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August President's Message:

Well, summer is rapidly coming to a close. I hope all of your travels were safe and enjoyable.

This week was the Benton County Fair and, even though it was extremely hot, it was a good time.

Special thanks to Brian Skaar for all of his hard work not only putting this together but also for all of the tops and mushrooms that he made for the people who stopped by the booth.

The Oregon State Fair is coming up the last week of August through Labor Day. Be sure to find the signup sheet on the back table to reserve your spot to demo.

Some of you who have been around for a while knew Doug Smith, one of our Life Members. Doug passed about 2 weeks ago. He hadn't been active in the club lately but was when I joined several years ago.

This month we have a really good demonstrator in John Beaver. He will also be doing classes this weekend but they are all full at this point. If you missed the signup for these classes remember to book early in the future.

See you Thursday.
Larry

Year of Challenges from Chuck Fell

Dec. Holiday ornament

Jan. Bowl with piercing/president's gavel

Feb. Vase with any type of enhancements

Mar. Lidded Box

April Goblet

May: Focus will be on feet; pieces can be new or old

June: Sphere

July Spinning top

Aug. Calabash Bowl

Sept. Wing Vessel

Oct. Anything with 3 woods

Nov. Platter or Plate

Note: Enhance any project as you wish (ex. texturing, coloring, burning, piercing, etc)

Upcoming Presenters and Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter/Event</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Aug 8	John Beaver	Wave bowl Note: the meeting will start at 6:00 PM in order to give John sufficient time to present his demo.
Aug 9	John Beaver	One-day class at Terry's shop (full as of this writing)
Aug 10-11	John Beaver	2-day class at Terry's shop (were openings for 2 people as of this writing)
Aug 18	Sawdust Session	Note that this is a week later than typical. As needed: 9 AM-3 PM-ish, Darcy Tataryn's Studio



August Presenter: John Beaver

(from his website: <https://www.johnbeaver.net/>) After spending over 25 years in Hollywood filming television commercials, John began experimenting with a lathe he had inherited. Having always lived near the ocean, he was inspired to bring the motion and rhythm of the waves to a round object. The exploration of that concept led to the “wavy” design which is still the signature element of his work today.

Whether in Bronze or Wood, the techniques he has invented to accomplish his designs have led to a variety of processes that are reflected in all of his work. The genesis of John’s work is his ability to deconstruct a turned vessel, add, remove or modify the elements, and reassemble the piece while maintaining grain and wall alignment. John’s designs are recognizable by his use of contrast, rhythm, motion and depth.

Along the way his beautiful work has been acquired by major museums and collectors, honored with many awards and has been shown in publications worldwide. John has also taught woodturning at schools, clubs and symposia around the world.

John lives in Pacific Palisades, CA with his wife Candy. They have two lovely grown daughters. When he’s not in the studio he enjoys Golf, Paddle Tennis, Pickle Ball, Skiing, Cycling, Kayaking, Hiking and Bocce.

July Meeting Notes:

President Larry gavelled the meeting to order at 6:30 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 46 good folk were in the room for the event.

-Larry announced the board had selected **Darcy Tataryn** as Member of the Quarter. Congrats!

-Signup for our booth at the State Fair was opened and a clipboard was started around.

Mark Choitz updated us on the progress towards the Oregon Woodturning Symposium next March with an excellent sleight-of-hand trick turning a bowl into a can of food! Well done, Mark!

-An *Empty Bowls* style effort will take place to benefit the Linn/Benton Food Share program. 100 bowls total is the goal from all the participating Oregon clubs. Bowls will be sold at a flat rate of \$25 each. Bring ‘em in WWV!

-4 committee chairs are needed: Registration, Handbook, Catering, and Silent Auction. Talk to Mark for more info on the duties associated with each.

-Tom Hastings has commitments from 24 vendors already!

-The Instant Gallery will have a People’s Choice category. Up to 3 items can be entered in the contest. Not sure, but I believe more can be displayed.

