



# The Burl



A monthly newsletter for the  
**Willamette Valley Woodturners**  
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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday October 10, 2019 6:30 pm**



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## President's Message – October, 2019

### Important October and November Events

I have a few important items for your consideration this month.

First is our annual Executive Board election, which will be the only bit of Club business transacted at the November meeting. Here are the nominees for these positions for 2020, and the “term status” for each position:

- President:** Jeff Zens (Second term)  
**Vice President:** Marc Vickery (First Term)  
**Secretary:** Milt Engelke (Second Term)  
**Treasurer:** Henrik Aberg (Not term limited)  
**Members at Large:** Jerry Lelack (Second Term)  
Scott Morrison (New nomination for 2020)  
Bruce Stangeby (New nomination for 2020)

At the November meeting the membership will vote for the 2020 officers and board members. In order to vote, you must **(a)** be present, and **(b)** be a member in good standing – meaning your dues must be paid. If you are interested in the direction the club is taking, voting is your chance to influence it. Please be there.

The only position that involves competition is the Member-at-Large position; you will vote for two of the three candidates on the ballot, and this will be done by a show of hands for counting purposes. Let me offer a brief explanation for the reduction in Members-at-Large from three in 2019 to two in 2020. During 2019, Darcy Tataryn served as Vice President, but was also our past president. The Bylaws require an Executive Board composed of 7 members, and with Darcy serving in two positions, a third Member-at-Large was required. In 2020 that situation goes away, and with it the need for the third Member-at-Large. I hope this explanation is clear.

I've included the "term status" for one simple reason: with the exception of the treasurer's position, an individual may only serve for two years in any Board position. I know that November 2020 is a long way off (or so it seems today) but looking at the current composition of the board, there will be quite a few vacancies next year. Something to begin thinking about.

The second item of note this month is the 2020 community service project, an empty bowls event. Planning is already underway, and the first club event is going to be a Sawdust Session on October 20 where we will begin to prepare bowl blanks from logs. You've already seen a pretty comprehensive email to this effect, so here is a brief recap. We will need people to operate their own chain saws, operate a band saw to create the bowl blanks, apply club-supplied Anchorseal, and maybe even start roughing out the bowls. If you are a new turner this session will be really helpful in forming a basic knowledge of the wood harvesting process. We do NOT want members performing any operation they are not comfortable with, or are not properly trained and equipped for.

This doesn't mean don't show up! It does mean: be there, bring your eye protection (which I know everyone uses anyway. Right?) and hearing protection. If you have never used a chainsaw, we can begin the training process. If you've never used a bandsaw, we can show you how these machines work. And if you're an old hand at this, we need your help and expertise to get the work done. In short, there is something to do for every member of the club from novice to highly skilled.

Our November 2019 meeting will see the return of the WVW Auction. As many of you know, this is one of the main funding sources for the club. Gary Dahrens is leading the effort to organize and put on the auction, but there are two things every member can do to help make it a success. First, of course, is to donate a turned item to the auction. These items should be your very best work.

Second, at the October meeting we will have about 250 flyers for you to take home and distribute. We are trying to greatly increase the public visibility of the Auction, and your help with distribution will really help the club reach that goal.

Finally, we are nearing the end of the year, and it's time to renew your membership for 2020. You can do this by cash or check at the meeting, by mail, or on the club's web page at <http://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com/>. This is a clickable link if you're reading The Burl online. What could be easier? Click the link, pay your dues, and be current for 2020!!

Happy turning, and **please**...be safe at the lathe!

~~ Jeff Zens



A special **Thank you** to Elwood's Tree Service for supplying the logs for several of our more recent demonstrations and classes. The generosity of community partners such as this helps keep our club functioning. Please consider contacting Elwood's for your upcoming tree needs.



## Willamette Valley Woodturners goes to the races!

~~ by Robert Chandler

Nearly 250 runners and multisport athletes—and one Chihuahua—participated in the 2019 Salem Rotary Multisport Riverfest on a rainy Sunday morning in September. Presented to the community by the Rotary Clubs of Salem and South Salem, the event included triathlons (swim/bike/run), duathlons (run/bike/run), and 5K and 10K runs. Triathletes swam in the Willamette River offshore of Wallace Marine Park. The bike courses took riders as far as the Independence Bridge and back to Riverfront Park. The running courses crossed the Peter Courtney Bridge and ran along some of the most scenic trails on Minto-Brown Island Park before returning runners to the finish line in Riverfront Park.



*Champion Awards donated by Willamette Valley Woodturners.*

New this year were the awards given to the overall male and female winners of the Olympic and Sprint distance triathlons. These athletes took home exceptionally beautiful “Champion Awards” crafted by



*Grace Crookham-Guy, Sprint Triathlon Champion*

Willamette Valley Woodturners. A total of 11 turned boxes were donated for the event and they came in all shapes and sizes, each having the event’s gold medal imbedded in the lid. The two top male finishers noted when receiving their awards that they have drawers full of medals and shelves overflowing with acrylic awards, but they had never seen anything as unique and or as beautiful. Shown in the photo is 20-year-old Grace Crookham-Guy, who was thrilled with the hand-crafted award she received after finishing first in the sprint triathlon.

