



# The Burl

Member Chapter

## A monthly newsletter for the Willamette Valley Woodturners

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February 2009

Next Meeting  
Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2009

Meeting Starts: 5:30 p.m.

Center 50+  
2615 Portland Rd., NE. Salem, OR 97303  
(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/](http://www.newsbridge.net/Salem-Keizer_Sch_Dist/)**

### Important Notice

Membership dues of \$30.00 (includes family membership) for 2009 were due by January 1, 2009.

Late payment costs the club time and resources and makes it more difficult to maintain the roster and plan activities. In 2007 it was agreed to impose a late fee of \$10 on renewing members who pay after January 31.

### *The President's Chatter*



The Club has started the year with a bang. In January we had a great meeting with two excellent presenters from our own club, a board meeting the next week, followed by four training sessions on

basic bowl cuts the next weekend and concluding with an open shop sawdust session on January 24. The sawdust session was a success with 18 members and 7 portable lathes in attendance. Including a new lathe just purchased at Western Tool that morning. Once we got the lathes running the open shop format worked well. There were many small groups forming and reforming to discuss various turning issues and to try new techniques. The innovative use of a currycomb as a parting tool provided a moment of levity in the afternoon. Tools and shaping techniques seemed to be the primary topics discussed. The club thanks Greg and Debbie Ego for providing their shop as a venue for the first sawdust session of 2009 and offering to host additional sawdust sessions.

A series of new programs is planned for this year, watch the Burl for details. The program in February will be a rare opportunity for most of us to see a truly unique world class turner discussing his specialty. We hope to see you there.

Keep the chips flying  
Walt Thies  
President  
Willamette Valley Woodturners

### ***Current & Upcoming Events***



#### **February Meeting**

**Malcom Tibbetts: A Discussion And Slide Show Of Some Of The Most Amazing Segmented Turning You Will Ever See.**

*Because this is a 3 hour presentation the start of the February meeting has been changed to 5:30pm. Two short breaks will be included.*

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#### **Upcoming Meetings**

**March:**

**Dave Disselbrett : Carving for Ornamentation**

**Dave is a member of the Willamette Valley Woodcarvers Club.**

**April:**

**Stu Chalupski: Forms and Gallery Technique**

### ***Sawdust Session News***



A sawdust session is an opportunity for hands-on learning. The session will either be an open shop or a specific topic. Those who have a portable lathe are asked to bring them and an appropriate chuck. The club has one portable lathe that will be available. We expect to share the lathes so that all who want to turn will get some lathe time. Any member is welcome to come and bring tools to work with or projects that are causing you a problem. Help will be available. When the session is scheduled to work on a particular project the designated resource person for that day will be available to show specific techniques and answer questions. The format will be hands-on with informal discussion for clarification. Normally a sawdust session will not involve a formal presentation such as we have at monthly meetings.

The next sawdust session will be February 28 (see the flyer at the end of the Burl for time and location). The designated resource person will be Walt Thies and the topic will be turning natural edge mushrooms from pieces of branch wood. You will need pieces of green round wood (trunk or branch) 1 3/4" – 2 1/2" in diameter and approximately 7" long. Bring several pieces (you MAY not be successful with the first mushroom cap you try to hollow) and include a piece or two to share with those who may not have green wood available. Pick pieces that have the bark intact. After cutting the wood avoid rapid drying to prevent cracking. Dry round wood can work if the bark is intact and the wood has not cracked. It will be helpful if one or two members can bring an old microwave oven. If so, we will also work on microwave drying. To preserve domestic tranquility it is advised that the microwave not be the one your spouse uses on a regular basis in the kitchen. Bring a plastic bag or two to slow drying of completed mushrooms. Many different tools can be use but a recommended set would include, spindle roughing gouge (3/4"), spindle gouge (3/8"), skew (1/2"), thin parting tool. A bedan is optional. All tools should be sharp especially the skew. Finishing materials include sand paper (150 and 220), French polish and a few paper towels.

