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Next Meeting
Thursday, August 12, 2010

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Chip Chatter
Bruce Stangeby, President

Summer is a busy time of year for the club. We had a very informative, two day workshop with Eli Avisera last month. We just finished a two weekend demonstration at the Powerland Museums Steam Up in Brooks, and in September we will be demonstrating at the state fair. Both events give us the opportunity for woodturning education by showing others that turning can be fun and letting them see what is involved in woodturning. Our members have been doing a great job of answering questions about turning and inviting interested parties to get back into woodturning by visiting our club or one of the others in the state. This may or may not translate to new club members but most of us would agree that we have met a lot of people and demonstrating is a lot of fun. September 1 through 6 we will be having a demo at the State Fair; there will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting, or contact Bob Hutchinson for details. We also will have a Sawdust Session on August 21st, at Nick Staggs shop. The subject will be making lidded boxes.

I would like to give a great big THANK YOU to the following people who made the Powerland Steam Up a great success: Jim Devorss, Bill Hill, JJ Jones, Tim Krause, Jerry Lelack, Troy Mullens, Jerry Riewald, Carl Rodney, Nick Stagg, Bruce Stangeby, Walt Thies, Myron Yancey, Jon Zwemke. Without these people giving of their time this event would not have been a success

Keep the wood turning and the chips flying.

Club Business

New Members:

I would like to welcome a new members that joined at the July meeting:
Paul Dunbar and his wife Christine from Scotts Mills



Member of the Month for July - Terry Gerros

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. For July we are recognizing the efforts of Terry Gerros. Terry acts as the coordinator of our group orders. He also helps with the library during meetings and provides a location for our wood storage. Terry we appreciate the time and effort that you put in. Members like Terry who just pitch in and quietly work in the background make this club run smoothly and it makes being an officer easier and much more fun. Terry, thank you for all you do for us.

Current & Upcoming Events



August (Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010)

ED GLENN is the author of Turning Custom Duck and Game Calls. He is going to cover the making of segmented calls including materials, methods and finishing.

September (Thursday, Sept 9, 2010)

STEVE NEWBERRY from Cascade Woodturners, who has demonstrated for us before in the old building, will be showing us how he does his off-set turnings. I think this is the first time in my history with the club that we've had someone do eccentric turning. I'll be looking forward to it and I hope to see you there. Nick



October (Thursday, Oct 14, 2010)

Eric Lofstrom will be returning. He will be demonstrating triple-axis turning techniques used to create flames and raindrops.

Summer Demonstration

The State Fair organization has asked us to demonstrate six days, September 1 - 6 from 10 AM through 8 PM. 1. Bring mini lathe with safety shield and turning tools. 2. Each member can decide what they want to turn and bring the appropriate materials. Visitors will often stand long enough to see a small object turned to completion. However, if there are a variety of things being worked on having a long term project or two is not bad. 3. Those who participate will get free passes to the events for that day. 4. No-one need stay at the demonstration booth all day. 5. Any member who wishes to demonstrate will be welcome to do so and should plan to wear their club name tag and blue T-shirt (which will be provided by the club).

If you can't make it to a meeting to sign-up please call or email. Sign-up even if you can only make it for a half day. Last year we had a great turn-out for these demonstrations. We can easily accommodate 10 people in the booths at one time.

The State Fair event is being coordinated by Bob Hutchinson (503-508-3279).

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.

Jerry Lelack is still hoping for donations of mini-lathe size rounds, oblongs, or squares of any type of wood that will be used as gifts to new members – some way to get them started in the world of wood turning.

From Terry Gerros

1) Regarding the club wood pile:

OK all, here is what is happening behind the clinic....the wood pile has not been shrinking or growing. The wood, however, is slowly becoming firewood. The rounds are checking and cracking and some of the flats are splitting. The wood prefers to be adopted to new homes, turned into anything of practical use or art. I suspect by the end of August much of the wood will be pretty useless for turning. At the end of August, it is my intention to go through the pile and remove the pieces that resemble firewood. It will be hauled off, making room for fresh wood.

