

Turning Times

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CASCADE WOODTURNERS

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Please make sure that all content for next months newsletter reaches me by the 10th of September! rgklug@crestviewcable.com Thanks!

**NEXT MEETING: 10 AM, SATURDAY, AUG 22st ANNUAL PICNIC AT HOPKINS
DEMONSTRATION FORREST**

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Where did summer go??? It stands to reason that every year summer goes by faster and faster. When I was 10, summer was roughly 2.5% of my life. Now it is down to slightly more than a measly .4%. It is no wonder that I don't get anything accomplished! I still haven't found the time to really use the four new tools I bought at the AAW Symposium in Albuquerque.

We had three weddings in the family this summer – it was nice to have a stash of bowls to give as wedding presents. The final wedding in the trio was my son's last Saturday (August 8th). The wedding itself was beautiful but the emotion of seeing my 6'4" son take this step, was pretty overwhelming. I'm sure that it was entertaining, too, to see him dance with all 5'2" of me for the groom and mother's dance. Ask me about my kids and the wedding and I'm sure I'll bore you to tears.

Now that I have Albuquerque and the weddings behind me, I'm ready to start focusing on club business. Next on our agenda is the picnic. This year it will be at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest again. There are directions at: <http://www.forestsforever-or.org/map.htm> and from the Cascade web site. The picnic will be Saturday, August 22 from 10am to whenever. The club is providing burgers, hot dogs, condiments, water, soft drinks, utensils, and plates. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. As in the past, we ask that you not bring alcohol. Jerry Harris will be driving the van to shuttle people between the parking lot and the picnic area. For our activity, we're going to have short demonstrations by Howard Borer, me, and possibly others. I've not demoed before, but figured this is a pretty good group to make my debut – no pine cone throwing, please. We haven't had an egg cup turning contest in several years, so it's time to hone your skills and get ready for that.

Let's hope for good weather – see you at the picnic.

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 Cascade Woodturners – VP
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EDITORS FORUM

I want to thank Keith Strauss for volunteering to step in as editor while I am unable to be at my normal duties. I am back from the 111° heat and enjoying turning again. Last month Keith added the “Question & Answer” section. This month I am adding the “Bargain Bin” and “Good Wood Websites”. If you enjoy these additions, please submit a question, a suggestion for a bargain site or a favorite web site to keep these additions going.

Jerry Klug

DALE'S CORNER

Open shop will be Saturday Aug 29th starting at 9:30 at Dale's shop. Bring your tools and an idea to work on. We generally have lots of experienced turners to help you with a project and sharpening tools. Any questions call Dale 503-661-7793.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The July challenge was won by Jerry Harris with a set of lovely nested bowls.

The challenge for the month of August is to include metal in your turnings.

MEETING SCHEDULE '09

Demonstrator

Challenge

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| August | Picnic |
| Sept | Auction |
| Oct | Mike Mahoney – Bowls |
| Nov | Don Derry – ornaments |
| Dec | No Meeting |

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Howard Borer, our own "Woodturning Answer Guy"

I received several responses to my request for input on deep hollowing tools, so here is a summary.

The deep hollowing systems need two basic components: the bar that holds the cutter and the stabilizer that keeps the bar from twisting when the cutter engages the wood. Several turners made their own stabilizer. I made mine from 1" square steel tubing and Glenn Burki used hardwoods.

Glenn purchased the Lyle Jamieson 'D' handle, which has a hole in the end for 3/4" tools. Glenn then uses Dennis Stewart tools in the D handle. My homemade bar also takes 3/4" tools, so I use Dennis Stewart tools as well as some homemade ones. As long as the end of the tool is 3/4" it will work in either bar. Another turner made adapters for smaller diameter tools. So his 1/2" diameter tools fits into the adapter that has a 1/2" hole at one end and is 3/4" in diameter at the other end to fit the deep bar.



As you can see in the picture, the Jamieson D handle allows for a depth of close to 2 feet. Several of us have made bars that are longer. It's entirely up to the user. If you've never done this, two feet deep is challenging enough, so starting with the Jamieson handle won't limit your turning for the first few years.



Glenn's photo also shows his homemade laser holder. It's simple and works well. Mine is not so simple and also works well. If anyone would like more details, feel free to contact me with questions or we can schedule a visit to see mine set up on my lathe. I suspect Glenn will be as generous with information about his system.



