



The Burl

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The President's Chatter

Walt Thies, President

November is an important meeting for the Willamette Valley Woodturners. At this meeting we elect the club officers for the next year. The board approved slate of officers includes several relatively new members who will bring a host of new ideas to the club.

In October we had two highly successful Sawdust Sessions conducted by Joe Torgerson (pens) and Bruce Stangeby (thin stemmed goblets) in their respective shops. Our thanks to Joe and Bruce for the time and effort they put into helping some of us expand our repertoire of turning projects and skills.

In October the club program was making Christmas Ornaments, as a follow-up there will be a sawdust session on November 15 where members will be turning a variety of ornaments. This is a good opportunity for all club members to both give and receive ideas. Ornaments are often small and quick to produce, and make great holiday gifts.

Our club is run by volunteers and members have been great about stepping up and taking responsibility for making things happen. We have nearly all positions filled but we still need one more person to help Pete Peterson with the Library and one more person to help Dave Hanselman with facilities set-up. Please contact Pete, Dave, or Walt if you would like to get involved with helping us run the club. Our list of great volunteers is what makes this club helpful to members and fun to be an officer.

~keep the chips flying

Editor's Note:

Many of you may not be aware that Walt Thies fell last April, hitting his right shoulder on a rock. Using Walt's own words; "Since then I have tried to keep up with my normal activities but have had increasing pain and problems. Today we looked at the MRI, noted the damage, and planned a day to do repairs.... I am asked not to lift anything more than 5-10 lb between now and the surgery on Dec. 8."

While Walt's ability to participate in club activities is temporarily reduced, assistance will be needed to ensure that club commitments are met. You are encouraged to contact your Board members for ideas on what you might do to help Walt directly, or help out with scheduled Club activities.

Member of the Month for October - Myron Yancey

On an irregular basis our club recognizes a Member of the Month. We reserve this for those times when someone has gone above and beyond the call of duty for the club. Along with the recognition comes a gift certificate to one of our suppliers. This club is run by volunteers and many serve silently just to make the organization run. With a large active group there is much to be done. This month we recognize a member who has consistently given of his time at nearly every club event: Myron was present each day of our demo at both the State Fair and the steam-up, he helped with our mentoring program for high school students, he attends and helps with sawdust sessions, wood gathering, the various classes that we gave last winter, and he has invited many new turners into his shop for some one-on-one training. He has literally done it all. He qualifies as a quiet but very effective volunteer. The club recognizes the efforts of Myron Yancey. Members like Myron make it easy to be an officer and fun to be a member of the Willamette Valley Woodturners. Myron, thanks for all you do.

Current & Upcoming Events

(Friday through Sunday, Nov 6th through the 8th) **Portland Woodworking Show**

The WWW will staff a demonstration booth at the Portland woodworking show November 6-8. We have been given the space of three booths for our club. There is a sign-up sheet for those who are interested in helping to staff the booth. Participants get in free. We will conduct our demonstration much as we did at the Steam-up and the State Fair. Although many of us have demonstrated at the show with other clubs, this club has not previously had a booth of its own. Several of us will be transporting lathes and stands to the expo center on Thursday (11/5) afternoon in a covered trailer. Contact Terry Gerros if you want something hauled up Thursday. We anticipate that there will be enough members involved so that each demonstrator will spend about half of the time at the booth and the rest of the time out spending money at other booths. There were many first year members that helped staff the booth at the State Fair and we hope that some of our newer members will join us in Portland. Don't let your relative lack of experience cause you to hold back, someone will like watching anything that you can turn. We could use more help on Friday and Sunday. If you want to be involved but have not yet signed up contact Walt, 541-752-5214. We will car pool from the Senior Center parking lot.

(Thursday, November 12, 2009) **November Meeting**

Dick Worthey is going to demonstrate 'streptohedrons'. These are multi-sided, three-dimensional objects which can be good skill builders, in addition to giving us a chance to brush up on long forgotten math.

Election of new officers will take place at the November Meeting.