If you want/need some of the firewood, please come by and take what you need. Currently, there is English walnut, cherry, some maple and a few other odds and ends. As always, first come, first choice. You are invited to come anytime M-F between 9-5pm, Saturday 9-5pm. Drive behind the clinic and take as much as you like, cherry pick, be greedy, but come and get some wood.

2) Turning/Spindle blanks:

I am 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, myrtle wood, buckeye burl), bottle stoppers (buckeye burl), and spindle stock of varying sizes and types of wood. 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 myrtle wood in the future.

Pricing is as follows:

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 spaltd maple now available.

3) NOW AVAILABLE: Eastern U.S. turning blanks:

Mike Smith, my friend from North Carolina, arrived a few weeks back with a load of turning/spindle blanks. There is a wide variety of species available including: Ambrosia maple, honey locust, chinaberry, mineral stained poplar, black locust, red elm, sassafras, ash, Kentucky coffee tree, mimosa, catalpa, red aromatic cedar, sycamore, persimmon, black walnut root burl, and holly. There are also a few nice pieces of cocobolo and a dozen bocote spindle blanks about the size for duck calls. There is some awesome blanks and I would encourage all of you to come take a look, give me a call on my cell 503-580-5013.

Workshops / Presentations

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.

Sawdust Session August 21st. 9:00 -- 3:00

Nick Stagg's Shop

Subject: Making Lidded Boxes

I'll furnish the wood. Bring a lunch, drink, chair and tools. We'll make a simple box and you should have time to finish it so bring your own sandpaper and your choice of finish. Depending on the number that sign up you shouldn't need your lathe; we'll have six up and running. If the response is large, we may need to rustle up a couple more. More on that later.

You'll need:

Spindle roughing gouge

Thin parting tool

3/8" spindle gouge

Skew chisel

A flat 1/2" scraper (preferably)

3/8 " beading and parting tool if you have one--don't worry if you don't

Nick Stagg 503 871 1128

The Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild

Presents

**WESTCOAST ROUNDUP WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM
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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 (\$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: Club orders will be going out on August 16. If our order equals or exceeds \$1,000, Craft Supply gives us a 13% discount plus free shipping. If you order from the sales items, you will receive the club discount in addition to the sale discount, making many items available at very attractive prices. Please email

me (gerrost@yahoo.com) with your order. Your order needs to include: page number the item is found on, item number, quantity, description and price. You are responsible for getting me the correct information so double check that your item numbers match the description of the item you want. If the information is incorrect, you will be responsible for returning the items to Craft Supply for exchange or refund.

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).

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

June, 2010 *(misplaced by me prior to publication of the July newsletter)*

Minutes of June 11, 2010 Meeting of Willamette Woodturners

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Bruce Stangeby. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by the entire club.

Bruce introduced the new members and guests attending: New members: Rick Lyle of Keizer, and Don and Betty Fox of Mulino, Guests: Ralph Rodgers and Gary Long of Sheridan.

The program for the night was introduced by Nick Stagg. Jim Hall of Oregon City presented his program on the techniques of fluting, carving and piercing. He has been a wood turner for 30+ years and does so for his personal enjoyment and gratification. He displayed many of his works, some taking him 200+ hours to complete. He stated many times that he is not a production turner and only occasionally sells any of his works.

Demonstrating the tools he uses he stated he often uses those powered by his compressor. A Body Saw and Die Grinder, both air-driven, were used and purchased from Harbour Freight. Asked about his use of a respirator, he uses a TREND respirator because it affords him a better down-looking view of his works as it fits closer to his face.

He displayed and commented on many of his thin-walled turnings, flutings, and piercings. He recommended and displayed his "fluting tool" a flat plane metal piece about 3x9 in size that he places on his lathe with a collar that places it exactly at the center turning point of the lathe. It acts as a platform from which he can mark his turnings to begin the fluting process.

