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Thursday, March 11, 2010

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## The President's Chatter

I am receiving an awful lot of mail lately that relates to woodturning. Normally, I get the usual catalog or offer from a local store for a whopping 10% discount on select items. But lately, I am learning all about conferences and seminars being put on by other clubs. If you would like information about the annual AAW symposium in Hartford, CT this June, I will have flyers at our next meeting. Likewise, if you want to see Alan Lacer in Washington this July, I will bring that flyer as well.

With the improvements in the weather, I see more activity happening in the garage and shop. I hope you are busy turning. In the back of my mind, I am already beginning to look forward to the demonstrations we will conduct in places like the Steam Up and State Fair. If you haven't had a chance yet to let the club know your desire to help with those activities, see an officer.

March and April will be good months to bring a new member with you to the meeting. Shortly before the summertime activities begin seems like a good time for someone to join so that they will reap the benefits of the summer activities.

We are entering a new phase of programming at the WVW meetings. Many thanks go out to Dick for his efforts the past year. March will be the first time that our newest vice-president will be in charge of programming. I have heard that the first two guests will be demonstrating their work and sharing their tips with us. I look forward to a great year of programming.

Keep those chips flying!

Jon

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## Minutes of Meeting February 11, 2010

The meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by President Jon Zwemke. Members were greeted and visitors were acknowledged. Announcements were deferred to the break and the meeting proceeded to the arranged program.

The program for the night was arranged for and introduced by Dick Powell. Bruce Clayburn, a long-time instructor at OSU in woodturning, discussed his personal views as a wood turner. He is involved in turning for supporting his "serious" fishing habit. His goal this night was to demonstrate for the club how he produces sufficient, saleable products that allow him to afford his hobby with minimal effort.

Bruce demonstrated production of wine stoppers, tops, Christmas tree ornaments, and wine bottle coasters. His emphasis was on speed and ease of production. He preps his stock ahead and has a supply of blanks that allow him to make 3 wine stoppers at a time, as he finishes them one at a time on the lathe. His technique for tops is the same.

After the break, President Jon went through the announcements of sawdust sessions and wood gathering that could be signed up for at the treasurer's desk. Bruce then further demonstrated his techniques for producing icicle ornaments and wine bottle coasters. Part of this included how he produces the hollow balls that form the body of the icicle ornament. His presentation ended about 8:40 PM with a number of questions, and an exchange of information with members.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:50 PM with the wood drawing and presentation of the show table by Nick Stagg as a number of members brought items that demonstrated their own talents in lathe work, including one example of turning stone. Members were encouraged to attend the next meeting and bring other interested visitors.

Recorded and reported by Don Larson, Secretary

## Club Business

### Current & Upcoming Events

March 2010

(THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010)



**ERIC LOFSTROM** has been a wood turner since 2001. In 2006 he began monthly demonstrations and teaching woodturning classes at local woodworking stores. He is a member of the South Puget Sound chapter of the AAW. I first saw him demonstrate at a Jimmy Clewes Symposium put on by the Woodturners of Olympia. He is very conscious of the importance of tool control. "I believe it is not only important to know which techniques work but also why they work" His presentation on woodturning basics will provide a lot of information for new turners. Experienced turners will also pick up some new ideas. Go to [www.ericlofstrom.com](http://www.ericlofstrom.com) to see more of his work.

April  
(THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010)



**MOLLY WINTON** was introduced to woodturning while in high school. A pottery class introduced her to the form and design which became the foundation for embellishment of her turning, be it branding, pyrography, coloring, texturing or carving. The inspiration for her design is Native American and prehistoric art. Go to [www.turningmaven.com](http://www.turningmaven.com) to see more examples of her work.

May (Thursday, May 13, 2010)

The topic of chain saw safety and maintenance will be presented by the Oregon Cutting Systems division of **BLOUNT, INC.**

June (Thursday, June 10, 2010)

**JIM HALL** will make a presentation on carving and flutes on turned shapes.

July (Thursday, July 8, 2010)

**PHIL LAPP** will make a presentation on turning a bowl with the lid from the core.

## Membership Rewards (sorry, available to club members only)

### **LIBRARY**

A friendly reminder to members with books and /or videos checked out from the library. Please return them at this next meeting.

### **Wood Gathering**

Sign-up sheets will be available to indicate your availability to help with wood gathering. 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). 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. Terry can be reached at 503 580-5013.

From Terry....People need to come get some of the wood that is being stored here. There is English walnut, chinaberry, black locust, birch and cherry. First come, first choice. You are invited to come anytime M-F between 9-5pm, Saturday 9-5pm. The wood pile is continuing to grow so please come and take your share. Drive behind the clinic and take as much as you like, cherry pick, be greedy, but come and get some wood. Those of you bringing wood....Call and schedule the drop off with me before you arrive. Remember this storage is for harvested wood only. Do not under any circumstances bring wood from your wood pile and leave at my place.

Terry Gerros is currently selling turning blanks for a friend. The blocks are at wholesale price or below and consist primarily of figured walnut (both claro and english). The blocks are dried and waxed, ready to turn to the finished product. Also available are stabilized pen blanks (figured maple, speckled maple, myrtlewood, buckeye burl), bottle stoppers (buckeye burl), and spindle stock of varying sizes and types of wood. I do not

make a penny on these sales. You are welcome to come see the wood and purchase on Saturdays, please call to make sure I am available.

