



# The Burl

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## A WORD FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

I'm filling in for Darcy this month because he is travelling and doesn't have dependable internet access.

This last week, after collecting a few more completed projects, I started packing up the Freedom Pens for shipment to the SawMill Creek headquarters whose staff coordinates this effort nationally. While there are still some kits outstanding, I boxed up 900 completed pens. I would characterize this effort as very successful and very worthwhile. When I initially contacted Keith Outten, the project's coordinator, to tell him we would complete 1,000 pens he was ecstatic. He has more orders than he can fill and our shipment will go a long way to help.



What many people don't know about this project is its origin. Freedom Pens started on January 16, 2004 with the following post on Sawmill Creek:

"Freedom Pens

I had an idea this morning to start making wooden pens and donating them to our troops overseas. I have about 15 pens that I can donate and over the coming weeks I'm sure that I can turn another bunch. I'm not as fast as Ken Salisbury but I will produce as many as I can.

I have contacted the Base Commander at Fort Monroe Virginia and I am waiting for him to return my call. I will ask him if he would be willing to deliver pens directly to the troops with only one stipulation, they must be given away for free. Those of you who have served know how much it means to get a package from home, imagine how much it will mean to receive such a nice gift from a fellow American, a reminder that they in our hearts every day.

A pen is a gift that a soldier can use to write home and it's small enough for them to carry. Hopefully the pens and their new owners will find their way back home safe and sound and it will someday be a special keepsake, a reminder of a call to duty.

Fort Monroe is one of the oldest Army Forts in the country and is historically significant. This is my reasoning for selecting Fort Monroe as a point of departure. If the Base Commander is unwilling to ship my precious cargo then I will use the Post Office at Yorktown Virginia which is located just yards away from the last battle of the Revolutionary War, another historically significant point of departure known to All American Patriots.

If anyone would like to join me I sure could use the help, I need 100,000 pens if I'm to give one to every soldier serving overseas. Consider this post a "Call to Arms" all Ye Pen-Turners and honorable members of SawMill Creek...Will You Help?"

Keith had an initial goal of 100,000 pens back then, and he was appealing to individual craftsmen to help meet that goal. People replied that they could contribute 5 or 10 pens. What this says to me is that if you have an idea, even a great big idea, get moving. Start. Make something happen. Did he make it? Did he collect 100,000 pens, 5 or 10 at a time? I don't know, and I don't think it matters.

Here we are, fourteen years later, contributing nearly 1,000 pens to our service men and women stationed overseas. To those of you who helped by your participation in this worthwhile club project, I say "Thank You" and "Well Done".

To the club members who, for whatever reason were unable to help on this project, I ask you for a favor. Find something else you can do for the club. State Fair is coming. Volunteer there. You absolutely DO NOT need to be an expert turner to demonstrate at the Fair. You're there as a club ambassador, to promote our craft, and to have fun.

If you can't do a few shifts at the Fair, stick around after a meeting and help clean up. Help a demonstrator carry tools in or out of the Center. There are a lot of ways everyone in the club can be of assistance and make WVVW a better woodturning community.

Many thanks – and happy turning!

Jeff Zens

Vice President

## Lathe Tool Sharpening with Nick Stagg

In early July, five club members took advantage of a lathe tool sharpening class instructed by Nick Stagg with assistance from Myron Yancy. Once again, Terry Gerros kindly offered up his shop, lathes and grinders for this effort.



*Left, Nick Stagg looks over a tool with Gene Derfler. Myron Yancey and John Bateman examine a tool edge, right rear.*

Talking to John Bateman before class revealed the importance of mastering the sharpening process. He told me how frustrating it has been to turn with tools he thought were sharp: “I was ready to quit!” was his sentiment. Coming from a hand-tool furniture-making background and being heavily involved in teaching these skills to new woodworkers, I can attest to the frustration any new woodworker encounters when trying to use tools that need sharpening.

Tools do NOT come to you sharp from the factory – or at least not as sharp as they might be with a little attention. Nick’s class brought home that lesson and demonstrated a number of techniques to get that razor-sharp edge.

Gene Derfler, another student, had this to say: “It was a good class. I like a hands-on class rather than watching someone do something. Nick was a good instructor and allowed us to make our own mistakes. It was well worth my time and money to attend. “

The club has a lot of new members who could benefit from classes like this one. If you’re among this group and would like to see a class offered to suit your needs, please send an email to me at [jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com](mailto:jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com).

