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Next Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2015

Center 50+

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LET THE CHIPS FLY.....

I am sending this at the last minute because of the "last minute" work on centerpieces for the Oregon Woodturning Symposium. By the time this hits the website we can look back and say that this was an exciting undertaking and a good time was had by all attendees. A lot of hard work and patience was needed to do the preparation and to put on the symposium. I wish to thank everyone who did a part in making this event become a reality. Not only did WVW members put in countless hours on the project but members from neighboring clubs in Oregon and even Vancouver helped carry the load. Without all of this commitment we wouldn't have been able to accomplish this feat.

I am looking forward to Monday March 9 (we can all rest up) then be ready for business as usual on our next meeting on March 12. As I recall there will be a presentation on sharpening practices with a work session to follow on the 21st. Also we will have a preliminary report from the Symposium committee.

I know there is more but I will catch up to that at the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you on March 12th.

Bob Hutchinson
President

Club Business

Current & Upcoming Events

March Demo, Bruce Stangeby and Reed Gray

The Basics of Tool Sharpening
March 12, 2015



Choosing a bench grinder, purchasing new grinder wheels and setting up your grinder to effectively sharpen tools can be complex and frustrating. So, we are planning to get down to the basics, explain the options and cover the details required to sharpen your tools in a repeatable, timely and cost efficient manner. Bruce Stangeby and Reed Gray will share their knowledge and expertise to discuss equipment, basic set-up, demonstrate platform and jig sharpening and provide some recommendations on sharpening technique. Everyone will develop their own protocol for keeping a sharp edge on tools. Practice is the key to developing these skills, but this does not need to be through trial and error. Trial and error also means grinding away expensive steel! See how experienced turners renew a razor sharp edge. We are also planning to a Sawdust Session in March to practice your newly acquired knowledge. Mark your calendars -- March 21 for the Sawdust Session. Bring your turning tools and practice the 'Art of Sharpening!'

April Demo, Cynthia Gibson

Pyrography
April 9, 2015



We will have Cynthia Gibson at our April meeting to share her expertise in Pyrography. Cynthia resides in Georgia and will be making her first trip out to the great Northwest. She has taught workshops throughout the US and several international locations. Michael Gibson does the turning and Cynthia applies the detail. Their artwork has garnered the attention of many collectors and has been included in corporate and private collections. Join Cynthia on April 9 for her club demo and don't forget to sign up for the two day workshop on April 11/12 for those interested in learning more

about the art of Pyrography.. The costs will be \$200/person for the two days. This is a great opportunity to spend two days with a very special artist. You can sign up by e-mailing Bryan Thoet at bthoet@pacifier.com. **ONLY THREE SPOTS REMAIN!!!**

A Sawdust Session is scheduled for March 21 from 9 AM to 4 PM. This will take place at Bruce Stangby's shop located at 432 Stoneway Dr NW Salem, OR.

April Pen Exchange

The Willamette Valley Wood Turners will be holding another Pen Exchange at the April meeting. I will once again bring in a box to the April meeting and anyone who has made a pen will place their pen in the box and receive a ticket. Then after the meeting (during the wood raffle), you will redeem a different pen from the box with your ticket. We want the pens to be wrapped so that it will be kind of a grab bag when you select a pen from the box. You will also need to include an information sheet with the pen describing the pen and who made it. I will be running the pen exchange and if you have any questions let me know.

What is required to participate in the pen exchange:

Hand crafted pen

Information sheet included with pen

Enclosed in a wrapped package

The idea is to have fun making a pen for a fellow member. Just do your best and I am sure who ever receives your pen will appreciate the work you put into making it. It is also nice to have items that other members have made and this will help you to get an item from someone else. Enjoy, and be sure to bring your wrapped pen to the April meeting.

For those you who would like to use polyester resin (PR), I have added instructions on the web site for creating a silicon mold for pouring the PR:

http://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com/files/Silicon_Mold.pdf

Thanks, Ron Fox

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:

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)

14 Bottle Stoppers.....Cone style or droplet style.....\$4.25 each

ITEMS FOR SALE.... Mitch Patton at 503-409-5091, Mitchpatton98@gmail.com

Some of your members may remember me; I had PSMR-Inc Woodworks.

Buy some or buy it all! Woodworkers, Woodturners, or crafters this is your chance to snag some great deals!

- Hard to find exotics and domestics

- Many great pieces for inlays or intarsia!

- Ten years' worth of collecting

- Fabulous woods from A-Z (Like Koa, Chechen, Osage orange, staghorn sumac, purpleheart, bubinga, padauk, cocobolo, maple, cherry, claro walnut, mountain mahogany, zebrawood, myrtle, ironwood and more!!!)

- Many great turning woods and even some slabs

- Closed my custom shop and closing out many fine woods at great prices

- Also Two really nice rifle blanks

The prices and sizes vary and willing to sell as a bundle.

Moving out of state and can't take with me

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 **March 16th** if our order equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supply gives us a 10% 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 ad 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.

- 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 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 . 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, Madrone, 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

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

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