

The Burl

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Willamette Valley Woodturners

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Next Meeting:
Thurs, Oct 14, 2021
6:30-8:30
Salem 50+ Center

President's Message October 2021

“You don’t know what you’ve got til it’s gone...”

So wrote Joni Mitchell, and a lot of other songwriters over the past several decades, and the sentiment might apply in some small way to *The Burl*. Last month there wasn't one – and people actually missed it. It's our good fortune that Secretary Brian Skaar missed it enough that he stepped up and took over the helm as Newsletter editor. Thank you, Brian.

We had a Board meeting a few weeks ago, and the newsletter was discussed at length. One of the criticisms of the newsletter was the reduction in content over the years. There seems to be a perception that the newsletter used to be page after page of great content – but my review of what's posted on the website reveals that to be a bit exaggerated. What I see is basically this: a President's message, a description of upcoming presenters, maybe an article about what someone is doing in their shop (or maybe not) and a list of club benefits. Not much more, month to month. In contrast, look at the [Northwest Woodturners newsletter](#) for this month. Quite a difference. The only way this happens is through the involvement of the membership – people who take photos, write articles, and otherwise create content. It's not the editor's job to write the newsletter – it's your job! Brian will edit and publish it; we'll post it on the website and distribute it via email. The rest is up to you!

State Fair Thank You

We had a good turnout in the WWV display booth at the State Fair this year. To those of you who participated, please accept my sincere thanks. I hope you all enjoyed the experience, and will be back again next year. And I hope each of you will get one more club member to take a shift. It really is a lot of fun.

October Meeting – Important!

As a past practice, nominations for new club officers happen at the October meeting. Nominations will be opened for EVERY position for Officers and Board members. As a reminder, these positions are:

- President (Jeff Zens, incumbent, ending term)
- Vice President (Marc Vickery, incumbent and candidate for President)
- Secretary (Brian Skaar, incumbent and candidate)
- Treasurer (Henrik Åberg, incumbent and candidate)
- Board member-at-large (2 positions, both ending terms due to term limits)

· Past President (non-voting Board member; Darcy Tataryn, incumbent, ending term)

I know of possible nominations for several of these slots. Nominations will be opened and taken from the membership present at the meeting. It would be extremely helpful if the nominees are also present at the meeting to accept or decline a nomination.

The officers and Board members are YOUR representatives, charged with both the day-to-day operation of the club AND the long-range planning for the future. It's important that you participate in the process of nominating and electing your reps. Please plan to attend the October meeting on the 14th, and the November 11 meeting for the election.

~~Jeff Zens

Upcoming Demonstrators and Events-Marc Vickery

Date	Name	Website	Topic	Followup Class
10/14/21	Carl Jacobson	https://thewoodshop.tv/	Carl will demo several easy items for Christmas and the Holidays	Sawdust Session Sunday, Oct 17 @ Darcy's studio (see below)
11/11/21	No outside demonstrator. OPEN LATHE NIGHT (See below)			
12/9/21	No demo planned. Possible social event with games (and prizes!). Possible gift exchange? Please share ideas and interest with Marc Vickery.			
Jan 2022	Under consideration. Some possible ideas in the works. Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery-THANK YOU			
Feb 2022	Under consideration. Some possible ideas in the works. Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery-THANK YOU			
Mar 2022	Under consideration. Some possible ideas in the works. Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery-THANK YOU			

October Meeting-Marc Vickery:

YES, The Center 50+ is open for our meeting at the usual start time of 6:30. **BUT!** The new requirement is to get a coded page which has your contact info and will be used as a passport to all the meetings there going forward. Please arrive early (6:00?) if you have not yet been to the Center 50+ as it does take them several minutes to complete the process. Also, please consider arriving early to help set up (5:30?).