Our by-laws provide that a nominating committee will be appointed by the executive board to find and select one member who is willing to serve in each of the executive committee positions. After approval by the board, this slate was presented to the club at the October meeting. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

A member may be elected to an office for only two consecutive terms. This forced turnover of officers insures a constant supply of new ideas and has served the club well. The club is fortunate to have many members well qualified to be officers. In addition to the slate proposed by the board, nominations will be accepted from the floor. Any club member in good standing may be nominated.

The following board-approved slate was presented to the club at the October meeting:

President – Jon Zwemke

Vice President – Bruce Stangeby

Secretary – Eric Dinger

Treasurer – Gary McGuire for a second term.

Board Position 1 – Myron Yancey for a second term

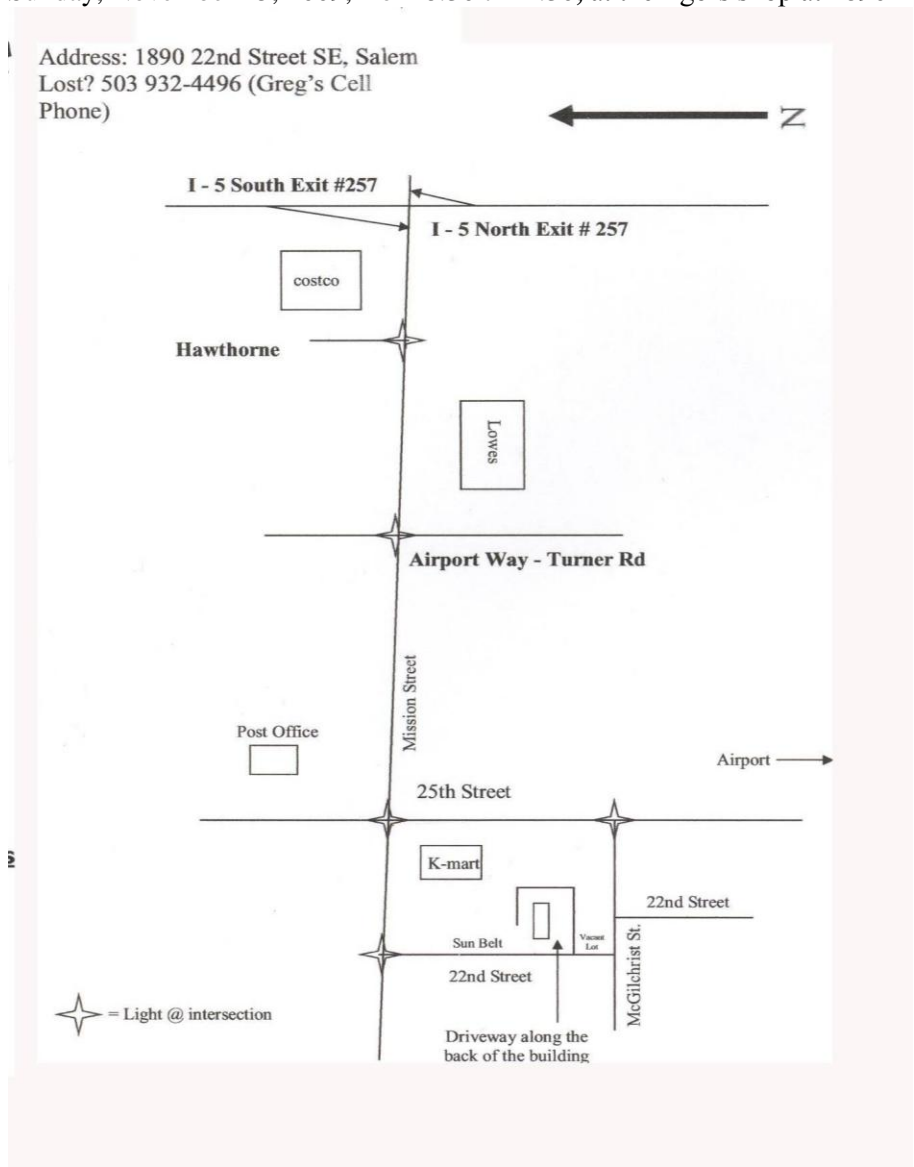
Board Position 2 – Jerry Lelack

(Sunday November 15) **Sawdust Session – Christmas Ornaments** (*Sorry, members only*)

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 them 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. Normally a sawdust session will not involve a formal presentation such as we have at monthly meetings.

