

# Turning Times

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CASCADE WOODTURNERS

May 2012

Please make sure that all content for the next newsletter reaches me by the 1st of June! [rgklug@crestviewcable.com](mailto:rgklug@crestviewcable.com) Thanks!

NEXT MEETING: 7:00PM, THURSDAY, May 24<sup>th</sup> AT FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL  
5405 SE Woodward St, Portland, OR

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

***THIS MONTHS MEETING IS MAY THE 24<sup>TH</sup>  
AT FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL***

This is a change from our third Thursday schedule so that we can have Stuart Mortimer from the UK be our guest presenter. Stuart is a very skilled turner and hasn't been through Portland in several years so this is a special opportunity to see one of the best turners in the world today. He makes beautiful hollow forms with twisted flutes on both the forms and finials. Following so closely on the heels of Dave Schweitzer this should be a good opportunity to contrast and compare how two of the best turners around can make similar objects in different ways. Then pick and choose the methods that best work for you.

Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> we will have an all day hands on class with Stuart teaching hollow forms and possibly twisted base goblets. There is still one space open for that class and if we count Dale as an assistant we can add two more beyond that number. There is a \$90 charge for this class and the opportunity to get a class from Stuart Mortimer may not come around again for several years, if at all. So if you would like to take this class please drop me a line at [GarySundquist@gmail.com](mailto:GarySundquist@gmail.com) or call me at 503-645-2231 so that I can bring you up to speed on what is needed.

Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> Stuart will be doing an all day demonstration at Dale's. There is a \$30 charge for this demonstration. Be prepared, Stuart is the fastest turner I have ever seen and the projects and ideas he shares come faster than you can write them down. Try very hard not to miss this demonstration.

A big thank you goes out to Dave Schweitzer for his visit last month. I wanted him to come but I wasn't able to make it happen as he had a very packed schedule. He finally came because of his friendship with Dale. His turning style was a real eye opener for me. I have a couple of projects in my sketch book that I have been trying to work out the mechanics of how to make them, Dave's method of hollowing from the bottom may just make those ideas possible. He showed me how to use a skew chisel for a peeling cut, and when I see what beautiful results Dave and members of our club like Kathleen Duncan and Randy Rhine get from this tool I have got to learn how to use a skew.

June will have a presentation from Howard Borer directed at new turners. For the rest of us a review of the basics sure can't hurt, or maybe I am only speaking for myself. It has been a real help to me to have this program coming up so that I could have something to direct new turners to in order to get a good start. Howard will also be teaching a basic turning class at Franklin High School for adults. Please talk to Howard for additional details.

If you are going to the AAW convention in San Jose, the deadline to register and still get the early sign up discount is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see everyone at this month meeting. Again please note the change in regular scheduled day. This meeting will be at Franklin at 7PM but the date will be May the 24<sup>th</sup>. If you can, please come. You will really enjoy seeing Stuart's demonstration.

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## **DALE'S CORNER**

We had a good open shop April 28<sup>th</sup> with 10 tuners here. One new member turned her first bowl. Several bowls were roughed out and a couple bowls finished turned. One Walnut stump burl was cut up with a chain saw. Because of Stuart's trip in May there will be no open shop in May.

I strongly encourage you to sign up for Stuart Mortimer's hands on class and the all day demo May 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. Stuart is probably the best spiral turner in the world and has a good book out on the art of spiral work. He is very entertaining and a very fast demonstrator. He will make the chips fly all day. I watched him turn, hollow and carve the open spirals on a vase in an hour and it was finished. I also watched him turn a lidded box in less than 10 minutes finished with a nice fit.

