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Next Meeting

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Center 50+

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### *A skewed view.....*

March is a green muddy month down below. Some folks like it....farmers. Just a line from one of my all time favorite movies...Jeremiah Johnson. It felt appropriate since it is March, green and muddy.

It has been a busy last few weeks. We have completed the Freedom Pen Project with flying colors. I'd like to thank EVERYONE who donated time, materials and organizational skills to this endeavor. I spoke with the good folks at Craft Supply and the good news is they are happy to match prices on more pens and give us even better pricing on the cases. So, how do you all feel about trying for a total of 1000 pens by years end? Drop me an email and let me know your thoughts.

I was lucky enough to take my bride to Desert Roundup in Mesa, AZ in February. Needless to say we had a ball. I spent most of the time helping Mike sell wood in his booth and selling D-Way tools. I went to a few Michael Hosaluk demonstrations and even took a one day workshop with Richard Raffan. Yes, boys and girls, I am one happy camper.

As most of you know Nick Stagg will be teaching a FREE two day class aimed at beginning turners. The classes are being held March 23 & 24 at Nick's shop in Independence. The sign-up sheets have been out and some of you emailed Bruce so it looks like the classes have been filled. The class is going to be exceptional as Nick has taught quite a few of us how to turn and I for one can tell you he has a wealth of knowledge and excels at getting the point across. So, if you signed up, don't miss it!!

Jon Magill is our demonstrator this month and the topic will be on his MDF Rose engine. If you haven't seen the surface decorations these machines can do, take a moment and do a brief internet search on rose engine or ornamental turning and see what you might be missing. Alternatively, check out the links in last months Burl under the heading March demonstrator. This is going to be one cool demo, I can't wait!!

Time to head to the shop,

Terry

**Turning Tip for the Month:** When filling cracks with CA glue, first coat the surrounding area with thinned sanding sealer ( 50% sanding sealer, 50% appropriate thinner) or wax. Then apply the CA glue. The glue will fill the crack but will not stain the surrounding wood. Bruce Stangeby

## Club Business

### Current & Upcoming Events

#### March Demonstrator Jon Magill: Rose Engine Turning



Our March meeting will focus on Rose Engine Turning. Jon re-discovered woodturning about a dozen years ago when he was given a lathe. Two years later he stumbled upon the esoteric art of ornamental turning, a highly specialized, Victorian-era technique that enables very precise surface decorations, using a complex lathe called a rose engine. Rose engines were primarily used by jewelers, watchmakers and artists like “Faberge”.

Exposure to the niche of ornamental turning immediately resonated for him and he knew he had found a vehicle that would give him an expressive balance between technical bent and creative desires. Using the rose engine lets him marry the organic nature of wood, the industrial gears to work it, and his own sense of design. The possibilities are limitless but always different. Jon enjoys the challenge of making boxes, particularly the precision required to produce threaded wooden boxes. Recent works also include experimentation with resins and other materials by themselves or in combination with exotic woods.

Several years ago Jon wrote an article for the Journal of the American Association of Woodturners, American Woodturner, detailing how to build a low cost, homemade rose engine lathe. In addition to the article he produced plans and instructions for the entire project. You can get an overview of rose engine work at: <http://www.woodturner.org/products/aw/howto/rose/MDFOverview.pdf> To overcome the hurdles of cost and availability, Jon wrote about, and published the plans for, a homemade rose engine in the Spring 2007 issue of American Woodturner. The lathe, made from a half-sheet of MDF, is now known as the “MDF Rose Engine”. You can read the original article about it here: <http://www.ornamentalturers.org/assets/content/RoseEngine.pdf>

After seeing the demo, if you are interested in building an MDF Rose Engine, the construction instructions and detailed drawings are available here:  
[http://www.woodturner.org/products/aw/howto/rose/MDFConstruction\\_v6%5B1%5D.pdf](http://www.woodturner.org/products/aw/howto/rose/MDFConstruction_v6%5B1%5D.pdf)  
<http://www.woodturner.org/products/aw/howto/rose/MDFDrawings.pdf>

At our meeting Jon will discuss and demonstrate the rose engine and talk in general about ornamental turning or anything else you want to know about turning.