Please note we are accepting nominations for all Board positions. While we have been working in the background and have a few folks willing to step up and accept being nominated, we are still seeking nominations from the membership. The Board is a great way to understand this club and get insight on how it all works and give back to the club. Please feel free to nominate yourself also. As mentioned, all positions are open including Member at Large.

The demonstrator this month is Carl Jacobson who has agreed to provide a selection of easy Christmas or Holiday items that can be turned by members in the following months. Carl is nationally known and does regular YouTube demos. Look him up by name or type in Wood.TV in your browser. I believe he has probably demonstrated everything ever turned!

A **SAWDUST SESSION** on Sunday the 17th is expected to follow the 14th meeting with Carl. It will be an immediate practice session/tuneup for the November meeting. Please feel free to join beginning at 9:00 AM until about noon. Location is at Darcy Tataryn's at 10677 Garma Way SE Turner OR. Best to use your GPS as it is a bit of a challenge if you haven't been there.

Special Plans for November Meeting:

The first thing to happen will be a **final vote for the new officer positions**. Following the vote there may be announcements. New officers begin their positions as of January 1st.

The meeting will be an **Open Lathe Night** similar to a Karaoke event. It will be based on the notion that a woodturner can step up to the lathe and show how to make a Christmas or Holiday item. Examples of such items include trees, bells, ornaments, angels, and so on.

The actual time on the lathe is up to the person demonstrating, but it is suggested that turners take about 15 to 20 minutes per turn. If it goes 30 minutes or more there may be fewer guys getting a turn. I'm hoping we can fill the evening up with 5-8 turners demonstrating.

Although it will probably be voluntary and in no particular order, I would like anyone who knows they want to present a turning to let me know. This is only in case no one steps up to be first so I can call on someone... And if you want to be first, cool! Let me know that too. If I get enough guys volunteering beforehand, we will bring in another lathe.

Empty Bowls Event

As many are aware, the Empty Bowls event has been on and off several times over the last several years. Hopefully it is on and on for real this time.

According to the friends at Willamette Art Center, the abbreviated dates for the fundraiser is scheduled for sales on November 19 and 20. So be sure to check your calendars and set aside those dates to help with the sales. The setup and takedown dates include the 18th and 21st. Lots of help is appreciated!

If you are not fully aware of this fundraiser, it goes like this. There are three clubs involved in creating an item to be sold at the state fairgrounds. The Willamette Art Center created pottery bowls, Willamette Valley Woodturners have created in excess of 150 wood bowls and the Capital Carvers have created about 50 wooden spoons.

These items are sold to the public to raise funds for the Marion Polk Food Bank. Historically, the Willamette Art Center was able to generate upwards of several thousand dollars. This effort by the Willamette Valley Woodturners started at least two years ago by Darcy Tataryn. COVID precautions have shut down sales efforts.

Funds are delivered to the Marion Polk Food Share and used to offset costs as may be needed.

Marion Polk Food Share's Mission:

Our mission is to bring people together to end hunger and its root causes.

Every month, more than 46,000 people – including 15,000 children – will access emergency food through the Marion Polk Food Share partner network. This food may be a hot meal served at a shelter, a free community meal served at a church, or an emergency food box from a food pantry. This nutritious food will help children and adults learn, work, and thrive.

<https://marionpolkfoodshare.org/about/>

So please consider volunteering to help out on this event. It is a great organization to support. To get on board, please send a note to Darcy or Marc

If you have any questions or ideas for a meeting or general observations, please feel free to call, text, or email me!