The opportunity for our club to contribute to this unique community event was presented to Vice-President Darcy Tataryn by WVV member Robert Chandler, who served as Chair for this year’s Salem Rotary Multisport Riverfest event. Special thanks to Mike Smith who provided catalpa wood for several of the boxes and to our members who contributed their time and talent in crafting the awards: Jeff Zens (President), Darcy Tataryn (Vice-President), Bruce Stangeby, Roland Mack, Francis Korn, Paul Hirt, Jim Devorss and Robert Chandler.

Let’s do this again next year!

## Upcoming Events

### October Demonstrator - Scott Hampton

Bio: My name is Scott Hampton, a professional woodturner hailing from the city of Visalia that is located in the San Joaquin Valley of California, and just a breath away from Sequoia National Park. Some years ago, with the encouragement and support of my family and fellow woodturning friends, I began the career of being a demonstrator, educator, and mentor of woodturning, with the hopes of traveling to visit and teach fellow woodturners across our great country about this wonderful and creative hobby.

I caught the woodturning 'bug' back in 1999. A local woodworking store was having an open house and BBQ, so I made sure I didn't miss it. As luck would have it, a well known local woodturner named Jim Mathias was giving some demonstrations that caught my eye. I knew a bit about woodturning from making small furniture parts at home on my Shopsmith, but nothing compared to what he was making. Jim seemed to notice that I was a bit more curious than the average passerby, so he invited me to attend the upcoming meeting of the local AAW woodturning chapter. "Say what... they have clubs for this? I'll be there".

So, two weeks later I was front row center at the meeting. And at this meeting, I began my many years of volunteering for the chapter by first picking up a broom and cleaning up the shavings. During my time with the chapter I was the videographer for seventeen years, the newsletter editor for nine years, Chapter Secretary for two years, and Chapter President for two years. I'm no longer a member of this chapter, although I have found a new home with two other nearby AAW chapters.

I have now been a full-time woodturner for eighteen years. I have had the good fortune of working alongside more than thirty of the most well-known woodturners from around the world, allowing me to learn the mastery of the craft, and how to put together and present a woodturning class that is inspiring, informative, and fun. I have taken all the different techniques I have learned from the professionals, and combined them into my own distinctive style of woodturning and teaching.

For my classes and demonstrations, I have put together a large variety of interesting projects that are exciting, educational, and for what I strive for the most, motivating. My ultimate goal is to encourage others to reach beyond their comfort zone, create their own unique style of woodturning and projects, while spending time enjoying this wonderful craft

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***"I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."*** Albert Einstein



## November 14th 5:30pm- Live Auction Event

Mark your calendar. Next month is our annual fundraising auction. Enjoy food, fun, and friendship. Drinks, deli sandwiches, sheet cake, and delicious salads by Audie Kuenzi will be provided. If you like having demonstrators like Stewart Batty and Trent Bosch, this is how we fund them. This year we are fortunate to have our favorite auctioneer Dave Colson back. Well known to many of us for his energy humor and his ability to keep things moving. For those of you who like to make things for the auction there will be the opportunity to put a reserve on the higher valued items for fairness. For those of you who like to bake, there will be a desert silent auction. Plan now for how you can help fund the coming year. Make it, bake it, or buy it. Let's all have a fun evening together Thursday **November 14th at 5:30pm. Please note the time.** Questions call **Gary 503-260-9778**



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## Club Business

### Treasurer's Report (9/2-10/6)

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer

**Beginning Balance**            **\$11,822.29**

**Ending Balance**                **\$11,619.97**

#### Income

Anchorseal sales                \$184.00

**Total Income**                    **\$184.00**

#### Expenses

State Fair                            \$136.32

November Demo                    \$200.00

OR Registration Renewal        \$50.00

**Total Expenses**                    **\$386.32**

## Empty Bowls Event for 2020

For the coming year our club has decided to hold an Empty Bowl event as our community outreach and public awareness project.

Empty Bowl events are fundraising events with a focus on reducing hunger and food insecurity. These events are held all over the country and in the last few years have even been held internationally. If you would like to see the scope of this project take a look at [emptybowls.com](http://emptybowls.com) or do a basic internet search for empty bowls. There are many examples of events posted online that will give a better idea of the concept than I can provide.

We have decided to hold our event in October. This gives us an entire year to prepare and ensure that we are successful. It will give us enough time to get bowls completed from log to dry and it will also give us time to adequately publicize the event.

For those who have never attended an event of this nature, here is a brief description: Prior to the event members create bowls to donate. Every person who pays for their dinner will be able to take their soup bowl home with them. The meal is simple. A bowl of soup, some bread and, perhaps, a small dessert. The idea is that this simple meal reminds us of what hungry people in our community often have to eat for an entire day.