If you have suggestions for sawdust session topics contact Dick Powell, Walt Thies or another board member. Let us hear from you about topics of interest.

### ***Club News & Benefits***



#### **Announcements**

The Instant Gallery will be held as usual for February but because of time constraints the discussion of submitted items will not take place.

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Les Brockman is seeking help from some willing club members to donate a few turnings for the annual Willamette Christian School Fund Raising Auction, which takes place March 7th.

If you are willing to help, please contact Les at 503-569-2394. Les is one of our new members.

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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 (\$6) and Anchor Seal (\$13/gal). Recently the club purchased a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool and HSS rods (\$3) 1/4" x 8" used to make the round skew demonstrated by Bill McCoy at the October meeting, and 5-piece caliper sets (\$7). Bob Quadros will have the resale items still available at the February meeting. It will expedite sales if you bring the correct change for the items you want.

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The Woodturners of Olympia WA 2009 "Creativity in Woodturning" Symposium will be held Saturday, July 25, 2009. Eric Lofstrom will begin the day with a demonstration on woodturning basics. Eric will be followed by Jimmy Clewes. Jimmy is a well-known teacher and demonstrator in his native England as well as here in the USA. He will be performing demonstrations covering: Design, shape, form & aesthetics: Oriental Boxes: Turning a twist and long stem goblet, and Colorings.

The cost for the full day is \$70 for early payment. After June 1, 2009 the cost is \$80. Children under the age of 18 can register for \$10 if attending with a paying adult. Lunch is included in the cost if payment is received before July 12.

Demonstrations will start promptly at 8 a.m. and end by 4:30 p.m. Door prize drawings will be made after the final presentation. Location is the Komachin Middle School located at 3650 College St. SE, Lacey, WA. 98503.

For more information or to register see <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org/> or send payment directly to Al Price at 4112 Teakwood Ct. SE, Lacey, WA. 98503. Questions may also be directed to Al at 360-791-0396 or [aprice44@aol.com](mailto:aprice44@aol.com)

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Cascade Woodturners will be having Malcolm Tibbetts for an all day demo class on Saturday February 21st at Dale Larson's shop at 5010 SE Regner Rd. Gresham, OR 97080 from 9am to 4pm. Dale can be reached at 503-661-7793  
The fee for the class is \$30, please let your members know.

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**Member of the month for January 2009**



This month we recognize and honor the person who, a little over a year ago, joined our club and a month later volunteered to do the newsletter and web page. He hit the ground running and has learned much about running a web page and has slowly put his imprint on the newsletter. We now have what most of us consider an excellent newsletter one that both looks great and communicates well, keeping both club members and members of the public informed about club activities. In addition he works hard to maintain the club email list in the face of the many changes that we all make in our contact information. On behalf of the club I want to express our appreciation to Keith Walker for his enthusiasm and hard work to help make this a successful club.  
Walt Thies

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**Sharpening Classes**

Sharpening classes will begin in February. The classes will be developed and taught by Nick Stagg. Due to the nature of the subject each class will be small but we anticipate many classes. It will take some time to develop the class and then many days to conduct enough classes to make them available to any member who wishes to attend. Students will be expected to bring their own tools to the classes. A sign-up sheet will be available at the February meeting to indicate your interest in learning free-hand sharpening, use of a sharpening jig, or both.

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**Wood Gathering**

Sign up sheets will be available at the next meeting to indicate your availability to help with wood gathering. A limited number of members experienced in the use of a chainsaw will be needed. In addition we will be seeking those who have a pick-up or trailer suitable for transporting wood and those who are willing to help with the loading. Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify Roger Molsom (503-304-9418). Anyone looking for wood to use for turning should contact Roger for wood availability. Be patient this activity will need some time to get properly organized and to balance needs for turning wood with available supplies.

