. The member who entered the most categories was to receive two additional certificates. They were won by Jerry Lelack.

The next date for mentoring/instructing students at North Salem High is Friday, Dec. 12. Dave Anderson, the woodworking instructor says "How about if we have two or three people demonstrating bowls, weed pots, or something else new they are excited about, and the rest turning pens. I still have quite a few blanks left from last spring." Contact Rick Harris or Bob Hutchinson if you want to participate or need more information.

We have heard of another woodturning magazine. Use the following website to see it: www.morewoodturning.net, then select More Woodturning magazine, and then select to see a sample copy of the magazine

The Serious Tool Company is going to be demonstrating their new SL2542 Lathe in Portland. There will also be an opportunity to try out this 1530lb machine. The location will be at Chemwest Systems, Inc., 15865 SW 72nd Ave., Bldg. C Portland, OR 97224, and the date is Saturday, November 15, 11:00 A.M--3:00 P.M. You can call Scott Trumbo at 971-409-2573 if you need more information..

Because there was no meeting or newsletter in September the MOM for August is reported here.



Member of the month for August: Bob Garvey

Our member of the month for August is a relatively new member who clearly understands that volunteers are what make a club like ours function. He has been to nearly every special event that the club has had since he joined. Even though he claimed that he was not an experienced turner he joined us at the Steam-up and spent a lot of time turning and talking with visitors and enjoyed himself doing it. He has volunteered for several tasks and joined us in getting the logs from Coos Bay and joined in for the pre-picnic work party that cut many slabs in preparation for cutting bowl blanks at the picnic work party. Bob Garvey is another member who volunteers and then pitches in to help make the club work.

Our member of the month for October was Rick Harris. Although by custom club officers are not normally named as member of the month, this month is an exception and Rick Harris was selected by secret ballot of the other board members. When our fledgling mentoring program at a local high school was threatened because the sponsor dropped it, Rick stepped up and volunteered to organize the event. That program was very successful and provided the students with five days of turning experience. He attended all of our sawdust sessions this year and many of the special classes the club sponsored, and he mentored other members. He participated in our trip to Coos Bay to collect logs for the club,



and at the picnic when we cut them up. He collected items from the members and saw to it that they were delivered to the exhibition hall at the state fair. He headed up our demonstration program at the State Fair and was personally there the entire day for each of the six days of the demonstration. It is estimated he was there for 90 hours during the six days plus a lot of organizing time before the Fair started. Rick we are glad you found us.

New Members



Please extend a welcome to our new members. For privacy reasons, we are holding contact information because the Burl is published on the web. The contacts will be sent in a separate email and mailed with the next Burl to members without internet access.

George & Linda Crutcher: he has no experience and wants to learn how to use tools and replicate furniture parts.

Bob Thompson: Has been turning for 6 months and wants to learn use of tools and sharpening.

Vern & Carol Lyter: He has no experience and wants to learn mini lathes projects.

Jeff & Ellen Johnson: He has been turning for 10 yrs and he is interested in learning how to sharpen and make his own tools.

Greg & Debbie Ego: Have been turning off and on for 15 yrs and has turned pens & pencils.

Steve & Karen Firestone: Has never turned.

Judy Wolhaupterhayes & Sydney Hayes: Judy has been turning for 1 yr and Sydney never has. They are interested in bowl and general turning.

Jack & Jenine, son Damon, Howard: They have never turned before and are interested in learning.

Alan & Diana Maul: Alan has not turned since shop class and is interested in starting back up.

Bill & Jane Burgess: Bill has been turning for 1 year and has two mentors in the names of Don Wadsworth and Jim Hodson. His interests include bowls, platters and hollow forms.

Paul & Barbara Nees: No turning experience, has lathe and wants to learn.

Jack & Darlene Odom: Jack has done some turning, he has a Jet lathe.

Greg Pearce: has no experience and wants to learn everything.

Rex & Kris Rides: has no woodturning experience and wants to learn everything.

Jon & Susie Zwemke: Jon has been turning for 2 months, he even brought some of the pens he has turned and he wants to learn everything.

