

# The Burl



A monthly newsletter for the  
**Willamette Valley Woodturners**  
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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday February 13, 2020 6:30 pm**



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## President's Message February, 2020

### A Few Updates

Your Board of Directors met this past Tuesday evening for the first time in 2020. We had a long agenda that generated a great deal of fruitful discussion. Secretary Milt Engelke will publish the full minutes in The Burl, but I wanted to give you some highlights and my take on some of the agenda items.

We spent a great deal of time discussing the budget, and in particular the costs associated with our monthly meeting demonstrators and the classes they offer you, the membership. I have long believed that to the extent possible, our classes should pay for themselves, rather than reduce our savings. That hasn't happened, but we're still trying. Classes are priced per member to cover the instructor's fee assuming the class is fully enrolled. This pricing scheme offers you the best value for top-notch turning instruction. The cost of bringing the demonstrator to Salem, and the Thursday night demo fee are paid for by your dues and any other income sources we have. Both of these – the demos and the classes – are the primary means by which we fulfill our educational objectives. What can you do to help? Sign up for classes. Vice President Marc Vickery has a great line-up of classes and demonstrators for 2020, so take advantage of as much as you can.

More good news: Sawdust sessions are back, and we will expand their geographical reach. Most of the sessions in the past have been held at Terry Gerros' shop, which is fairly convenient if you live in or near Salem. We have members coming from much greater distances, so watch for additional sessions in the Lebanon and Newburg areas in the near future.

The board also spent substantial time discussing the basic functionality we'd like to see in a new, revised Club website. We have a club member who has volunteered to work on this, and as we move forward you can expect to see a new look with improved functionality, while at the same time maintaining the features of our current site. If you have suggestions for website features please get in touch with me.

Our club bylaws are being examined, and improvements will be proposed where warranted. There is a clear process for revisions which culminates with a membership vote. We will be publishing the proposed revisions in The Burl as these are developed.

Finally, I want to again encourage each of you to participate in the Empty Bowls project in 2020. Darcy Tataryn is heading this effort, and what we need right now is bowl production. Our goal is 150 utility/soup-sized bowls and additional “artistic” bowls which will be sold at auction. Right now is a great time to crank out the rough turnings so they will have plenty of time to dry. If you need wood for this project, get in touch with Gary Dahrens who leads the wood gathering effort.

Remember to be safe in your shop! Wear your protective gear, never turn without safety glasses, and... Let the Chips Fly!!

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## January 9, 2020 Club Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Milt Engelke, Secretary

- President Jeff Zens
  - Call to Order – 6:30 pm
  - Pledge of Allegiance
- ATTENDANCE FOR CLUB MEETING 49
  - New Members 2
  - Visitors 6
- RAFFLE:
  - # of Lots 14
  - Funds raised \$84.00
  - GALLERY: 22 ITEMS See photos
- Darcy Tataryn announced Sawdust Session to be held at Terry Gerros shop Sunday January 13.
- Gordon Johnson – new member brought Mimosa blanks available following the meeting.
- Darcy Tataryn – brought Eucalyptus blanks for those interested
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- Marc Vickery, Vice President, introduced Visiting Turner and Demonstrator – Dan Tilden from Ashland, Oregon [www.tildenwoodturning.com](http://www.tildenwoodturning.com)

Dan Tilden is a professional wood turner and volunteers teaching wood turning 3 days each week at the Ashland High School He worked for and studied under the internationally renowned artist Christian Burchard.

Tilden’s specialties include natural edged functional sinks, 3 legged vessels. For club demonstration he turned a natural edged walnut burl.

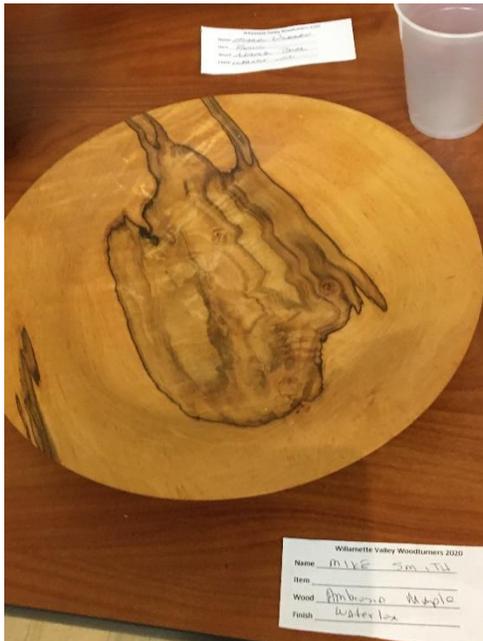
Meeting adjourned at 8:40.



