



# The Burl

A monthly newsletter for the  
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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday June 11, 2019 6:30 pm**  
**using ZOOM**

## **President's Message June 2020**

### **Upcoming Matters of Club Interest**

Last month I wrote about the Longworth chuck I made during the enforced isolation this spring, and promised a "Part II" featuring the vacuum chuck I've been working on. However, in the interest of keeping our collective eyes on the ball, I'm going to postpone the vacuum chuck to next month, and instead write about some important club business items.

### **Our First Virtual Meeting**

This coming Thursday (June 11, 2020) we're going to hold our first club-wide "virtual" meeting using Zoom teleconferencing. By now you've certainly read Marc Vickery's emailed instructions on the Zoom application, and some of you participated in the practice meeting a few days ago. For this first meeting we'll do some brief club business like we do at each meeting, and then move into a "show-and-tell" session where club members can showcase their recent work. To participate in this session, send photos of your work to Marc via email ([halepaumarc@gmail.com](mailto:halepaumarc@gmail.com)). He will compile photos into a slide show that we can all watch via Zoom, and he'll invite the turner to talk about each photo. The meeting will begin at the regular time but Mark will have the meeting space opened 15-20 minutes ahead of time. I hope you'll all take advantage of the opportunity to get together, even if only via technology. If this goes well, we'll work virtual demonstrations into the mix to tide us over until we can once again get together.

Thanks are due to Marc Vickery for his continued efforts to manage this technology and get us together with it.

Watch for another very brief survey after the Thursday meeting so we can assess the effectiveness and desirability of virtual meetings.

### **October's "Empty Bowls" Community Outreach**

We're still uncertain about the manner and timing of the complete removal of our isolation restrictions. This uncertainty has impacted planning for the October community outreach event. On Thursday, past president Darcy Tataryn will provide a club-wide update so everyone has access to current planning efforts.

## **Bylaws Updates and Revisions**

The Board has begun the review process to ensure our club's bylaws are pertinent, accurate, and provide proper direction for the organization. I want to repeat my request to the membership: if you are interested in participating in the review process, please log in to the club website and locate the Bylaws under "Resources">"Files". Read through them, and get your requested changes back to me as soon as possible.

The process we're following for revision is that I take the existing language and make potential revisions to the text, and send it back to the Board for their review and comment. Any comments are considered, incorporated, and the draft will be circulated to the board once again.

Final approval of the revised language will be made by the membership present (either in person or virtually) at a future club meeting. The proposed language changes will be published in The Burl one month in advance of that meeting.

## **Terms of Office for Club Officers**

As you know, Article VIII Section 6 of the Bylaws imposes a two-year term limit on any officeholder other than the Treasurer, who has no limit on length of service. I am presently in my second term as your president, and despite my requests to the membership, I have not been approached by a possible successor.

In years past, the "progression" of club officers has included a member being elected to the vice-president's post, being elected to a second term, and then being elected to the president's post. That's how I got to this "lofty perch".

If we follow this same sort of progression at the end of 2020, Marc Vickery would assume the presidency, leaving the vice-president's post vacant. The vice-president is also the Program Chairperson, responsible for setting up our club meetings and finding demonstrators. Traditionally, this office has been the hardest one to fill.

Because we've been unable to meet in person, network, and discuss this matter more fully at monthly club meetings, the Board has proposed drafting a motion temporarily suspending the term limits called for in the Bylaws. Normally I would NOT agree with this proposal; I have advocated for greater member participation in club business as long as I've been a member. However, the board has convinced me that this proposal is probably the best course of action for our club at this extraordinary point in our history. I've agreed (reluctantly) to continue serving for one more term if that is the wish of the membership. However, I ask each of you to consider volunteering to run for any of the club offices, including President, this fall.

The Board's proposed motion will be published in The Burl in August, 2020, with a vote on the motion to be held at the September 2020 meeting. Irrespective of the outcome of the motion, the Board will offer a slate of prospective 2021 officers to the membership at the October meeting, and will entertain nominations for any of the offices at that meeting. A vote on the candidates for is office will be held in November, as always.

Again, I urge each of you to seriously consider supporting your club by running for office.

Thanks

~~Jeff Zens

## Upcoming Demonstrators for 2020

NOTE: due to the Coronavirus, the next several months are undetermined including the ones shown as scheduled. Scheduled meetings are all subject to change.

