



The Burl

Member Chapter

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March 2008

Next Meeting
Thursday March 13th 2008

Open for Library & Visiting: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Starts: 6:30 p.m.

Salem Senior Center (Lunch Room)
1055 Erixon Ct. NE, Salem, OR 97301
(503) 588-6303.

A map of this location is on our website

Note: If the Salem-Keizer schools are closed on the day of the meeting due to inclement weather, then the Senior Center will also be closed and the meeting will be canceled. When in doubt, call the Senior Center at the above number before 4:00 p.m. to verify if they will be open that evening. Alternatively, check online at http://www.newsbridge.net/Salem-Keizer_Sch_Dist/

Current & Upcoming Events



February Meeting

Don Roberts

Our Demonstrator for March is Don Roberts. Don along with others was a founding member of the W.V.W. Don credits his dad, also an accomplished turner, as his mentor. Since that time Don's continually strived to hone his technical and design skills and is a serious hobby turner.

He'll demonstrate the challenges of turning a thin board into a plate. This could be the result of a very highly figured piece of wood being split in two on the band saw to maximize it's use, reduce waste and expense. If there's time, Don will show us how to turn and cut a disc destined for sculptural use.

Don brought in a walnut platter to Show and Tell a year or so ago and the finish on it was immaculate. Nick Staggs says "I don't think I've seen a better finish on a piece of wood."

Upcoming Meetings



April

Fred Kline: Game calls

May

Jack Knight: Cutting the Grain

Sawdust Session News



The March Sawdust Session will be held at Nick Stagg's Shop and will focus on re-turning roughed out bowls. Nick will show you the way he does his, including using a vacuum chuck and making a wooden jam chuck. If you have a method that works for you bring it with you. We'll have some time to go over sharpening so if that would help, bring your tools

There will be a sign up sheet at the March meeting for those of you that plan to attend.

Date: Saturday March 15th.

Start: 10:00am till whenever

Wounded Warrior Canes



Rick Harris needs all the cane blanks by the next meeting on 13 March. The woodcarvers will be taking them to Ft Lewis on the 27th of March, they have a lot of eagle heads done but are in desperate need of the shafts.

AAW News



The annual symposium has grown so much in recent years that not many facilities can accommodate us. One small restriction this year is the capacity of the banquet hall for the Saturday night dinner and auction. Tickets for this dinner are limited, so make sure you secure your tickets early; otherwise, you may be disappointed.

AAW has started work on a 25th Anniversary book that they hope to have available in 2011 at the St. Paul symposium. There will be much more on this book project in the near future. In the meantime, if you have any interesting stories related to the history of the AAW, then start thinking about sharing them.

AAW hopes to award more than \$80,000 this year in individual scholarships, chapter assistance, and to school woodturning programs.

Club News & Benefits



Eli Avisera will probably be coming to Portland June 24-July 3 time frame. At least 5 turners are needed to commit for a hands-on class with Eli for 3 days. If anyone is interested they should contact Dale Larson via <mailto:woodbowl@verizon.net>.

Dave Anderson and Rick Harris would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to the following members who helped make the turning day at North Salem High a big success, Dick Powell, Walt Thies, Pete Peterson, Jim Coon, Don Roberts, Ken Lake, Nick Stagg, and Myron Yancy. Without their help they could not have made it the success it was, they are going to be doing this again on Friday March 21st. They could use more help, so if you could give up about 3 hrs of your time please let Rick know. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March 13 meeting. If you want to know what the experience felt like just ask one of these men.

Jerry Pollari has a Jet bandsaw for sale. It is an 18 inch jet with mobile base and he is asking \$600. Contact him at (541) 754-8178 or pollari@q.com.

Tip of the Month



This month's tip is from Nick Stagg and it deals with Re-turning Roughed Out Bowls.

Sorby makes a revolving Steb tail center and I've used it mostly for spindle turning. It was in the lathe when I was re-turning roughed out bowls. To do this I face the top of the bowl to the headstock and friction drive it with a wooden mandrel faced in old carpet underlayment. I used the Steb center to support it and I found that the serrated outer rim of the tail center gave a very positive hold. More importantly, when it came time to reverse the bowl to remove the foot, I brought up the tailstock and found that by lining up the impressions made by the serrations, the bowls run very true; much more than with a normal tail center.

New Member Announcement



A big welcome to our newest member! He is Ron Schofield; his wife is Betty and they live in Dallas. Ron is new to turning. Look for him at our meetings and show him we have a great and friendly club.

