



# The Burl

Member Chapter

## A monthly newsletter for the Willamette Valley Woodturners

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March 2009

Next Meeting  
Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2009

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/)

### Important Notice

Membership dues of \$30.00 (includes family membership) for 2009 were due by January 1, 2009.

Late payment costs the club time and resources and makes it more difficult to maintain the roster and plan activities. In 2007 it was agreed to impose a late fee of \$10 on renewing members who pay after January 31.

### *The President's Chatter*



I report with sadness that Keith Walker will be moving from this area in the next 2-4 months and therefore will be stepping down from his positions as newsletter editor and webmaster. Keith has

done an outstanding job for the club in bringing the newsletter up to its current high standard. As a club we have benefited greatly by having The Burl as a medium for communication both among ourselves and with the community at large. The club thanks a new member, Todd Yunker, who volunteered to assume Keith's duties as editor and webmaster. Todd turns alabaster and joined at our February meeting.

The club has continued its internal education program with classes on sharpening. At the February meeting 19 members indicated a desire to attend a class on sharpening and 16 were able to attend classes given by Nick Stagg at his shop. Feedback has been uniformly complimentary on both content and delivery. Thanks Nick for providing a great service to the membership. Additional classes will be provided to those who register their interest on a sign-up sheet available at the March meeting or by sending a message to Walt.

Our first sawdust session was attended by 18 members in January. We have several more planned; these will be on the fourth Saturday of a month. The club thanks Greg and Debbie Ego for providing their shop as a venue for these sawdust sessions. Mini sawdust sessions may be held in various members' shops, stay tuned for dates and topics.

Keep the chips flying  
Walt Thies  
President  
Willamette Valley Woodturners

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



#### **March Meeting**

**Dave Disselbrett : Carving for Ornamentation**

Dave is a member of the Willamette Valley Woodcarvers Club. He will demonstrate wood carving techniques which is something wood turners might want to incorporate into their turning.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- April:**  
Stu Chalupski: Forms and Gallery Technique
- May:**  
Club members: Gadgets and Gizmos
- June:**  
Scott Leavengood: Wood Properties

### ***Sawdust Session News***



A sawdust session is an opportunity for hands-on learning. The session will either be an open shop or a specific topic. Those who have a portable lathe are asked to bring it and an appropriate chuck. The club has one portable lathe that will be available. We expect to share the lathes so that all who want to turn will get some lathe time. Any member is welcome to come and bring tools to work with or projects that are causing you a problem. Help will be available. When the session is scheduled to work on a particular project the designated resource person for that day will be available to show specific techniques and answer questions. The format will be hands-on with informal discussion for clarification. Normally a sawdust session will not involve a formal presentation such as we have at monthly meetings.

The next sawdust session will be March 28 (see the flyer at the end of the Burl for location) at the Ego's shop (1890 22<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, Salem) from 8:30 – 5:00. This will be an open shop so bring a project and your tools and be prepared to make chips. Bring your club name tag, whatever you want to sit on, a project, tools, and lunch. The following sessions are planned: April – Jack Knight, small purse sized mirrors; May – Open shop; June – Darren Wellington, boxes,

If you have suggestions for sawdust session topics contact Dick Powell, Walt Thies or another board member. Let us hear from you about topics of interest.

### **Club News & Benefits**



#### ***Historic First!***

**Allan and Stuart Batty**

They haven't ever done a class together..... until now!  
Allan and Stuart will be here for a three day class in June, the dates are 8th. 9th. 10th. They'll also be doing the club demonstration on the 11th.  
This will be a structured class with a curriculum and because there will be two teachers we will offer the class to ten students.

The details for the class have been worked out. Allan will take half of the class on the first day and will work on spindle cutting techniques and the use and preparation of the skew chisel. He is a master of the skew chisel!!!

Stuart will take the other half and work on bowl turning techniques and sharpening skills and much more. Stuart's a wealth of information.

The following day the roles will reverse.

The third day Allan will offer hand thread chasing tuition and Stuart will teach advanced bowl techniques.

This will be an excellent class to take and one you won't want to miss. You'll get the best of both turning disciplines being taught by two of the best teachers there are!!!!