Thanks so much,
Marc Vickery
504-554-0647

Sept 9, 2021, WWV Club Meeting Meeting Summary

6:35 PM call to order with Pledge of Allegiance by Marc Vickery

Intro visitor Monty Boyd, former HS shop teacher, new to area, looking for a lathe

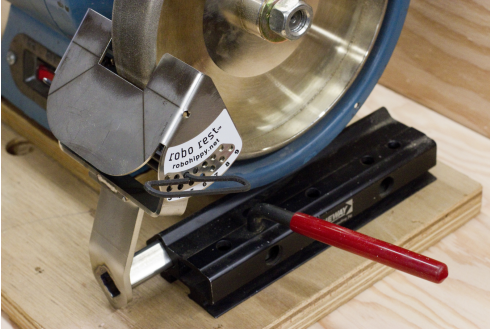
Intro new member Charles White, jack of all trades, looking for some mentorship

Marc Vickery intro items:

- Reminders re: glue, mentorships, sawdust sessions, Craft Supply order, club video/text resources, walnut oil

- Request for Burl editor, Nov/Dec meeting ideas (suggested member demos of ornament making), officer candidates, and set-up/tear-down help

- Intro **Reed Gray** aka Robohippy



Reed Gray https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7rV_Y9vwoTl18_dSSaffjw

Reed covered a wide range of topics and techniques including sharpening, his tools, jigs, and his turning style.

Sharpening: Reed uses a platform on his grinder exclusively. His platform is his own invention called the Robo Rest which allows for quick changes to the platform angle. He discussed his gouge sharpening sweep, roll, and sweep/roll techniques and his CBN wheel preferences of 180 and 600 grit. He prefers a 70 degree bevel on his scrapers. He discussed his favorite brands of tools are D-Way and Thomson for their use of M42 steel.

Reed discussed his **blank prep** including chainsawing to length, bandsawing to thickness, and storage under tarps (rather than sealing).

Turning: Reed stated he only turns wet(ish) wood and demonstrated **rough turning** using large, heavy scrapers for their ease of use. **Final outside shaping** was done with a 40/40 grind gouge with the handle dropped sharply with special attention paid to feet position to not hinder the fluid pass.

Reed uses a recess for his chuck mounting and showed his superglued dividers that are permanently assigned for measuring for his particular chuck. He also has a dedicated scraper to shape his recess. His final outside cut is with a large scraper.

After mounting the blank on the chuck, Reed demonstrated numerous tools used for **hollowing**. He used a scraper to flatten the top, a 40/40 gouge for going straight in, a 60 degree gouge for transition from side to bottom, a round scraper for rough hollowing, and a 70 degree gouge for the bottom.

To check the **wall thickness**, his tool is a bent wire and he has story sticks for various lathes he places on the bed to show where the end of the chuck is (inside the recess).

For final surfacing, Reed prefers his 60 degree negative rake scraper (his top bevel is about 30 degrees). He suggests removing the burr for an extremely smooth cut.

Reed then did a short demo of **live edge turning** stating he's not a fan as the bark is such a finicky aspect and easily damaged during selling events. He says most like the live look under the bark as much so he breaks it off before finishing and marketing. If the bark is desired, harvest the wood in the fall.

Reed uses a large forstner bit rather than a screw as it's faster. From there the steps are the same as with any bowl though with care needed as you are cutting air at times.

Some **follow-up comments and asides** Reed shared:

- Reed doesn't like boiled Madrone; says it loses some of its sharp grain and color character (says customers like the bent and warped results)

- Since Reed only turns wet wood

-He likes to sand at rpm's as low as 12, said slower sanding allows the sandpaper to cut more effectively (any grit)

-Reed says he lights his work with sunlight spectrum lights to better show actual results

-Reed invited us to see his videos for a sanding hood he made that has been effective

-Reed said he gets logs dropped off by a private logger at a price hard to beat

-Couple quotes from Reed:

“Engineers have a motto-if it ain't broke, take it apart and fix it anyway”

“Try not to make the inside of the bowl bigger than the outside”

Raffle numbers were called and claimed

9 lots

\$34 collected

5 gallery items shared

24 in attendance

Marc Vickery reminded need for Nov/Dec ideas.

Meeting ended 8:35 PM

Submitted: Brian Skaar

Membership Rewards

Library-Paul Hirt/Terry Gerros

The club has an extensive collection of books, videos, and DVDs for members to check out at club meetings.

