



# The Burl



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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday September 13, 2018 6:30 pm**



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## LET THE CHIPS FLY

Firstly I want to take this opportunity to thank those who gave of their time and talent and participated in our demonstration areas at the Steam-Up and at the Oregon State Fair. It is events like these that give our organization a public face. Getting out in public pays off. At the fair we had people stop by and visit because they first saw our group at the Steam-Up and they wanted more information about our club.

There were a lot of visitors to our area at the fair that expressed interest in the club and one even joined on the spot. Many people told us stories about having lathes at home but not knowing how to use them. Others talked about turning years ago in middle school or high school. Some talked about watching a parent or grandparent turn years ago. The point is that there is still a very healthy interest in woodturning and it is our mission to foster that interest and keep the art form alive and vibrant.

We are anticipating an influx of visitors and new members in the next few months. With that in mind we want to update our mentorship program. We will have a new signup sheet at our meetings for this purpose. Please take time to consider what you would be willing to teach a new member. Also we want to know a basic idea of how much time you can give and what the availability is. Are you able to help only on weekends? Only in the evenings? Do you have an extra lathe in your shop and would you be willing to teach at your home or would you be willing to meet at a student's shop. Remember the 50+ center has a lathe that could be available for lessons for the price of the drop in fee.

In the next few months especially at our meetings please make an extra effort to notice, welcome and visit with new members and visitors. Make our meetings a welcoming and fun experience for everyone. We are looking for a few willing members to be official greeters at our meetings and to help orient new members and visitors. Until we have some willing volunteers for this role please, each of you, make a little extra effort. Even a few extra people helping visitors understand what goes on at our meetings, what the tickets are for, show them the library and things like that will be a great help.

Thank you all again

Darcy Tataryn  
President of Willamette Valley Woodturners

## What a fun time at the Great Oregon Steam – Up...

Submitted by Marc Choitz

The four day event in Brooks drew many folks into the club demonstration area and many of those got a chance to try their hand at turning. Thanks to all those who donated their weekend to promote our club and our favorite hobby. Big THANK YOU to Myron Yancey for coordinating everything for the event.



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### Welcome to our new member - Chuck Ayres



**Chuck** from Newberg has joined the club.

# State Fair Report

Submitted by Jeff Zens



A small, dedicated bunch of Willamette Valley Woodturners demonstrated our craft again at the 2018 Oregon State Fair. The public turnout on Wednesday and Thursday seemed a little bit lower than in previous years, but the weekend turnout was excellent, and our booth received its fair share of attention.

The purpose of our annual effort is multi-fold. First, of course, is to promote the club to the public, and to recruit new membership to our group. We'll see how successful that effort was during the next few months – but judging from the number of State Fair patrons who spent a lot of time talking to the demonstrators, it's likely we will see a nice jump in membership.

For the first time in recent memory, we signed up a young lady right at the fair who was so interested in this craft she couldn't wait. With her dues officially paid she was invited to step into the official "members-only" area (with the appropriate adult permission) and under president Darcy Tatryn's expert guidance she completed her first turned project – the ever-popular State Fair Top.

Equally important to promoting the club is promoting this craft with the public. At least two of our members – Jim Devorss and Kate Selby – entered lovely items in the Fair's craft competition and both won ribbons for their effort. Both Kate and Jim had a selection of their work on display in the booth, and Jim sold a yarn bowl to Gov. Brown!

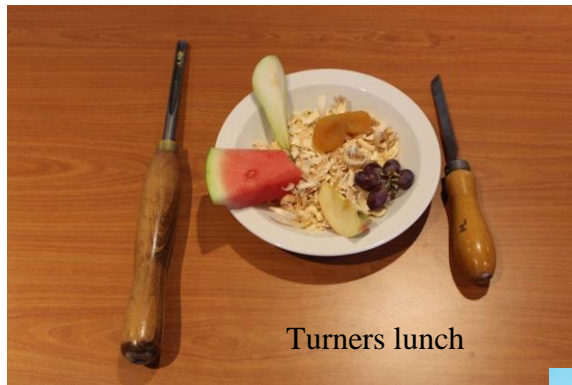
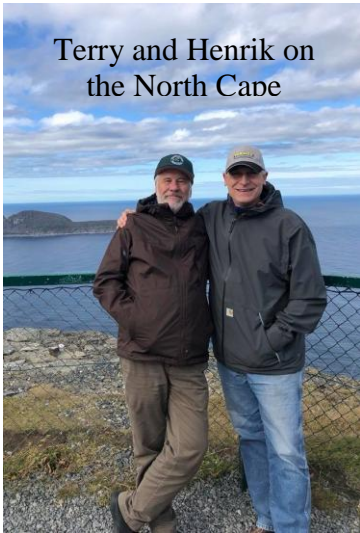
Jeremiah Sears did a few shifts in this year's booth, and by my unofficial tally, he spoke to as many Fairgoers as the other (grey-haired) demonstrators. Demonstrating at the Fair is a great experience. It really isn't necessary to be an "expert" – that really isn't the point. It's all about having fun as a group, educating the public, building the membership, and expanding our craft.

