



The Burl



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LET THE CHIPS FLY

Happy New Year to all of you my turning friends!!!

Another year has been completed with some measure of success and another one is starting with it's own challenges not the least of which is finding something to write about each month.

A retrospective look at 2017 shows that;

- 1) We have had visitors come join our meetings more often than not and some of them have stayed on as new members. I receive more email inquiries about the club each month so it appears that we are meeting our mission to promote and preserve the art of wood turning.
- 2) We had what I believe was a stellar collection of demonstrations this year. Thank you Terry Gerros for all the work you put into finding us the best
- 3) In addition to demonstrations we have made a very good start on providing educational opportunities in the form of extra classes, mentoring and sawdust sessions. One of the most common questions I get asked by email is "Is there someone in the club that would be willing to teach me?" I am proud to belong to a club that can always answer that question with such a willing yes.
- 4) We gathered a lot of wood. For those of you who participate in this endeavor, thank you. For those of you who haven't participated yet I encourage you to try. I have gotten to know several of our members much better on these outings and they have always been a lot of fun. Even if you don't need any fresh green wood, consider coming along to help and to socialize. You can always give the wood to people who need it or put it on our raffle table at the next meeting. I did have a friend contact me last week asking if we wanted any alder. It is up past Silverton and the logs are estimated to be 16+" logs. Contact me if you are interested.
- 5) We helped brighten the days of children by making and donating "Beads of Courage" boxes.

6) We got out of our club room and into the community and showed the general public what we do at the Steam up and the State Fair.

7) We officially became an official nonprofit organization and as such we are able to accept donations to the club and in turn offer the giver a tax deductible receipt. I would like to thank Mark Vickery's family for a very generous donation to the club. Hopefully we can find a way to really honor the generosity this gift represents.

8) We joined the social media age and created a Facebook group. It is a closed group for our club and local turners. As such it is still a pretty small group. If you would like a place to share your work between meetings, ask questions, and further network with your fellow club members look up Willamette Valley Woodturners on Facebook.

For 2018 we have several things to look forward to in addition to our regular demonstrations. We are looking into upgrading our audio and visual equipment to provide a higher quality viewing at our meetings. We will continue our charitable outreach so keep making those 'beads of courage' boxes. And we are in early planning for an empty bowl charity event so keep turning those bowls.

As always please remember this is YOUR club. Please continue to give feedback and suggestions to your board members so we can make 2018 the best year yet.

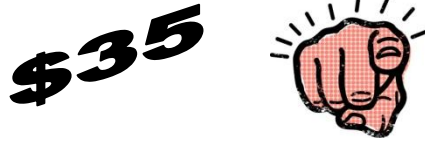
Darcy Tataryn
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Club Business

Membership renewals are overdue for 2018

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer



At time of press only 58% of our members have paid their dues.



Note: The club [web page](#) also includes a link on the home page for PayPal payments of membership renewal.

Treasurer's Report (12/8-1/6)

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer

Beginning Balance **\$12,522.66**

Income

Membership dues	\$665.00
Keith Gotschall class	\$1,000.00
Donation	\$3,000.00
Raffle	\$69.00
Total Income	\$4,754.00

Expenses

PayPal charges	\$9.54
Keith Gotschall for class	\$2,022.00
Keith Gotschall class other	\$75.00
Shop fees	\$250.00
Total Expenses	\$2,356.54

Ending Balance **\$14,920.12**

For Sale at the January meeting:

Tool rests by Reed Gray aka 'Robo hippy'

Reed will be attending the next meeting and will be bringing up some of the first production run **inside bowl rests** that he has been working on for the past couple of years. There are 3 sizes, small **5.5** (5 ½ inches from post to long arm tip of the rest), **7.5**, and **10.0**. Reed has posts for the mini lathe (small only), 16 inch lathes, and 20 to 25 inch lathes, and a few 30mm posts for the Vicmarc lathes. He is guessing that average price will be in the \$100 range. (Doesn't have the costs figured out yet.....)

Upcoming Events

January 11: Demonstrator: Rick Rich

You may remember that Rick was our March '17 demonstrator and showed us how to make a 4 legged stool. This month he demonstrates how to turn a cake stand, a combination of faceplate and spindle work.

Demo Topic: Cake / Dessert Stand Demonstration (about 1 hour and 15 minutes)

This cake or dessert stand will be turned, assembled and glued during the demo. The purpose of this demo is to show a larger, and useful, project that includes faceplate and spindle turning techniques and is possible on a mini-lathe with basic tooling.

The stand has a through mortise and tenon joinery where the column meets the base that is wedged for long lasting durability. The demo begins with faceplate turning of the base by use of a chuck. The column is then turned with tenons to fit the drilled mortises. The stand is assembled with an approximate 12" pre-cut top to complete the demo.

Rick is also offering to put on a spindle turning class, covering 5 days, spread over an equal amount of months. Spindle work is all about tool control and as Allan Batty told me once, if you want to be a great bowl turner, learn how to turn spindles. The course description is below. Please contact Terry Gerros if you'd like to participate in the workshop.