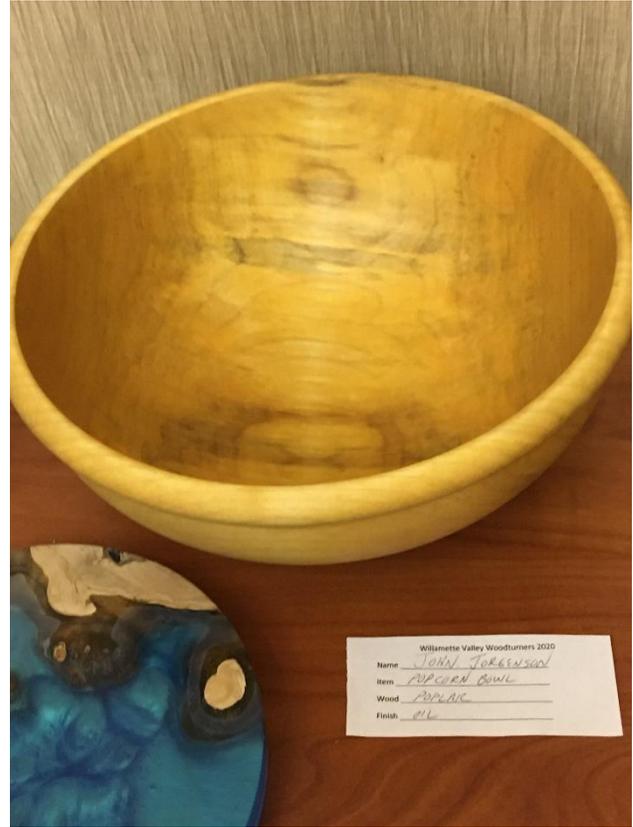
DAN TILDEN'S GALLERY ON DISPLAY DURING DEMONSTRATION



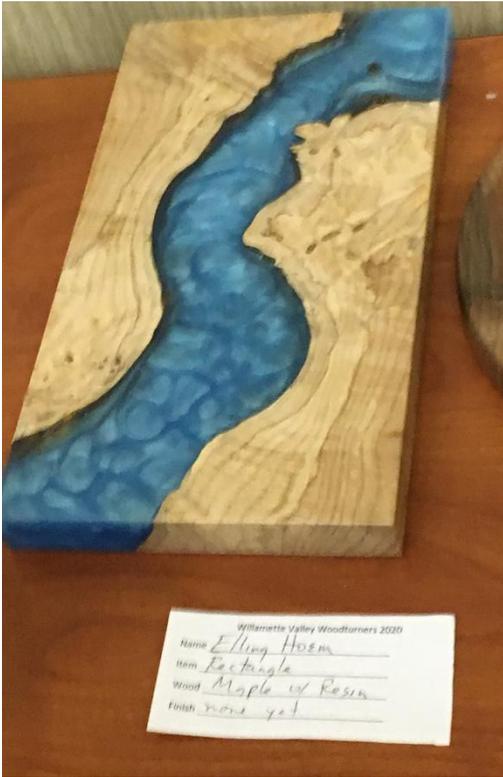
DISPLAY OF SELECT GALLERY ITEMS BY MEMBERS  
January 9, 2020



