



The Burl

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Next Meeting
Thursday March 11, 2020 6:30 pm
using ZOOM

President's Message March, 2021

Cleaning Up and Beginning Anew

Before my wife Marie and I went to bed on Friday, February 12 – the day after our last virtual meeting – we knew we were in for a bad ice storm. We had already lost power once during the afternoon on Friday, and when we walked outside we discovered we had already lost several trees near the house. I moved the truck and camper to places of relative safety in the back yard. Sometime overnight the power went off and stayed off.

Saturday morning, the real scope of this disaster hit – hard. We lost every tree except one near the house, and a bunch of others along our driveway. This was a sad event for us in a lot of ways. Looking ahead to the weeks of cleanup. Wondering how long we would be without power. Thinking about the spring and summer of 2003, when we planted each of these trees on our woodless property after we purchased the house, then watching them grow a little taller each year. Enjoying the crimson and gold as the sugar maples turned colors each fall, and seeing those same trees split down the middle and laying across the driveway and sidewalk. Sad.

But then, as we walked down the driveway, we heard a series of thumps and felt the ground shake. Looked toward our neighbor's property. Two *more* of his magnificent oaks – towering trees, approaching one hundred feet tall – had come crashing down, pulled from the wet ground by the roots. Took out his fence. Landed across another neighbor's driveway. Thankfully we were not walking down that driveway at the time. Right then I was reminded of a lesson I learned many years ago: when you think you've got it bad, look to the right, or the left, or behind you. You'll see someone who has it worse. Maybe much worse. If Marie and I have weeks of work ahead of us, Josh has months. And the folks in Detroit are still looking at years of rebuilding and replanting after the fires last September.

Power didn't come back on for us for a week, but our generator got us through. Fortunately gasoline isn't yet illegal in Oregon, so I could keep it running. I won't call us lucky as much as prepared. But a lot of folks weren't, and at a minimum lost a lot of food. Maybe they couldn't live in their homes for a week. They had it much worse than we did.

Maybe some of our club members are facing weeks or months of work. I know of two, for certain. So here's my "ask" for this month: if you need some help, let me or another board member know, and we can organize a work party to assist. If you have large trees down on your property suitable for turning, let Gary Dahrens know, and he can put out the word to the Wood Gathering group. As a club, I think we ought to prioritize supporting each other through rough times.

When the weather improves a bit, it will be time to get to your favorite nursery, find your favorite species, and get some trees planted. As a furniture maker, I try to do this every year – collecting acorns and planting them in my large front field, in an effort to replace the wood I use to build. This fall, find some acorns. Throw them into a pail of water, and toss out the ones that float. Plant the ones that stay on the bottom of the bucket – they are the viable ones. Mark where you planted them. Next spring, pay careful attention to the seedlings that sprout. Don't mow them – trim carefully. Fifty years from now, the 2021 ice storm will be someone's memory, but the grove of trees or single specimen that result from your efforts this spring will be standing tall, front and center, for all to enjoy.

For now, though, get out the chainsaw, and the chaps, and the safety classes – and Let the Chips Fly!

~~ Jeff Zens

February 11, 2021

Willamette Valley Woodturners Club Meeting

Submitted by Milt Engelke

Call to Order at 6:30 PM by President Jeff Zens leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.

37 In attendance

Business issues discussed prior to Demonstration:

Walnut oil sales going well. Reminder if oil is desired to contact the president ASAP (\$20/gal) bring your own container(s). Also, Jeff maintains and distributes the clubs supply of Anchorseal (\$9/gal). The 55gal barrel of Walnut oil is of the highest quality. As mentioned previously, any residual after club members needs satisfied would be offered to other Oregon Wood turners Clubs at a slightly higher cost for distribution to their club members. The project was initiated by Darcy Tataryn with Jeff Zens being the point of contact and distribution to desiring members.

Several members offered show -n- tell prior to the Guest presentation by Sam Angelo from Billings Montana.

Web site reflexes his previous location. <http://wyomingwoodturner.com>

Also see: Sam Angelo <https://www.facebook.com/SAM-Angelo-Woodturner-128638223866766/>. He was one of the demonstrators for the 2019 Oregon Wood Turners Symposium.

Excellent presentation on chasing threads in wood.