When: June 8th. 9th. and 10th  
Where: Nick Stagg's Shop  
Times: 8:30 am until 4:30 pm  
Cost \$110 per day x 3 = \$330

To confirm your place in the class a deposit is required, please mail a check for \$110 to:  
Nick Stagg  
8545 Parker Rd  
Independence  
Or 97351

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to take a class of this caliber.  
Mark your calendars for this one, you'll be entertained and taught for the same price!  
Nick Stagg [ukstagg@dishmail.net](mailto:ukstagg@dishmail.net) 503 871 1128  
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#### **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.

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**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 skew demonstrated by Bill McCoy at the October meeting, and 5-piece caliper sets (\$7). Bob Quadros will have the resale items still available at the February meeting. It will expedite sales if you bring the correct change for the items you want.

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Bob Garvey has a number of lathe tools for sale. You can check them out on our website at <http://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com/ads.html> or call him at 541-327-2332.

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**Nametags**

Nametags for 2009 are grey and will be available at the front table for members that have paid their dues. Please bring your badge holder to the meeting to receive a new name tag. These holders have a clip and will hold without damaging fabric. Three reasons for wearing nametags: 1. It is easier to meet other members and remember the names of people we see briefly only once or twice each month. 2. It is easier to locate a member if you want more information about an item they placed in the instant gallery. 3. A common club name tag makes it easier to spot a visitor or a stranger that has just wandered in. In the past some items have gone missing including turnings and library materials. Please help by consistently wearing your nametag and introducing yourself to those without a grey club name-tag.

Nametags for 2009 are grey and will be required for participation in the wood raffle, check out of library items and should be worn at other club events such as sawdust sessions and demonstrations.

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**Sharpening Classes**

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. Students 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.

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**Picture Roster**

As soon as the remaining membership forms are submitted an updated picture roster will be produced, we hope it will be available by the March meeting. There are many new members and many changes in contact information. Send membership application forms to the treasurer, Gary McGuire. Pass along changes in your contact information to either the secretary (Neva Hutchinson) or the treasurer (Gary McGuire).

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**Thanks to Craft Supplies USA**

The club expresses its thanks and appreciation to Craft Supplies USA for helping us to acquire good quality tools (Artisan) for use in our club classes. 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.

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**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 catalog number, item name, and price (use the 20089/2009 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. Contact Walt if you want an estimate of when the next order will be submitted.

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**Discounts**

If you shop Woodcraft in Tigard and mention that you are a WWV member at check out you will receive a 10% discount. We are in the process of getting our roster registered with Hartville Tool and with Klingspor's Woodworking shop. Both companies claim not to sell or share their mailing lists, and once registered both will give a nice discount to members.

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Nick Stagg reports that the attached link will get you to a source of very good reasonably priced grinding wheels:

<http://www.hartvilletool.com/product/10846>

***New Members***



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

James Devorss lives in Salem with his wife Judy. James has only been turning for a month and has an interest in bowls.

Roland Eames lives in Dallas with his wife Shelli. Roland has been making chips for about 3 years and is interested in learning to sharpen his tools and using the skewers and gouges properly. One of members, Myron Yancey, has been helping him so far, Thanks Myron.

Bruce Plummer comes to us from Keizer. He is a brand new turner and is interested in Learning everything.

Todd Yunker takes up residence in Salem with his wife Jennifer. Todd has been turning for about a year and works with Alabaster making bowls. Todd has that serving heart and even before he

joined he offered to help where ever he could. You all will hear more from and about Todd as he is going to be our new Burl editor and Web-Master. Thanks Todd for seeing a need and jumping in with both feet.

Jim Anderson comes to us from Salem. Jim comes to us totally green, he has never turned. Hear that mentors, be ready for a call. Glad to have you Jim, let us know how we can help.

