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A skewed view.....

So you all have elected a new president for the club.....personally I believe Bruce and Walter have been fantastic presidents and I don't know why we changed....oh, that's right, the by-laws.....Bruce told me the other night he wore a size 27 shoe, so I have some mighty big shoes to fill. If I am half as successful running the club as Bruce and Walter were, then I will consider that as a job well done.

With that in mind, I took the liberty to have the first board meeting, yes the power has already gone to my head.....we discussed several topics including the auction (the good and the bad), participation in the Freedom Pen project (see below) sponsored by Sawmill Creek, and a few changes to the Burl. As for the auction, we are thinking of adding a silent auction portion.

We are going to start adding a "Turning Tips" section to the Burl, so we invite **all members** to submit a tip or trick they'd like to share with the rest of us (email myself or Bruce). So get your pen or pencil out and submit a turning tip you'd like to share. The published tips will then be put in the tips section of the website, so this is an easy opportunity for everyone to get a little recognition but more importantly, share the knowledge.

Much thanks to Ron Fox and the changes to the website. Ron has made my life pretty easy when it comes to the Craft Supply order. Our second order went off dang near without a glitch and about all I can say for this handy dandy change Ron has made is.....I LIKE IT!!

Club dues are due as of December 31. We have about 75% compliance, so please, those that haven't renewed your membership, we need your assistance in achieving 100% compliance. Please complete the 2013 membership form and send it along with your check made out to "Willamette Valley Woodturners" c/o Elling Hoem, WVV Treasurer. The membership form is available on the website or you can just pay your dues (\$30.00) at the meeting. Your help in this regard is greatly appreciated. Remember those benefits.....good friends, good company, great library resource, and 13% discount on most things at Craft Supply!!

I would personally like to thank Bruce for doing an outstanding job as club President over the last 2+ years. I know the club is of great importance to him and we should all give him a great round of applause for all the hard work he has done. So, THANK YOU Bruce!!!

Time for me to take the stuffing out of Bruce's shoes and put my own back on. Looking forward to another great year of turning, speaking of which, some of the demonstrators/workshops lined up for this year include Jon Magill (rose engine work), Eric Lofstrom and Keith Gotschall.

Time to head to the shop,

Terry

Membership So Far and December Auction Results

Thank you to the 71 renewing / new members who have completed a membership/renewal form and paid their 2013 club dues. We also have 10 Honored Life Members (HLM) in the club this year. That is 81 members on the 2013 roster so far. I am still looking forward to getting the renewal forms from the thirty four 2012 members who have not responded so far. If you have not completed a renewal form, please do it now. Mail it to me at the address on the form. Make your check payable to "WVW" or "Willamette Valley Woodturners" whichever you prefer. Or, you could bring your completed form along with your check for \$30.00 to the January 10th meeting. Be sure to put it in an envelope with your name on the outside.

As far as the December club auction goes, we did very well. We sold 80 items for total sales of \$2,769. The raffle brought in \$170, and we sold 3 hats at \$15 for an additional \$45. Total proceed for the evening were \$2,984. Expenses netted out to \$190 (drinks and auctioneer fee), for net proceeds of \$ 2,794 for the evening. The auction proceeds plus the money from your dues provide the club the means to secure quality presenters for each meeting. Thank you to all who donated items and to those who so generously bid on them. It is going to be a great year for the Willamette Valley Woodturners. I am so glad you will be part of it.

Now go to the shop and make something. You'll be glad you did.

Elling Hoem
Treasurer WVW

Minutes of the Board meeting on 12-27

Pres. Elect Terry Gerros called a Board Meeting which was held at outgoing Pres. Bruce Stangeby's residence.

The following members were present:

President Elect T. Gerros
Outgoing President Stangeby
Outgoing Secretary Lyle
Treasurer Hoem
Nick Stagg
Ron & Betty Fox

The following issues were discussed:

Treasurer Hoem reported that the club will have approximately \$8500 on hand to start the new year. This does not include 34 members that are delinquent on their 2013 dues.