Members are welcome to send me their woodturning questions and I will get the answer somehow from someone. howbor@yahoo.com

Editor's note: If you want to do a lot of reading on hollowing systems, there are a number of articles by Lyn J. Mangiameli in Fred Holder's More Woodturning web site, www.morewoodturning.net .

TIP OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Joe Escriva

When turning bowls or other objects that I use the same height on my tool rest for the inside and outside, I sometimes find it difficult to maintain the exact height when moving, or turning the tool rest. I noted on my Drill wizard, by Oneway, it has a 1" ISD (inside diameter) the same as my tool rest shaft. I called Oneway, (1-800-565-7288) and ask if one could purchase just collars. I was informed they are not in there catalog, however one can purchase them at \$3.00 each, plus SH. I ordered 5, my total cost was \$22.50. They shipped right away, great people to deal with.



JULY'S DEMO

Bill Moore made spinning metal look easy. He did caution that the lathe spindle bearings take a different loading than when cutting wood and the bigger and more widely spaced the bearings are the better. Bill made a simple tool rest with multiple pin holes so that the fulcrum pin could be located as needed. His tool was a highly polished and shaped like the end of a finger, with multiple radii. He made a hard wooden form with a small flat, about the size of a quarter. The live center has a flat to match. The metal is lubricated with glycerin soap that has to be cleaned up after spinning to prevent corrosion of the tools. To spin form the metal he starts in the center and deforms the metal onto the wooden form plug. It all looked easy. The speed is low (300 RPM) and the results are quick. Bill uses 18 ga. Cu. As it is formed the metal will work harden and will have to be heated to a dull cherry red and cooled to anneal the metal. The deeper the form the more frequent annealing is required.

Our library has a video by Sorby that demonstrated metal spinning with their tools. They are a bit more complicated than the onus Bill successfully spins with.

GOOD WOOD WEBSITES

Here is an interesting You-Tube video of a 1926 German wood turner making a bowl and lid. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-z_Ph6nZfGE You-Tube displays over 1500 videos when you search on “woodturning”. They range in quality from professionally prepared instructions by Sorby about their turning tools all the way to some lame excuses that you wonder why someone made that effort. This section will high light a website or You-Tube video that could be of interest to a large number of the membership. If you have a favorite site that you want to share, please submit it for everyone to enjoy.

BARGAIN BIN

This section of your newsletter is to spotlight useful items for your turning enhancement that are not found at the typical woodworking outlets. Please feel free to send me your bargain discoveries and share them with the club.

I needed a long reach for sanding inside vessels. I bought two forceps (also called hemostats or spring clamps) at Harbor Freight. They appear to be good enough quality for my sanding needs. I got a 12” straight pair and a 10” curved tip for \$4.99 each.

DEMOS - CLASSES – SEMINARS

Rockler Woodworking 503-672-7266, www.rockler.com

- Turning ice cream scoops demo, Sept 12th
- Turning Lidded Boxes demo, Sept 19th
- Turn-A-Thon (turn your own 4in1 screwdriver, October 31st

Woodcraft 503-684-1428, www.woodcraft.com

- Pen Turning Class (\$40) by George Hayes, Sunday Aug 23rd, 1:00-5:00
- Beginning Turning class (\$105) by Bob Tuck, Saturday, Sept 19th, 10:00-4:00
- Basic bowl turning class (\$105) by Bob Tuck, Sunday, Sept 20th, 10:00-4:00
- Pen Turning class (\$40) by Dave Nerland, Saturday, Sept 26th, 1:00-5:00
- Beginning Turning class (\$105) by Bob Tuck, Saturday, Oct 10th, 10:00-4:00
- Ornament Turning class (\$105) by Bob Tuck, Sunday, Sept 11th, 10:00-4:00

Woodcrafters 503-231-0226, 212 NE 6th Ave, Portland, www.woodcrafters.us

- Peppermill Turning demo by Bob Tuck, Saturday, Aug 22nd, 10:00-3:00
- Vessel Turning demo by Poest, Saturday, Oct 17th, 10:00-3:00
- Natural Edge Bowl Turning demo by Russ Coker, Saturday, Oct 24th, 10:00-3:00

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

- Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, Loveland, CO Sept. 12-13, 2009 (\$125 if postmarked by 9/1/2009 - www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com/index.htm)

- SWAT Wichita Falls, TX Oct 16-18, 2009 (\$125 – www.swaturners.org)
- Utah Woodturners Symposium Provo, UT May 6-8, 2010
- AAW Symposium Hartford, Conn. June 18-20, 2010
- Greater Vancouver Wood Turners Guild – West Coast Round-Up Sept 9-12, 2010
- Desert Woodturning Roundup, Mesa AZ Feb 18-20, 2011

CWT MENTORS

These members are available for you to contact if you need help in different areas of woodturning (inside the parentheses it tells each of the areas in which each mentor specializes). If you need help, contact one of the following mentors. If you would like to be a mentor yourself and be contacted with woodturning related questions e-mail me at rgklug@crestviewcable.com and I will add you to the list!

