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Next Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2013

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### *A skewed view.....*

Has it been hot or what? The weather has been absolutely gorgeous and regardless of how hot it has been, who's complaining. This is going to be a great month for turning...starting off with our July demonstrator, Eric Lofstrom and ending with the Steam Up. Eric's demo will be on a translucent bowl, 2 mm or less.....followed by an all day demo, which will be second to none. Those of you who haven't see Eric's demos will be amazed by his tool control and smooth development of form. If you have the opportunity to attend the all-day demo, you won't be disappointed, I guarantee it! Don't get to bring something to drink, your lunch, and a chair!

The 43rd Annual Great Oregon Steam-Up held in Brooks, will occur July 27/28 and August 3/4. Always a great time for family fun and an event in which our club participates. It is an opportunity for new and old members alike to show the public what our club is about. A time to hang out with club members, talk turning, learn some new techniques, and have a great time. Myron Yancy is coordinating this club event, so come one, come all. It's never too late to sign up for the event, so don't miss this wonderful opportunity! Only been turning for 3 hours, no problem, if you come in the morning and leave at the end of the day, you will have tripled your turning time!

The Oregon State Fair is coming up fast. Bob Hutchison is again coordinating the event. Similar in fashion to the Steam Up, our club has a booth where various members demonstrate their turning skills to the public. This again is an opportunity not to miss, talk turning, meet new people, and share your interest and enthusiasm with the general public. There is a signup sheet available for dates and times.

Don't forget to bring your competition piece to the July meeting. Remember, the competition is leg or foot.

We are continuing to move forward with the symposium scheduled for 2015. I for one get more enthused about this each day. Neva has been in touch with the people from the Albany Fairgrounds, another venue we are looking at. It is time to form up committees and get this ball rolling. I've gotten several emails from club members offering some fantastic ideas and more are volunteering their services!

Well, I believe I've said enough and well, you know what time it is.....  
Time to head to the shop,

Terry

# Club Business

## Current & Upcoming Events

### July Demonstrator Eric Lofstrom: Translucent Bowls



Eric had been with us in past years and always gives an enjoyable and informative demonstration. In July Eric will be doing an evening demo featuring translucent bowls.

Using only basic bowl turning tools for this demonstration, he will create an ultra-thin-walled bowl using light to gauge its thickness. In addition to reviewing bowl turning techniques, the main focus of this demonstration is to showcase tool control techniques used to finesse bowl forms into glowing works of art. This demonstration will show what basic tools and an understanding of tool control will allow you to do with a piece of wet wood. Once you learn to turn translucent-walled pieces, you'll be able to create a consistent wall of any thicknesses in any of your pieces!

Eric will also be here to put on a 2 day workshop (Saturday/Sunday) and either an all-day demo (Friday) or a one day workshop (Friday), depending on the number of participants (7/11-14). The two day workshop will cost \$210.00 per person. The all-day demo will cost \$25.00 per person, but we need at least 16-20 people to make that happen. The one day workshop, if we can't get enough people for an all-day demo, will run \$105.00. Topics include: Spindle and face grain technique building; Triple axis turning, translucent bowls; Skew skills; end grain bowls and boxes; square winged bowls; Technique building treasures: Spinning tops and eggs using skew, spindle gouge, parting tool and simple embellishing techniques; sharpening skills, Edges to shave with. As you can see there is a wide range of topics to pick from and the classes will be tailored to our likes!!

There is limited space for the workshops, 7 people. Please send an email to Bruce or myself and let us know if you plan to attend. A sign-up sheet will be at the next meeting. First come, first serve.

### August Demonstrator John Shrader : Bowl from a Board



#### Artist Biography

I have made things with my hands as long as I can remember, such as model airplanes, jewelry, furniture, optical instruments, and most recently wood turnings. I retired from Boeing in 1998 where I was first an engineer and then a

manager working with explosives, lasers, electric guns, advanced inspection techniques, etc. While I enjoyed my Boeing career immensely, I missed being “hands on” my last years as a manager. Shortly before I retired I started wood turning. About 6 years ago I ran out of friends and relatives to give my bowls to, so I started selling my work through local galleries. In 2008 my piece "Ocean Home" I won the Northwest Fine Woodworking 29th Annual Box Competition in both the juried and people’s choice categories.

### **Artist’s Statement**

I try to convey a feeling of grace and elegance with my work. I love the richness of wood grain and delight in displaying it so others can also appreciate its beauty. While I find perfection admirable, for me it is the siren song leading to being safe, so I strive most of all for excellence. I utilize my background in engineering to facilitate executing difficult projects, but the technology is always subservient to communicating a feeling or an idea. For me, working in my shop a joyful experience. I hope that this joy is communicated to those who acquire my work, and that they share in it.

### **Turning Tip: Benefits Of Using Micro Turning Tools**

Micro tools by their very nature are small in size, with very small bevels and short handles. This allows you to get into some really tight areas with ease and execute certain tasks that would be difficult, if not impossible with other (larger) tools. The micro bevels take a very light cut, allowing you to achieve near glass-smooth surfaces right off the gouge.

### **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 that 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 has 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.

### **SawDust Session**



Tagua nuts, from the palm tree, were the subject of a last-minute get together at Terry’s shop on June 13. The tagua nut grows in Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela. It is sometimes called vegetable ivory because it is used in place of ivory accessories. Terry and Bruce invested some money in a few nuts and wanted to share them around with everyone. The session lasted from nine a.m. until about noon. The tagua nuts were glued onto a block of wood which was in turn screwed to a face plate. The nuts were then turned with tiny tools and hollowed out with a special hollowing tool created by Terry. Everyone who showed up went home with a finished project and it didn’t take very long. Thanks to Terry for hosting this session.

# 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.

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## **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.

## **From Don Wadsworth**

I have an almost new Delta Midi lathe with stand for sale. It includes a 4 jaw chuck with extra jaws, two face plates, a live center and a spur center. Asking \$ 350.00 Could you ask the club members to see if anyone is interested? I could deliver.

Don Wadsworth

541-317-8633

## **From Jerry Lelack**

Mitch Patton is selling his pen and misc. inventory. He has about \$2,100 of inventory he will sell for \$1,000 in a buy-all sale to one person or group. Mitch can be reached at 503-409-5091. Terry may have an inventory list and I have a list.

## **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 **July 15th**. 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](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).
- 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

- Gilmer Wood now offers our club a 10% discount on purchases made there. If you haven't been to Gilmer's, 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](http://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.

Club happenings in our area

(Please visit the club's website listed below for additional information)

Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

<http://www.northwestwoodturners.com/>

Meet first Thursday at Franklin High School

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

<http://www.cascadewoodturners.com/>

Meet Third Thursday at Franklin High School

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

<http://www.beaverstatewoodturners.com/>

Meet fourth Thursday at Woodcraft

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

Dan Baker (President), email: [ridgewoodworks@aol.com](mailto:ridgewoodworks@aol.com)

Meet fourth Wednesday at the Friends of the Carpenter's Center

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