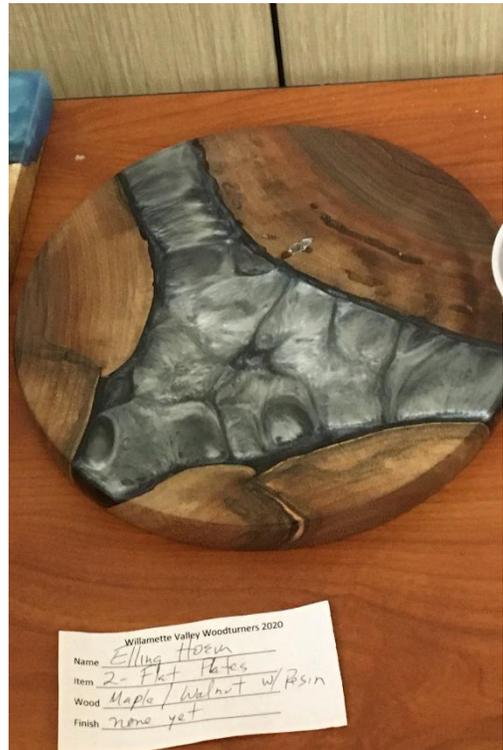




Willamette Valley Woodturners 2020  
 Name John Johnson  
 Item Popcorn Bowl  
 Wood Poplar  
 Finish oil



Willamette Valley Woodturners 2020  
 Name Elling Horn  
 Item Rectangle  
 Wood Maple w/ Resin  
 Finish none yet



Willamette Valley Woodturners 2020  
 Name Elling Horn  
 Item 2- Flat Plates  
 Wood Maple / Walnut w/ Resin  
 Finish none yet

## Empty Bowls Update - Burl Feb 2020

Our Empty Bowl community outreach project for 2020 continues to take shape.

January 12 a dedicated group met for a sawdust session at Terry's shop to make bowls. Some of us started from green and others finished bowls that Terry and Darcy had rough turned earlier. Overall it was a successful day and the plan is to have monthly sawdust sessions, focusing on this project, the Sundays following our regular monthly meetings.



As a reminder, this project will culminate in a dinner on October 11 2020. All profit from the dinner and sale of bowls will be used to help eradicate hunger and food insecurity in the Willamette Valley.

Our goal remains 150 soup bowls and 50 other assorted bowls or pieces.

We can only pre-sell as many tickets for the dinner as we have bowls. Soup bowls should be normal soup bowl size. In my house that is anywhere from 5 -7 inches in diameter and anywhere From 2.5 -5 inches deep. Other sizes are fine too. Ideally we will have a very wide variety for people to choose from. Soup bowls should be finished in a food safe finish that can be easily maintained by the end user. We are encouraging use of walnut oil or mineral oil such as a butcher block oil. Beeswax finish also appeals to many people and may be used. Decorative bowls may be finished in any way you choose.



Over the next month we will be working on promotional pieces for this event. If you have some bowls that you would be ok with us using for our posters and internet advertising, please get them to Jerry Lelack or Darcy Tataryn as soon as possible.

## Sawdust session pictures

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, the club held a Sawdust Session at Terry Gerros Shop. It was well attended and it seems a lot of folks shared in the learning. Thank You Terry!



## Upcoming Events

### February 13 - Demonstrator Tom Willing:

It has been over 50 years since Oregon artist Tom Willing created his first woodturning in his father's woodshop. Since then, he has come to focus on pieces that are sensitive to the interplay between light, form, and material. Working with wood rescued from chipper and scrap bin, Willing seeks to uncover the visual magic that lies within each piece of timber he selects. In addition to his sculptural display work, he designs pieces that combine the aesthetic and functional, such as bowls, pepper grinders, and platters. Willing's work is elegantly finished on the lathe with walnut oil and wax, then buffed to bring out the natural luster of the wood.

Willing holds his BA degree from the University of Oregon, an MA from the Ohio State University, and an MAT from Lewis and Clark College. He taught middle school in Newberg, Oregon, until retiring in 2013. President of Frogwood, an artists' collaborative and Certified Member of the Pacific Northwest Woodturning Guild, he teaches woodturning techniques and design. He is an active member of Northwest Woodturners, the American Association of Woodturners, and the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers. Willing lives in the Willamette Valley with his wife, watercolor artist Mary Burgess.