Future demonstrations are being scheduled: At the present time and in the near future the following will provide for distance demonstrations.

May 2021 Mike Mahoney <https://bowlmakerinc.com/> Also one of the 2019 Oregon Wood Turners Symposium Demonstrator.

An improvement on participation during the February meeting with 37 in attendance each having a front row seat with the ease of asking questions and having “one-on-one” mentoring from the excellent presentations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Upcoming Demonstrators for 2021

NOTE: due to the Coronavirus, the next several months are to be provided through Zoom. As of June, Eric Lofstrom is still set for a zoom meeting BUT may be our first real live demonstrator if the rules change and we have a place to meet. Scheduled meetings are all subject to change.

Date	Name	Website	Topic	Saturday Class
3/11/2021	Trent Bosch	https://trentbosch.com	Green/Wet turned sunburst patter with carved rim	
4/8/2021	Emiliano Arhaval	https://www.hawaiiankoaturner.com	All about the Hawaiian Calabash	
5/13/2021	Mike Mahoney	https://bowlmakerinc.com	Many Demo topics to chose – PLEASE come to the meeting to state a choice of topics you would like to see	
6/10/2021	Eric Lofstrom	https://www.ericlofstrom.com	Many Demo topics to chose – PLEASE come to the meeting to state a choice of topics you would like to see	Not yet. BUT IF COVID RULES ALLOW IT, IT IS POSSIBLE!!!!
FOR remaining 2021: Please express an interest of ANY Demonstrator or weekend workshop you would like to see to Marc Vickery				

PLEASE NOTE:

March2021 meeting:

To bring the photos for Show and Tell to the meeting, PLEASE forward by email to me at my address below.

Sawdust sessions:

I have decided to not schedule further sawdust sessions unless someone specifically requests a session. The turnout over the Covid period has been a struggle and it seems a challenge to continue the idea of generating interest where there seems to be none.

I wish it were not so.

As to scheduling for 2021, member input is requested. Bear in mind we may not be able to continue to provide as many demonstrators on a paid basis as there is very little income coming in to support demonstrators and other expenses.

If members have ideas about fundraising please feel free to bring it to the table!

In the world of technology, I discovered some members found Zoom a bit of a hurdle. IF YOU want a practice session, please email me a note asking to be invited.

And if you have a best time include it in the email me and we can discuss a time that works for you.

Please feel free to reach out to Marc Vickery if you have questions, observations, ideas, or any other concepts.

Thanks,

Marc

503-544-0647

Email to halepaumarc@gmail.com

Call if I can help in any other way.

Trent Bosch



Sunburst platter *In this session I turn a platter from green wood, from start to finish. I will then take that Platter and carve a sunburst pattern into the rim. Along the way we will discuss drying techniques, getting the cleanest cut possible to minimize sanding, how to develop new ideas and more.*

“Working with wood is part of my everyday life. It is my connection to the earth and the environment in which I live. While pursuing my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in photography and sculpture, I became interested in the art of woodturning.

My philosophy has always been to work in harmony with our environment and not to destroy something in order to create something. In all my art, I use only recycled and easily sustainable woods. Being conscious of this has allowed me to work with the subtle beauty and dimension this discarded wood possesses.



My intent as an artist is to express my feelings about nature, my family and natural processes. I work in series or bodies of work, which allows me to explore these issues in depth. Throughout the creative process I am continually reminded that I have not and will not ever be content. I will continue to create and strive for that body of work that has yet to be conceived.”



Pictures from 2019 Trent Bosch class with Willamette Valley Woodturners.

Membership Rewards

Chain Sharpening Service from [Jeff Zens](#)

I have recently purchased an electric chain sharpener and can accurately sharpen your chains and adjust your depth stops for your saw chains. This will restore the chain to “factory-new” condition. Most chains can be sharpened for \$10.00, but longer chains or badly damaged chains might be a little bit more. This service is only available for club members.

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 **and Walnut oil** (\$20/gal), which are 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 [Jeff Zens](#)
- 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

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

www.cascadewoodturners.com

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

www.beaverstatewoodturners.com

Oregon Coast Woodturners (Newport, OR)

www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

South Coast Woodturners (Coos Bay, OR)

www.southcoastwoodturners.com

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