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Next Meeting  
Thursday, May 12, 2011

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## Chip Chatter

We are going to make some changes this month in the wood raffle procedure and are offering some great educational opportunities. In addition to a new wood raffle format, we are going to raffle a Jet 1236 lathe. This month also offers an opportunity to increase your turning skills by taking "a cut above" free class from Nick Stagg and Vernon Leibrant (our demonstrator this month) will give a hands on workshop on turning a bowl from green wood for only \$20.00.

Wood raffle: The members receive a ticket for \$1 each. Members put one half the ticket into a cup by the item they want and keep the other part of the ticket. If a person buys more than one ticket they can wager them all on one item to increase their chances or scatter them out. At raffle cut off time Rick picks one ticket from a cup and tapes the winning ticket to the wood piece or tool or certificate or whatever. At the end of the meeting members look at the winning tickets and pick up the item if the number is theirs. The advantages of this format are: 1. You are only in competition for the item or wood block that you want. 2. You can increase your chances for an item by buying more tickets and placing them all in one cup if you wish. 3. You never have the last two guys getting the crummy piece of wood that they didn't want anyway.

We are also going to be raffling a 1236 Jet lathe that was donated to the club by Jenine Howard. Tickets for this will be \$5.00 each and the raffle will end after we have sold 100 tickets. That means your chance of winning are good, and the more tickets you buy the better your chance of winning. More information and pictures are further down in the BURL.



On May 13, the Friday after the club meeting, Vernon Leibrant will be giving an all day workshop on turning a bowl from green wood. 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." It will include power sanding of green wood, and green bowl drying methods. All levels of expertise will be addressed. Cost is \$20.00 which is due at the May meeting.

On Saturday May 21st you will have an opportunity to take the mystery out of tool handling. Nick Stagg will be giving a class on basic turning cuts.

All of the cuts that we'll make in our beginners class will teach you how to cut wood in the correct fashion. Once you know how to make the cuts they can be applied to any type of turning application. With the basics mastered and practice, there's no limit to your capabilities. This is a free class and will be held at Nicks shop. Our sympathies go out to Jim Coon. His wife died on May 1st from Liver cancer.

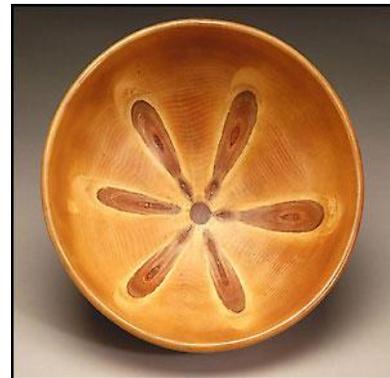
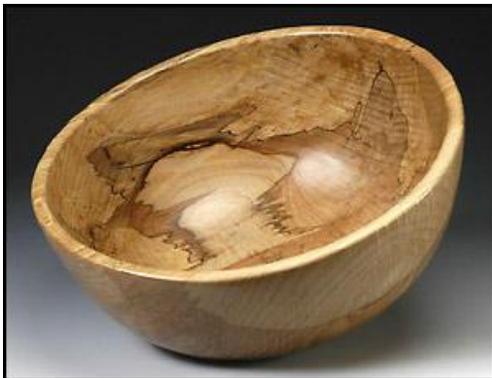
Keep the chips flying

Bruce Stangeby, President

## Club Business

### Current & Upcoming Events

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. All attendees MUST pay the fee by Thursday's meeting. If it is mailed in to the Treasurer, Elling Hoem, it MUST be postmarked by Saturday, May 7th to make sure I have received it by Thursday the 12th.

**June Demonstration** (Thursday, June 9, 2011)

In June we are fortunate enough to have our own Darren Wellington as a demonstrator. I wish I had more information to tell you about Darren's life story, but the only website I found attached to his name was a guy in Colorado at Wellington Woodworks who makes vases, pens, and bottle stoppers. I don't believe this is our Darren. I bought 3 of Darren's clamshell boxes at our Christmas auction in 2010. Personally, I was very impressed with his turnings and his finish work. Darren has agreed to do a demonstration on clam shell boxes.

## 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 May 15. 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 15% discount: [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 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.

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 APRIL 14, 2011 MEETING

The April 14, 2011, meeting of the Willamette Woodturners Association was called to order by President Bruce Stangeby at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was then repeated by all members and visitors. New member Bill Cook and visitors Jason Waibel, Felipe Moreno, and Bill Roberts were introduced and welcomed.

President Stangeby then made several general announcements which included new beginner classes to be taught by Nick Stagg. President Stangeby also advised all members to get their new club rosters before leaving.

Vice President Terry Gerros then announced that the Craft Supply order would be going out next Monday and for those who have not given him their order they needed to do very soon. VP Gerros again explained the discount the club members receive as well as free shipping.

