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Next Meeting

**Wednesday, August 10, 2011** (Please note different day)

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## Chip Chatter

Our special demonstrator for will be Graeme Priddle from New Zealand

*more information about Graeme can be found further down in the BURL*

As I write this we have just completed a successful weekend of demonstrating at the Steam Up in Brooks. Our members have been doing a great job of answering questions about turning and inviting interested parties to get back into woodturning by visiting our club or one of the others in the state. This may or may not translate to new club members but most who demonstrated would agree that they have met a lot of great people and demonstrating is a lot of fun.

A big club thanks to all who participated in the turning demo at the Steam-up. Ten members showed-up on Saturday including Bill Hill, Jim Devorss, Dick Powell, Troy Mullens, Jerry Riewald, Nick Stagg, Larry Curry, Rick Lyle, Dave Goetz, and Walt Thies. Six repeated and came on Sunday including: Bill Hill, Jim Devorss, Troy Mullens, Nick Stagg, Rick Lyle, and Walt Thies.

Mark August 31 through September 5 on your calendar and join us to staff our demo booth at the State Fair. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting, or contact Bob Hutchinson for additional details.

To help assure a smooth transition in club leadership, we will soon begin the process to identify the club officers for 2012. The board will appoint a nominating committee to develop a slate that the board will present to the club in October. This committee will also be collecting ideas for programs and activities. So if there is something you want to see, pass it on to a current officer. Elections are held in November, and the new officers take over on January 1.

Keep the chips flying

Bruce Stangeby, President

# Club Business

## Current & Upcoming Events

August Demonstration (Wednesday, August 10, 2011)



Graeme Priddle will be our demonstrator in August. **PLEASE MAKE NOTE THE AUGUST MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, not the usual Thursday.** I am not sure what his demonstration will be on, but I am sure it will be an excellent presentation.

Graeme is an internationally recognized wood turner, sculptor, demonstrator and workshop facilitator whose work is found in many public and private collections around the world. He is best known for narrative sculptural turnings that reflect the environments and passions in his life in New Zealand. During his workshops, he covers a range of topics from basic turning skills, through to more complex turning, carving and surface treatments as well as offering helpful advice on how to find your own creative identity.

His demo topics include:

### **'Surface, surface!'**

Graeme will present a myriad of surface treatments and embellishment possibilities. Covers design and influences, tool selection and sharpening, wood selection, carving and texturing techniques, pyrography, coloring, use of multi-media elements and inlays, finishing techniques, and safety.

### **'Sculptural Multi-Centre Turning '**

Graeme will present a unique approach to multi-center bowl and hollow turning. Covers, design and influences, basic turning techniques, tool selection and sharpening, wood selection, carving techniques, hollow turning, surface embellishment, finishing techniques, and safety.

## 'Vessels of the South Pacific'

Presents a unique approach to carving on turned hollow vessels. Covers, design and influences, basic turning techniques, tool selection and sharpening, wood selection, carving techniques, hollow turning, surface embellishment, inlaying, use of multi-media elements, finishing techniques, and safety.

Thank you,  
Terry

## September Demonstration (Thursday, September 8, 2011)



In September Dale Larson will be our demonstrator. As most of us are aware, madrone is a fairly unstable wood to work with. It warps, splits, cracks and does all sorts of funky things. Fortunately, Dale turns a significant amount of madrone and that will be the topic of the night. Briefly, Dale will discuss how to work with fresh madrone and finish turn a dry bowl. He is also going to turn a madrone sphere.

Dale Larson has been turning wood for over 30 years. Located in Gresham, Oregon, Dale primarily turns bowls from local hardwoods such as Pacific Madrone and Big Leaf Maple. His work is both functional and beautiful and much admired by collectors and wood workers alike. His bowls can be found in private collections all over the world.

Dale often demonstrates his bowl and sphere turning at the *American Association of Woodturners* (AAW) Symposiums in the USA and the Ripon Symposium in England. He also teaches and publishes article in several wood working and wood turning journals including *The American Woodturner*.

Dale is a founding member of the Portland area *Cascade Woodturners* and has been an active member of the AAW for over 20 years.

## 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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For Sale: Delta Midi-Lathe with Bed Extension  
Mounted on a Black & Decker WorkMate Stand

No turning tools included.

Excellent Condition

\$250.00

Contact Bob Elgin at Capital Manor - 503-399-1404 or Cell: 503-913-6878  
for appointment to inspect the lathe

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**WOODWORKING TOOLS FOR SALE**

Vega Bowl Lathe model 2600 plus bed extension. Will turn a 26" Bowl. Price \$2200 (Purchased June 2010 for \$3400)

Serious inquiries only contact: Rick Lyle 503-428-2703  
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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 August 15th. 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 July 14, 2011 MEETING

On July 14, 2011, at 6:30 PM, President Bruce Stangeby called the monthly meeting to order. All present then said the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge two visitors, Jim Krager and Rich Hanson, were welcomed. President Stangeby then made the following announcements:

- President Stangeby announced that Leigh Roberts, one of our Life Members, recently passed away. A moment of silence was then held to recognize Leigh. Leigh will certainly be missed among our ranks!
- President Stangeby then encouraged all members to enter some of their turnings in the State Fair competition this summer. President Stangeby then reminded that our club also demonstrates at the fair and encouraged anyone interested in participating to sign the log and contact Bob Hutchinson who coordinates this event. Our dates to hold the demonstration is August 31st to September 5th.
- President Stangeby also mentioned that our club also demonstrates at the Steam Up held in Brooks and encouraged members to sign the roster to participate. The Steam Up is held on July 30 and 31st. Walt Thies will be coordinating this event. As with the demonstration at the State Fair, those participating will need to provide their tools, wood, and a mini lathe if they have one.
- President also reminded those present that we have a wood gathering committee and Jerry Lelack is the committee chairman. Those interested in helping out need to sign the wood gathering roster.
- President Stangeby also announced that next months meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY August 10th. If you know any members that did not attend tonight's meeting please notify them of the day and date of the August meeting.

After these announcements President Stangeby introduced the night's demonstrator, Eric Lofstrom. Eric has demonstrated for us in the past and has held both day long demos as well as two day seminars. His topic for the night was "Square Winged Bowls."

Eric started his demo/talk saying that when making a square winged bowl the bowl is actually round the wings are square. Eric then said that he would discuss 1.) turning concepts 2.) form concepts 3.) roughing the blank and 4.) he would then answer questions members may have.

Eric then said that "FORM" is basically the intent of the piece. It is what is left in a finished product. Form is present from the first concept of the piece to the finished form of the piece. Eric also said that "UNDERSTANDING GRAIN ORIENTATION" is important in turning winged bowls. Knowledge necessary to understand grain orientation requires knowing which cuts are first, second, etc. Also in this category was understanding of tool control because different cuts give a different look of the piece you are turning. He said it is critical to CUT FIBERS SO THEY SUPPORT OTHER FIBERS.



Eric said the tools he uses when he turns winged bowls are the negative rake scraper, 1/2 or 3/8 bowl gouges. He said that 90% of the cuts he uses is with the fingernail grind on the gouge and 10% using a traditional grind.

After this brief talk Eric then turned a winged bowl and explained his process from the start to finish. All present seemed to enjoy his demonstration and discussion. Eric put forth a very, very good demonstration and the explanations he gave while turning.

At 7:30 PM we had a short break and Eric then finished his demonstration. President Stangeby then held the nightly raffle. After the raffle the meeting ended

Presented by:  
Rick Lyle, Secretary

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