## April Demonstrator Jim Hall: Decorating and Embellishing



Jim Hall will be talking about taking turnings to the next level. He will be presenting a process and not a product. The process will lead to the product. Jim is a member of Cascade Woodturners and has done several programs for us in the past. The following background information is from Jim.

I have been woodturning on a lathe and rose engine, carving, and painting for many years. I do not have a style, it is what my imagination can think up at any particular time looking at a specific piece of wood. I make few bowls but mostly hollow forms. I usually include some sort of an adornment on every vessel that I make. I do not care for sterile forms. Sometimes the form of the carving is the adornment. I have been working with wood for some 40 plus years and it has been a lot of fun over those many years, even though it does not seem like it has been that long.

Professionally I was many things. I was a County/City Planner until the many headaches with public life got to me. I then started a consulting business in Portland and was having a good time until the economy went to pot in the mid-70's. Went to law school and became a corporate attorney for several firms for several years. Then the executives started to look at things in a way that is not appropriate in my opinion. So I finished my career as a land developer and Realtor. I enjoyed that the most because you were working on something tangible and were helping people solve problems.

I have studied with several well know wood artists such as: John Jordan, Trent Bosch, Bin Pho, Jack DeVos, and Christian Bruchard, as well as many others.

### **Freedom Pen Project:**

The Freedom Pens Project is an all-volunteer effort spearheaded by the members of SawMill Creek Woodworkers Forums. It is to provide custom hand crafted pens to American servicemen and women overseas. Everyone is invited to participate in the project, all we need is your time and talent to provide handmade pens for our military stationed in foreign countries who are in harm's way. Every Freedom Pen that is delivered serves as a constant reminder to our troops that they are not alone and have our continued support until each and every one has returned home. The project was started in 2004 and to date, wood turners from all over the US have turned more than 145,000 pens.

Four men and one woman on a mission; to create slimline pens to send to our troops overseas. The codename was "Project Freedom Pens" and the operatives were Rex Brown, Ken Budeau, Ron Fox, Bob Hutchinson, and Betty Fox. The operation commenced at 0900 hours on Saturday, February 9, 2013 and ended at approximately 1230 hours on the same day. Seventy-three pens were turned, finished, and labeled. Many thanks to Rex Brown for organizing the operation and allowing the team to use his assets.



The initiates gathered again on Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> where giants have trod. In the hollowed shop of Terry Gerros, the humble group endeavored diligently until about sixty Freedom Pens were produced. They spoke quietly in hushed tones whilst turning the gifts that will be presented to our fighting troops overseas. The numbering of the initiates was Ron Fox, Jack Knight, Bruce Stangeby, Bob Hutchinson, Terry Gerros, Jim Devorss, Betty Fox, and Pete Peterson. The work went quickly, the fellowship was great, and the atmosphere was awe inspiring.



## 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 am also a distributor for Stick Fast CA glue, Sharpfast Sharpening systems, and the Holdfast vacuum chucking system. If you have an interest in these products, give me a call or send me an email for details.

### **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 **March 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### Club happenings in our area

(Please visit the club's website listed below for additional information)

Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

<http://www.northwestwoodturners.com/>

Meet first Thursday at Franklin High School

March Demonstrator: Ashley Harwood

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

<http://www.cascadewoodturners.com/>

Meet Third Thursday at Franklin High School

March Demonstrator: Ashley Harwood

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

<http://www.beaverstatewoodturners.com/>

Meet fourth Thursday at Woodcraft

March Demonstrator: Rudi Rudolph - lidded boxes

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

Dan Baker (President), email: [ridgewoodworks@aol.com](mailto:ridgewoodworks@aol.com)

Meet fourth Wednesday at the Friends of the Carpenter's Center

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