~~Jeff Zens

## Meeting minutes July 12, 2018

Submitted by Ron Freshour, Secretary

- President Darcy Tataryn
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Introduction of Visitors
  - There was a request from a company wanting 1,100 leg spindles. No one volunteered during the meeting.
- Vice President Jeff Zen
  - Craft Supplies order was explained. Members can log into the website and order supplies. When the club order is \$1,000 or more it will go sent for the 10% discount.
  - Request to have the Pens For Troops turned in.
  - Anchor Seal supply is depleted and another barrel will be purchased. The last gallon has been placed in tonight's raffle.
  - Eric Lofstrom will be at the club for the August meeting. There will be a two day workshop on August 11th & 12th.
  - Myron has tickets for those working the Steam-Up
  - John Shilling from the Cascade Club has an Estate Salem on August 11th to include Tools and Wood.
- Terry - Announced the AAW - Oregon Symposium will be March 15th - 17th, 2019.

### **DEMONSTRATION: Gadgets, Gizmos & Jigs**

- Club Member - Bruce Stangeby
  - Steady Rest
  - Jig preventing going through the bottom of a vessel
- Club Member - Jim Devorss
  - Pin Jaw and Jig for making long spindle work
- Club Member - JJ Jones
  - Spindle Guide - Welded six-sided spindle guide with in-line skate wheels
- Club Member - Walt Thies
  - Walt posted his handout on sources of materials for making tools
  - Walt demonstrated a variety of tools he has made over the years for special use or less expensive tools or better quality tools

### **CLOSING:**

- Raffle items
- Bring Back Raffle - Hollow Form
- August Bring Back Raffle will be HOME MADE TURNING TOOLS - Bring project, pay \$5.00 to enter, drawing of tickets, winner takes 1/2 of the pool (i.e. If the pool is \$20 the winner will take \$10 from the pool and the other \$10 goes into the annual drawing.)
- Award of \$10 coupons from Craft Supplies

## Upcoming Events

### August 9: Eric Lofstrom

We're indeed fortunate to have Eric Lofstrom return to visit the club in August. His Thursday evening demonstration is one we haven't seen in several years – triple-axis turning. He has refined this practice to high art in his “Resilience” series of turnings. From Eric's website:

**“Resilience-** *‘the ability to adapt or recover quickly from adversity.’*”

The Resilience Series is inspired by water's ability to constantly adapt to external forces. Water never disappears, it just morphs its state of matter; when exposed to heat, it becomes steam, when frozen it becomes ice, when exposed to gravity it erodes a new path.”



If you haven't seen Eric at one of our club meetings don't miss this one. He's a gifted turner, a great speaker and a fun guy!

Eric's bio:

Eric's earliest memories of creating with wood are in Grandpa's dirt floor, basement workshop; he had a special place at the bench, right next to the scrap bin. Eric grew up around woodworking, but had never learned about a tool called the lathe until the first weekend in October of 2001, while attending a free demo at a woodworking store in Sumner, WA. It was here that his woodworking trajectory changed and the woodturning adventures began.

A demonstration on turning pens and letter openers was all it took to hook his curiosity. Creating shavings on a lathe consumed Eric's thoughts for the next few weeks as he wrapped his brain around how a finished piece could emerge from rough materials so quickly! After hearing all the details (several times), Eric's wife pursued this spark of excitement and set his woodturning journey in motion with a mini lathe and tool set for Christmas. Years later, Eric's woodturning enthusiasm continues to grow.

Like many turners, Eric began with scraps of 2x4s and "factory sharpened" tools. Several startling catches in the first few projects quickly focused him on the why and how of creating curls instead of settling for sawdust. Gaining tool control and improving technique became a personal quest. Whether creating a fitted lid box or multi-axis turning, a translucent or winged bowl, a hollow form or exploring surface embellishments, Eric enjoys projects which both challenge his skill and stretch his creative curiosity.

In the fall of 2002, Eric began a membership with the South Puget Sound Chapter of the AAW. He enjoyed serving on the board of directors from 2005-2012 and representing the club at several woodworking shows in addition to mentoring others at the club's monthly sawdust sessions. He began demonstrating and teaching woodturning classes at local woodworking stores in 2006. Since then, Eric has taught at multiple symposiums and has become a highly sought-after instructor for woodturning clubs across the United States and Canada. The constant exposure to other turners continues to transform his awareness and understanding of turning fundamentals.