40 Hour Class (5 DAY) - Basic Spindle Turning Course \$300/participant

The course covers basic spindle turning principles completely. Making each of the 15 basic exercise pieces provides knowledge, understanding and ability to correctly use the tools. Each exercise utilizes the skew chisel. This course is for the skew-phobic. It is a major player and by the end of the course, a beloved friend. There is no escaping the tool in this course, no matter what the plans of the pupil might be. No sanding is allowed for any of the exercises as the students will learn to properly cut with the tool, leaving a smooth finished surface on the wood.

The arrangement and the exercises of the course are from a woodturning instruction manual for school shop teachers titled *Elementary Turning*, written by Frank H. Selden and first published in 1907.

The minimum class size is 4 and the maximum is 5. Each class day should be scheduled to begin promptly at 8:00am, have a one-half hour lunch period from 11:30 – 12:00 and be completed (with shop clean-up) by 4:00pm. Regular breaks will be taken during the day.

SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY PARTICIPANT OR HOST/CLUB:

1. Lathe (minimum 1014 size) with following components:
Drive (steb style preferable) and revolving centers.
2. Turning Tools:
¾ or 1" Spindle Roughing Gouge
½ or ¾ Skew
¾ Spindle Gouge
Parting Tool
3. Kit / blanks:
12" wooden ruler (without metal strip)
Pencils (2)
Safety glasses (eye protection is required to be worn)
20 course exercise blanks cut to 1¾ x 1¾ x 8, straight grained Douglas Fir or equivalent softwood.
Construction 4x4's can be used to make exercise blanks.

Prepared project blanks can be provided at **\$30 for each 20 blank set** and are dry straight-grained Douglas Fir softwood.

February 8: Demonstrator Seri Robinson, PhD.

Topic: Tips and tricks for turning punky wood without stabilization.

Seri is an assistant professor teaching wood science at Oregon State University. She has demonstrated for our club in 2014 and was a demonstrator at the 2015 Oregon Woodturning Symposium.



A Request to the Membership

from Jeff Zens, Club VP

As your newly-elected vice president, one of my jobs is arranging for the presenters for our monthly meetings. Some of the presenters are nationally-recognized turners, and some are members of our own club. Three or four times a year the presenters stay in Salem for the weekend and put on the classes we offer to the membership.

I want to schedule presenters that you want to see, interesting turners who offer a mix of new techniques and traditional turning. I would also like to feature your work. Our club has very talented members who produce a wide range of great work, and we can learn from each other.

So here's my request. If you know of a turner on the national stage who would make a great presenter and instructor for the weekend classes, let me know. If you know of a club member whose work you admire, let me know that as well. And finally, if there is a particular skill or technique you'd like to learn more about, I will try to find someone to demonstrate.

I don't have the range of contacts in the turning world that many of you might enjoy, so I am going to depend on your help to offer a wide range of presenters to the membership in 2018. We're off to a good start for the first quarter of the year, and I'm working hard to fill the rest of the spots. Let me know who and what you'd like to see! The best way to get in touch is by email at jeffzens@custombuiltfurniture.com. If you'd rather call, you can reach me at **503-508-4803**. If I'm unable to answer your call right away please leave me a message and I will call you back.

Thanks in advance for your help!

December 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes

by Ron Freshour, Club Secretary

- Terry lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance
- Five visitors were introduced: Dewey Rettinger, Jack Creack, Fred S. Wiggins, Mike Healy, and Bob Beck
- Don Woodward announced he has a 16" bandsaw for sale
- DEMONSTRATOR: Keith Gotschall on "Winged Bowl" (Quaich), a special kind of shallow two-handed drinking cup or bowl from Scotland. The round bottom of the bowl was designed for celebrations such as weddings and birthdays. The round bottom of the drinking cup will not allow the guests to sit it down or otherwise the "adult beverages" will spill. And... the host makes sure the cup is always full.
- The raffle was done before adjournment.

Membership Rewards

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, the Holdfast vacuum chucking system and Saburrtooth Carving bits. 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 (\$10) and Anchorseal (\$11/gal). The club has a small supply of half round protractors (\$6) used to measure the angle ground on a tool, and depth gauges (\$5). HSS Round Tool Bits rods (1/4" x 8") are also available (\$3). Bruce Stangeby will have the resale items available at the meetings, except for Anchorseal which is available through [Jeff Zens](#).

Club Member Discounts

- **Craft Supply:** The club's order will be going out on the Monday following our Club [Meeting](#) if our order equals or exceeds \$1,000. Craft Supply gives us a 10% discount plus free shipping on 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. For detailed instruction for ordering see the article in the [November](#) 2015 Burl. Questions? See 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.
- 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.exotewoodusa.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.

Club happenings in our area

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

Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

www.northwestwoodturners.com

Meets 1st Thursday 7:00 PM at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

www.cascadewoodturners.com

Meets 3rd Thursday 6:45 PM at Willamette Carpenters Training Center, 4222 NE 158th Ave., Portland

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

www.beaverstatewoodturners.com

Meets 4th Thursday 6:00 PM at the Woodcraft Store, 1052 Green Acres Rd, Eugene

Oregon Coast Woodturners (Newport, OR)

www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com

Meets 3rd Saturday 10:00 AM at Hasting Coastal Woodworks, 3333 SE Ferry Slip Rd, South Beach, OR

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

Meets 4th Wednesday 7:00 PM at Friends of the Carpenter's Center, 1600 West 20th St, Vancouver, WA

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