



# The Burl

A monthly newsletter for the  
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**Next Meeting: 6:30-8:30 PM, May 14, 2026  
Salem 50+ Center**

## May President's Message:

To my fellow Willamette Valley Woodturners,

As we embrace another month at Willamette Valley Woodturners I want to take a moment to recognize some outstanding contributions that have significantly enhanced our club.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our vice president, Brian Skaar. His leadership and commitment have been instrumental and driving our initiative forward. Brian's ability to foster collaboration and inspire our team is truly commendable. Not only is Brian doing an outstanding job as vice president, he is still willing to take on the burden of the Burl each month. Again, thank you Brian for an outstanding job.



I would also like to express my gratitude to **Jeff Zens**. His unwavering dedication and hard work continue to benefit our club immensely. Jeff is always at every function the club participates in, and is an immense force in the club's continued success.

Lastly, a special acknowledgement goes to **Marc Vickery**. His consistent dedication to our club meetings ensures that we stay connected and focused on our goals. Marc's contributions are vital and his enthusiasm sets a positive tone for our gatherings.

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement. Together, we are building a strong club and look forward to what we can achieve in the coming months. Keep turning.

Warm regards

Kip Allen

President, Willamette Valley Woodturners.

## May Challenge:

Let's see those Saltturns!

## Upcoming Presenters and Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter/Event</u>	<u>Topic</u>
May 14	Elizabeth Weber	Exploring Colors and Textures
Mar 15	Sawdust Session	As needed: time 10 AM, Darcy Tataryn's Studio Wear your nametag and come learn or teach or practice or visit!
June 11	Steve Newberry	Multi-axis Kuksa Cup
July 9	Tom Hasting	Square Plate



## May presenter-Elizabeth Weber

Elizabeth is a woodturning and carving instructor who lives in Seattle, WA. She began woodworking in 2015, and some of her first creations included several pieces of furniture in the Arts & Crafts style. She eventually turned to smaller objects and now specializes in bowls, spoons, and boxes. Her skills range from natural finish and simple forms to highly carved and painted forms that emulate natural motifs. She was awarded the American Association of Woodturner's 2023 Professional Outreach Program's Artist Showcase as an emerging artist, and was featured on the cover and in a profile article for their February 2024 magazine, American Woodturner.



### Exploring Colors and Textures

This demonstration will cover techniques for adding texture and carving to any turned piece. We'll explore where to find inspiration, the value of using storyboards in your design process, and various workholding methods to support your carving. You'll learn how to use both power tools and hand tools effectively to create carved and textured surfaces that enhance your work. In addition, we'll



briefly cover methods for adding color, such as milk paint and acrylics, as well as finishing options depending on the effect you want to achieve in your final piece.

## April Meeting Notes:-Brian



**President Kip Allen** gavelled the meeting to order at 6:30 PM followed by the group recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. 43 souls were on board including 3 guests for the show.

-Kip shared the story of a tablesaw kickback he experienced and the bruise he developed from the impact all in an effort to remind folks of the importance of safety in our woodworking and turning adventures...

-Kip shared that he connected with the Salem Carvers club and attended their club sale held there at the 50+ Center. He surveyed the group to see if there was interest in holding a similar event, maybe in conjunction with the carvers. Many members were interested and Kip will explore availability of the center as well as costs. There will be a per table charge to help with room rental and advertising. Target time frame will be November-early December. More info will be coming!

**VP Brian** told of his experience with the ordering of items from Nova and found it quite simple with a significant cost savings.



**Gallery:** Well, not that many items came in, but they were entertaining! Elling's segmented piece to the right is one he did in 2009 that he said had some big mistakes that he had to recover from. Looked good to us! His piece to the left was the result of a number of things he was trying and turned into a whimsical spinning piece.

Warren's giant bowl below left let Darcy reminisce about how folks who "let the wood decide" what shape it wants to be often are admitting to



struggling with tool control, but that when you turn a piece wet (such as Warren did), you truly are letting the wood decide its final shape! Below right is Jeff Wimer's giant burl/resin piece.