Jeff Z updated the group on the CS order (\$32 as of this writing) and that a new barrel of AnchorSeal had arrived thanks to **Marc V**. Also, the old empty barrel was available.

Larry announced a spare tools and equipment auction/sale would take place at the August meeting including both woodworking and audio-visual equipment.

Marc Vickery announced the need for a Steam-Up coordinator. Contact Marc for more info.

Larry announced the fellow needing 6-8 32” table legs is still looking for help. Contact Larry for more info.

Brian Skaar announced a sign-up sheet was on the back table to do some demonstrating at the Benton County Fair in Corvallis (see article below).



Gallery! Chuck Fell took us through the items brought in. The challenge was tops and there were many. Two highlighted were **Jim D's** boxes with tops as lids and **Mark C's** Corian top (heavy!). **Terry G** brought another beautifully textured tower and sphere and **Jeff W** brought in a magnificent, huge, open segmented vase! Jeff's piece was also voted Best in Show. Well done all!



Above: Jeff Wimer, Terry Gerros
Below: Jim Devorss, Chuck Fell



Above: Mark Choitz, Roger Dirkx
Below: unknown, Rick Jarosz, unknown





Above: Brian Skaar, Dave Pitman (locking lid box)

Below: Mark Choitz, Brian Skaar, Terry Gerros



Myron Yancey Tool Sale *from Mike Paul*

Hello club members,

We have a big shop/tool sale coming up, probably late September as it will take some time to catalog & price the many shop items.

As many of you know, long time club member Myron Yancey passed away June 18, 2024. His shop and tools are extensive, and his family is ready to post a sale of his items.

Their preference is to allow Willamette Valley Woodturners club members first choice on tools and equipment before going to a public sale. This is due to the fact that Myron had many specialty woodturning tools and equipment that would be of great value to members.

We don't know the exact date of the sale yet, but my intent at this point is to gather interest in volunteering to help me manage this sale. I will handle the point of sale details (with some volunteers here too) but I'll also need sign makers, price sticker placement, and parking assistance.

The sale will take place at Myron's shop, just west of Dallas, OR.

I will have volunteer sign up sheets at this next August 8 club meeting.

Please consider volunteering.

Mike Paul: 801-864-9088

July Sawdust Session

Well, we were a small group (good weather) of just over a dozen, but laughs were had and sawdust was made including work on a big bowl, a winged platter, and a baseball bat! Oh, and a table top...





July Meeting Demo: Steve Newberry



As Darcy walked by me at the conclusion of Steve's demo, he quipped he looked forward to seeing how I get all the details of the demo into the Burl. Uh, no. Can't be done by me. There was a lot...

Luckily, Steve allowed his Northwest Woodturners demo to be posted to YouTube and you can see it again if you so choose at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qoDnl27ClYs>

So, I'll put down the notes I took, incomplete as they are! Steve said he got started about 30 years ago. He jumped right into bowls, then moved to spindles, and then on to offset turning. His mixed media turning "Gnome in Space" is his favorite with its copper bowl inner layer.

His move to offset turning of cups led to figuring out how to turn handles on the cups, which he did, and then to teapots with spouts and handles!

All this led to ongoing refinement of his offset donut chucks. The result is the perfect offset of the donut hole is 4 cm. All is well for the rest of us...

Order wise, Steve turns a roundish body using the octagon system with two V shaped profiles on the ends (which will become the spout and handle).

The handle is a knob and is about 80% of the pot diameter in size. The spout end gets the tenon. Steve finish sands the handle before moving on.



Above: Order is right to left. 2nd from right is backwards-he used this one in his talk.

Steve then turns the piece 90°, turns a tenon, chucks the piece and hollows it using his Trent Bosch laser system.

Then it's time for the donut chuck.



Steve talked about the evolution of his chuck including the doubled Baltic birch, the bolts into t-nuts (knobs not able to be tightened enough to prevent flying teapots), and compressed cork/rubber padding to prevent crushed fibers.

A very important feature to have is a perfect line through the offset hole and the center of the jig. This helps prevent crooked spouts. Which are funny looking...