**Nametags**

Nametags will be available at the front table any who have paid their 2009 dues. Please bring your badge holder to the February meeting, they have a clip and will hold without damaging fabric. There are at least three reasons for wearing nametags: 1. It is easier to meet other members and remember the names of people we see briefly only once or twice each month. 2. It is easier to locate a member if you want more information about an item they placed in the instant gallery. 3. A common club nametag makes it easier to spot a visitor or a stranger that has just wandered in. In the past some items have gone missing including turnings and library materials. Please help by consistently wearing your nametag and introducing yourself to anyone not wearing a nametag.

Nametags for 2009 are gray and will be required for participation in the wood raffle, check out of library items and should be worn at other club events such as sawdust sessions and demonstrations.

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**Picture Roster**

As soon as the remaining membership forms are submitted an updated picture roster can be produced, we hope it will be available by the March meeting. There are many new members and many changes in contact information. Send membership application forms to the treasurer, Gary McGuire. Pass along changes in your contact information to either the secretary (Neva Hutchinson) or the treasurer (Gary McGuire).

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**New Coordinators**

Due to the size of our club the board has created additional non- executive board positions to help coordinate specific club activities and events. In addition to the Editor (Keith Walker), Webmaster (Keith Walker), and Librarian (Pete Peterson) the board created and wants to introduce the following coordinator positions: Special Events Coordinator (Rick Harris) to oversee events such as the school mentoring program and demonstration booths (Steam-up and State Fair); New Member Coordinators (Bob Garvey and Tom Morrison) to organize greeters at meetings and help new members locate the help they need within the club; Facilities Coordinator (Dave Hanselman) to recruit help and supervise room preparation for our monthly meetings and the straightening up of same at the end of the meeting; Calling Coordinators (Richard Pucillo and Carl Rodney) to provide telephone contact with members who do not have access to email for quick information exchange when necessary; Wood Coordinator (Roger Molsom) to be a contact point for those with wood (or trees) to offer the club and to organize members to cut, gather and distribute wood that is offered; Wood Raffle Coordinator (Bob Hutchinson) to sell tickets and supervise the drawing of numbers and distribution of wood at our monthly meetings; Video Coordinator (Nick Stagg) to oversee the video and audio support at our monthly meetings. These individuals are volunteers and need help from other members to conduct the activity that they are coordinating, please step-up and help support your club.

**AAW News**



There is news from Malcom Tibbetts about a new AAW chapter for segmented turners. There was also a symposium on segmented turning. The links below will get you there:

- <http://www.segmentedwoodturners.org/>
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqGPaB4DL\\_k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqGPaB4DL_k)

## Mentors



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 free to our members. If you can contribute additional skill areas contact Walt and have your name added to the list.

### Corvallis

JJ Jones	541-745-3802	plates, natural edge bowls, general questions
Walt Thies	541-752-5214	dust collection, Christmas ornaments, mushrooms

### Dallas

Myron Yancey	503-623-8930	pens, bowls, S & P grinders, boxes
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### Eugene

Reed Gray	541-463-9634	bowls, coring, tool techniques
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### Independence

Nick Stagg	503-838-4817	sharpening, general turning
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### Jefferson

Bob Garvey	541-327-2332	bowls and spindles
Jack Knight	541-327-2647	turning basics, preparing turning wood

### Keizer

Roger Molsom	501-304-9418	bowls, general questions
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### McMinnville

Doug Smith	503-472-5616	basic turning skills
Keith Walker	503-435-1461	segmented bowls

### Mill City

Ken Spaur	503-897-2082	pens, bowls, general questions
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### Sheridan

Rex Brown	971-237-5309	pens, general questions
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### Salem

Jim Coon	503-566-6528	pens and general questions about turning
Tom Morrison	503-364-3090	segmented bowls
Pete Peterson	503-363-0945	bowls, pens, general questions

## Club Library



Pete Peterson is our Librarian.

**Note: Because of the long February presentation, the Library will not be open for that meeting.**

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! An inventory of library items is underway. When finished it will enable members to quickly identify items of interest.

