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Chip Chatter

I want to start by apologizing to Jim Devorss and Terry Gerros. They won first and second place, respectably, in our best box contest at the March meeting and I failed to congratulate them in last month's BURL. Congratulations to Jim and Terry.

Our May demonstrator is Soren Berger, he will be putting on an all day demo the Friday after our meeting, and also a 2 day workshop over the weekend.

With the improvements in the weather, I have been more active in my shop. I hope you are also busy turning. I am already beginning to look forward to the demonstrations we as a club will conduct in places like the Steam Up and State Fair. If you haven't had a chance yet to let the club know your desire to help with those activities, see an officer.

I am going to miss my first meeting in about five years this month. You will be in good hands with Terry taking charge of the meeting, and I will see everyone for the June meeting.

Keep the chips flying

Bruce Stangeby, President

Web Page News

Hello Members,

If you have been to the Willamette Valley Woodturners website (<http://willamettevalleywoodturners.com/>) lately you've probably seen a few changes taking place. This is just the beginning of a complete overhaul for the site. So far I've been able to institute dynamic pages using a database of members' profiles. This basic change will allow me to implement security protocols on the website. After this protocol is developed club members will have access to "Members Only" pages where pictures of current or previous works can be

uploaded to the site for all the members to enjoy. This is the basic change that the Board Members wanted to see and I will be able to implement it on our new website that is set up in the format I know best; ASP. NET. Visually, the pages have been changed to add more pictures and to simplify the menu across the top of the page instead of down the side of the page. I have also added the mugs of our officers on the contact page so everyone can see what they look like and be able to email them directly.

You can also check out the updated Library page under the “Membership Perks” tab. There is a list of library books and videos. If you have a book or video checked out please return it so that Jerry Lelack and Dave Goetz can keep this page up to date.

Keep checking the website because some other exciting things are coming down the pike. Terry Gerros is most excited about the “Group Purchase” page where members will be able to enter in their requested purchase. Terry will go there once and cut and paste the order to Craft Supplies USA. It will make his job much easier.

So far, the website is looking good and it will be much easier to maintain and navigate. If you have any changes you would like to see made just email me and I’ll see what I can do to implement them. And if you have a few favorite pictures of your work you want to see on the “Gallery” page slideshow of the website, send it to webmaster@foxinnovations.net. I’ll get it in as soon as I can.

It has been great to get the feedback from members about the website and I have enjoyed organizing and updating it. I hope the club will enjoy it for many years to come.

Latest web news: Security has been added to our web site and the login is working. To try it out simply click the login menu item and enter your user name and password. If you don’t know your password, you can click the link on the login page to have one sent to you. Please be aware that there is no content yet for the secure site.

Thanks,
Ronald Fox

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events



May Demo: Our May demonstrator is Soren Berger, who lives in New Zealand and has been a woodturning artist for 33 years. Not only will Soren be here for the evening demo, but he will also be putting on an all day demo the Friday after our meeting, but also a 2 day workshop.

He is very well known throughout the world as a teacher, demonstrator and exhibitor, with his art pieces featured in many journals, publications and books. Each year Sören is invited to America to demonstrate woodturning at big national symposiums, top art and craft schools and woodturning clubs.

In 33 years of full time studio woodturning, traveling and teaching Sören has come to see that woodturners are experiencing a rediscovery of a very ancient art. The experience that Sören Berger has gained in his travels throughout the USA, Sweden and NZ over the last 17 years has given him a clearer understanding of many of the common problems people encounter while learning to turn.

Modern woodturning has some new materials, tools and technologies which make the processes quicker and more pleasant. Sören's interest over the last 4 years has been focused on developing tools that enables everybody to create beautiful objects with ease of use.



June Demo: Doug Fisher, Vancouver, BC

We are again very fortunate to have a distinguished wood turner, artist, and sculptor in our presence. Doug will also be putting on a one day demonstration in conjunction with

a 2 day workshop. Check out his website to see some of the fantastic work he has done.....www.douglasjfisher.com/index.html

Douglas J Fisher is a full-time artist living on Vancouver Island, Canada. Since 1992 he has been involved almost exclusively in creating some form of art, including painting, stained glass, photography, pen and ink drawing, and woodturning. Wood sculptures, primarily made using a lathe, have been the focus of his work since 1997. When not in his studio, Douglas can often be seen performing in theatre productions.

