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Next Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Center 50+

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

April.....one day a fool, the rest of the month to make up for it. Really, it's April already? and what a beautiful March we had. So far our demonstrators have been nothing but fantastic! What an exciting and captivating March demonstrator we had. I found Jon Magill's demo absolutely intriguing. Isn't it amazing what some of these machines can do with our turnings? Well, at least with his turnings, anyway. Looks like our April demonstrator is going to be just as exciting. Jim Hall from up Portland way is going to show us how to do a different type of surface embellishment, and perhaps a little closer to home for us. Carving! Learn how to carve spirals, leaves and other forms of nature. Don't forget, please bring a bowl or hollow form to the meeting so Jim can show you how to carve or embellish the surface....just another dimension into the turning world.

Our Freedom Pen Project is well on the way. The first 200 pens have been shipped back east (Thank you, Elling) and the remaining 800 are bagged, tagged and ready to be dispensed (Thank you Ron and Betty). In each zip lock bag, you will find 10 pen kits, 10 pen blanks, 10 plastic holders and 10 tags. All you need do is drill the hole, glue in the tube and turn the pen. For all those interested in participating, sign the list and grab your pens. The list is just to keep track of where the pens have gone. Wouldn't it be grand to have 100% participation in this project! Remember the money for the pens and cases was donated by the Gordon Little Trust, the pen blanks were donated primarily by Jack Knight and Craft Supply. Another project I believe we should become involved with is the Toys for Tots program sponsored, I believe, by the U.S. Marines. I am going to try to make a trip to the recruiters office and get more info on that. More, later.

I was truly amazed at what you all have brought in for our show and tell. Your turnings, at least in my opinion, are becoming gallery quality pieces and I am so inspired by what I have seen. Keep up the great work all! I can't wait to see what shows up this month. Speaking of which, don't forget, MAY's competition is MINIATURE. Of course anything is fair game as long as it is a miniature version.

I am going to be out of town for the April meeting and I don't want you all to forget about the Craft Supply order. It will be placed April 15, as long as we reach the minimum \$1000.00 order. Remember, 13% discount and free shipping!

Time to head to the shop,

Terry

**Turning Tip for the Month:** Oil finishes can dramatically darken the color of light woods. Use sanding sealers prior to the application of your oil finishes reducing this color change. Bruce Stangeby

## **Club Business**

### **Current & Upcoming Events**

#### **April Demonstrator Jim Hall: Decorating and Embellishing**



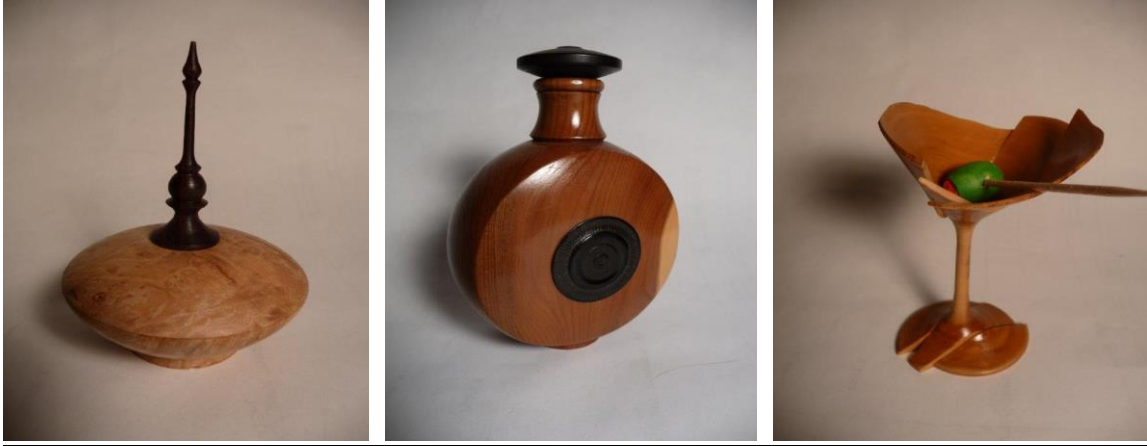
Jim Hall will be talking about taking turnings to the next level. He will be presenting a process and not a product. The process will lead to the product. Jim is a member of Cascade Woodturners and has done several programs for us in the past. The following background information is from Jim.

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 adjournment. 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.

## May Demonstrator Jerry Harris: Flask Box



Our demonstrator will be Jerry Harris from Cascade woodturners in Portland. He will be showing us how to make a flat sided flask box.

He has been turning wood since 1999. Jerry graduated in architecture from Oklahoma State University in 1964. His career was in architecture and construction management. He has always been fascinated with wood and took up woodturning just prior to retirement. His first projects were bowls and they are still the majority of what He produces but he has lately become more concerned with venturing "beyond the bowl". He recently took a seminar on wood hats by Johannes Michelsen and has turned quite a few of successful hats, some wearable and some small (6"). He remains fascinated with woodturning and hopes to expand the "artistic" side of his craft while continuing to turn quality bowls. Education: BS of Architecture, Okla. St. Univ.

Shows: Oregon Potters Association, Art in the Burbs, Multnomah Art Center, Portland Open Studios, Recycle show-Vancouver, WA, Hillsdale Holiday Market, Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts.

Memberships: Cascade Woodturners, Pacific Northwest Woodturning Guild, American Association of Woodturners.

### **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.

## 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 April 15<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

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

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

Meet Third Thursday at Franklin High School

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

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

Meet fourth Thursday at Woodcraft

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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