## WVW Board Meetings



## Officer Reports



### January Treasurer's Report



INCOME:		Explanation
Wood Raffle	\$105.00	January's meeting
Dues	\$800.00	2009 dues
Hardware	\$300.00	Sale of half round rods, depth guage and protractors

<b>Total In</b>	<b>\$1,205.00</b>
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Expenses:		Explanation
Office Supplies	\$44.98	General Office Supplies
Tools	\$64.90	5 piece measuring kits

<b>Total Out</b>	<b>\$109.88</b>
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<b>Final Total</b>	<b>\$1,095.12</b>
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<b>December Balance</b>	<b>\$4,499.42</b>
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<b>Januaries Balance</b>	<b>\$5,594.54</b>
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**Date:** 1/12/2008

**By:** Gary L McGuire



**The Secretary's Minutes**  
**By Neva Hutchinson**



**Club Meeting Minutes for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

There were 57 people present...including 2 visitors.

Pledge of allegiance

Introduction of Visitors

Walt announced:

1. Member of the month: Keith Walker for doing our newsletter and web master.
2. This club is an associate of the AAW. Historically the members of the club primarily were members of AAW. The club has grown so much that many members are not members of AAW and therefore anyone who is willing to work and serve as an officer, is actually paying for the privilege since officers must be members of AAW. Walt asked if the membership would be willing to pay the AAW dues for the four officers each year. A motion was made to that effect, seconded and carried unanimously.
3. He reminded members to get their dues paid and that there were new name tags for those who had paid their dues prior to tonight.
4. He covered the upcoming sawdust sessions (Jan 24<sup>th</sup>)

Tonight's demonstrator was Reed Gray. He is a professional bowl turner from the Eugene area. He demonstrated how to rough out bowls for production work. He stated that he prefers green wood for bowl turning. He turns his bowls to their finish thickness and even though they may change shape as they dry....it doesn't affect their salability. He uses both gouges and scrapers to rough out a bowl. When drying, he wraps his bowl with newspaper and shrink wrap on the outside, bare wood on the inside. This does not stop movement in the bowl, but cuts down on cracking.

Announcements: Jim Coon has hats with the club insignia. Anyone who wants one needs to talk to Jim.

Bob Quadros has tools for anyone who wants to buy them.

Break from 7:30 – 7:48

The second half of the demonstration was put on by Nick Stagg. He demonstrated his techniques for bowl turning. Nick uses a chuck, where Reed did not. Nick's technique is more for general bowl turning...not necessarily for production turning. Nick re-cuts his bowls after they are dry. He always marks a center point to allow for a reference point when he returns the bowl. He stressed the importance of keeping your tools sharp.

Walt announced the first 5 drawing numbers and then Nick reviewed the Show and Tell table.



He highlighted a gavel made by Myron Yancy, a bowl by Troy Mullens, a bowl by Pete Peterson, a cattail centerpiece, a large bowl by Carl Rodney, a pen made by Mitch Patten and a hollow vessel by Gary McGuire.

Break from 8:33-8:45

Walt had two additional pieces of information and a Q & A session.

He announced the board meeting next week and asked for any comments and/or ideas. One member gave his approval of the general structure of the meetings and the way they flowed. Another member asked for a sharpening session, and Walt indicated that there would be some classes later in the winter. A third member announced that lemon juice would cut black walnut stain.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49.



**Newsletter Editor's Note**

Please submit all items for the March 2009 newsletter no later than February 27<sup>th</sup>.