Chain Sharpening Service-Jeff Zens: I have an electric chain sharpener and can accurately sharpen your chains and adjust depth stops for your saw chains. This service will restore the chain to “factory-new” condition. Most chains for 18" and shorter bars can be sharpened for \$10.00. Longer chains (up to 30" bars) are \$20.00 Badly damaged chains might be a little bit more. I will also tell you if the chain has reached the end of its useful life, and will not sharpen a chain beyond that point. This price is only available for club members.

Supplies-See Jerry Lelack at club meetings

The club purchases a few supplies in bulk and sells them to members at club cost.

*CA superglue (\$5), black or brown superglue (\$10) accelerator (\$10).

*Half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool

*Depth gauges (\$5)

*HSS 1/4" x 8" Round Tool Bits rods

*Anchorseal (\$9/gal) and walnut oil (\$20/gal) are available through **Jeff Zens**. You will need to bring your own gallon containers; contact [Jeff](#) to make arrangements.

Wood Gathering-Gary Dahrens

Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify **Gary**, (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.

Club Member Discounts

- **Club Member Discounts at Craft Supply:** The club's order is processed the Monday following our Club meeting if it equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supply offers us a 10% discount **plus** free shipping on almost all items (lathes and other heavy items are excluded) and occasional additional discounts on certain other items and quantity purchases. If you order from Craft Supply's current sale 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, available on the club's website. 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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Executive Board

President

Jeff Zens

Vice President

Secretary

Marc Vickery

Brian Skaar (acting)

Treasurer	Henrik Åberg
Past President	Darcy Tataryn
Board Position 1	Scott Morrison
Board Position 2	Jerry Lelack

Coordinators	Myron Yancey (Steam-Up) Paul Hirt (Mentors) Bob Hutchinson(State Fair)
Roster Editor	Henrik Åberg
Facilities	Open
Video	Jeff Zens Larry Curry Marc Vickery
Craft Supplies	Jeff Zens
Orders	

Non-Executive Positions

Newsletter Editor	Brian Skaar
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Wood Gathering	Gary Dahrens
Librarians	Terry Gerros/Paul Hirt
Glue Sales	Jerry Lelack

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Willamette Valley Woodturners

Board Meeting

March 16, 2021

Zoom Board meeting called to Order by President Jeffrey Zens 7:00 pm

Board 2020/2021 Club Officers

President	Jeffrey Zens - presiding
Vice President/Program Chair	Marc Vickery - present
Secretary	Milt Engelke - present
Treasurer	Henrik Aberg - present
Past President	Darcy Tataryn - present
Board Member	Scott Morrison - present
Board Member	Jerry Lelack - present

Zoom Meeting arranged by Marc Vickery.

