



The Burl

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Willamette Valley Woodturners
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Next Meeting
Thursday September 12, 2019 6:30 pm



2615 Portland Rd, NE. Salem, OR 97303

President's Message – September, 2019

A Message About Safety at the Lathe

This month, our club's focus is on our new members. If State Fair is any indication, we should have a pretty good turnout of new folks at the September meeting as well as a few surprises for the "old timers". When we deal with new members, we should always have safety in mind: discussing and understanding the risks and dangers involved in any woodworking endeavor is our obligation as we work to pass along this craft to others. We read about it, and talk about it. Demonstrators at our meetings discuss it. But how many of us really – *really* – take lathe safety seriously?

I had the opportunity to demonstrate at our booth almost every evening during our State Fair appearance. Keeping in mind our obligation to do this work safely and set that example, I wear my helmet when I turn. It's an annoyance when trying to speak to an interested observer, and I took it off (and put it back on) dozens of times. Saturday night, I was really happy I put it back on after talking to some potential new members. I was working on a small bowl that I had roughed out in June, and was taking a very fine last pass on the outside of the bowl when it blew up. This wasn't a catch: we examined the fragments for any evidence of torn grain or the signature spiral, and found nothing. My best guess is the piece had developed a small internal crack that finally let loose at that precise moment. It was a loud "explosion" that startled everyone in the area. A large piece of the bowl struck my helmet – hard. Here are two photos that illustrate the aftermath:



The scuff mark on the helmet would have been a bad laceration on my forehead but for the helmet. My first thoughts after the initial surprise wore off ran along the lines of "I hope none of the parts bounced past the safety shield into the crowd!" Fortunately, none had, and only then did I start thinking about what a mess this would have been without the protection of the helmet and the safety glasses I wear under the visor. We have all heard demonstrators talk about wearing their safety shields in their own shops but not at demonstrations because of the difficulty communicating with the audience. Maybe Airshield or another vendor will do something about that one day. Until then, whenever I demonstrate, I'm sticking with the helmet, or a visor, AND my safety glasses. I hope, when you teach new woodturners, you will do the same. I will have the helmet and the bowl at September's meeting if you're interested.

~~ Jeff Zens

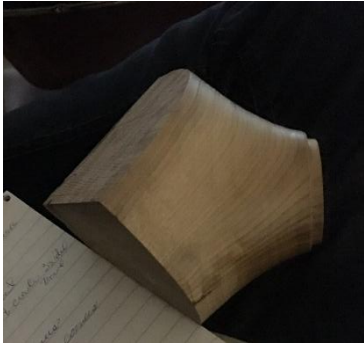
August 8, 2019 Club Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Milt Engelke, Secretary

- President Jeff Zens
 - Call to Order – 6:30 pm
 - Pledge of Allegiance
- ATTENDANCE FOR CLUB MEETING 47
 - New Members 2
 - Visitors 5
- President Zens opened discussion on establishing slate of officers for the upcoming annual election. Anyone interested in serving on the board or executive team for the club should contact President Zens or one of the Board members.
- The Board previously proposed alternating between have a December Christmas Party or a club auction. President Zens put the question to the members who voted Auction 16 Party 4. The December meeting will be an Auction which serves as a Club fund raiser. Gary Dahrens will serve as chair for the auction. Please support Gary in planning and execution.
- RAFFLE:
 - # of Lots 9
 - Funds raised \$42.00
 - Glue \$40
 - GALLERY: 10 ITEMS
- Darcy introduction of Mr. Randal Dale, our evening Demonstrator from Beaver State Turners – Eugene.
 - Mr. Dale is known as a toy maker and member of a family of turners. His message was delivered outside of the box so to speak

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

More of Randal Dale's wares. Awesome diversity and display.



Powerland Steam-up July -August

Dedicated turners and educators thanks to Myron for coordination of the volunteer turners. It appears that all had a good time