Above: Rick Jarosz, Emmett, Brian Skaar  
Below: Mark Bollenbeck, Philomath MS bowls  
Bottom: Philomath MS projects, Terry Gerros salturns





## **April Presenter: Terry Gerros-Brian**

*Terry generously shared the directions for making the Salturns which are found on our website under "Demonstrator Presentation Files" so I won't try to recreate his demo step by step.*

*Terry said he learned the project from Keith Gotshall and said he got permission to teach the project from Keith. The salturn project came to Keith from a ceramics version he saw.*

*Terry started by showing us how it worked and a number of the unlimited shapes and enhancements you can make. He also showed different funnel shapes you can use stating he prefers the curved version as it can hold more salt than the cone and can still be shaped into a funnel on the outside for the base.*



*Above: Terry gave a brief skew lesson on planing and peeling cuts using the latter to make the tenons. He talked about the D-Way parting tool he prefers for cutting blanks in two.*

*Below: Terry prefers Vicmarc chucks but is okay with Nova. OneWay chucks frustrate him with their proprietary jaws and keys. Notice the whole body controlling the box scraper to hollow the piece.*





*Above: Sneaking up on making a tight fit (did have to use a paper towel; said it's common) and part off. Right and below: Press fit funnel into body and cut base of funnel. Terry showed a dedicated epoxied drill in a handle and a hand held drill with a chuck.*



*Below: Terry used some tower jaws in expansion to finish the top of his shaker. At right is an example of one with a threaded lid for even easier filling.*



*Thanks Terry! Great pace, info, and humor. You made it look easy! It wasn't for my first try... Like anything, gotta keep trying.*

**April Sawdust Session** Well, about 15 folk made their way to Darcy's for all kinds of turning adventures. It's pretty impressive how members come with specific goals for their time. I believe the Sawdust Session is a shining benefit of our club for sure.

To the right, Darcy used his laser machine and got after making little inserts for Kip to attach to the bottom of his projects. Very cool!







*A veterinarian, a physical therapist, an engineer, and a doctor decide to fix a lathe that's making a strange noise. What could go wrong...*

### **Lathe Review: Powermatic PM2014 From Mark Choitz**

After a few months of working with my new lathe, I thought I'd share my impressions.

Before making the purchase, I spent quite a bit of time talking with John Beechwood about his experience with the Powermatic PM2014. As it turns out, the Cascade club purchased several of these lathes at the AAW Symposium in Portland back in 2014, and they've been using them regularly for classes ever since. By all accounts, the machines have held up very well under heavy use.



*Mark trying to keep from laughing...*

With that in mind, I decided to take advantage of a sale at Craft Supplies USA and purchased a PM2014—legs included (a nice bonus).

For context, I'm coming from my first lathe, a Grizzly with a Reeves drive. While that setup had its limitations, particularly the lack of low-end RPM and its older technology, I believe the 12 years I spent with it made me a better turner. It was a solid learning machine, and I've since passed it along to a gentleman getting back into woodturning.

The PM2014 on the other hand, offers everything my previous lathe didn't: excellent low-end RPM control, forward and reverse, strong torque, great versatility, a compact footprint, indexing, and a digital readout. It's a significant step up in both performance and convenience.



If I had to point out one drawback, it would be the shorter bed. When turning bowls, I often find myself removing the tailstock to gain working space. That said, a bed extension is available for those who need additional capacity.

Overall, I'd give the PM2014 two thumbs up for both value and overall enjoyment.

Mark Choitz

### **For Sale: Nova 1624-44**

16" swing over bed.

Has outrigger for outboard turning up to 28".

Installed DVR 1 3/4 hp motor conversion in Oct. 2022.

Also comes with the original 1.5 hp motor. Both 120 v. Spindle size 1 1/4in.

\$800.

Call **Chuck Fisher** for more info. 541-285- 4149



**High School Class** *Well, I had a 7th kid make a little loose lid lidded box and Darcy says, "Let's try it with the high schoolers." What could go wrong... So I wrote up directions best I could, Darcy supplied them with awesome wood, and we started the lesson.*

*What could go wrong? Listening... Ha!*

*Didn't take many pics of the process as we were pretty busy jumping lathe to lathe helping with all the little steps.*

*But in the end, there were a lot of unique little boxes and lots of smiles and pride.*



## JJ Jones-Brian

JJ Jones turned 93 last month. Quite a milestone. And he's still getting after it!

