



The Burl

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LET THE CHIPS FLY

June was a most excellent month for Willamette Valley Woodturners. In keeping with our commitment to promote the art of woodturning and in order to fulfill our promise to help our new members, we hosted not only one but two workshops. You will find more details about these later in this issue. Reviews of these workshops has been overwhelmingly positive. As always we, as a board, encourage your feedback so we can tailor our activities to maximize the benefit to the club members.

This month we have the privilege of hosting Eric Löfström for our demonstrator and workshop. If you have seen Eric demo at club meetings or at the symposiums before you are already aware of the value he brings. His teaching style is engaging and you will no doubt take away something from the time spent with him that will improve your turning.

Our Facebook group has grown to 11 members. If you search for it, look for Willamette Valley Woodturners. We would love to have all our club members interacting on this page in between meetings. Use the group page to show your work, ask questions, share wood etc.

One final plug for the Steam-Up coming at the end of July. If you can't make it to turn, come out and watch your fellow members. The Steam-Up is a great event with something for all ages. Contact Myron Yancey (mpyancey@yahoo.com) for more details.

We can still use more turners for the State Fair. As I have said before this is my favorite turning event of the year. It is an important club event as well as it usually generates a lot of interest and results in new memberships. Remember you don't have to be a pro in order to participate. In addition to reaching the public, there is opportunity great value in turning with a group. Both the camaraderie and the opportunity for mentorship make this event special for turners of any level.

Finally a special thank you to those of you contributing to this newsletter. The pictures and news items help make it worth reading. Please continue to contribute.

Darcy Tataryn
Club President

Featured Guest and Demonstrator in June

Alan Stirt

Turning and Carving the Square Platter

Article submitted by Mark Choitz

Al was a demonstrator at our Symposium in March and returned for a club demo. After showing us some pictures of past work we took off on the challenging but doable process to turn one of his beautiful platters.



The back of the platter



Al passes out some advice to club members during the break. After carving and cleaning up with Scotch-Brite® pads, Al painted the platter with black milk paint and buffed again. Thanks Al for coming all the way from Vermont to visit and give our demonstration.

Al Stirt workshop

We (Tracy Buhler, Larry Curry, Jim Devorss, Terry Gerros, Todd Halleman and Henrik Aberg) had a fantastic two day weekend with Al.



Al Stirt messing up the shop floor



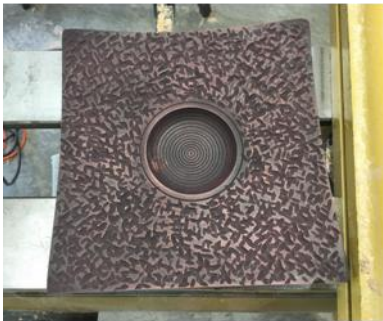
Tracy Buhler puts on the first coat of milk paint on his square platter



Todd Halleman busy carving with a rotary tool

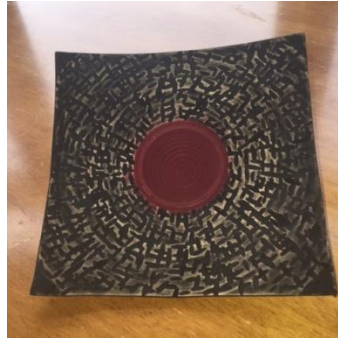
Completed pieces by Todd.....

Tracey....



Jim....

Henrik....



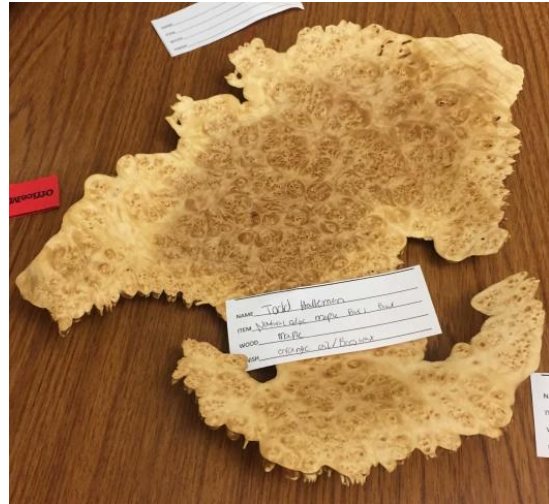
Terry....