Steve has a pedestal inside the jig that supports the pot.

To clamp the pot, all the bolts but one are removed and the pot inserted so that when drilled the hole will go through the V shaped spout side and into the pot perfectly.

Lining this up requires fiddling. And fiddling... Steve uses the line on the jig and the ways and moves all around until he's got it.

Then all the bolts are replaced (must use

lock washers or, well, flying teapot...)



At this point, Steve extolled the importance of a face shield. Flying pots, like flying monkeys, are dangerous...

The lathe is then started at a slow speed and by looking through the offset "ghost" you can see where the solid portion is and if the drill bit will pierce the spout correctly.

Steve starts with a small bit and then finishes with a 1/4" hole.

The tailstock with a cone center is brought up and the spout and then refined using a pull cut. He can turn most of the spout but much of the support under will be done by hand.

Steve then uses sleds to support the pot to cut off much of the waste on the bandsaw and then it's rasp and rotary tool time!



Above: Offset spindles x2, teacup with turned handle

Below: discussing features, octagon method for "mostly" round, discussing spout proportion





Above: opening jig, open jig with counterweight visible, Darcy stepping up for the tedious threading of bolts...
Below: seeing the “ghost” and where the drill will go for the spout, drilling spout (clear threads often!)



Above: cone center in drilled spout, turning spout
Below: spout turning, refine the tip at this point





Above: various sized sleds, placing pot in sled
Below: cut off sides of spout, then base leaving material for shaping (not too much...)



Above: the “mistakes”-too short, unaligned, drill through side, unsupported spout



Thank you Steve! What an amazing story of perseverance. Refinement and determination and creativity and all with great humor. Just, wow.

Benton County Fair! Wow. Four days of eleven hours of turning. Somewhere between 50 and 12,000 tops made and given away. Maybe that many mushrooms and trees... Four bowls and one box made and given away. Three spheres and one stringed ball and cup made. Lots of bonked heads as three ball and cup games were going constantly. Piles of resin string! Quite a bit of heat... Corn dogs and chili dogs and water by the gallon. Lots of smiles and laughs. Lots of appreciation. Lots and lots of interest in the club!

If you've never turned in public, I highly recommend it!

A huge thank you to **Dick P**, who powered through 4 hours every day even though his back said 2 was enough. And to **Larry C** who made the long drive for two days since hotel prices were through the roof due to the Master's Track and Field events going on. And to **Mark C** for long hours on day one and **Nate G** for long hours on the last day and for helping tear down on Sunday. And to HS member **Kai** for stepping in for a shift. And finally to **Mark V** who showed up with perfect timing for a long shift.

People remembered us from last year and looked forward to seeing us again. There were slow times, but more often than not, we had 2 to 10 folks enjoying our little booth at any given time.

And more than a few really, really want to get into the craft.



Above: Kai and Mark, Dick holding court

Below: Marc handing out a honey dipper, Larry holding court, Nate with a JJ sighting



Above left: He watched the box made—he gets to keep it!



Above: The jugglers always knew they'd find kids at our booth! 2nd pic is a guy in another booth who bought an antique clock with a missing finial. He brought in one and I duplicated it pretty closely.

Below: It got wild when all 3 ball games were flinging about!





Above: This trio watched a bowl made an hour from beginning to end. The gal will get to keep it and said she'll use it!
Below: 2nd pic-lots of grandparents loving showing kids hands-on craft; 4th pic-here from S. Africa!



Above middle: A sitka spruce mushroom will travel to India!
Below: Dick would often let folk try turning a bit on his resin pieces (with permission from parents)





The whole booth fit snugly in the back and cab of my little truck!



A good time!

Membership Rewards

Chain Sharpening Service from 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 (\$7), 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

Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify **Randy Nichols**.

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 Supplies 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 Supplies 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 instructions for ordering, see the article accessed by clicking on "*read this document first*" which is linked to on the Place Group Order page in the Members Only part of our 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.
- **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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