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Next Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2015

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LET THE CHIPS FLY.....

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Now that the weather is getting nicer, it is harder to spend as much time inside turning. I do have to make time however, to turn a couple of lidded bowls for the "Beads of Courage" project. It seems like a very worthwhile project for me to do.

As you may recall, in April I mentioned Ralph Brennan's Craftsman lathe. I found out Philomath Middle School had a lathe just like it. So they now possess 3 of the same type lathe for their students to learn on. Dick Powell mentors a woodworking program at the middle school and he already has students using the one lathe that they had. Now more students will have the opportunity to turn. Ralph's family was pleased that the lathes went to a community where they will be used and appreciated.

It is time to start thinking about the two annual summer turning activities that we have been doing for many years. As usual, we are looking for volunteers to demonstrate at the Antique Powerland Steam Up and the Oregon State Fair. The Steam Up runs the last weekend in July, 25th and 26th, and the first weekend in August, 1st and 2nd. We need volunteers, usually 10 or 12, but could use as many as we can get. We will have sign-up sheets at our meetings starting on the 14th of May. For questions, please contact Myron Yancey or Larry Curry.

The State Fair session runs during the last 6 days of the fair, Wednesday September 2 thru Monday September 7th. We will have volunteer sign-up sheets for this activity as well. We run 3 shifts per day, 10-2, 2-6, and 6-10. We can have up to 10 people per shift, depending on the number of lathes we have. We have been able to do this with 18-26 volunteers over the 6 days with many doing multiple shifts. More volunteers make the event easier for everyone. Participation includes free admission on the day you turn and a free parking pass. This is a great opportunity to talk to folks in the community and to find new club members. I, Bob Hutchinson, will be coordinating the turning at the fair again this year so I should be able to answer any of your questions.

We still have more activities for the summer including demos for our monthly meetings; workshops, sawdust sessions and occasional wood gathering. These are all activities that paid members can enjoy.

See you at the May 14 meeting.

Bob Hutchinson
President

Beads of Courage program



Mark Choitz has volunteered to send lidded boxes to the AAW Symposium in June for the Beads of Courage program that AAW supports. If anyone wants to participate just bring your finished lidded box to the May 14th meeting and Mark will box em up and mail em off. The Beads of Courage program supports kids going through serious illness like cancer. There is more information on the AAW Symposium website. Mark's goal is to send 5 boxes - since he will be turning one we only need 4 now!

AAW members donate handmade boxes to Beads of Courage, a nonprofit that provides innovative, arts-in-medicine supportive care programs to transform the treatment experience for children coping with serious illness. Through the Beads of Courage, children receive a unique bead to represent each procedure or treatment. For example, a red bead for each blood transfusion, a yellow bead for each night in the hospital, a star bead for surgery, a white bead for chemotherapy. Their collection of beads becomes a tangible record of their journey. Each wood turned box will be used to hold a sick child's precious beads.

In order to sufficiently hold beads, turned boxes need to be no smaller than 6" (15cm) in diameter.

- If possible, engrave, or burn "Beads of Courage" on the lid.
- Make sure lids are easily removable.
- Finials or knobs should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate or pointed.
- Sign your name or write "American Association of Woodturners" on the bottom.



April Treasurers Report

By Henrik Åberg

Beginning Balance	\$9,290.40
<u>April Income</u>	
Dues	\$70.00
Raffle	\$93.00
Glue Sales	\$96.00
Cynthia Gibson Class	\$1800.00
Total April Income	\$2,059.00

Ending Balance **\$9,188.84**

Membership Report

By Henrik Åberg

The club has **103** members of which **89** are paid-up members and **14** are Honored Lifetime Members. So far for the year we have lost (unpaid) **23** members but added **8** new members for a total decline in membership of **15** individuals. (Last year as a comparison: 32 lost and 19 new members for a total decline of 13 individuals).

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

May Demo, Darren Wellington

Box Making

May 14, 2015



Our May demonstrator will be Darren Wellington. Darren is an active member of Willamette Valley Woodturners and very willing to share his knowledge with the group. He participated in workshops on box making from some of the elite turners - Bonnie Klein, Richard Raffan, and Ray Key. Taking good notes and pushing his own boundaries, Darren will share his approach to end grain turning and share some of his own tricks he has developed. You definitely will want to be front row at this demo and don't forget to ask several questions about his technique and how he gets those lids to fit so perfectly.

June Demo, Soren Berger

Tool development

June 11, 2015



Our June demonstrator will be Soren Berger, who will be traveling to the US from New Zealand. Soren is no stranger to the US or to our group. He is well known throughout the world as a teacher, demonstrator and exhibitor, with his art pieces featured in many journals, publications and books. Sören's interest over the last 5-6 years has been focused on developing tools that enable everybody to create beautiful objects with ease of use. The two-day workshop following the demonstration on June 11 is full at this point, but you can request to be an alternate.

Sawdust Session

There is a Sawdust session planned for May 23. Jim Devorss will demonstrate Acorn boxes and everyone will have a chance to turn one. The time and location have yet to be determined, with further details provided at the May meeting.

Membership Rewards

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 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). 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 Jeff Zens: The club's Craft Supply order will be going out on **May 18th** if our order equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supply gives us a 10% discount plus free shipping in all items, and occasional additional discounts on certain other items and quantity purchases. 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. When filling out the web site order form, please use the item number and complete item description from Craft Supply's web site. Do not use an old catalog item number, as these might not be current. Occasionally, Craft Supply is out of an item, and I'm notified that it is on back-order. I will assume that if an item is ordered, it's wanted as soon as it becomes available. If you do not want an item if it is back-ordered, make that comment in the "Notes" column on the club's order page on the web site. I work with Craft Supply to have back-ordered items shipped directly to the member's home address ad no additional cost. For this to work effectively, the entire order must be paid for when your in-stock items are picked up. While I'm not equipped to accept credit cards, cash or check are both fine.
Contact me with any questions at jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com.
- 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 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 . 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, Madrone, 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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