All bowl blanks are 3" thick give or take a bit, and are both english and claro walnut, some have both types grafted together, lots of fiddleback, marbling. These blocks are cut from gunstock material. Some maple pieces are available. Will be expecting more maple, buckeye burl and myrtlewood in the future..

Pricing is as follows:

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| 4 x 4.....\$2.00 | 8 x 8.....\$8.00  |
| 5 x 5.....\$3.50 | 9 x 9.....\$10.00 |
| 6 x 6.....\$4.50 | 10 x 10..\$12.00  |
| 7 x 7.....\$6.00 | 11 x 11..\$14.00  |

I also have the following: Stabilized pen blanks...3/4 x 3/4 x 5 \$2.50 each

Bottle stoppers.....3/\$1.00

I also have large blocks of figured and spalted maple now available.

### **Sawdust Sessions**

A sawdust session is an opportunity for hands-on learning. 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. I urge new members to come. It is a great way to meet other members and develop your turning skills.

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(Saturday March 27) *Open Shop* Sawdust Session (*Sorry, members only*)

This will be at the shop of Greg and Debbie Ego: 1890 22nd Street in Salem, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

### **Worshops / Presentations**

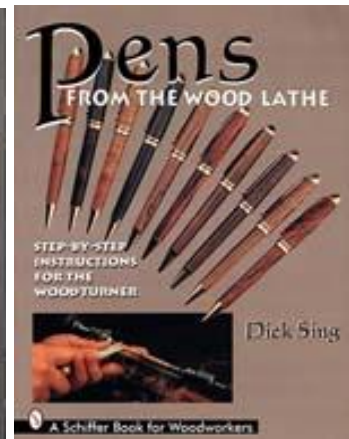
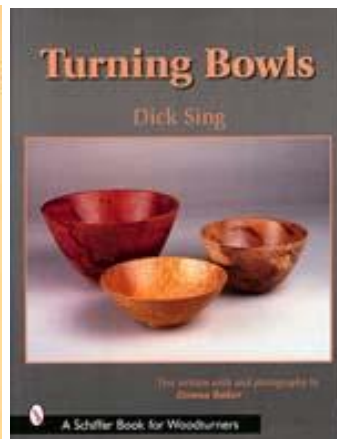
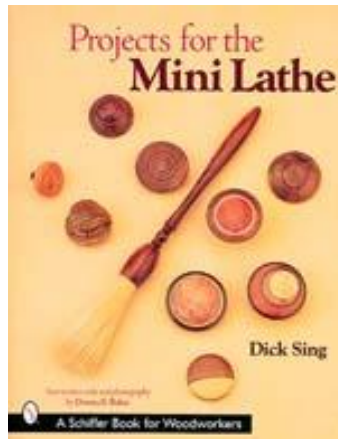
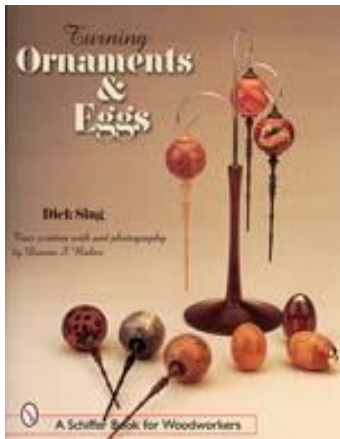
**MOLLY WINTON** hands on workshop

Molly Winton will give a hands-on workshop on **April 9th from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**, it will be held at Bruce Stangeby's: 432 Stoneway Dr NW, Salem. The cost is \$95.00. She will show the basics of wood burning and branding, Participants will learn to use the basic equipment, make brands and how to use them to decorate turned objects. A signup sheet and materials list will be at the March meeting.



Go to [www.turningmaven.com](http://www.turningmaven.com) to see more examples of her work.

## DICK SING all day demonstration



Dick Sing will give an all day demo May 14 from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. to be held at Nick Stagg's workshop: 8545 Parker Rd, Independence. The cost is \$30.00. Dick is the author of many woodturning books, including several on pen turning, bowls, birdhouses, humidors, and projects for the lathe. A signup sheet will be at the March meeting.

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The Woodturners of Vancouver BC are presenting the West Coast Roundup wood turning Symposium for 2010 titled "Creativity in Woodturning" from September 10 – 12, 2010. For more information and a list of demonstrators go to [www.gvwg.ca](http://www.gvwg.ca) .

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**ANDI WOLFE** will be at Cascade Woodturners March 25, 7:00PM, Franklin High School. Please note that this is NOT our usual meeting day. We will also have an all-day demo at Dale Larson's shop in Gresham. If interested in the all-day demo, please contact Kathleen Duncan, [woodspinner@gmail.com](mailto:woodspinner@gmail.com) or 360.574.0955

### 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. Please bring the correct change for the items you want.

### Club Member Discounts

From Terry Gerros: The Craft Supply order did not reach the minimum last month. I am more than happy to attempt to place another order in March. If you would like to order some supplies, please have your order in to me by Sunday (March 14) 5 pm. We are very close to filling the order so I would like to close this one out. Email your order to [gerrost@yahoo.com](mailto:gerrost@yahoo.com)

Club members are registered with Klingspor's Woodworking Shop at [www.woodworkingshop.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:rosecitylumber@live.com) 503-875-2602.

Exotic wood is offering a discount of 15% off any orders placed at: [www.exoticwoodsusa.com](http://www.exoticwoodsusa.com) . (This includes sale items and free shipping on orders over \$300). Use promo code ewusaAAW

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