Instant Gallery

Submitted by Mark Choitz

We were treated to a variety of members' handiwork in the instant gallery. Most of the work fell into the bowl category with several being embellished with carving, gilt wax and paint. The favorites for the evening were **Steve Woods** with 3 beautiful maple burl bowls and **Todd Halleman** with two thin platters one of maple burl and the other of red mallee burl – well done Gentlemen. Be sure to bring your work to show off at the next meeting where you just may walk away with a gift certificate from Craft Supplies USA!



Segmented Woodturning

Part two

Cutting the segments

Submitted by Hal Schalles

The segments can be cut in many different ways. Recently I saw a bowl where the segments had been cut with a pocket knife and sanded to shape. (Too much work for me) If you have a table saw and/or a Disk sander the cutting is very easy. It becomes just the accuracy that is the problem.

With a table saw you must build a "cutting sled". You can build an adjustable one, as I have, or build several of them with each one at a different angle. Go to "You Tube" and look at all of the different designs, and there are many. My preference is the one by "Gord Rock"; he is very clear and shows how to get a perfect angle. For this reason I will not go into the building of the sled.

As I said in the May Burl the segment is just like a board to build a house; the height is the size of the lumber ($\frac{3}{4}$ ") the width is determined by the required overlap of each ring as you build the height of the bowl. But always overlap the previous ring by $\frac{1}{4}$ of the width of the previous ring. This overlap is what allows you to design an attractive bowl shape.

The length of the segment is determined by the bowl diameter, and the number of segments in the ring. Let's run through this again for an 8" bowl: $8 \frac{1}{4} \times 3.14 = 25.9$ " (30") this extra $\frac{1}{4}$ " is needed for turning. With this known we decide on the number of segments in the ring, in our case 12. 30 " divided by $12 = 2.5$ " in length.

Using a sled you can cut the segment angle at the same time as you cut the length. Adjust the guide bar to 15 degrees and adjust a "fixed" stop to 2.5" now cut segment. (Don't forget to account for the saw blade thickness.) You have now cut your first segment and it needs to be checked for accuracy. It is probably wrong but you can adjust things to correct it. Then cut a second segment and check it, it will be correct.

Once the segments are all cut you can assemble them into a ring, put pressure on the ring and examine the ring for a perfect fit. I use "Band" clamps to apply the pressure, but a heavy rubber band will work also. Check for space (light leaks) between the segments and correct the alignment as needed, (There cannot be any space between the segments or it will show in the bowl.) If you are going to add a design feature between the segments, now is the time to add it.

After the check they are ready to be glued together. I recommend "Titebond III", but you have to work fast. When the segments are together apply the clamp to them and press the ring flat. They can be flattened with a rubber mallet or a "ring press"; they just have to be flat, so as to a seamless fit with the next layer

Now repeat this process for each ring that you will need for the bowl. We will assemble the rings into a bowl next month... Have a good summer!!!

Beginners Class with Nick Stagg

Submitted by Henrik Åberg

Nick Stagg led a Beginners Class during the weekend of June 3-4 at Terry's shop and **Terry donated** all the material for the class. The class was much appreciated by the participants **John Bateman, Pamela Cato, Gene Derfler, Alan Kanaskie and Steve Wolfinbarger**). **Myron Yancey** helped out as he was recruiting for the Steam-Up.



Nick is instructing Pamela as she is holding the 'death grip' on her tool.



Steve (with Alan in the background).

Club Meeting Minutes June 8, 2017

Submitted by Ron Freshour, Secretary

- Terry Gerros called the meeting or order and led the membership in the pledge of allegiance
- Introduction of visitors and new members
- Craft Supply order was not enough to get the group 10% discount
- Members reminded to sign-up for the State Fair, Brooks Steam-up, Wood Gathers and Mentor Volunteers
- Terry announced a Workshop AUGUST 26th in his shop with Richard Rich making 3-legged stool.

Demonstration: Al Stirt from Vermont who considers himself to be a bowl-maker rather than a woodturner. Al describes his bowls as “a composition utilizing elements of pattern, line, weight, texture and form.” His work for the evening started with a rectangle blank of Vermont Cherry. After shaping the bowl with a wide lip/rim he decorated the lip/rim utilizing the Master Carver Micro Pro with carbide rotary chisels.