Date	Name	Website	Topic	Saturday Class
6/11/2020	At This Time: Plan to join a ZOOM Meeting, invite to be in your email Thursday morning for a link. See the show and tell plan below. ALSO: PLEASE ATTEND to discuss future meetings and important Club Business that needs members input			
7/9/2020	NO Demonstrators determined yet			
8/13/2020	Steve Newberry	Word of mouth	Spheres to Cups	Not at this time
9/10/2020	Under consideration. Some possible ideas in the works. Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery – THANK YOU			
10/8/2020	Phil Lapp	Word of mouth	Crotch Bowl	no
11/12/2020	Art Liestman	<a href="http://artliestman.com/">http://artliestman.com/</a>	Demo and class are on the “lost wood process”	YES! Please let Marc Vickery know if interested asap
12/10/2020	Under consideration. Some possible ideas in the works. Christmas??? 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				

'Show and Tell' plan for the 6/11/2020 Zoom meeting:

Members have probably been working on lots of projects with the virus protocol. Please take some pictures and be willing to discuss the projects as to: wood type, source of wood, inspiration, problems and solutions, and anything you learned in doing the project. Sharing is how we all learn and get inspired.

To bring the photos to the meeting, it should be possible to click on a button in the Zoom screen that allows “sharing content.”

In the practice meeting 6/4/2020 I discovered some members either did not have a button or it was difficult to find. So alternatively, please feel free to email me your photos and I will Share them while you discuss them.

Email to [halepaumarc@gmail.com](mailto:halepaumarc@gmail.com)

Call if I can help in any other way.

**Willamette Valley Woodturners**  
**Board Meeting**  
February 4, 2020

2020 Club Officers

President	Jeffrey Zens
Vice President/Program Chair	Marc Vickery
Secretary	Milt Engelke
Treasurer	Henrik Aberg
Past President	Darcy Tataryn
Board Member	Scott Morrison
Board Member	Jerry Lelack

Meeting Place: Hosted by President Jeff Zens  
Meeting called to order 7:05 pm February 4, 2020

Agenda Items presented –

Item No.	Subject	Introduced By:	Recommended Action:
1.	2020 Budget	Henrik Aberg	Review, Discuss, Approve
2.	Website and Webmaster	Jeff Zens	Discuss: determine course of action
3.	Alternatives to bi-annual auction	Milt Engelke	Discuss and Resolve
4.	Craft Fair Booth Sponsorship	Milt Engelke	Discuss/Resolve
5.	WVW Property Inventory Update	Henrik	Review/Approve
6.	Sawdust Session schedule	Marc Vickery	Discuss
7	Empty Bowls update; meeting schedule with other participants	Darcy Tataryn	Discuss
8	Revisions to club bylaws	Jeff Zens	Discuss
9	Revisions to <b>The Burl</b> content	Jeff Zens	Discuss
10.	Upcoming Board Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September club meeting and newsletter – open discussion for new officers/board members</li> <li>• July-August -September: Board meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter)</li> <li>• October club meeting: Present slate of candidates on the ballot to the club.</li> <li>• November: officer/board member elections</li> </ul>	Jeff	

May Board Minutes were presented to the Board for Approval and acceptance by Secretary, Marc moved, and Jerry Lelack seconded. Minutes Approved. There were no minutes for the September board meeting due to Secretary not being present.

**Agenda Item #1.** Budget presented by Henrik.

Mrs. Vickery (Marc's mother) made a substantial donation to support the Oregon Woodturners Symposium. Other donations have been made which will be anonymous. Membership numbers were down which is normal for a non-symposium year. Items listed in the budget included \$2000 for MISC which covered repairs on small lathe, purchase of chuck for lathe. Items were approved by the Board

Considerable confusion over expenditures involving demonstrators' expenses and fees. The club covers the basic travel and per diem cost for a demonstration to attend and present at our meetings, however additional the cost for classes which are provided by the demonstration as assessed separately to the attendees with the intent that classes pay for themselves, i.e., ideally, no cost to the club; however this is apparently rarely happens.

Board ask the Treasure to break-out the cost of demonstrations vs classes to allow for closer tracking of actual expenses. Moved for clarification by Darcy Tataryn, second by Milt Engelke

Board recommends reducing MISC BUDGET ITEM by \$1000 and add to the DEMO budget:

With the discussed budget changes included, the Darcy Tataryn moved the budget be approved, motion seconded by Jerry Lelack.

**Agenda Item #2. WEBMASTER AND WEBSITE: Jeff Zens led discussion:**

Ron Fox as been Webmaster for the past 10+ years and has announced he is moving for the region and will resigns in the early spring. He is willing to help transition. The concern is finding someone willing to take over the position. Club Member Silver Sorenson has volunteered to take over as webmaster. Jeff Zens will be interviewing her on that possibility.

WEBSITE: Needs a serious overhaul and suggestions have come forth to review other sites as to function, depth and utility such as the West Virginia Wood Turners, and or the AAW to enhance our own site with more single click categories

- PayPal for membership dues collection,
- Membership applications on line,
- Register and pay for Demo Classes
- Promotion of Demo Classes
- Tickets for events
- Tax Deductible donations on line.
- Craft Supply Process enhanced for convenience of members
- MEMBERS ONLY AREA
  - MEMBERSHIP ROSTER – behind a fire wall requiring USER ID/.PASSWRD
- Gallery postings
- Posting News Letter to enhance Public face

**Agenda Item #3 Alternatives to Bi-annual Agenda Item #4. Craft Fairs Booth Sponsorship.** Milt Engelke lead discussion concerning alternative fund-raising events in lieu of the club auction which is only attended by members. Need to reach out to the public and expand our exposure.

