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Next Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Center 50+

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

June, already? I was fortunate enough to go to the Utah Symposium last May. Oh my, what a great time, witnessed some of the most amazing demonstrations I have yet to see. Hans Weissflog.....simply incredible!! Check out his Saturn Box, Spider Lattice box. I was just in awe of what this man could do. Spent some time with Stuart Mortimer, he is just an amazing man. We need to keep track of these gentlemen and get them to Salem for a demo and workshop. Stuart was here a couple years ago but it would be wonderful to get him back.

Summer is coming fast and we've a couple of club projects coming up. First is the Steam Up, which held in Brooks, at Powerland on Brooks Lake Road, during the last weekend of July and first weekend of August. If you've never been, you should take this opportunity to do so. Take the family for a very enjoyable weekend...antique sawmills, bulldozer museum, antique tractors, pretty much anything steam powered and of course the Willamette Valley Woodturners. Plenty to eat and a swap meet you can't beat. Myron Yancey is in charge of our club activity. We have several lathes set up where club members come to turn and talk to folks about both turning and of course the club. There should be a sign up sheet at the front table so you can pick your days and times to turn. It is a great opportunity for both new and seasoned turners. Don't be concerned if you haven't spent much time behind the lathe, by the end of the day, you could have 8 more hours of turning under your belt.

State Fair is coming up in August. For those who wish to enter a piece for display and competition, go to the State Fair website for more information. Our club has a large booth at State Fair, an opportunity for club members to come and turn. It is also a time to meet the public and educate them on turning and the Willamette Valley Woodturners. A sign up sheet will also be available for those wishing to turn, pick your dates and times to head to the fairgrounds. Bob Hutchison is in charge of this event, so if you have further questions, please contact Bob.

Myron and Bob...Job well done. You guys are fantastic and your efforts do not go unnoticed.

We are working on the developing the website for the symposium and hopefully will have it up and running near the end of June. Save the dates of March 6-8, 2015 for the Oregon symposium. Registration will likely open in mid-September. There is a lot to do and we need all the help we can get. Volunteers and worker bees are what we need to make this the success we hope it will be.

Two other projects we need to mention with frequency are the Lumber to Legacy program involving the Hackleman oaks and Empty Bowls project headed up by Darcy. There are several brochures for the Lumber to Legacy program at the front table if you would like to be involved. As for Empty Bowls, we should all be involved with this program, see Darcy for more info.

Glenn Shaffer is our June demonstrator and will be discussing surface decoration of platters. This will compliment Jack's demo last month and should give us loads of ideas regarding platters.

Considering the last two demonstrations have dealt with platters, the July competition should be with PLATTERS!!!

Time to head to the shop,

Terry

## **Club Business**

### **Current & Upcoming Events**

#### **June Demonstrator: Glenn Shaffer**

Platter surface embellishment

June 12, 2014



Glenn is a professional wood turner from Chehalis, Washington. He will demonstrate embellishing platters. You can view Glenn's work at: <http://www.glennschaffer.com/project-gallery.html>

Glenn is 47 years old and has been woodturning since 2008. Glenn is currently a board member with the Woodturners of Olympia since 2012. He's lived in Adna, WA since 2007, previously from Colorado, and is

presently the police chief for the City of Chehalis. He states that “My woodturning interests are ever changing and I rarely duplicate the same project for very long, which is what keeps this hobby fascinating for me.”

## SAWDUST SESION

Saturday June 14, 9 to 4.

I will be hosting a sawdust session on Saturday the 14th at my shop, 432 Stoneway Dr NW Salem, from 9 to 4. Our meeting demonstrator will be doing embellishments on platters. I would like to expand on that to include embellishments in general. Please come and join me. If you have a mini lathe please bring it, if not I have three lathes. Please bring your turning tools and wood to work on. If you have problems on any aspect of turning please come by, someone will have the answers to your questions.

Bruce Stangeby 503-560-3129

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## July Demonstrator: Mike Meredith

Wood Toxicology (Doctor's Woodshop products)

July 10, 2014



A few years ago, I realized I didn't like the finishing products that were available commercially for my woodworking. Over time, these commercial finishes dulled and hid the figure and grain of the wood. The products were unnecessarily high in organic solvents and they were too expensive. As a Professor of Biochemistry, I knew something about the chemistry of finishes. As a specialist in Biochemical Toxicology, I understood the risks of solvent exposure. I began making finishes for myself, then for my woodworking friends. Retail outlets began selling the Doctor's Woodshop products and here we are today, offering the product line to a much wider audience. As they say, if you want it done right, do it yourself. I resolved to do it better and make it safer. The third part of the mission statement is to sell the products for a better price.