The November sawdust session will be a free-for-all making of Christmas ornaments. We are asking those who make ornaments to come to the session and bring what you need to make an ornament or two. If you have a few extra pieces of suitable wood, please bring them. For those who do not now make ornaments, come get some ideas and try your hand. Sawdust sessions are about exchanging ideas and making chips. Bring your tools, wood if you have it, and be prepared to make chips. Wood for ornaments is usually small (2-1/2" sq x 6", icicles are 1-1/2" x 5" - colored and straight grained or figured wood will work). If you are having a particular turning problem bring it and ask, someone will be able to help.

Wear your club name tag, bring your lunch and bring whatever you want to sit on. The sawdust session will be on Sunday, November 15, 2009, from 8:30 till 2:30, at the Ego's shop at 1890 22nd St SE, Salem (see attached map).



If lost, call Walt's cell 541-760-9309.

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Upcoming Meetings

(Thursday, Dec 10th) **Dessert Potluck/auction**

Our December meeting, the club's annual Christmas dessert and auction, has evolved to be a social event. Everyone is encouraged to bring their spouses and any other guest they think would enjoy the evening, their favorite dessert, and a special woodturning project or two to donate to the auction. Our dues are kept low in part because the auction has provided one third to one half of our budget needs. So invite some friends, attend the auction, and buy some really nice Christmas presents.

Opportunities

Other Opportunities (volunteers, appointed by the president)

Webmaster: Todd Yunker will continue.

Newsletter Editor: Bob Thompson has volunteered to assume this role. 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 two assistants to help and to fill-in when he cannot be present.

Assistant Librarian (2): Don Larson, a new member, has volunteered to help.

VACANT (1) We need one more person.

Photo Roster: **VACANT** Maintaining the photo roster currently requires a digital camera and a computer with Microsoft 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 Demonstration: **VACANT** in 2010

Craft Supplies Group Order: New member Terry Gerros volunteered to coordinate these group orders. This is a bigger job than it may appear and is a great service to club members. So far in 2009 members have saved almost \$3,000 by ordering as a group. See details of this program elsewhere in The Burl.

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: Jerry Lelack and Bob Hutchinson have volunteered to coordinate the wood gathering program. If you want to be part of the gathering crew or need wood, add your name to the list at the front desk.

Video: Nick Stag will continue in this position, and asked for two assistants to help and take over when his job calls him away.

Video Assistants (2): New members Steve Rabun and Larry Curry have stepped up and volunteered to help Nick with the video.

The club runs well because of the many folks willing to pitch in and help make things happen. The club thanks all of our volunteers, especially those who have stepped up to fill recent vacancies.

Membership Rewards (sorry, available to club members only)

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 into turning blanks. Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify Jerry Lelack (503 510-1577) or Bob Hutchinson (503 508-3279). Anyone looking for wood to use for turning should contact Jerry or Bob for wood availability. Be patient – wood is available when it is and this activity will need some time to get properly organized and to balance needs for turning wood with available supplies. The intent is to gather wood, process it to usable pieces, store it at the home of Terry Gerros', and then make it available to members. Pick up will be on scheduled days and times. Please sign-up on the appropriate sheet if you're interested.

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 (\$10/gal). Recently the club purchased a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool, HSS rods (\$3) 1/4" x 8" used to make the round skewers demonstrated by Bill McCoy at the October meeting, and depth gauge (\$5). 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

- Club members are registered with Klingspor's Woodworking Shop at 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 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 503-875-2602.

Next Group tool order November 16th, 2009

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 13% discount off any current price plus free shipping. For example: if we order more than two tools, we get 10% off 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, prepare your order to include **the catalog you are using, page number, catalog number, item name, and price** (for this order try to use the 2009 catalog, or the sale page on their website) and send this list to Terry Gerros (503) 580-5013; gerrost@yahoo.com. **The order will be sent in on November 16.**

Classes

We anticipate having classes for basic cuts and for sharpening in Nov/Dec., sign-up sheets will again be available at the November meeting. The list of those already registered will be present. If your name is not on the list but should be, please sign up. We will contact you about dates and times when class schedules are finalized.

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