I have often given him a ride to WWV over my short tenure with the club and have marvelled at his colorful life of military, education, turning and more.

One of his stories has been of his giant bandsaw that he bought and rebuilt with a great deal of effort. It was with the goal of seeing this tool that Jesse H, Mark C, and I visited a couple weeks ago.

There was much more than just the bandsaw to see...



Above: JJ owned The Myrtlewood Store in Philomath for a couple years. He had a nice shop in the back and turned beautiful pieces (I gave a few as wedding presents 20-30 years ago). He still has some of those pieces in his house along with many other pieces big and small. Above right and below left are some views of the GIANT lathe he built. That shaft is 2" in diameter and that motor is like 7hp! He can do about 40" on it.



Below: JJ's big OneWay with his homemade steady rest installed. He also had a midi lathe back in a corner. Ha! Below right is the 36" bandsaw... It's a monster! JJ built a shroud around most of the wheels and rebuilt much of the rest of the machine. JJ's shop is not big and it was a mystery how he got it in there, even after he described the process. The frame alone is about 1K pounds! Thanks for the visit and the stories JJ!



**What's on your lathe?** Well, it's not on my lathe, but it was built to hold my lathe. I'd been looking for a knock down bench that would be light, but strong and sturdy. I looked at designs and gave it a go. And failed spectacularly...

So I moved on to another design that worked in my mind and when done, while very sturdy, light, and strong, it was a nightmare to knock down.

Adapting again, I came up with this and it fits all the requirements. Mostly... Two hand knobs and it gets stronger with weight and one hand knob holds it together for easy one handed carrying and it's about 5 minutes to set up. Will be trying another with the tweaks envisioned... *Brian*



**OCW Open House** -*Brian* If you've not been to Tom Hasting's place in Newport, Oregon, you owe it to yourself to visit. It's a wonderful little shop and gallery and the home base for the OCW meetings.

Mark C is the current VP and Terry G recently demoed there. I visited their last open house and it's a fun little party on the lawn outside Tom's shop.

Plus, the coast at Newport is fantastic.

## 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 (\$8), black or brown superglue (\$10) accelerator (\$16).

\*WVW hats

\*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 **Marc Vickery**.

## **From Terry Gerros**

**OCW**  
Oregon Coast Woodturners

# OPEN HOUSE

OREGON COAST WOODTURNERS

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

3333 SE Ferry Slip Rd.  
South Beach, OR 97366

Saturday, July 18, 2026  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

DISCOVER THE WORLD OF WOODTURNING!

- Watch live woodturning demonstrations
- See multiple lathes in action
- Meet club members
- Learn about membership opportunities
- Shop handmade wood pieces
- Enter to win a FREE woodturning lesson

Curious about turning wood into beautiful bowls, pens, and art?  
Come spend a fun and informative day with us!

Oregon Coast Woodturners (OCW) is a 501(c)(13) nonprofit dedicated to educating woodturners and the public about the art of woodturning.  
Local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

I am a distributor for Stick Fast CA glue and accelerator. 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 D-Way:** WVV members get a 10% discount on a group order (See the September 2025 Burl for complete details). Jeff Zens manages the program.
- **Nova:** WVV club members get a 20% discount with no club minimum. See March 2026 Burl for details.
- 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.
- **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.
- **Taylor Woodworks** offers 10% off your online order. Enter **Guild10** in the "Discount code or gift card" window when checking out.
- **Rockler** offers 10% off with a mention of membership to WVV.

## 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)  
<https://beaverstatewoodturners.org/>

**Oregon Coast Woodturners** (Newport, OR)  
[www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com](http://www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com)

**Southwest Washington Woodturners** (Vancouver, WA)  
<https://www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.org/>

**South Coast Woodturners** (Coos Bay, OR)  
[www.southcoastwoodturners.com](http://www.southcoastwoodturners.com)

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