I started with the High Build Friction Polish. This is the finish every woodturner learns to make in their first woodturning lesson. I chose to make it with Walnut Oil instead of linseed oil and the product performed significantly better than the standard formulation. Walnut Oil and Wax finish, a one-step food safe wax and oil finish was next. I wanted the wax to behave like wax dissolved in a solvent, but I didn't want the solvent. Since I'm a biochemist and knew a bit about waxes, I developed a process to make wax particles so small they think they are a liquid. With a little luck, that became a popular finish with bowl makers because it is tough, easily restored and food safe (it is, after all, salad dressing and the coating of M&M's). I've added products to the Doctor's Woodshop line as I saw opportunity arise or on a customers request.

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If you have a question about any of my finishes, what they can do or how I apply them, don't hesitate to ask me. You'll find an email form on the [Contact Us](#) page.

### **Lumber to Legacy: Wood Artisans Needed.**

A Benefit for the City of Albany's White Oak Conservation and Restoration Effort: The city of Albany seeks to promote and raise money for its resource conservation efforts, in particular our Oregon White Oak Restoration Program. The purpose of the restoration program is to enhance existing oak habitat and to re-establish the species in publicly protected conservation areas through a strategic planting initiative and educational activities. The recent removal of 8 mature Oregon white oak trees from the site of a new development has inspired us to focus attention on the heritage of Albany's Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) habitat. These 8 trees were remnants of the Hackleman Grove named in honor of Abner Hackleman, one of Albany's founding fathers. The Hacklemans settled on the edge of the grove in 1845. At that time several of the trees were already 100 years old. To raise money for white oak habitat restoration efforts, the Albany Parks & Recreation Department, in partnership with the Albany Tree Commission, is seeking wood artisans willing to work this historically precious wood into unique wood products and art for auction or resale. Both kiln dried and green wood are available for turners. All proceeds from this community driven volunteer effort will be used to enhance existing Oregon white oak habitat and to re-establish the species in publicly protected conservation areas. Do you want to participate or just learn more? Contact Mark Azevedo of the Tree Commission at [AzevedoM@onid.orst.edu](mailto:AzevedoM@onid.orst.edu) or call 541 990-4574. Here is a link to an article on Lumber to Legacy: [http://democratherald.com/news/local/from-lumber-to-legacy/article\\_ce0e52b2-49cc-11e3-96ad-001a4bcf887a.html](http://democratherald.com/news/local/from-lumber-to-legacy/article_ce0e52b2-49cc-11e3-96ad-001a4bcf887a.html)

### **Name Tags**

The name tags for 2014 have been prepared for all HLM members and those who have paid their dues. If you were unable to pick up your tag at our last meeting please do so at the May meeting. If you are unable to find your name tag for please see Elling.

## **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 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.

**ITEMS FOR SALE....**Contact Terry Gerros ([gerrost@yahoo.com](mailto:gerrost@yahoo.com))

**50+ Bottle Stoppers.....Cone style or droplet style.....\$4.25 each or the whole lot for \$200.00**  
**100.....Click style pen kits.....\$2.50 each or the whole lot for \$200.00**

## 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). 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 Jeff Zens: The club's Craft Supply order will be going out on **June 16<sup>th</sup>** if our order equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supply gives us a 13% discount plus free shipping in all items, and occasional additional discounts on certain other items and quantity purchases. 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. When filling out the web site order form, please use the item number and complete item description from Craft Supply's web site. Do not use an old catalog item number, as these might not be current. Occasionally, Craft Supply is out of an item, and I'm notified that it is on back-order. I will assume that if an item is ordered, it's wanted as soon as it becomes available. If you do not want an item if it is back-ordered, make that comment in the "Notes" column on the club's order page on the web site. I work with Craft Supply to have back-ordered items shipped directly to the member's home address at no additional cost. For this to work effectively, the entire order must be paid for when your in-stock items are picked up. While I'm not equipped to accept credit cards, cash or check are both fine.

Contact me with any questions at [jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com](mailto:jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com).

- 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 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.

## 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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