



# The Burl

A monthly newsletter for the  
**Willamette Valley Woodturners**  
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We are also on Facebook



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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday December 10, 2020 6:30 pm**  
**using ZOOM**



## President's Message December, 2020

### Ask Not....

I think I will get the bad news out of the way first.

Since last month's message, we have experienced the cancellation of our Empty Bowls event, something that has been planned and in the works for over a year. Clearly a big disappointment for a lot of our members who have been working diligently, turning bowls, coordinating the event, and so on. We continue to labor under restrictions on our ability to meet as a group.

Now on to the good news, both short term and long term.

Last month, the membership had a nice opportunity to enjoy an informative demonstration by Art Liestman on his "Lost Wood" process. Art has refined the technique of video demonstration nicely, and uses pre-filmed video vignettes of each step in the process. Evaluating the demonstration afterward, I was struck by that fact, and appreciated how it allowed him to focus on delivering a good demonstration, knowing he already had the video footage "in the can" and didn't need to worry about getting the turning portion perfect in a live setting. While it's always nice to understand that a professional can make the same mistakes we do, sometimes they get in the way of a demonstration. Art's technique eliminates that distraction. Thanks to Marc Vickery for making that happen again in November.

The news on the CoVid vaccine front appears to be positive as well. A number of pharmaceutical companies, supported by the federal government's Operation Warp Speed, have developed vaccines with a claimed efficacy of over 90%, and delivery of the first doses next month, pending FDA approvals. If all of this comes to pass, I have high hopes for a return to some normalcy for our club in the second quarter of 2021. We might still have government-imposed restrictions and we will comply with them. More importantly, though, is our own individual assessment of our health, and that of the people we live with. Once we do get back to in-person meetings, I urge all of our members to make the best personal decisions possible in this regard. I, for one, am anxious to get back together as a group.

In support of that anticipated re-opening, I'll remind everyone that at the end of our calendar year, it's time to take care of your club dues. Again for 2021, dues are \$35.00 which can be paid using PayPal on the club website's home page (<http://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com/>) or by sending a check to Henrik Åberg. You will find Henrik's address in the club directory, located in the "Members" tab on the website.

For many of us, it's also time to renew our AAW memberships. If you are not an AAW member already, I urge you to join. There are a lot of benefits to AAW membership, including access to the complete online archive of American Woodturner. By itself, that access is worth the price of admission. The AAW also supports our local group in ways that our general membership might not recognize. One small example: AAW provides a matching service between demonstrators willing to travel (either in person, or via video link) and clubs looking for interesting demonstrators. Your membership in AAW helps make that possible. Learn more about AAW [here](#), and join or renew your membership [here](#).

During his 1961 inauguration address, John Kennedy issued his famous challenge: "...ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country."

Today, what you can do for your both clubs is renew your membership, recruit a new member, and re-dedicate yourself to the art and craft we so enjoy.

Now: Get out the checkbooks, write those checks, and...Let the Chips Fly!

~~Jeff Zens

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### **Willamette Valley Wood Turners Club Meeting - November 12, 2020**

Submitted by Milt Engelke

Call to Order at 6:30 PM by President Jeff Zens leading with the Pledge of Allegiance

With immediate opening of the Zoom meeting with host Art Liestman – Vancouver, B.C.

27 In attendance

Business issues discussed prior to Demonstration:

EMPTY BOWL PROGRAM in cooperation with the Willamette Valley Art Center has been **cancelled** due to COVID pandemic. Question as to the disposition of prepared and collected bowl (Presently in the hands of Jerry Lelack) will be sorted out over the next few weeks.

Saw Dust Sessions will in the future be held on Saturday where past sessions were on Sunday.

Election of Officers – Steve Barlow moved the Slate of Officers presented during October meeting be accepted and approved for the coming year. Second by Steve Wolfenbarger. Motion passed by popular vote.

Demonstration by Art Liestman on the Lost Wood Process. See more information on Mr. Liestman at his website: [Art Liestman.com](http://ArtLiestman.com)

*Many Thanks to Marc for the logistics surrounding the use of ZOOM. Your efforts are appreciated by all Marc.  
Meeting adjourned 8'30 pm.*

# Year 2021 new Honored Life Members - Congratulations



**Jim Devorss**  
Joined 2009



**Ron Freshour**  
Joined 2011



**Don Roberts**  
Joined 2010



**Hal Schalles**  
Joined 2014



**Tommy Thompson**  
Joined 2014

## Do you need wood????

**Don Roberts** has a variety of wood available to any club member who needs it.

Make arrangements with Don directly at

(503) 581-0774 or [rroberts@wvi.com](mailto:rroberts@wvi.com)

Don's address is 1810 Fairmount Avenue S in Salem



**Santa came early**

# Upcoming Demonstrators for 2020 and 2021

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
12/10/2020	<b>Show and Tell your best work for the year and /or Christmas ornaments</b> Please refer any ideas to Marc Vickery – THANK YOU			
1/14/2021	Mike Peace	<a href="http://www.mikepeacewoodturning.com">http://www.mikepeacewoodturning.com</a>	Many Demo topics to chose – <b>PLEASE come to the meeting to state a choice of topics you would like to see</b>	No
2/11/2021	No demonstrator on board yet, Please express an interest to Marc Vickery			
FOR 2021: Please express an interest of ANY Demonstrator or weekend workshop you would like to see to Marc Vickery				

PLEASE NOTE:

December meeting:

Show and tell for members' favorite work of the year and Christmas ornaments.

No demonstrator scheduled.

**To bring the photos for Show and Tell to the meeting, PLEASE forward by email to me at my address below.**

Sawdust sessions:

We are still scheduling the day from Sunday to Saturday. Runs from 9am to noon. The plan has always been to offer this as a drop in, but it is helpful to know if you plan to attend. Terry Gerros shop 820 Cordon Rd Salem

THIS Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, please know we would like to do a session on ornaments! Just in time for you to get them done THIS YEAR!!!

Who knows how to make ornaments? Want to teach? COME ON!

Please let Marc know if you are planning to attend or if you have any questions.

As to scheduling for 2021, member input is requested. Bear in mind we may not be able to continue to provide as many demonstrators on a paid basis as there is very little income coming in to support demonstrators and other expenses.

If members have ideas about fundraising please feel free to bring it to the table!

To bring the photos for Show and Tell to the meeting, PLEASE forward by email to me at my address below.

In the world of technology, I discovered some members found Zoom a bit of a hurdle. IF YOU want a practice session, please email me a note asking to be invited.

And if you have a best time include it in the email me and we can discuss a time that works for you.

Please feel free to reach out to Marc Vickery if you have questions, observations, ideas, or any other concepts.

Thanks,

Marc

503-544-0647

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

Call if I can help in any other way.



# 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
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