## **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

### Dallas

Myron Yancey	503-623-8930	pens, bowls, S & P grinders, boxes
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### 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

Bob Garvey	541-327-2332	bowls and spindles
Jack Knight	541-327-2647	turning basics, preparing turning wood

### Keizer

Roger Molsom	501-304-9418	bowls, general questions
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### McMinnville

Doug Smith	503-472-5616	basic turning skills
Keith Walker	503-435-1461	segmented bowls

### Mill City

Ken Spaur	503-897-2082	pens, bowls, general questions
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### Sheridan

Rex Brown	971-237-5309	pens, general questions
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### Salem

Jim Coon	503-566-6528	pens and general questions about turning
Tom Morrison	503-364-3090	segmented bowls
Pete Peterson	503-363-0945	bowls, pens, general questions

## **Club Library**



Pete Peterson is our Librarian.

**Note: Please return any books that were due back at the February meeting.**

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**



This report was delayed for a month, we apologize for the omission.

Board meeting 1/15/09. Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Walt, Rick, Joe, Gary, Pete, Keith, Neva, Dick, Myron

The meeting started with a question to the group as to how we felt we were doing as a club. There was a consensus that generally the programs were flowing well. We discussed the show and tell portion of the meetings and how we might improve it. We also discussed the history of picture taking at the table as well as the options for doing so in the future.

There was a discussion on starting the February meeting at 5:30 and not having any review of the items on the show and tell table, wood raffle, etc. since our presenter Malcolm Tibbetts wants 3 hours. The notice will come out with the February newsletter.

Walt brought up the state fair, and the need to have more entries.

New Sub Committees:

Bob Garvey, Tom Morris – Welcome committee  
Dave Hansen – Facilities coordinator  
Richard P. and Carl Rodney – calling tree  
Roger Molsom – coordinate wood gathering  
Bob Hutchinson – wood raffle  
Nick, Greg Ego – video

The Vice Chairman/ Program Chairman reported on his ideas for the year and passed out a handout. We talked about his ideas and made some suggestions for additional programming. One program might be about selling product on the internet and at local art fairs.

The Treasurer brought up late payers of dues: He will follow up with those who haven't paid.

Pass through ads: What do we want to do with these? After the discussion...We will not be sending a list to any company until we have made provisions to get approval from club members next year. If we find a business that will accept only names, we will send them a roster this year..

Sawdust sessions: In future sessions, do we want to have only open shops or do we want to have specific sessions like "small bowls" or "Christmas ornaments" etc.

Option 1 – Only open sawdust sessions

Option 2 – Only specific sessions

Option 3 – The person hosting the sessions can determine how many can come to the shop and we could have several at a time.

It was suggested that we do a big venue and set up a couple of different special products...either one on Sat. morning and one on Sat afternoon or several on a same day in a divided area.

We will continue to discuss the various options and will make further decisions at the next board meeting since by then we will have had several sawdust sessions.

Meet adjourned 10:00

Neva Hutchinson

## Officer Reports



### January Treasurer's Report

By Gary McGuire



INCOME:			Explanation
Wood Raffle	\$0.00		No raffle this month
Dues	\$530.00		2009 dues
Hardware/Glue & Anchor Seal	\$64.00		Sale of Glue and Anchor Seal
<b>Total In</b>	<b>\$594.00</b>		

Expenses:			Explanation
Videos and Books	\$144.21		
Anchor Seal	\$161.00		
New Turning Classes	\$205.00		
Tools	\$414.45		Turning tools for new turner classes and a vacuum for club lathe
Presentation	\$475.00		Malcom Tibbits 3Hr presentation
<b>Total Out</b>	<b>\$1,399.66</b>		
<b>Final Total</b>	<b>-\$805.66</b>		
<b>January Balance</b>	<b>\$5,594.54</b>		
<b>February Balance</b>	<b>\$4,788.88</b>		

<b>Date:</b>	2/16/2008
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**The Secretary's Minutes**  
By Neva Hutchinson



**Club Meeting Minutes for February**  
**12<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

There were 72 people present...including 8 visitors.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Pledge of allegiance

Our demonstrator for the evening was Malcolm Tibbetts from Lake Tahoe, Nevada. His web site is [www.tahoeturners.com](http://www.tahoeturners.com).

His presentation was on segmented turning.

One of his major points was that the turner should never lose sight of the design. In general:

A vessel profile should remain pleasing when placed upside-down.

Know the golden ratio 1.61803 – This a natural occurring ratio. It is also known as the divine proportion.