Conscious of the importance tool control plays in creating pieces, Eric believes it is not only important to know which techniques work but also why they work. As a passionate teacher and woodturner, Eric is on a mission to impact the world of woodturning by helping others build confidence in tool control and developing their own creative voice!

*There is nothing more powerful than being inspired by an idea and having the courage and confidence to create that one-of-a-kind piece... to Eric, this is what woodturning is all about!*

## August 11 - 12 Educational Opportunity: Turning with Eric Lofstrom



Professional woodturning maestro Eric Lofstrom will offer a **2-day weekend series of classes for club members only**, on Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12, 2018. The Saturday class, “**A Day of Turning Triple-Axis Raindrops, ‘Resilience’ Series, expands on Eric’s Thursday evening demonstration to the club.** This hands-on class is designed for turners who want to explore the interaction of multiple curves within a single sculptural piece. In addition to reviewing spindle turning techniques, you will learn concepts of multi-axis turning, sharpening methods to obtain a razor sharp tool edge, and how to produce the cleanest cut possible with control. Time will also be spent on embellishing techniques which can be utilized to enhance the grain in your artistic pieces. You will take home samples created during the class for inspiration once back in your own shop!



Sunday’s class shifts gears considerably. “**A Day of Turning Square-Rim Bowls, ‘Resonance’ Series**” is designed to equip you with basic skills to create a small bowl with an outward flowing square rim. Created from a square blank with basic turning tools, we will explore techniques to maximize the bowl gouge and finishing scrapers, in addition to utilizing several methods of mounting a face grain blank to the lathe for turning. Focus will be placed on tool control and creating a flowing form, while aiming for the cleanest cuts possible from the tools. The square-rim bowl class is sure to tease your mind and set ripples of inspiration in motion!

This two-day class **costs \$200**. You can register by email: [jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com](mailto:jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com). Your class fees must be paid in order to reserve your spot in this class. A list of tools and materials will be provided to every registrant. Don’t delay on this one!!

## August 29<sup>th</sup> - September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Oregon State Fair

**September 13: Reed “Robo Hippy” Gray:** Shear scraping, peeling cuts, and negative rake scrapers

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## Club Business

### Treasurer's Report (7/6-7/3)

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer

**Beginning Balance**            **\$14,540.91**

#### Income

Membership	\$30
Raffle	\$59
Sharpening Class Fees	\$350
Glue/Anchorseal sales	\$118
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$557</b>

#### Expenses

Glue purchase	\$90
Shop Fee	\$60
Nick Stagg sharpening class	\$180
Camera Purchase	\$50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$380</b>

**Ending Balance**            **\$14,717.91**

## Anchorseal Update

One of the benefits of your club membership is the availability of Anchorseal end coating at cost. Having just emptied out our last 55-gallon drum, I'm happy to say a new barrel of Anchorseal is on its way to the club.

I have ordered this new drum with propylene glycol antifreeze. Many of our members keep their product in unheated outbuildings, and Anchorseal is ruined if it freezes. The antifreeze added a little bit to the cost, but even with the antifreeze your cost will drop from \$11.00 to \$9.00 per gallon.

Propylene glycol is a non-toxic additive. If you're interested, the Safety Data Sheet for this product can be found [here](#).

Any way you slice it, this is a pretty good deal for a good product.



Because of developing space limitations in my shop, I am no longer able to stockpile gallon jugs. What this means for the membership is that you'll need to bring an empty gallon jug with you when you come for your Anchorseal. Call me to arrange a convenient time to pick up your fall supply.

When I took over the Anchorseal job I inherited 10 plastic totes similar in size to a milk crate. I don't need these any longer, and I'm selling them for \$2.00 each, proceeds going to the club. New, these crates sell for about \$10.00 each so they are priced well. They are clean, although some might have a few drops of Anchorseal on the bottoms. These are the totes that gallon jugs were stored in, and four one-gallon jugs will fit nicely into each tote. They make a nice neat and convenient way to store your Anchorseal in your shop or garage. Contact [me](#) if you're interested – first come, first served!

~~ Jeff Zens

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## For Sale



6 inch, 4 jaw chuck for \$50  
For more info see [Tom Balsbaugh](#)  
(503) 623-9398

# 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 (\$9/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](#). You will need to bring your own gallon jug; contact Jeff to make arrangements.

## 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](mailto:jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com).
- 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.
- 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.

## Club happenings in our area

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

### Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

[www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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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