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	541-752-5214	dust collection, Christmas ornaments, mushrooms

Eugene

Reed Gray	541-463-9634	bowls, coring, tool techniques
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Independence

Nick Stagg	503-838-4817	sharpening, general turning
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Jefferson

Jack Knight	541-327-2647	turning basics, preparing turning wood
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McMinnville

Keith Walker	503-435-1461	segmented bowls
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Mill City

Ken Spaur	503-897-2082	pens, bowls, general questions
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Salem

Jim Coon	503-566-6528	pens and general questions about turning
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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



Announcements from the WVW Board
October Meeting



Proposed Slate of Officers for 2009

The nominating committee of Pete Peterson (chair), Jack Knight, Don Roberts, Ken Spaur presented the following slate to the board:

President – Walt Thies

Vice President – Dick Powell

Secretary – Neva Hutchinson

Treasurer – Gary McGuire

Board Member – Joe Torgerson

Board Member – Myron Yancey

No other club member contacted the committee and requested to be considered for an office. The club thanks the committee for its efforts.

This slate will be put in nomination at the November meeting. Other nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Vote on raising yearly dues.

To be voted on at the November meeting. Dues for the club were established as \$20 per year when the club was founded in 1997. At that time we were meeting in a middle school shop and did not have to pay rent. Like everyone else, the club now pays more for everything we purchase in support of our activities. We now rent space for our meetings, provide gas money to non-club presenters, underwrite workshops with name callers, underwrite expenses for special events, and pay for such things as our photo roster, and postage for an expanded newsletter. An increase in dues is necessary to continue the operation of the club at its current level. The board has proposed that dues be set at \$30 per year starting in 2009, and that a membership include all family members. Each membership will receive one vote for issues brought before the club.

December Meeting Auction/Potluck Dessert

The December 11, meeting of the Willamette Valley Woodturners will again be the annual auction/potluck. Family members and friends are welcome. The potluck will be a dessert potluck not a meal, additional food and drink will not be provided by the club. As in the past members are encouraged to donate turned pieces that will be auctioned. The auction has in the past provided a substantial portion of the club's operating budget. There will be a Christmas Ornament exchange for those members who wish to participate: 1. Bring an ornament which you have turned in the past year. 2. Fill out an Instant Gallery form and leave the form and ornament at the check-in table and receive a raffle ticket. 3. At raffle time a spouse may choose an ornament as their ticket number is called or, if there are too many, a raffle ticket will be randomly drawn and attached to each ornament, the spouse gets the ornament bearing their ticket number. Assuming that the honor system works, each member bringing an ornament should leave with a different ornament. There will also be a special raffle for a quilt made and donated by a member's spouse.

Event Schedule:

5:00 – Doors open

5:00 --5:30 Place donated pieces, ornaments, and desserts on the appropriate tables, socialize.

5:30 – 6:30 Dessert potluck, and viewing of auction items and ornaments.

6:30 – 7:00 Ornament exchange, clean-up from potluck, and put away residual dessert items.

7:00 – 9:00 Auction Additional non-club members may join us for the auction. Purchased items will be paid for at the end of the auction.

Officer Reports



Treasurers Report

By Rick Harris



October 2008		Postage	21.00
Beginning Balance	\$3151.79	Envelopes	6.43
Membership	320.00	Anchor Seal	182.10
Anchor seal/glue	117.00	Demo Fee	75.00
Raffle	57.00	Port-a-potty for picnic and work day	195.00
Hat class	60.00		
Total Income	\$554.00	Total Expenses	\$492.29
Expenses		Ending Balance	\$3213.50
Newsletter copies	12.76		



The Secretary's Minutes

By Neva Hutchinson

Club Meeting Minutes for October 09, 2008

There were 67 people present...including 20 visitors. Seven of the visitors joined this evening.

Pledge of allegiance
Introduction of New Members
Introduction of Visitors

Walt outlined the agenda for our meeting for our members and visitors and then Nick introduced our presenter, Bill McCoy who would be demonstrating the art of making Christmas ornaments. Nick also announced that we would be having an ornament exchange in December.

Bill started out by turning a round ball...doing some sanding with 80 grit as he progressed. Next he drilled a 3/8" inch hole all the way through...with a large hole on one end and a small one on the other. His next step was to begin the hollowing out process using a square nosed scraper and then continuing to use a variety of tools to complete the process. Be sure to mark the depth on your tools so that you don't go in too far. He recommends that ornaments be about 1/8 " thick to cut down the weight as much as possible. Once the thickness was correct, the ball was removed from the lathe. Bill then demonstrated how to clean the glue off the bottom.