Members have suggested a wood auctions for prized pieces of wood such as burl, exotic logs etc become available. Owner of the wood could donate for a tax deduction or pay a service fee to the Club to conduct the auction. Funds would be used for supporting club educational activities as the Board sees Fits.

Another possibility is to participate in annual craft fairs.

Primary objectives to be realized:

- Greater exposure of club activities as well as individuals' aids is raising the awareness of the Club and enhance membership.
- Club name would be used in sponsorship of a booth at Craft Fairs however actual cost of booth would be dispersed among members desiring to present turning offered for sale.
- Booth would be manned by participating club members, however a % of sales (5 – 10%) would be assessed for the club as a means of raising funds.
- Several Craft Fairs are held especially in the fall leading up to Christmas which are within our immediate area

- Salem
- Albany
- Rickreall

Milt Engelke and Jerry Lelack volunteered to develop the concept further and report back to the next board meeting.

**Agenda Item #5.** WVV Property Inventory Update Henrik Aberg – No changes in status to report

**Agenda Item #6. Sawdust Session Schedule:** Marc Vickery

- The club will sponsor saw dust sessions at Terry Gerros on Sundays following club meetings.
  - Make bowls for the empty bowl project
  - Introduction for new turners.
- Possibility of Sawdust sessions outside of the immediate Salem Area
  - Club insurance covers events
  - Question of needing waivers signed by participants
  - Where
    - Lebanon
    - Newberg
    - Corvallis
  - Additional Club lathes are available
- Possibility of Shop Tours

**Agenda Item #7: Empty Bowls Update: meeting schedule with other participants:** Darcy Tataryn

- Event will be October 11, 2020
- Darcy is handling and coordinating with other participants and parties.
- Several Bowls presently being turned.
- Jerry Lelack has volunteered to store finished bowls (18 to date completed) needing 150+ including additional upgraded special bowls for auction items.
- Looking for additional Sponsorship and possibility of club discounts, equipment, and supplies

**Agenda Item #8: Revisions to Club Bylaws:**

- Changes proposed to reflect additional duties for Treasurer to maintain inventory of physical asset.
- Formalize relationship between Vice President and Education Programs
  - V. P. Handles demonstrators/classes presently
  - Proposed change:
    - Vice President would be Chair of Subcommittee to identify educational programs and participants
    - Formalize Educational Sub-committee
    - Identify programs such as Safety in the Shop, safety working with tools, sharpening, tool identification
- Formalize duties of Secretary to include being Official Repository of club correspondence papers
- Formalize Position of Mentor Coordinator
- President made distribution of Letterhead Stationery and envelopes

Revisions to By-laws will be advanced to the next Board Meeting. Request all members read the By-laws which are posted on the Webpage.

### **Agenda Item #9: Revisions to the BURL:**

- Club Finances should not be open to the public- all Budgetary items moved to MEMBERS ONLY
- Club Address has been changed to :
- Willamette Valley Woodturners

P.O. Box 151  
581 Lancaster Dr SE  
Salem, OR 97317

### **OTHER ITEMS:**

- Scheduling Board Meetings:
  - #2 Board Meeting for 2020 will be Scheduled during period April-June
  - #3 Board Meeting for 2020 will be scheduled during period July – September
- Formal Recognition of Marc Vickery’s Mothers donation to the Club.
- Capital Manor has requested continuing mentorship
  - Good shop and tools including lathe, bandsaw tools
  - Darcy has been twice but they are requesting scheduled mentoring – suggestion to refer to Paul Hirt (Mentoring Program)

Motion to Adjourn 9:48 pm by Marc Vickery, Seconded my Milt Engelke

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## **Member corner**

Mark Choitz has some dry black walnut bowl blanks and squares to give away. They were given to him by a former club member who asked to find a good home for them. The ends are sealed and the wood is dry and ready to turn. These are free, first come first serve. Mark lives in Corvallis and anyone interested can contact him for pick up.

Mark Choitz  
(541) 740-8470  
[msc6990@gmail.com](mailto:msc6990@gmail.com)



# 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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President	Jeff Zens
Vice President	Marc Vickery
Secretary	Milt Engelke
Treasurer	Henrik Åberg
Past President	Darcy Tataryn
Board Position 1	Scott Morrison
Board Position 2	Jerry Lelack

### Non-Executive Positions

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Wood Gathering	Gary Dahrens

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