Prior to becoming a full-time artist, he taught skiing and sailing, was an ironworker, a driller and blaster in several underground gold mines, and delivered sailboats in the Pacific Northwest, the Caribbean, and across the Atlantic Ocean.

Some sculptures involve the use of indigenous iconography from the area where Douglas lives. "I have long been fascinated with the art of indigenous cultures from around the world. Upon first inspection it seems so simple and yet at the same time is very powerful. I hope to understand these cultures in my quest to explore a personal aesthetic."

Creating thought provoking and inspiring works of art by combining artistic vision with superb craftsmanship is something Douglas has been doing for some time. He exhibits his unique style of wood turned sculptures internationally, is sought after as a demonstrator and teacher and his works are in private collections around the world.

Meeting Minutes

4-12-12 WVW Monthly Meeting

Visitors Present: Visitors from North Salem High School were Tara Moem who accompanied Eric Duvall-Wincher. Also from the Seattle area we had Eric Lofstrom and Mrs. Lofstrom.

President Stangeby then presented the members present with the following points that were discussed:

Discussed the need for the Office of Treasurer to be an unlimited term because of the requirements of changing banking information with new persons in this position. The current two year limit creates quite a challenge when a new person takes over. This was discussed and passed unanimously.

Pointed out that sign up sheets were available for our upcoming seminars and encouraged those who want to attend to sign up before the classes fill.

Discussed information regarding the AAW Symposium and pointed out that we have brochures available.

Vice President Gerros then discussed the following points:

Discussed the Craft Supply monthly order and explained how it works and the advantages of purchasing merchandise as a club.

Gave more information regarding the upcoming demonstrators and the seminars they would be offering.

At this time Pres. Stangeby introduced our demonstrator for the evening who was none other than VP Gerros who gave a demonstration on turning salt shakers. Terry gave both an educational review of salt shakers and gave a thorough demonstration of his methods of turning salt shakers.

There was a break at 7:30 PM and then Terry finished his demo and the wood raffle was held and the meeting ended.

Minutes of WVW Board Meeting held 3-27-12

Board Members Present:

President Bruce Stangeby

Vice President Terry Gerros

Secretary Rick Lyle

Josh Navarrete
Bob Hutchinson
Ron & Betty Fox
Walt Thies

The meeting began and Pres. Stangeby reported that the club has approximately \$8,500.00 in the bank. We also have a total of 96 paid members for 2012 with another 6 that are unpaid for a total of 102 active members. Ron Fox was introduced as the new Web Master and he discussed the revisions that have been made and are in the process of being made to our new web site.

A discussion ensued regarding the term limits for treasurer being two years. The problems a two year limit imposes on the club includes the complete change-over of bank accounts, signatures, etc. A motion was made and seconded to have an unlimited term for treasurer. President Stangeby will bring up this issue at our next monthly meeting.

A "lengthy" discussion took place regarding workshops and the cost of them, as well as numerous issues surrounding workshops in general. After this discussion it was determined that for now we would not change anything.

The meeting then ended.

Rick Lyle, Secretary

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.

From Terry Gerros: Hey all, as many of you know Mike Smith and I hauled a small boat load of wood to SWAT at the end of August. Many of you took advantage and bought some blanks from Mike. Before we left, I talked Mike into leaving a number of turning blanks to sell to the members of our club. Currently I have Ambrosia maple, Honey Locust, Mineral stained Poplar and a few other species available. There are some really nice blanks available in many different sizes. Mike also has left several sections of Maple burl logs. The log sections are at my place and have the price painted on them. If you have an interest, let me know and we can make arrangements for you to come by and take a look. I have a chainsaw large enough to cut these log sections so you can handle them. They are loaded with burls and you won't be disappointed. Give me a call on my cell: 503-580-5013.

I am now a distributor for Stick Fast CA glue, Sharpfast Sharpening systems, and the Holdfast vacuum chucking system. The CA glue I ordered from Stickfast has arrived. Current club members are offered a 10% discount on purchases. Price list will be available later.

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, 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 14th**. 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 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 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 . (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 . 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.

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