Prior to the break, Walt announced:

1. The upcoming workshop at Nick Stagg's house.

2. Those who entered the fair would get a gift certificate and that Jerry Lelack would get two additional certificates for entering the most categories.
3. He also named Rick Harris as member of the month for all his hard work with North Salem, the Oregon State Fair and various wood collection activities.
4. We will be voting on new officers at the November meeting
5. We will be voting on whether to raise the dues from \$20 to \$30 per year

Break at 7:22-Resumed at 7:40

After the break, Bill demonstrated turning the icicle for the end of the ornament. He utilized holly for the icicle because of its extremely fine grain. He also turned the small top for the ornament and showed how to drill a hole and insert a tiny eye. He used a chatter tool to make the pattern for the top. He normally uses Deft spray for finishing his ornaments, 2 to 3 coats. Bill purchases steel for his specialty tools from Enco Steel.

Walt drew first 5 numbers for drawing.

Break from 8:35 to 8:43

Nick reviewed the display table and pointed out several things, including a spindle string handle for a kite, an open vessel from JJ, a small bowl with a turquoise inlay from Pete Peterson, and a three footed ebony swirl bowl by Keith Walker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

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Board Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2008

Call to order 7:00

Present: Keith Walker, Rick Harris, Walt Thies, Pete Peterson, Neva Hutchinson, Bob Hutchinson, Darren Wellington, Gary McGuire

Nomination Committee reported on the slate of candidates to be presented to the membership.

The December meeting was discussed. The event consists of a dessert, social time and auction. It was proposed that we have an ornament exchange. If there are only a few who participate, they could draw a number and pick one. If there are a lot of ornaments then we can draw numbers and attach the numbers to them. An alternative proposal to bring them and donate them to the senior center was not adopted. We are also planning on raffling a quilt.

Walt proposed dessert from 5:30 – 6:30. At 6:30 the ladies can pick their ornaments and the auction would start at 7:00. Keith suggested that we put it in the newsletter so that everyone knows to take their leftovers home with them. Ornament exchange is a go. Gary will take care of the money from the auction and get someone to help him.

Neva will bring wrap and zip lock bags to take care of leftovers.

We will be paying the same amount for the new facility for one year. After that, we don't know what the cost will be and this supports the need for an increase in dues.

Classes for beginners will start on the Nov. 1st. We have a good group of students and are still working on mentors. It will be at Nick's house. Rick discussed provisions for wheelchair bound members and will follow up on trying to meet that need.

It was suggested that we talk to Nick about a stipend to help cover the cost of having events at his house. The board authorized Walt to talk to him about it. It was felt that the club should help cover the cost of power, tool usage etc.

Walt discussed the advantage of doing group orders of tools to cut down on the cost of shipping and also take advantage of Craft Supply's offer of a 13% discount for orders of \$1000 or more. Walt is willing to do this on behalf of the club. The board agreed on this..

Membership-It was proposed that our membership be a family membership and that votes be one per membership. The annual fee should be \$30 and cover the whole family. The new fee will be voted upon at the November meeting. We held some discussion about the need for a bigger reserve in order to have a little larger buffer for future activities.

Darren brought a draft of a possible plan for updating our web site. His basic approach is to poll the members to determine their needs and usage before we start any major update of the web site and as we make changes we create a user hand book so that future "webmasters" can maintain the web site. We agreed that we should review the needs of the members before we do anything major. Darren said that after the first of the year, he would look into the needs and opinions of the membership. Keith would like to expand the hints section.

Rick Harris is going to stay on the board as a special events coordinator for the next year and his first project will be working with North Salem High School as well as other schools to find opportunities to work with students.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00



Newsletter Editor's Note

Please submit all items for the December 2008 newsletter to your newsletter editor, Keith Walker, no later than November 28th.

For members receiving this by email, a copy of the new membership application form is on page 11. Please print it and use it to renew your membership. The annual dues will be set at the November meeting. Copies will also be available at the club meetings.

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