## AAW NEWS

I also encourage you to seriously think about traveling to San Jose for the AAW symposium <http://www.woodturner.org/> . This is as close as it will get for another five years. There is a great lineup of demonstrators:

*85+ demonstrators and panelists*

*45 rotations of items to make*

*68 rotations of techniques, tools, & materials*

*35 rotations to energize your creativity*

*27 rotations with a professional & collector focus*

*29 rotations emphasizing the basics*

*7 exhibits & galleries*

*46 vendors at the tradeshow*

*15 panel discussions*

*7 Special Interest Night topics*

*9 Special Features*

*11 Youth topics*

*10 Craft Room projects*

There will be lots of chips flying. You can watch the video about the symposium <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jz059HBu1p4> . If you don't spend your money, your kids will just party after you are gone, so why not enjoy it now!

Dale

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## VP DEMO SEARCH

I would like to thank you all for your speedy response concerning Richard Raffan. I heard from 20 folks about 20% of our club members. There were a couple of folks who thought we had lost our marbles otherwise everyone else was quite excited about the possibility. Oh well..... Our board of directors also voted in favor of pursuing Richard. Who knows we just might be lucky enough to get him here in 2013. We will keep you posted. I will be talking with Richard in Utah in a couple of weeks. Stay tuned.....

Your suggestions concerning folks you would like to see demonstrate in 2013 has also been helpful. Nothing is definite at this point. Keep your suggestions coming.

Ken

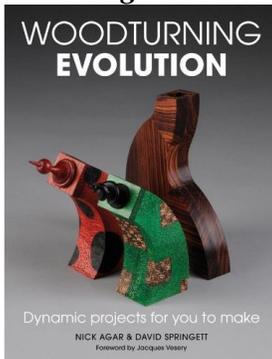
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## LIBRARY CORNER

Two new DVDs in our library are geared for the new or newer turner. “*Back To Basics*” by Jimmy Clewes and “*Mastering Woodturning*” by Glenn Lucas. These DVDs are both well produced to show the correct use and preparation of the basic tools and cuts. The image quality is good so the newer turner can clearly see the instructor’s subject. These are worthwhile for instruction even if you have turned a while and need to practice getting rid of some bad habits.

*Woodturning Evolution* by Nick Agar & David Springett



This is a book that will greatly expand the ideas of a “round and brown” turner. Nick Agar and David Springett are well known English turners, teachers and demonstrators. The two have joined to collaborate on a book to instruct and simplify offset turned sculptures. Their process details tools, fixtures, layout and even finishing techniques. This book is a must read for anyone interested in multiple center turning or those that want to just view the work of two great turners that produce unique shapes from the lathe.

## MEETING SCHEDULE 2012

DATE	DEMONSTRATOR	CHALLENGE
MAY 24	Stuart Mortimer – Sat Demo	Tall Hollow Turning
JUN 21	Howard Borer – Rattle & Basics	
JUL 19	Eli Avisera – Fri Demo/Class	
AUG 18	Bob Espin -	
SEP 20	Eric Lofstrom – Sat Demo/Class	
OCT 18	Auction	
NOV 15		Christmas Ornaments

## MAY CHALLENGE

May’s Challenge is to turn a piece to end up with a tall thin hollow form. Turning from both ends is optional but probably easier than long deep hollowing.

## APRIL DEMO

Our April meeting had Dave Schweitzer showing us how he makes his wooden long necked hollowed bottles. Here he is showing how he plans his projects by drawing the turning and making templates.



The blanks are rough turned to assure the quality of the stock before hollowing. Dave bores the blank after sizing and removing the end to be the plug for the bottom. Once bored with a spade drill, Dave hollows the majority of the piece to a thin wall with his hand held hollowing tool using a spring mounted thickness gage.



The piece is reversed and the top hollowed and is ready for finishing. They look very nice in groups as these madrone set shows.



Dave displayed his spiral fluted HF with mirrored finial boxes too. His all day sessions covered how to make these.



## MONTHLY CHALLENGE

April's challenge was to turn a non circular piece with paper separating the pieces to allow deconstructing the turning and reassembling to a new shape. Only one entry was submitted and it was done well by Glenn Burki. There were a lot of fine turnings exhibited for sho'n'tell as the photos display.



## SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

- Utah Woodturning Symposium, Orem UT May 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>
- AAW Symposium, San Jose, CA June 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>
- Saskatoon Woodturning Symposium, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, July 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>
- Woodturners of Olympia Symposium, Olympia WA July 28<sup>th</sup>
- Turn On! Chicago, Mundelein, IL August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
- SWATurners Symposium, Aug 24-26, 2012
- Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, Sept 8-9 2012
- VA Woodturning Symposium, Fishersville, VA Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>
- Ornamental Turners Bi-Annual Symposium, Scranton, PA Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>
- 3rd Segmenting Society Symposium, South Lake Tahoe October 18th - 21st 2012

## DEMOS - CLASSES – SEMINARS

### **Rockler Woodworking** 503-672-7266, [www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com)

- Turning Pens Demo, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM

### **Woodcraft** 503-684-1428, [www.woodcraft.com](http://www.woodcraft.com)

- Pen Turning (\$40) by George Hays, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00
- Pen Turning (\$40) by George Hays, May 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00-5:00
- Turning Boxes (\$115) by Paul Rasmussen, May 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00-4:00
- Turning Tool Handle – Store Demo – May 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 2:00
- Beginning Lathe Turning (\$115) by Paul Rasmussen, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00-5:00
- Pen Turning (\$40) by George Hays, June 13<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00
- Bowl Turning (\$115) by Paul Rasmussen, June 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00-5:00
- Lathes – Store Demo – June 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:00
- Pen Turning (\$40) by George Hays, June 23<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00
- Turn A Pen – Store Demo – July 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:00
- Beginning Lathe Turning (\$115) by Paul Rasmussen, July 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00-5:00
- Pen Turning (\$40) by George Hays, July 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00
- Natural Edge Bowl Turning (\$125) by Paul Rasmussen, July 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00-5:00

### **Woodcrafters** 503-231-0226, 212 NE 6th Ave, Portland, [www.woodcrafters.us](http://www.woodcrafters.us)

- Woodburning Demo by Dick Armstrong, May 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00-3:00
- Woodburning Demo by Dick Armstrong, June 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00-3:00

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### **Cascade Woodturners:**

May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting (note date change to 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) will have Stewart Mortimer turning fast and furious. Friday will be an all day hands on class and Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> Stewart will be at Dale Larson's shop for an all day demo.

June 14<sup>th</sup>, Howard Borer - How tools cut, how wood likes to be cut, why we get catches, how to cut beads and coves. Howard will put it all together by turning a baby rattle or two. If there's time left, some bowl turning and questions.

July 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, Eli Avaseri – Demo/Class

Sept 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Eric Lofstrom – Demo/Class

### **Northwest Woodturners:**

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, Stephen Hatcher, Saturday Demo, Friday & Sunday hands on class

### **Willamette Woodturners:**

June 2,3: Stuart Mortimer– Demo/Class

June 14-17: Doug Fisher – Demo/Class

August 9-12: Jimmy Clewes – Demo/Class

October 11-14: Stuart Batty – Demo/Class

**Olympia Woodturners:**

July 28<sup>th</sup>, Creativity In Woodturning Symposium featuring David Elsworth,  
[www.woodturnersofolympia.org](http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org)

**Northwest Washington Woodturner's Rendezvous:**

July 16th - 18th Camping and outdoor woodturning, Ellensburg, Rodeo grounds North RV lot. Join us for an unstructured camping and turning get together. Bring your mini lathe come early and stay late. Plan to be entertained by Don Derry on the 17th. Email Julian Lee, [julian.s@comcast.net](mailto:julian.s@comcast.net) to secure a campsite. 360 299 2900

**6<sup>th</sup> annual "Frogwood Collaborative"** is scheduled for Aug 16<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup> of 2012 at Dale's shop. Cost is \$230 and includes meals. Contact Jerry Harris at [westwoodct@comcast.net](mailto:westwoodct@comcast.net) or David Williams at [dwilliams97007@yahoo.com](mailto:dwilliams97007@yahoo.com) for reservations and/or more information.