The meeting was adjourned after reviewing the projects display and the raffle drawing.

Upcoming Events

July 13: Eric Lofström (a.k.a. Lofstrom): End-Grain Boxes

Most everyone in the club either knows or has seen Eric demonstrate, he's been a regular demonstrator over the past 6 years at our club. Eric was also one of the demonstrators at the inaugural OWS in 2015.

As Eric puts it.....

As a woodturning artist, demonstrator, passionate teacher and private instructor I am excited about the creative process and exploring the quest for clean forms and "pure" curves. I enjoy turning all styles of pieces-anything from pens, peppermills, fitted-lid boxes, utilitarian bowls and serving utensils, to sculptural one-of-a-kinds!

Embellishing with colors, textures, and sculpting is a fun but sometimes risky way to add my voice to pieces. While most of my pieces are embellished in some way, the main goal is achieving a pleasing form.

One of my core passions is to share the journey with others. Teaching and demonstrating woodturning techniques allows me to share what I have learned and fosters a dialogue with others to stir the creative juices!

August 10 - Demonstrator: Todd Halleman - Bowls

August 26 - Workshop with Richard Rich making 3-legged stool

September 14- Demonstrator: Nick Stagg - TBD

October 12 - Demonstrator: Hal Schalles - Segmented work

November 9 - Auction/Potluck

Treasurer's Report (5/11-7/7)

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer

Beginning Balance **\$12,873.79**

Income

Glue/Anchorseal sales \$108.00

Raffle \$269.00

Membership \$85.00

Al Stirt class fees \$1200.00

Total Income \$1662.00

Ending Balance \$10,953.92

Expenses

Al Stirt demo and class expenses \$2670.71

Material for demo and class \$43.89

Shop fees (two weekends) \$500.00

Glue Purchase \$156.00

PayPal fees \$2.82

Misc \$58.45

Total Expenses \$3581.8

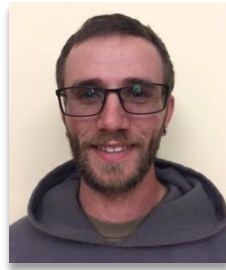
Membership Report

By Henrik Åberg

We have **18 new members** so far in 2017 for a total of **118** members. The newest members being...



Joseph Simon
from Salem



Bryan Calidonna
from Corvallis

COMPLETE ROSE ENGINE for sale



I have a complete, ready to run rose engine. This includes a variable speed drive for the spindle (I also have the hand crank if you are old school). Also included is a universal cutting frame, a variable speed overhead drive, a Proxxon X Y table on a movable table anchored with two Magswitch hold downs. It is on a movable cabinet, flip the switch and you will be cutting designs. \$700 with the router motor drive or \$600 without.

Bruce Stangeby 503-560-3129

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, the Holdfast vacuum chucking system and Saburrtooth Carving bits. 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 (\$10) and Anchorseal (\$11/gal). The club has a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool, and depth gauges (\$5). HSS Round Tool Bits rods (1/4" x 8") are also available (\$3). Bruce Stangeby will have the resale items available at the meetings, except for Anchorseal which is available through [Jeff Zens](#).

Club Member Discounts

- **Craft Supply:** The club's order will be going out on the Monday following our Club Meeting if our order equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supply gives us a 10% discount plus free shipping on 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. For detailed instruction for ordering see the article in the [November](#) 2015 Burl. Questions? See 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.
- 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.

Club happenings in our area

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

Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

www.northwestwoodturners.com

Meets 1st Thursday 7:00 PM at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

www.cascadewoodturners.com

Meets 3rd Thursday 6:45 PM at Willamette Carpenters Training Center, 4222 NE 158th Ave., Portland

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

www.beaverstatewoodturners.com

Meets 4th Thursday 6:00 PM at the Woodcraft Store, 1052 Green Acres Rd, Eugene

Oregon Coast Woodturners (Newport, OR)

www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com

Meets 3rd Saturday 10:00 AM at Hasting Coastal Woodworks, 3333 SE Ferry Slip Rd, South Beach, OR

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

Meets 4th Wednesday 7:00 PM at Friends of the Carpenter's Center, 1600 West 20th St, Vancouver, WA

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