Mentors Available



Whether you are a new turner or have been turning for a long time, there is always something new to learn. If you need help on any skill, please call one of our volunteer mentors. This service is always free to our members:

Jim Coon (pens)	(503) 566-6528
Don Ditto	(503) 566-8185
Reed Gray	(541) 463-9634
J. J. Jones	(541) 745-3802
Jack Knight	(541) 327-2647
Ken Lake	(503) 851-7468
Ken Spaur	(503) 897-2082
Nick Stagg	(503) 838-4817
Walt Thies	(541) 752-5214

Send a note to our newsletter editor if you would like to be added to the mentor list.

Club Library



All members are welcome to check out up to three items at a time from the club library. This includes any combination of books, VHS tapes, DVDs, magazines, etc. Items should only be kept out for one month. If you can't read or watch them in that time, please bring them back so someone else can take a turn. You can then check them out again later. Thanks for your cooperation!

WWW Board Announcements

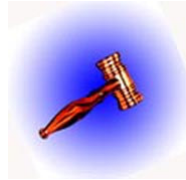


The Board did not meet in February.

Officer Reports



The President's Pen



By Walt Thies

Join me in wishing past president KEN LAKE a speedy recovery from knee surgery.

The club continues to move ahead with plans for educational outreach. The day after our club meeting in February nine of the club members helped introduce wood turning to students in Dave Anderson's wood shop classes at North Salem High School. This was a good turnout on the part of the club's members and the students seemed quite appreciative. From a learning perspective it is hard to beat a one-on-one approach (see treasurer RICK HARRIS' comments in this Newsletter, Rick is leading this outreach). RICK reports that the North Salem High School was selected to receive a grant of \$1100.00, sponsored by our club, from the AAW. Since our last newsletter the club was invited by the Director of Powerland (near Brooks, OR) to participate in this year's Steam-up. Powerland intends to open a new area featuring "heritage crafts" and WVW has been invited to provide a demonstration booth much as we have done at the State Fair in recent years. The board has accepted the invitation to do a demonstration from 9:00-4:30 Saturday and Sunday (August 2 and 3). We will be provided a space inside the Richardson's Bldg. (across from large engine museum). Details will be provided as we get close to August.

We are a club where volunteers provide all activities and services. We could use a few more volunteers for some activities. Don Ditto has taken on the responsibility for the video activities of the club for the past five years and recently asked to be replaced. We all owe Don a vote of thanks for a huge commitment of hours and effort with this and other activities over the years. Don has been providing this service in part with his personal camera and other gear. Your board has voted to commit some of the unexpected windfall funds provided by AAW in 2007 to the purchase of video equipment so the club can be video self-sufficient. Vice president NICK STAGG will take the lead in providing video services for the club so that we can continue to enjoy having our demonstrations displayed on monitors during our meetings. Nick would appreciate help from at least two volunteers who would be willing to help with set-up of the monitors and other video equipment before meetings and be trained to run a camera during some of the meetings.

Keep the chips flying,
Walt Thies
President
Willamette Valley Woodturners

Treasurers Report

By Rick Harris



Beginning Balance	\$ 6034.38
February Income	
Member dues	\$ 70.00
Raffle	\$ 60.10
glue/anchor seal	\$ 50.00
Total February Income	\$ 180.10
Expenses	
Demo Fee	\$ 50.00
Total Expenses	\$ 50.00
Ending Balance as of 2/25/08	\$6164.48

The Secretary's Shavings

By Sarah Letterman



The February meeting was held on the 14th. There were 49 people present, of those, there were 3 visitors and 1 new member.

The new yellow nametags were handed out to all members who were present at the meeting. Please be sure to wear your new tags to meetings. Nametags help us to make sure only members and registered visitors are present. The yellow tag indicates you have paid your dues for the year and can have all the privileges afforded to members. Please remember to ask for a temporary tag if you forget yours when you get to a meeting. The new member roster was laid out for approval. If you were unable to attend the February meeting, please let Walt know if your profile in the current roster needs updating. Phil Lapp was our demonstrator, he demonstrated turning handled bowls.

Librarian's Report

Overdue Items: Several of our overdue items have been returned, but some are still out. Please get these back to the library as soon as you can. If you can't attend the next meeting, contact a club officer and they will be happy to pick them up and turn them in for you.

If you are listed as having something checked out, but you don't have it, please let the librarian know. We will mark the item as lost, and remove you from the list.

Newsletter Editor's Note

Although the Burl is now being sent to members by email, our web site is still being maintained. An exception will be that the Burl update will be one month in arrears. The Photo Gallery has been updated by Don Ditto with new pictures from last month's Show & Tell.

Please submit all items for the April 2008 newsletter to your newsletter editor, Keith Walker, no later than March 29th. His e-mail address is: keithreklaw@verizon.net



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