To view more of Tom Willing's work, please visit:

- **Art Elements Gallery** ([www.artelementsgallery.com](http://www.artelementsgallery.com))  
604 E. 1st St, Newberg, OR 97132  
(503) 487-6141
- **Rental Sales Gallery**, Portland Art Museum (<https://rentalsalesgallery.com>)  
1237 SW 10th Ave, Portland, OR 97205  
(503) 224-0674
- **Tumalo Art Company** ([www.tumaloartco.com](http://www.tumaloartco.com))  
450 SW Powerhouse Drive, Bend, OR 97702  
(541) 385-9144
- **Pacific Northwest Woodturning Guild** ([www.woodturningguild.com/tom-willing/](http://www.woodturningguild.com/tom-willing/))

Upcoming Shows:

- **Celebration of Creativity**, Beaverton, Oregon, March 2020
- **Best Fine Art Sale Ever**, Tumalo Art Company, Bend, Oregon, March, 2020
- **Gathering of the Guilds**, Portland, Oregon, April 2020
- **Vancouver Recycled Art Show**: Vancouver, WA, June, 2020
- **Art in the Pearl**: Demo Artist with Pacific Northwest Woodturning Guild, September 2019



## April 9 - Demonstrator -Matt Monaco:

**Saturday 4/11 workshop.** \$100 per student. Wood and lunch provided, Tools optional.

Possible topics:

- Turning Fine Detail
- Turning Wood Pottery
- Understanding the Skew Chisel
- Box Turning Design (End Grain)
- Elegant Side Grain boxes
- Fantastic Flower Goblets
- The Body Mechanics of Woodturning
- Thin Wall Bowl Turning
- Fine detail Platters
- Tureen Style Natural Rim Vessels
- Natural Rim Bowls

## Upcoming Demonstrators for 2020

Date	Name	Website	Topic	Saturday Class
3/12/2020	Carl Jacobson	<a href="https://thewoodshop.tv/">https://thewoodshop.tv/</a>	Look at all the videos possible! Please express an interest to Marc Vickery	Not at this time
4/9/2020	Kathleen Duncan	<a href="https://www.woodturningguild.com/kathleen-duncan">https://www.woodturningguild.com/kathleen-duncan</a>	Thin turnings and piercing	No
5/14/2020	Tom Hastings	<a href="http://www.hastingcoastalwoodworks.com/">http://www.hastingcoastalwoodworks.com/</a>	Currently Basket Illusion Boxes. But Please express an interest to Marc Vickery	No
6/11/2020	Phil Lapp	Word of Mouth	Crotch Bowl	No
7/9/2020	Matt Monaco	<a href="https://www.monacobowls.com/">https://www.monacobowls.com/</a>	For both demo and class, many options! See Below and Please express an interest to Marc Vickery	YES! July 11 <sup>th</sup> More detail to follow and see below
8/13/2020	Under consideration. Some possible ideas in the works. Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery – THANK YOU			
9/10/2020	Under consideration. Some possible ideas in the works. Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery – THANK YOU			
10/8/2020	NOTICE! <b><u>NO MEETING</u></b> on the regular date. The meeting will be the event held for the Empty Bowls Fundraising. The date will be set for approximately October 11 <sup>th</sup> . Please join the efforts by contacting any Board member.			
11/12/2020	Under consideration. Some possible ideas in the works. Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery – THANK YOU			
12/10/2020	Under consideration. Some possible ideas in the works. Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery – THANK YOU			
Please express an interest of ANY Demonstrator or weekend workshop you would like to see to Marc Vickery				

# Membership Rewards

## **Chain Sharpening Service** from [Jeff Zens](#)

I have recently purchased an electric chain sharpener and can accurately sharpen your chains and adjust your depth stops for your saw chains. This will restore the chain to “factory-new” condition. Most chains can be sharpened for \$10.00, but longer chains or badly damaged chains might be a little bit more. This service is only available for club members.

## **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. .

## **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 [Jeff Zens](#)
- 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)

**Cascade Woodturners** (Portland, OR)

[www.cascadewoodturners.com](http://www.cascadewoodturners.com)

**Beaver State Woodturners** (Eugene, OR)

[www.beaverstatewoodturners.com](http://www.beaverstatewoodturners.com)

**Oregon Coast Woodturners** (Newport, OR)

[www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com](http://www.oregoncoastwoodturners.com)

**Southwest Washington Woodturners** (Vancouver, WA)

[www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com](http://www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com)

**South Coast Woodturners** (Coos Bay, OR)

<http://southcoastwoodturners.com/>

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