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Next Meeting

Thursday, August 8, 2013

Center 50+

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A skewed view.....

July started off with another fantastic demo by Eric Lofstrom. Eric's all day demo was well received and those fortunate enough to attend left with a life times worth of turning tips. The workshop was not only a real skill building session but our knowledge on sharpening increased exponentially. I never realized how much there was to know, now if I can just remember 10% of what Eric presented. Oh, wait, I do have some notes!!

We are coming into the second weekend of the Steam Up and for those of you who attended and are attending this weekend, a huge THANK YOU. The Steam Up is into its 43rd year and an event you really should take in.

August is another busy month for the club, centering around State Fair. As you know our club has a booth where members demonstrate turning to the public. There are numerous time slots yet available, so please talk with Bob Hutchison and see what will work for you.

John Shrader from Washington is our August demonstrator. I met John at the Bellevue Art Festival a couple years ago and let's talk about some imaginative woodturning. You will be impressed. John incorporates his interests in science and nature into his turnings.

Now is the time to get ready for September!!!!!! Keith Gotschall will be here for not only for the evening demo, but an all day demo and workshop. Although there are only a few openings left in the workshop, make time for the all day demo. Keith and Eric have similar teaching styles so if you missed a chance to see Eric's all day demo, here is another opportunity you shouldn't miss.

Well, time to head to the shop,

Terry

We still need more turners to fill shifts at the State fair. As of Tuesday July 30 we only have 13 people signed up; so I will be calling and confirming times. There is a big need to fill spaces on the 2-6 PM shifts as well as

the 6-10 PM shifts.

I will be working to get our exact needs identified by the August 8 meeting as well as a schedule for those who have already committed to slots.

Thanks, Bob Hutchinson
503-508-3279

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

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.

September Demonstrator Keith Gotshall



- Born in Chicago, Ill. in 1962, Keith lived in the Midwest until 1980. In 1981 he moved to Boulder Co. and began a career in wood working. After an informal apprenticeship in several different wood shops Keith started his own design and fabrication studio in 1989. Building furniture mostly on a commission basis, Keith also stretched his talents by doing the occasional speculative piece that would be shown in art galleries or in fine art shows. He has won numerous awards around Colorado.
- Keith is also a sculptor of stone. Using marble and alabaster from the area Keith has also won many awards for his sculpture. His work tends to be of a figurative nature, often abstracting the human form.
- In 1998 Keith visited with a local wood turning friend who let him play around with some of his tools and showed him some of the more modern theory behind wood turning. Remembering that the lathe was the reason he became interested in woodworking in the first place, Keith was keen to pursue wood turning from that moment on. After studying with recognized masters like Richard Raffan, Mike Mahoney, and Stuart Batty, he now makes work for galleries on a wholesale basis and is turning full time.
- Keith was the artist featured in a Discovery channel show hosted by Lynette Jennings. (episode 142) He has also been a featured demonstrator at the prestigious BYU Woodturning Symposium in Provo Utah in 2002 and 2008. A featured demonstrator for the 2005 AAW symposium in Kansas , Portland Oregon in 2007 and Hartford CT in 2010. He is an Alumnus of the John C Campbell folk school in North Carolina, Marc Adams woodworking school in Indiana, and Craft Supply woodturning school in Utah. Keith continues to teach and demonstrate for many different clubs and organizations around the country as well. He has contributed to the AAW magazine American Wood turner, Woodturning Design, and the British magazine Woodturning. As well he has been asked to jury several competition/exhibitions of woodturning and furniture. Keith's work was shown at the 2004 BYU art museum show and the accompanying book "Beneath the Bark". His work is also found in the book "500 Bowls".
- He now lives in the small mountain community of Salida, in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. His home and studio are at the base of the continental divide and he shares them with his three dogs, Pepper, Roscoe and Jay, and of course his wife Catherine and daughter Caitlin. An avid rock climber who has traveled throughout the world, he can occasionally still be found hanging on for dear life at the local crags.

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.

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.

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 **August 12th**. 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.

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

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

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