Agenda Items

1. September 23, 2020 Board Minutes were not available. Engelke will present Sept 2020 and March 2021 Board Minutes as soon as possible. Approval needed on both.
2. 2021 Budget
 - a. Budget details will be provided by Treasure Henrik Aberg.
 - i. Discussion items
 - Cost of Zoom meetings \$15.00/month.
 - Online demonstrations cost \$275-\$400 each.
 - ii. Salem Center 50 + may be open in June for in person meetings which will enhance the social aspect of the club.
 - iii. Gary Dahrens suggested fund raising from club with donations from members to benefit club possible meeting places could be in Newberg or possibly at Darcy's new shop targeting July – August
 - iv. Motion to Accept Budget – Scott
 - Second – Milt
3. Club Asset Inventory report – Henrik
 - a. Question on Insurance covering the assets which are held by Club members.
 - i. Hopefully covered by members homeowner insurance
 - ii. Several of the items are available at Darcy's and also Terry Gerros' shops.
 - iii. Insurance status on Other items – coverage not clear
 - b. Inventory items should be listed as CAPITAL ASSETS or as CONSUMABLES.
 - i. To be further discussed at the next board meeting.
4. Craft Fair Booth Sponsorship – Milt
 - a. WILLAMETTE ART CENTER – ARTISTS SALES EVENT MAY 15.
 - i. Marc Vickery presented information for an upcoming Artist Sale in conjunction with the Willamette Art Center with the first proposed date of May 15 near the Saturday Market in Salem.
 - ii. Artist must be a member of the Willamette Art Center – modest annual fee (\$30), and have full responsibility for setting up, displaying and take down when dealing with their own merchandise. WAC will provide space, collect funds and pay the artist, receipts books also provided.
 - iii. WAC will retain a 30% commission on all sales. Other rules apply. Marc has details
 - iv. Marc will be participating to “get his feet wet”.
 - v. There will possibly be additional sales events through the summer.
 - vi. MARC WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE BURL.
 - b. Hopefully, Holiday Art and Craft Shows will resume later this year and we will pursue possibly proposing a Club sponsored “Table” for members to display, and market items. We would want to set it up as a FUND RAISER for the club, so the club with propose a commission be paid on sales, with the “Table or Booth” being manned on a schedule by those participating.
 - c. EMPTY BOWLS PROGRAM originally scheduled for last fall will be held in conjunction with WAC in November.
5. PLANS TO RESUME IN-PERSON MEETINGS – Jeff Zens
 - a. Meeting at 50+ Center obviously dependent on availability.
 - b. Meeting agenda suggestions include

- i. In Person Show-&-Tell which can be quickly put together
 - ii. Hold an off-site social gathering – possibly Darcy’s new shop
 - iii. Entertain the possibility of a SWAP MEET allowing members to ‘sell off’ or “pick-up” tools, blanks, art work etc.
 - iv. Possibly have a local demonstration – Darcy’s shop is set up to accommodate.
- c. ACCESS to Library Items
 - i. Darcy suggested the possibility of housing popular library items at his shop – to facilitate access throughout the month to expand on availability only during in person meetings. Members of the Board will reach out to Paul Hirt, Librarian, to possibly facilitate.
- 6. Saw Dust Session – Marc
 - a. Presently on hold due to general lack of interest and difficulty in coordination at Terry’s.
 - b. Darcy is willing to offer his shop as an alternative as well
 - c. Suggestions to coordinate saw dust sessions with specific subjects in mind:
 - i. Wet Log Turning
 - ii. Log – to Lathe (especially with all the wood that has become available due to the ice storms.
 - iii. Other special topics with planning 2 – 3 months in advance.
 - d. Once in person meetings resume will also continue to coordinate sessions following the monthly club meeting.
- 7. OFFICER AND BOARD POSITION RECURITMENT FOR 2022 – Jeff
 - a. Looking for individuals willing to participate in Board activities and specifically positions of Club Vice President and Secretary. Terms expire for the President (V. P. to move up?) and Secretary, which both have term limits.
 - i. Larry Curry is willing candidate for the VP slot.
 - ii. Marc will be nominated for President.
 - Need a backup videographer – Scott Morrison is willing and qualified.
 - b. Back-up to Librarian. Paul Hirt is librarian along with Terry Gerros, however the board feels the need for a backup in the event either of those are not available.
- 8. OREGON WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM – Henrik/Jeff
 - a. Need to determine who will be club representative to the OWS or confirm that Terry Gerros is interested in continuing as such.
- 9. JIMMY CLEWES discussion in Executive Session
- 10. UPCOMING BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES:
 - a. Second Quarter board meeting – schedule for May – July
 - b. Third Quarter Board Meeting – July – September
 - c. September Club meeting and newsletter – **Open discussion for new officers/board members**
 - d. October Meeting: Present slate of candidates on the Ballot to the club.
 - e. November: Officer/Board member election

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 with a special request that the Board Minutes be distributed as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted:

Milt Engelke

Secretary