Gallery

Three contributions to
Rotary International Riverfest Salem & South Salem



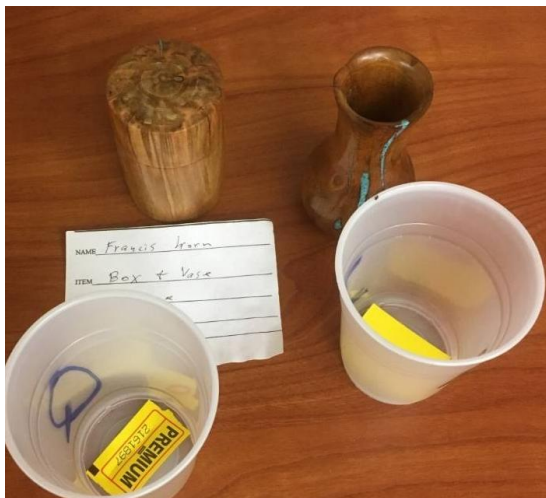
Darcy Tataryn



Robert Chandler



Roland Mack



NAME Francis Korn
ITEM Box + Vase



Francis Korn



Mark Vickery



NAME Francis Korn
ITEM Green stained Bowl
WOOD Oak
FINISH Wipe on Poly



Darcy Tataryn

Raffle



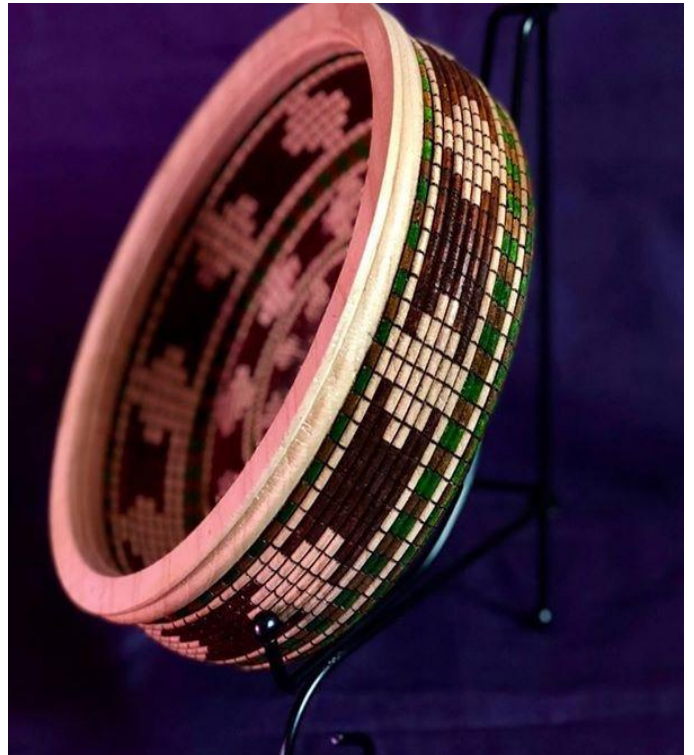
Upcoming Events

September - Demonstrator - Betty Simmitt

Our September demonstrator is Betty Simmitt. Betty is a native of New Orleans but has been a Portlander for the last 24 years. She is retired from being a Nurse Practitioner and enjoys spending her retirement playing with her dogs and turning wood.

Betty is a self taught wood turner. She has been working on her turning skills for about 15 years. She has enjoyed turning many different styles including segmented turning, basket illusions and most recently resin casting. Several of her pieces were sold at the symposium and another was on display at the state fair

Betty will be sharing the secrets of the basket illusion with us hopefully providing inspiration for us to explore a new aspect of turning.



October Demonstrator - Scott Hampton



Club Business

Treasurer's Report (8/3-9/2)

By Henrik Åberg, Treasurer

Beginning Balance **\$12,850.27**

Ending Balance **\$11,822.29**

Income

Raffle \$42.00

Glue sales \$20.00

Storage Cabinet Sales \$23.00

Membership \$45.00

Total Income **\$130.00**

Expenses

August Demo-Randal Dale \$150.00

New JET JVL 1221VS lathe \$1007.98

Total Expenses **\$1157.98**

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 Gary Dahrens, (503) 260-9778.

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). Jerry Lelack 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.
- 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.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

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR)

www.cascadewoodturners.com

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR)

www.beaverstatewoodturners.com

Oregon Coast Woodturners (Newport, OR)

www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA)

www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

South Coast Woodturners (Coos Bay, OR)

<http://southcoastwoodturners.com/>

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Executive Board

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| President | Jeff Zens |
| Vice President | Darcy Tataryn |
| Secretary | Milt Engelke |
| Treasurer | Henrik Åberg |
| Board Position 1 | Terry Gerros |
| Board Position 2 | Jerry Lelack |
| Board Position 3 | Marc Vickery |

Non-Executive Positions

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Newsletter Editor | Henrik Åberg |
| Web Master | Ron Fox |
| Wood Gathering | Gary Dahrens |

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| Librarians | Terry Gerros/Paul Hirt |
| Glue Sales | Jerry Lelack |
| Coordinators | Myron Yancey (Steam-Up) Paul Hirt (Mentors) Bob Hutchinson (State Fair) |
| Roster Editor | Henrik Åberg |
| Facilities | Open |
| Video | Jeff Zens Larry Curry Marc Vickery |
| Craft Supplies | Jeff Zens |
| Orders | |

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Send changes to roster information (address, e-mail, phone#) to Henrik Åberg (henrikeaberg@gmail.com)

Send contributions to the Burl by the end of Wednesday the week prior to our meeting to:

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Send all other club correspondence to the clubs official address:

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