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Next Meeting  
Thursday, 14, 2011

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## Chip Chatter

The sun has been out a few times during the last week and we have not had any snow, spring must be on the way. With warmer weather it's time to get out to the shop and turn.

Last month we had an excellent demo by Reed Gray on turning a cube on the bias, followed by a Saturday sawdust session on bowl coring. I for one learned a lot about coring and purchased a center saver system as a result.

This month we will have a weekend with Dave Schweitzer. He will be here for the Thursday meeting demo, then for an all-day demo on Friday. That will be followed by a hands-on workshop on Saturday and Sunday. We still have room for anyone who wants to attend the Friday demonstration. The two day workshop is full. I would like to remind those that have signed up for either the all-day demo or the weekend workshop to send your money to Elling Hoem. This is a great opportunity to expand your woodturning knowledge.

Name tags for 2011 are salmon color and are available at the front table for members that have paid their dues. Three reasons for wearing name tags: 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 name tag makes it easier to spot a visitor or a stranger that has just wandered in. I urge everyone to wear their name tags at all club functions as well as at the monthly meeting.

The 2011 club photo roster will be available at the front desk during the April meeting. Do not forget to pick up your copy.

Keep the chips flying

Bruce Stangeby, President

# Club Business

## Current & Upcoming Events

April Demonstration (Thursday, April 14, 2011)



In April, we are going to have our first, all weekend Woodturning session. Dave Schweitzer will offer us an evening club demo, followed Friday with an all day demonstration, culminating in an hands on 2 day woodturning course. I have great expectations for a GREAT time, lots of camaraderie, and heaps of learning. Dave is originally from Michigan but has lived in the Pacific Northwest since 1962. I will update you more on cost of everything and what all will be covered. For the moment, feast your eyes on some of Dave's turnings.....

Dave has taken his talents, fabricated his own lathe and tools which he uses on his turnings. he does one of a kind pieces as no two pieces of wood are the same. He shows particular attention to form, detail and finishes which best show the fine grain and beauty of the natural woods.

Dave is a member in good standing with the American Association of Woodturners. He is affiliated with the Olympic Peninsula Chapter and the South Puget Sound Chapter. Dave has demonstrated throughout the Pacific Northwest and has been acknowledged in several publications.

May Demonstration (Thursday, May 12, 2011)



May Demonstration: Vernon Leibrant

Vernon Leibrant is a natural tinkerer and a self-tutored turner. He began making wooden tops in the late 1940's on a little Sears and Roebuck lathe in his father's shop. (One of his early accomplishments was a top that could spin for nine minutes on a pull.) A one-time logger and saw miller, Leibrant lives at the foot of the Cascade Mountains in northwest Washington State, surrounded by country roads that bear the names of his family relations.

In the late 1980's, as interest in woodturning grew, the American Association of Woodturners was formed. Vernon joined in the camaraderie and education available in turning clubs and symposiums. He began teaching woodturning in the United States and Canada in 1990.

Flatwork, he calls it, but his first love is turning. He makes mostly bowls and platters. The platters, up to 50 inches wide, are wall hangings that look much like pictures with their interesting wood grain. His work is sold in galleries nationwide and at his shop, which is always open.

Demonstration for the club:

Vernon plans to turn a bowl from a green log to a finished bowl. This should take about 1 hour. He will bring his own tools and wood and the club lathe will be fine. He will work off of a face plate only. No chucks will be necessary. He will demonstrate turning green wood, power sanding, drying green bowls and finishing.

**Fri. 5/13** Demo/Workshop:

- Introduction for turning a bowl from green wood
- Help participants get their own project started
- Supervise everyone as they turn

The focus will be on:

Vernon's method of tool use - "I am a self-taught turner and I'll show you what I do."

Turning bowls from green wood

Power sanding of green wood

Green bowl drying methods

All levels of expertise will be addressed.

There is a \$20.00 charge for the Friday workshop.

## Membership Rewards (sorry, available to club members only)

### **Library**

A friendly reminder to members with books and /or videos checked out from the library. Please return them at this next meeting.

### **Wood Gathering**

Sign-up sheets will be available to indicate your availability to help with wood gathering. Anyone who learns of a tree or log that is available to the club should notify Jerry Lelack (503 510-1577) or Bob Hutchinson (503 508-3279). The intent is to gather wood, process it to usable pieces, store it at the home of Terry Gerros', and then make it available to members. Terry can be reached at 503 580-5013.