The subject of non-renewing members was brought up and it was determined that when the New Year begins the delinquent members will not be able to access "members only" on the club website. They will also not be able to use any of the "members only" benefits including ordering from Craft Supply. It should be noted that Terry Gerros will only accept orders from the normal order form on the website and will not take any personal

orders. When the members pay their 2013 \$30 dues they will be reinstated and be able to access all member benefits.

The December auction was discussed and it was noted that again this year it ran too long. Ways to shorten the auction was discussed and the idea of a "silent auction" before the verbal auction was suggested. This was deemed a good idea and before the next auction it will again be discussed by the board to determine exactly how it will run in conjunction with the verbal auction.

Pres. Elect Gerros brought up the topic of an effort by our club to participate in an effort called "Freedom Pens." This is a program where our club would make ballpoint pens and then mail them to our military serving overseas. Terry mentioned several places that have donated supplies and said that a session for pen making would be scheduled. Terry indicated that he thought this was a good idea for a community service project for the club. A discussion ensued regarding publicity for this effort and possible other efforts and Rick Lyle was appointed to get publicity for this effort and any other community service projects the club may undertake.

Terry also mentioned saw dust sessions and appointed the Vice President Elect, Bruce Stabgeby, to be in charge of developing an ongoing program to include topics, locations to be held, etc.

The topic of new members was brought up and it was determined that the Welcoming Committee would be in charge of placing a detailed description of each new member to be published in the monthly Burl.

Another topic for the Burl was discussed regarding "Tips of the Month." It was felt among those present that this may be a way to get more members to read the monthly Burl.

Terry mentioned that he wants to plan a "Question & Answer" session. Details to be determined at a later date.

Bruce Stangeby brought up the topic of the "Show & Tell Table." It was discussed in detail and it was decided that Elling Hoem would be in charge of discussing the items and if Nick Stagg is present he will also help Elling.

After these items were discussed there being no other business the meeting was closed.

Rick Lyle, Secretary

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events



January Demo Ron Fox: Pen Turning

To quote Ron "Like most turners I got my first taste of woodturning in high school. I turned table legs and spindles for a grandfather clock. Those first dips into the vortex didn't exactly inspire me to

progress into in depth woodturning. I would guess most people have that same experience. It wasn't until I moved to Oregon and joined the three local woodturning clubs that I began to be pulled into the vortex in earnest. I began turning bowls and Christmas ornaments for my first few projects and thought that was fun but after I picked up a pen turning book I found my true medium. With each pen there is a new challenge to overcome and each time I turn one I expand my education. I soon went from single pen blank pens to combinations of woods to form the pen. I glued in slivers of different colors and made celtic knots and other designs. I estimate that I have turned about three hundred pens and I'm still learning new things. I'm only a hobbyist not a professional pen turner, but I'll keep trying."



February Demo Nick Stagg: Basic Bowl Turning

Nick Stagg has a vast knowledge of how to turn wood and has been a demonstrator for the club many times in the past. He has presented various topics such as lidded boxes, spheres, hollowing, preventing catches and two ways to turn a bowl. I am sure I have missed some of his prior topics. He is also a demonstrator for many other North West clubs as well as Woodcrafters. He has given regular classes for club members on sharpening, spindle turning and bowl turning. This is a long way of saying you will not want to miss his February presentation on basic bowl turning.

Web Site Tips

By Ronald Fox

I thought I would pass along a few tips this month on using the web site. Here are a few things I have found useful to me. I hope you do as well.

Check what others have ordered

Before entering your order, take a look at what the other members have ordered. Simply select the "Current Club Orders" on the "Place Your Order" page. This will display what everyone in the club has ordered so far this month. One of the perks that CSUSA gives us is when we order in bulk, we receive an additional savings on some items. I like to see if there are any items that have been ordered that are close to (or have already hit) this additional saving point and order this item to get the saving. By doing this it can give other club members a cost savings if you push it up past the minimum.

Use the Craft Supplies web site information when ordering

I have discovered that the part numbers on the web site seem to be more up to date. For example, if you order Apprentice Slimline pen kits from the catalog, you only get one part number for each of the 4 plating types (100-690) and you have to put a comment for each plating type you want. If you go to the web site, there are four different part numbers, one for each plating type (486-0011, 486-0001, 486-0013, 486-0012).