After the announcements Dave Schweitzer, from Washington State, was introduced as our demonstrator for the evening. His demonstration included hollow turning and a short demonstration on sharpening.

Dave is a well-known northwest wood turner and has conducted many seminars and demonstrations in his career. Dave's business, DWay Tools, sells woodturning tools and sharpening wheels to name a few. He also has an extensive gallery of his woodturning pieces.

Dave started his demonstration with a short demo on sharpening and showed his methods of sharpening. He then spoke briefly on hollow turning and advised to start with small pieces and then as you become more proficient then graduate to larger pieces.

Dave then showed his hollow tools that he fabricates in his shop. He demonstrated his hollowing tools while turning a small vase. Dave said he only turns green wood and actually starts each piece with bowl gouges and then turns to his hollowing tools. Dave said he always locates the center of the piece when starting and said he then drills the piece before removing any wood. Dave said the main thing to remember when turning hollow forms is to stay, constantly, in contact with the wood inside of the piece. He said he uses a compressor to constantly blow out the chips to aid him in staying in contact with the wood.

After finishing his presentation we had a short break and President Stangeby held the wood raffle and the meeting then concluded.

Presented by:  
Rick Lyle, Secretary

Willamette Valley Woodturners  
Executive Board Meeting  
April 27, 2011 @ Bruce Stangeby's home

Present at meeting were: Bruce S., Terry G., Pete P., Bob H., Jerry L., Walt T., Elling H.

Bruce said two items were donated to the club;

1 – Diamond Sharpening Wheel donated by Dave Schweitzer after his turning class last weekend. An offer of \$150 (full retail value) was made. The offer was accepted. A check to “WVW” was written and given to the club treasurer for deposit in the clubs bank account.

2 – An older Jet 1236 Lathe was donated by a family within the club. Bruce checked it out to make sure it ran well. A discussion followed as to how to get the maximum value out of it. A minimum value of \$500 was established. It was decided to hold a raffle and when ticket sales reach \$500 a drawing

will be held and a winner selected. Tickets will be \$5.00 each. If we cannot get enough ticket sales through our club within 2 months, then other local woodturning clubs will be notified and allowed to purchase tickets. The lathe will stay at Bruce's shop until the drawing is held and winner comes to pick it up.

The question was raised as to what is a fair cost for a host shop to charge for holding a woodturning class at their shop. Some of the considerations were: set up time, machine wear & tear, supplies used, and utilities consumed. The consensus was that the current \$125 daily rate was fair for all-day events (7 hours or more). However, a short class (1-4 hours) could be charged out at \$20 per hour. These fees do not reflect any cost of providing a port-a-potty. That cost, if incurred, would be additional and covered by WVV club funds and/or in part by the class fee charged to attendees.

Next there was a discussion of "What should we do about the Annual Club auction in December". Questions raised were: Should it be held as a stand alone event with no dessert pot luck; could it be done on a Saturday evening at the 50+ Center to allow more time to socialize, have the auction and get cleaned up and OUT by 9:00 PM; is another event location possible; what about holding it in November; how can we attract more non-club members to help increase total sales; what is/should be the primary focus of the event – raising money for the club or socializing that includes member's spouses.

Bruce will check with the 50+ Center to see if a Saturday in early December is available and what additional costs are associated with moving it to a Saturday. He will notify the board of his finding ASAP. The consensus was to keep the event in December as a pot luck dessert and auction, to let participants bring their favorite dessert, have the club provide coffee, water and paper plates, napkins, eating utensils and have an organized clean up crew. Additional discussion needs to take place on improving attendance, organizing who brings what to offer at auction, and would a banner help promote the event. Also we discussed the possibility of having a "bid sheet" by each auction item that could then be used as a starting point for bidding to start. If no one else wants to bid, then the item is sold to the person who made the last bid on the sheet. That could save time and the awkwardness of trying to start at \$100 and waiting for someone to bid \$5 to get it started and then slowly getting the bid up to a more reasonable amount. Final decisions as to date, time, how the event will be organized, etc will be made at the next board meeting.

Bob H asked on behalf of the State Fair board if the club's liability insurance covers spectators when watching club members demonstrate at the State Fair. Bruce will give Bob the phone number of the AAW's liability insurance person so the correct answer can be determined.

A change was suggested for the "wood auction" held at the regular monthly meetings. Walt attended a woodturner's meeting in California and their auction had members buy ticket, like we do, but then have a container in front of each item so each person has a chance at a piece of wood they really want instead of last one drawn gets the piece nobody else wants. If no ticket is in the container then a drawing from all undrawn tickets will be held. Winner gets their choice of unclaimed wood. It was decided to try it at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It was announced that the August regular meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, August 10<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the guest speaker.

No specific date was set for the next board meeting

The board meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Submitted by:

Elling Hoem

WVV Treasurer

Rick Lyle, WVV Secretary was not in attendance at the Board meeting

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