Send dues & other financial matters to:  
 Gary McGuire  
 Turn-A-Round  
 17090 Hardel Ct NE  
 Woodburn, OR 97071

Send all other club correspondence to:  
 Walt Thies (WVW President)  
 3317 NW Firwood Drive  
 Corvallis, OR 97330

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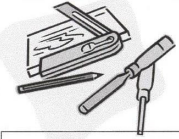
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**Coordinators**

Special Events	Rick Harris	503-749-4130	<a href="mailto:dragon726@aol.com">dragon726@aol.com</a>
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	Tom Morrison	503-364-3090	<a href="mailto:tomverna53@gmail.com">tomverna53@gmail.com</a>
Facilities	Dave Hanselman	503-831-1157	<a href="mailto:dave@hanselman.com">dave@hanselman.com</a>
Calling Tree	Richard Pucillo	503-835-8402	
	Carl Rodney	503-843-3563	
Wood	Roger Molsom	503-304-9418	<a href="mailto:debbierogerm@q.com">debbierogerm@q.com</a>
Video	Nick Stagg	503-838-4817	<a href="mailto:ukstagg@dishmail.net">ukstagg@dishmail.net</a>

# Sawdust Session\*



**Saturday, February 28th**  
**8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Location:** The shop at Greg Ego's business,  
**Rasmussen Spray Service**  
**1890 22nd Street SE, Salem**  
Next to Sunbelt Rental and across from Cemex  
(Map on the back)

## What to Bring:

- ☑ Name tag
- ☑ Portable lathe & turning tools  
(Stand & Light if you have one).
- ☑ Eye Protection (if you don't wear glasses).
- ☑ Brown Bag lunch including drink.
- ☑ Chair for taking a break.



## What will be provided or available:

- ☑ Grinder wheel for sharpening
- ☑ Band saw, table saw and some tables for lathes.

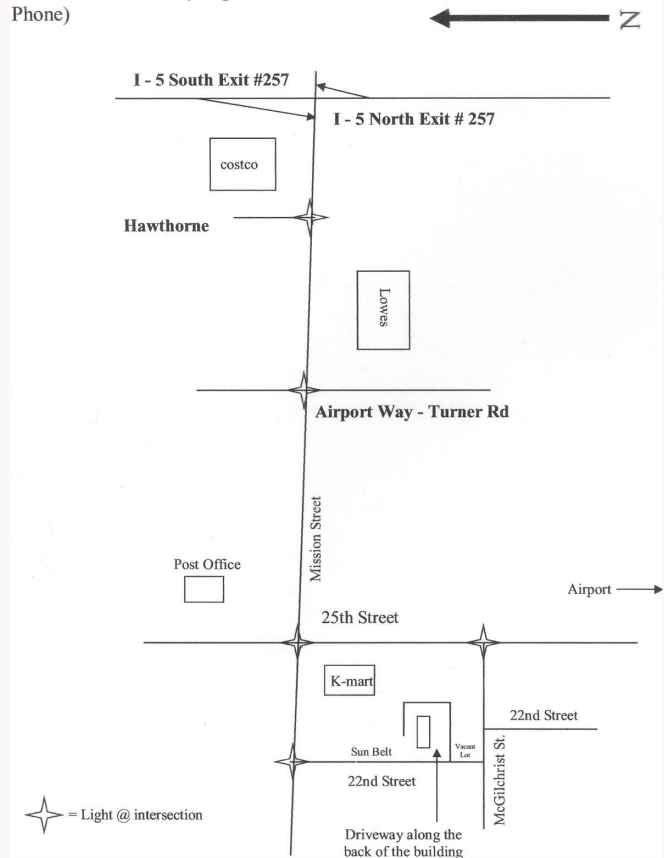
## Project of the day:

Walt Thies will be sharing how to make his "trademark" mushrooms

- ☑ Bring several pieces of green branch wood with bark 2 to 3 inch diameter and 7" long.
- ☑ 1/2" skew, 3/8" spindle gouge, thin parting tool
- ☑ 2 plastic produce bags.

\*Due to liability insurance issues, this event is open to club members only.

Address: 1890 22nd Street SE, Salem  
Lost? 503 932-4496 (Greg's Cell  
Phone)



**Pictures from the recent turning class**



**See more on next page**

**Pictures from the January Sawdust Session**

**Troy supervises Myron**



**Troy uses his new Delta midi lathe**



**Helping new members**



**Jack Odom practices spindle cuts**



**Discussing turning**