Copy and Paste the info from the CSUSA web site to the Club Order web page

What I have been doing is opening up two web browser windows, one for the club order form and one for the CSUSA site. Then I locate the item I want to order on the CSUSA site, and highlight the info and paste it into

the order form. Simply place your cursor at the start of the text and hold down the left mouse button to highlight the text and then copy it into the order form (Right click the text and click "Copy"). Then Right click the text field on the form and clicking "Paste".

I hope you find this info useful and feel free to contact me if you have any trouble placing your order on the web site.

Thanks,

Ronald Fox

Webmaster@willamettevalleywoodturners.com

February Pen Exchange

The Willamette Valley Woodturners will be holding another Pen Exchange at the February meeting. There were a number of members that were not able to participate in the November one we held and I thought it would be a good time to hold another after my January Pen Demo. I will once again bring in a box to the February meeting and anyone who has made a pen will place their pen in the box and receive a ticket. Then at the first break during the meeting, you will redeem a different pen from the box with your ticket. We want the pens to be wrapped so that it will be kind of a grab bag when you select a pen from the box. You will also need to include an information sheet with the pen describing the pen and who made it. I will be running the pen exchange and if you have any questions let me know.

What is required to participate in the pen exchange:

Hand crafted pen

Information sheet included with pen

Enclosed in a wrapped package

The idea is to have fun making a pen for a fellow member. Just do your best and I am sure who ever receives your pen will appreciate the work you put into making it. It is also nice to have items that other members have made and this will help you to get an item from someone else.

Enjoy, and be sure to bring your wrapped pen to the February meeting.

Thanks,

Ron

Freedom Pen Project:

The Freedom Pens Project is an all-volunteer effort spearheaded by the members of SawMill Creek Woodworkers Forums. It is to provide custom hand crafted pens to American servicemen and women overseas. Everyone is invited to participate in the project, all we need is your time and talent to provide handmade pens for our military stationed in foreign countries who are in harm's way. Every Freedom Pen that is delivered serves as a constant reminder to our troops that they are not alone and have our continued support until each and every one has returned home. The project was started in 2004 and to date, wood turners from all over the US have turned more than 145,000 pens.

I have ordered 200 pen kits for the project. Craft Supply generously donated 100 pen blanks and another 50 have also shown up. Once the pen kits arrive, we will drill the blanks, glue in the tubes and then we'll hold a Pen Turn-a-Thon on a Saturday in January or February, get the pens turned, then shipped off. The actual time of the Turn-A-Thon will depend on when the pens arrive. Perhaps if all goes well, we can be repeat offenders and set a goal of 1000 pens for the year.

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 Gerros:

I am also a distributor for Stick Fast CA glue, Sharpfast Sharpening systems, and the Holdfast vacuum chucking system. If you have an interest in these products, give me a call or send me an email for details.

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, 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 **January 14th**. 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.
- 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
- Gilmer Wood now offers our club a 10% discount on purchases made there. If you haven't been to Gilmers, it is well worth the trip to Portland, if only to make your mouth water and make you cry if you leave empty handed.
- North Wood Figured Wood can be viewed at North Woods Figured Wood. Here's our website www.nwfiguredwoods.com . Please take a look! We're happy to offer you our courtesy 15% discount. Anyone from our club can simply type in "WOODTURNERS" at check out to receive the sale price. No minimum purchase. We've got beautiful Big Leaf Maple, Black Locust, Madronne, White Oak, Ash, Elm and Yew.....turning blanks, slabs, burls and lumber.

Sale Item: General International Wood Turning Lathe: Maxi-Lathe 25-100, 6 spindle speeds, 10" Swing Over Bed, 7 1/2" Swing Over Base, 15" Distance between center. Good shape, getting a larger one. Comes with a Jet Adjustable Mini Lathe Stand. Great starter lathe, asking \$275. Call Bob Thompson at 503 390-6695

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