Without perfect joinery, none of it matters, because an imperfect joint is what the human eye will focus upon.

Every circle has 360 degrees.

Pi is equal to 3.14.

Diameter times Pi equals circumference.

Dry wood is more stable than wet wood.

Wood must be tested – should be less than 9%.

Wood should all be about the same moisture level.

Dimensions change with humidity changes, across the grain, not lengthwise. Grain orientation is critical to success. Long perpendicular glue lines will fail. Cross grain glue lines will fail over time.

**Announcements:**

Reminder about sign up sheets – sharpening classes, sawdust session on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. Also a sign up sheet is there for anyone needing wood or wanting to help gather wood. Craft supply has donated some old tools to use for training in the sharpening class. We have been invited to demonstrate at both weekends of the Steam-Up.

We will also be at the state fair for 6 days, September 2-7<sup>th</sup>. We recognized four new life members, Clyde Hathaway, Ken Hunter, Floyd Mattson and Bob Elgin.

Break at 6:28

**DESIGNING & PLANNING**

You can use plain graph paper or there are some pretty easy computer software programs you can use.

Malcolm uses a chop saw for most of his cutting although some folks do use a table saw. He has more accuracy and for him it works faster. Be sure to use a GOOD-SHARP blade.

**SANDING:** he always sands when putting two light pieces of wood together but not always if it is light to dark or dark to dark. The amount of sanding depends on the quality of the cutting. He uses 80 grit sand paper

He demonstrated:

His use of a chop saw

How to glue together a ring of segments. He uses Titebond I or Titebond II glue. He recommended that we not waste our money on Titebond III.

Cleaning up the outer edge of a segmented ring. He used a scraper to level the flat surface of the ring.

The final portion of his presentation dealt with ribbon making.

Many of his techniques can be seen on his web site and he recommended that folks look there for additional information at [www.tahoeturner.com](http://www.tahoeturner.com) . He also has several CD's and a couple of books.

The meeting ended at 9:00pm.



**Newsletter Editor's Note**

This will be my last newsletter prior to my relocation to Florida. Please submit items for the April Burl to Todd Yunker at [tey0089@msn.com](mailto:tey0089@msn.com). He will make known his deadline for the next issue. It has been my pleasure to be the Editor and Website manager for the last year or more, unfortunately 3000 miles is too far to commute! I wish every club member happy and successful turning.

Keith Walker



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Turn-A-Round  
17090 Hardel Ct NE  
Woodburn, OR 97071

Send all other club correspondence to:

Walt Thies (WVW President)  
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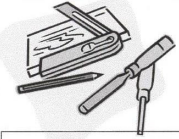
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	Carl Rodney	503-843-3563	
Wood	Roger Molsom	503-304-9418	<a href="mailto:debbierogerm@q.com">debbierogerm@q.com</a>
Video	Nick Stag	503-838-4817	<a href="mailto:ukstagg@dishmail.net">ukstagg@dishmail.net</a>

# Sawdust Session\*



**Saturday, February 28th**  
**8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Location:** The shop at Greg Ego's business,  
**Rasmussen Spray Service**  
**1890 22nd Street SE, Salem**  
 Next to Sunbelt Rental and across from Cemex  
 (Map on the back)

## What to Bring:

- ☑ Name tag
- ☑ Portable lathe & turning tools  
 (Stand & Light if you have one).
- ☑ Eye Protection (if you don't wear glasses).
- ☑ Brown Bag lunch including drink.
- ☑ Chair for taking a break.



## What will be provided or available:

- ☑ Grinder wheel for sharpening
- ☑ Band saw, table saw and some tables for lathes.

## Project of the day:

Walt Thies will be sharing how to make his "trademark" mushrooms

- ☑ Bring several pieces of green branch wood with bark 2 to 3 inch diameter and 7" long.
- ☑ 1/2" skew, 3/8" spindle gouge, thin parting tool
- ☑ 2 plastic produce bags.

\*Due to liability insurance issues, this event is open to club members only.

Address: 1890 22nd Street SE, Salem  
 Lost? 503 932-4496 (Greg's Cell  
 Phone)