In fluting, first he determines the number of flutes wanted. He measures these out at the largest diameter with a cloth measuring tape, and marks them. Lines are then drawn from bottom to top using the fluting tool as a rest. Segments are then laid out along the vertical lines and horizontal lines are drawn around the piece. The lines are then joined by connecting vertical and horizontal lines diagonally, thus creating the pattern for the flutes. He uses Tornado Cutters on an NSK cutting tool to cut the initial flute lines, cutting along the flute and never across it. Once cut use hand sanders to smooth the flutes and finish with sanding wheels.

7:20 Break of 15 minutes was called after announcements. Nick Stagg is hosting a class on July 22, 23 with a guest expert. Sign ups are posted at desk. Bruce Stangeby took time to advise the club of Jon having to resign as president, and thank him for all his good work. Bruce will take over as president with Nick serving as vice president.

7:40 Jim Hall continued his demonstration showing how he flutes a finial. He uses only power tools to do his carving and no hand chisels. Asked about hollowing he uses the Jameson tool for smaller pieces and the Clark system for large pieces.

8:20 Demonstration and questions ended. Members were reminded that an order to Craft Supply would go in on Monday. Send you orders to Terry by Sunday.

Elling handled the gallery table, which was covered with many very nice pieces from numerous members.

The wood drawing was held with over 30 pieces of wood available. Thanks to all of you that brought wood to share. The club profited nicely from your participation in the wood drawing

The meeting was closed at approximately 8:45. Attendance was 53, with two visitors and three new members.

Don Larson, Secretary

Willamette Valley Woodturners Meeting of July 8, 2010

Meeting opened at 6:30 by President Bruce Stangeby.

Announcements: Officers for the 2010 year are as follows:

President: Bruce Stangeby
Vice-president: Nick Stagg
Secretary: Don Larson
Treasurer: Gary McGuire
Board Member: Myron Yancy
Board Member: Jerry Lelack

The Steam-up is on the 24th and 25th, the 30th and August 1st. Myron is handling the tickets and parking. State Fair sign ups are at the desk, the dates are September 1-6.

Sawdust session on Sharpening with the use of tools and jigs. July 21 10-3

Turning class with Elli Aristaris at Nick Stagg's July 22-23. There are 2 slots left. \$195 for the two days.

Group order to Craft Supplies will go in Monday. E-mail Terry by Sunday night with your order.

Terry Gerros has a friend coming from North Carolina with wood for sale - more to come.

Program: Natural Edge Turning by Phil Lapp.

Phil has been a member of the Cascade Woodturners and Northwest Woodturners for 20+ years. He enjoys turning natural edge works and demonstrated several that he had previously done.

He selected a piece of wood from the auction table and demonstrated his technique. He works between two centers and allows himself to adjust his center until he has the desired balance, Using primarily a bowl gouge, he shaped out the outside of the bowl.

7:23 Took a 10 minute break. Announcements: An outline for the requirements for the Steamup and State Fair are at the desk

Raffle tickets are at the desk.

7:35 Demonstration continues. Phil reversed the bowl and proceeded to hollow out the interior. He prefers to work from the outside toward the center as it allows him more support for the outer edge. He utilizes large hose clamps to stabilize the outer edge of the bowl towards finishing. Asked about his finish, he states he prefers urethane oil. He places a heavy coat and removes the excess, then repeats until there is no more open grain.

8:20 Demonstration completed.

Elling presented the gallery: fruit bowl and fruit by Morrison, shell lamps by Theis, hollow vessels by Gerros, large platter by Rodney, spalted maple burl bowl by Peterson, bowl with beads by McGuire, natural edge bowl by Devores, hollow vessels by Stagg, goose calls.

8:30 Wood raffle-first five numbers. 10 Minute Break

8:50 Meeting Ended Attendance: 41

Submitted July 9, 2010 Don Larson, Secretary

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