For our event we will be offering “step up” bowls. In order to offer this we are requesting donations of some bowls that go beyond the utility version of a soup bowl. These bowls can be larger such as medium serving bowl size, more artistic, more embellished. In general they are the ones that would command a higher price. Patrons will be allowed to upgrade their basic bowl to one of these for a larger donation. If we have even larger or more valuable bowls donated we will offer another step up option for yet another larger donation. Finally for the very special pieces we will be having a silent auction section. This can be extra special bowls, platters or other donated artwork. Finally we would like to have one spectacular grand prize that can be done as a door prize with additional raffle tickets sold.

The majority of the donated bowls should be **soup bowl size and finished with a food safe finish**. You are free to personalize, embellish, sign your donated bowls as you wish. At the last event we had many people asking for more details such as who made the bowl, what type of wood is it, and how to care for it? It is helpful but not required that you include a little card with this type of information. If you do want to share the information please attach it with a piece of tape on the bottom of the bowl. There is no way the volunteers will be able to ensure the right paper stays with the right bowl otherwise.

We will provide a disposable liner bowl for the evenings meal just to aid with clean up and to allow people to take their bowls home clean if they wish.

In order to make this event work we need many volunteers. First and foremost we need Woodturners. Our goal is to sell 100 tickets so we need at least that many soup bowls. In addition we have set goals of 20 level one upgrade bowls, 10 level 2 upgrade bowls, and 5-10 silent auction items. I would not be surprised if our club met and shattered these goals. I've seen what we were able to do with pens and beads of courage boxes.

In addition to turning help we need some volunteers to help prepare for this event and to help on the night of the event. Please consider volunteering for any of the following tasks and please consider involving your family. This is a great event to bring friends and family to.

## **Pre event help:**

**Bowl collector** - Someone to collect completed pieces from members and ensure they are counted and get to the event.

**Donation Seekers** - Several people willing to go out and solicit donations for the dinner such as soup, bread, butter, pies etc.

**Public relations** - Several people willing to go out in the community to promote the event including putting up posters, talking to other charities, churches, other clubs etc as well as writing letter to businesses and service organizations to make them aware of our event.

**Printed Materials** - We have a list of printed materials including tickets and posters, and a few other things to be designed and printed.

**Ticket Management** - someone to mail out tickets to people who purchase tickets online.

**Social Media** - Everyone can help with this. Once the official announcement with picture and details is announced share it aggressively on social media.

## **'Night of' help:**

**Set up help for tables and chairs.**

**Ticket takers** - 2-3 people at the door collecting tickets, handing out will call tickets and selling 'day of' tickets.

**Servers for the meal** - At least six to ladle soup, butter and hand out bread, serve pie.

**Maintain display tables** - 2-3 people at main table to exchange entry ticket for bowls, answer questions.

**Bump up Tables** - 1 person at each to collect additional donations and answer questions.

**Silent Auction Monitoring** - 1 person in charge

**Raffle ticket sales for grand prize** - 1-2 people roving throughout the evening.

**A master of ceremonies** - someone to provide a little detail of our club and what we do, explain the event and various aspects of the evening, encourage bidding and announce closing of silent auction, encourage ticket sales.

**Donation coordinator** - Collect cash, check, and credit donations. At our last event we had a lot of donations in cash and cards beyond what people gave for a bowl.

**Clean up crew**- many hands make work light.

Finally I would like a core group of people to serve with me on the committee to organize this event and our volunteers. We will meet a few times over the next year to ensure plans are progressing and will communicate regularly between meetings with phone calls and email. If you are willing to be part of this steering committee please let me know. If you want to volunteer for a specific listed task please let me know.

[WVWOODTURNERS@gmail.com](mailto:WVWOODTURNERS@gmail.com) or call me at (503) 551-7197.

In preparation for this event we will be holding several blank prepping and bowl turning parties. Please watch your email for announcements regarding these as they will not always happen with enough advance warning to provide notice in a meeting or in the Burl. The first one is at my place on Oct 20. RSVP requested.

Thank you all for your support and help with this very worthwhile endeavor.

**Darcy Tataryn**

**Vice President Willamette Valley Woodturners**



# 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 Gary Dahrens, (503) 260-9778. .

## 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). Jerry Lelack 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)

**Cascade Woodturners** (Portland, OR)

[www.cascadewoodturners.com](http://www.cascadewoodturners.com)

**Beaver State Woodturners** (Eugene, OR)

[www.beaverstatewoodturners.com](http://www.beaverstatewoodturners.com)

**Oregon Coast Woodturners** (Newport, OR)

[www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com](http://www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com)

**Southwest Washington Woodturners** (Vancouver, WA)

[www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com](http://www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com)

**South Coast Woodturners** (Coos Bay, OR)

<http://southcoastwoodturners.com/>

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### Executive Board

President	Jeff Zens
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Board Position 3	Marc Vickery

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