## INTERESTING WEB SITES

### MULTI CENTERED TURNING

An exploration in multi-center turning with some talented teachers is available on the attached You Tube and web links. Charlie Belden is an AAW member from San Jose who loves to utilize his computer and his imagination to try new horizons in turning. This time, Charlie has produced a video showing his process in analyzing a multi centered turning <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49yuXFSO8o0> . The web attachment is Charlie's dialog and sketches that accompany the video. There are multiple pages to review, <http://web.hypersurf.com/~charlie2/Turning/MultiCenter/DillRandCollaboration/2ArcsPrimer1.html> .

The efforts of the collaboration by Barbara Dill, Peter Rand and Charlie Belden resulted in using SketchUp to predict multi axis turning shapes. Barbara created a structured approach to multi axes turning that serves as a terrific foundation for the concepts and Charlie reverse engineered one of Peter's female forms, 'Femme Noire' to test the process. You can enjoy Barbara's work in the December 2011 issue of "American Woodturner" and on her website <http://www.barbaradill.com/paper.html> . Peter Rand has some really terrific artistic turnings done using multi axes on his site <http://www.peterrand.ca/Welcome.html> and in the February 2012 issue of "American Woodturner".

Anyone who has an interest in multi centered turning will find these sites a treasure trove of ideas and challenges.

### HAPPY ASH TREE

If you have seen the PBS painting instructor, Bob Ross and his "happy little trees" you must queue up this video. Tim Yoder produced a number of award winning years of woodturning videos for Rogers State University public television in Tulsa. Tim has now made a delightfully humorous parody of Bob Ross this time wood turning instead of painting. It is a hoot even if you are not a "Joy Of Painting" alumnae. <http://www.woodworkersguide.com/2012/03/18/the-joy-of-woodturning-with-tim-yoder/>

## COMPANY STORE

If a number of members want a certain item, and we are low on it please email Peter Morrell at [luvbermuda@aol.com](mailto:luvbermuda@aol.com) a week ahead, he could have it with no out of stock.

Company Store Item	Price
Accelerator (for Cyanoacrylate adhesives/CA), sprayer, 8 oz	\$6.75 each
Anchor Seal, one gallon	\$12.50 each
Cyanoacrylate adhesives (CA) - Thin, Medium and Thick, 2oz bottles	\$5.75 each bottle
Sandpaper, Aluminum oxide with heavy cotton cloth backing in 80, 100, 120, 180, 220, 320 & 400 grits	\$1.00 each sheet
Walnut Oil - filtered, 16 oz	\$4.00 each

## CWT MENTORS

Cascade Wood Turners has a mentoring program and the member turners providing assistance are listed in the "Resources" section of the web page <http://www.cascadewoodturners.com/resources.htm>. These members are available for you to contact if you need help in different areas of woodturning. If you would like to be a mentor yourself and be contacted with woodturning related questions e-mail me at [rgklug@crestviewcable.com](mailto:rgklug@crestviewcable.com) and I will add you to the list!

## QUICK LINKS:

There is a listing of web links used by club members in the "Resources" section of the web site <http://www.cascadewoodturners.com/resources.htm>. If you have a favorite or new site that would be useful to club members, e-mail it to me to include it with the list. [rgklug@crestviewcable.com](mailto:rgklug@crestviewcable.com)

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## WOODTURNING CLASSES AT MAC

Jerry Harris will be teaching a beginning woodturning class at the Multnomah Arts Center, (MAC), 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97211 503-823-2787.

There will be a four session class starting Saturday, May 12 and the next three Saturday's ending on June 2. These classes will also be from 10am to 2pm.

All tools, lathes and materials will be supplied. Wear clothes that don't have long sleeves and they will get shavings all over them. The projects will include honey dippers, cup and ball toys, pens, egg cups, tops and maybe bowls.

For reservations and costs, call the MAC. There is only space for five persons each class.

Look for a how to do it project next month.

Look for a review of the Utah Symposium 2012 in next month's Turning Times.