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From Terry Gerros: I have managed to accumulate a number of turning blanks for sale from several people. Oh wait, I brought this on myself.....what started out selling blanks for a buddy who is a disabled vet, has spiraled into.....well, a lot of fun. So, listed below is what I have available. The blocks are close to wholesale price or below and consist primarily of figured walnut (both claro and English), ambrosia maple, persimmon, mimosa, black locust, myrtle wood, figured maple, maple burl, and figured myrtle wood. Most of the blocks are dried and waxed, ready to turn to a finished product. Some of the blocks are green, but waxed. Also available are stabilized pen blanks (figured maple, speckled maple, myrtle wood, buckeye burl), bottle stoppers (buckeye burl), and spindle stock of varying sizes and types of wood. You are welcome to come see the wood and purchase on Saturdays or at my discretion, please call to make sure I am available. I try to make it convenient for everyone, especially those who want to talk woodturning for a bit. My cell number is 503-580-5013.

All the walnut bowl blanks are 3" thick give or take a bit, and are both English and claro walnut, some have both types grafted together, lots of fiddle back, marbling. These blocks are cut from gunstock material.

Pricing for the walnut is as follows:

4 x 4.....\$2.00	8 x 8.....\$8.00
5 x 5.....\$3.50	9 x 9.....\$10.00
6 x 6.....\$4.50	10 x 10..\$12.00
7 x 7.....\$6.00	11 x 11..\$14.00

I also have the following:

Stabilized pen blanks...3/4 x 3/4 x 5 \$2.50 each  
Bottle stoppers.....3/\$1.00

The other blanks have the price marked on them. So if you are looking for some killer blanks, give me a call.

### **Supplies**

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 (\$10/gal). Recently the club purchased a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool, HSS rods (\$3) 1/4" x 8" used to make the round skewers demonstrated by Bill McCoy at the October meeting, and depth gauge (\$5). Bob Quadros will have the resale items still available at the meeting. Please bring the correct change for the items you want.

### **Club Member Discounts**

From Terry Gerros: Club orders will be going out on **April 18**. If our order equals or exceeds \$1,000, Craft Supply gives us a 13% discount plus free shipping. If you order from the sales items, you will receive the club discount in addition to the sale discount, making many items available at very attractive prices.

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.

Hartville Tool will give club members a 20% discount for the next year and a 15% discount after that: [www.hartvilletool.com](http://www.hartvilletool.com) or 800-345-2396

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](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 Gilmers, it is well worth the trip to Portland, if only to make your mouth water and make you cry if you leave empty handed.

North Wood Figured Wood can be viewed at North Woods Figured Wood Here's our website [www.nwfiguredwoods.com](http://www.nwfiguredwoods.com) . Please take a look! We're happy to offer you our courtesy 15% discount. Anyone from our club can simply type in "WOODTURNERS" at check out to receive the sale price. No minimum purchase. We've got beautiful Big Leaf Maple, Black Locust, Madronne, White Oak, Ash, Elm and Yew.....turning blanks, slabs, burls and lumber.

## WILLAMETTE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF THE March10, 2011 MEETING

At 6:30 PM, on March 10, 2011 President Bruce Stangeby called the meeting to order and all present (67 members and visitors) said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

After the pledge President Stangeby reported that during our last meeting he read the proposed changes to the current bylaws. He said he was required to read them a second time before having a vote to deny or accept the proposed changes. President Stangeby then read, for the second time, the proposed changes. There was a call to accept the changes and a second and a vote was had and the changes were unanimously accepted. The new bylaws are not in affect!

After this Vice President Gerros announced that if any one needed to place an order to Craft Supply through the club that they should do so quickly, as the order will go in on 3-14-2011. VP Gerros also announced that a saw dust session will be held tomorrow, 3-11-2011, at his shop and will be conducted by Reed Gray who is our demonstrator tonight. The saw dust session will cover the use of three different bowl parting systems. After this President Stangeby announced our demonstrator for the night, Reed Gray from Eugene. Reed is a production turner from Eugene, Oregon, and has given many demonstrations and seminars during his career. President Stangeby said the night's topic will be "Turning Bowls on the Bias." The floor was then given to Reed Gray.

When starting his demonstration Reed said one of the most important aspects of turning bowls on the bias was to have extremely sharp tools. He then gave a short demonstration of how he sharpens, free hand, on a platform.

After this Reed spoke about how to turn a bowl on the bias and stressed that the correct cuts on the tips of the bowl blanks was crucial. He said that the tips can be cut to 45 degree angles on the table saw or chop saw. Reed also explained that cutting totally clean is almost impossible because the grain is going every way possible.

Reed then demonstrated his method of turning a bowl on the bias and showed his method of turning the bowl from start to finish. He produced a completed bowl during his demonstration. There were many questions during the session. Reed also gave a short talk on finishing after he completed his bowl and the members and guests were totally impressed with the demonstration.

After taking a short break Reed also demonstrated how he turns sushi platters from square and rectangular shaped wood. He then turned a couple of sushi plates and amazed the audience. At this point his demonstration ended and all in attendance appreciated his demonstration.

At this time the wood raffle was held and the meeting ended.

Presented by:  
Rick Lyle, Secretary

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