Next year, when Steam-Up and the Fair roll around, please consider doing your part to support your club and to grow our craft.





The 2018 Woodturning Cruise took place August 20th to September 1st on MS Gann. We sailed the route Stavanger - Sandane - Geiranger - Molde - Namsos - Bodø - Tromsø - Honningsvåg - Nordcapp - Sortland - Mosjøen - Trondheim - Ålesund - Bergen - Stavanger in 12 days. Willamette Valley Woodturners were represented by Terry Gerros, accompanied by Susan, and Henrik Åberg.



For more pictures:  
<https://www.facebook.com/henrikaberg>  
Details:  
<https://www.woodturningcruise.com>



Henrik, Finley Way, Terry and Susan with MS Gann in the background



Nick Agar's Sunset Viking Bowl



Jimmy Clewes demoing on the 'Sun deck'



Fishing for our own lunch and dinner



Two veterinarians at work



## **It Was Great!**

The class was everything Eric Lofstrom promised – and then some.

For two days last month, three club members – Milt Engelke, Steve Wolfinbarger and I had the good fortune to participate in Eric's class held at Terry Gerros' shop. While it was unfortunate that the attendance wasn't better, the three of us were the beneficiaries of some personalized instruction by a very talented woodturner. Once again – the club owes a great deal of appreciation to Terry for making his shop available for classes like this one.

The two-day session began with Eric's introduction and a short period of setting expectations and desired outcomes from the class. It was no surprise that sharpening was on the list, as were tool control and specific skills peculiar to the tools we would use during the two days.

On Saturday we worked on three-axis turning. After turning square stock round we mounted the blocks on off-center axes 120° apart. Then by turning combinations of large coves and beads our shapes began to resemble the raindrop form of Eric's RESILLIANCE series.

Eric started Sunday morning with an in-depth review of the airbrushes and compressor system he uses to apply color to his work. This clearly opened up a lot of opportunity for artistic embellishment both in turned objects and furniture-making. Great precision and control are possible and the range of colors and special effects is nearly limitless. This was an unexpected but completely worthwhile addition to the weekend. We finished the day working on square-edged bowls similar in form to Eric's RESONANCE series. These projects place great value on precise control of well-tuned tools. At the end of the day we applied color to the forms – another unexpected and fun lesson.

Eric is a great teacher – no surprise since that's what he does all day. He has a great grasp of adult learning theories, and was more than willing to coach each of the students through rough spots. It's hard to overstate the value of a class like this for any member interested in becoming a better, more accomplished woodturner.

Even though the class was designed around two of Eric's signature pieces, I don't think he expected his students to duplicate his work either in quality, speed or ornamentation. Instead, I think these pieces were the context within which he made us better, more confident woodturners. Viewed in that light, this class was everything we could have hoped for ... and more.

~~Jeff Zens

## Upcoming Events

### September 13 Meeting: Reed “Robo-Hippy” Gray

Reed is joining us this month to discuss and demonstrate shear scraping, negative-rake scrapers, and peeling cuts. For an advanced peek at these techniques take a look at the following You Tube videos:

Shear Scraping: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xeOhPqOsORs>

Scary Scrapers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4MKTOuZ3w>

Spindle Roughing Gouge on Bowls: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOhHeyoZLaY>

(Note on this last one: it’s not for the faint of heart!)

Here’s Reed’s commentary on the spindle roughing gouge video:

“Now, for this last one, a challenge... Why does he get the catch at about 2:45 or so? Hint, he is doing a peeling cut. It has nothing to do with using a SRG. It is not because of the end grain, which was a claim Stuart Batty made in one of his demonstrations. If it was due to the end grain, which comes around twice every full revolution, it would have happened instantly.... Robbo makes the comment that he was out in the shop for hours the night before and couldn’t get the catch....So why???”

Reed will be bringing up all his toys for tool-aholic friends... grinder rests, bowl rests, Big Ugly tools, and some NRS (negative rake scrapers) blanks with different grinds (from Dave Schweitzer).

### October 11 Meeting Demonstrator:

Jimmie Allen of Boxmaster Tools, demonstrating Lidded Boxes.

Visit Jimmie’s gallery at <http://boxmastertools.com/jimmie-allen-box-gallery/>



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## Club Business

### Treasurer's Report (8/6-9/7)

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b><u>\$14,717.91</u></b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>	
Membership	\$15
Raffle	\$82
Eric Lofstrom class fees	\$600
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$697</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>\$12,714.08</u></b>

### Expenses

Anchorseal purchase	\$418.00
Check Printing	\$11.58
Web hosting cost	\$167.28
Oregon State Fair	\$136.22
Business Cards	\$150.00
Eric Lofstrom Demo/Class	\$1750.00
Tools for State Fair	\$67.75
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$2,700.83</u></b>



# 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 (\$9/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](#). You will need to bring your own gallon jug; contact Jeff to make arrangements.

## 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](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.
- 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.



## Club happenings in our area

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

### Northwest Woodturners (Beaverton, OR)

[www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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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