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| Randy Rhine: rrrhine@comcast.net | (Ornamental and Segmented turning) |
| Phil Lapp: 503-925-0152 | (Handled Vessels) |
| Glenn Burki: gburki@comcast.net | |
| Doug Brown: dougivan@aol.com | (Bowls, Boxes, Hollow forms, Texture) |
| Andy Johnson-Laird: andy@jli.com | (Help for new turners with tools, Finishes and other choices) |
| Kathleen Duncan: woodspinner@gmail.com | (Christmas Ornaments) |
| Howard Borer: howbor@yahoo.com | (Beginning bowl, Spindle, Hollow turning and Lathe accessory fabrication and consultation) |
| Jonathon Spafford: jonathon.c@comcast.net | (Pens) |
| Dale Larson: woodbowl@verizon.net | (Bowl turning, Greenwood turning, and Reading the log) |
| John Wirth: chet@spiritone.com | (Hollow forms, Carving, and Embellishment) |

QUICK LINKS:

The Burl House: www.theburlhouse.com
AAW (Main page): www.woodturner.org
AAW Forum: www.woodturner.org/vbforum/index.php?
Saw Mill Creek Forum: www.sawmillcreek.org
Woodturning Online: www.woodturningonline.com/
Turning Projects/Tips: www.newwoodworker.com/turning/
Pacific NW Woodturning Guild: www.woodturningguild.com

QUICK LIKKS Cont:

The Turner's Shop: www.theturnersshop.com/
Wood Net Forums: www.woodnet.net/forums/
Flying Curls: www.flyingcurls.com

Arizona Silhouette: www.arizonasilhouette.com
Hut Products: www.hutproducts.com
Berea Hardwoods: www.bereahardwoods.com
Pen Making Supplies: www.penmakingsupplies.com
The Pen Shop: www.thepenshop.net
Pen Turner's Forum: www.penturners.org
Pen Maker's Guild: www.penmakersguild.com
Russ Fairfield: www.woodturnerruss.com
Freedom Pens: www.freedompens.org
Penn's Woods: www.stores.pennswoodsstock.net
Lloyd Johnson: WoodturnerPro.

COMPANY STORE

Prices can sometimes change if the supply house takes an increase in price on a new order. Also, if a number of members wanted a certain item, and we are low on it please email Joe Escriva at jescriva1@msn.com a week ahead, he could have it with no out of stock.

| Company Store Item | Price |
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| 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 |
| Spray Bottle - chemical resistant, 16 oz | gone |
| Walnut Oil - filtered, 16 oz | \$3.00 each |

Note: Joe delivered 134 of the chemical resistant spray bottles.

CLASSIFIEDS

To place or continue an ad, contact Jerry Klug at rgklug@crestviewcable.com . We will run ads in the next newsletter after receiving your ad. Let us know if you want your ad continued more than one month.

PASTE WAX – CRYSTAL CLEAR

H.F. Staples "Crystal Clear Paste Wax". This is the wax that Dale uses on his green turnings to seal for drying. Dale says "It is the best paste wax for end grain of green bowls I've found, and the

cheapest.” It is sold as bowling alley wax. Craft Supply can deliver it for \$9.99/ 16 oz can but there is a \$7 shipping charge per can. We can get it from H.F. Staples by the case with a freight rate of \$11 per order. That puts the price at \$10/can including freight. If you cannot make it to the picnic where we will decide how much to order let me know so your order can be included.

rgklug@crestviewcable.com or 541-550-6299.

CASCADE WOODTURNERS SPONSORS

Remember that your current membership card is good for discounts at our club sponsors listed below.

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| <u>Gilmer Wood Company</u> | 2211 NW Saint Helens Rd Portland, OR 97210 (503) 274-1271 [Map] | Discount varies depending on item, 10% + or - |
| <u>KLINGSPOR Abrasives, Inc.</u> | Mail Order (800) 228-0000 | 10% off everything in the catalog except corded tools. |
| <u>Rockler Woodworking & Hardware</u> | Beaverton Town Square 1773 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Beaverton, OR 97005 (503) 672-7266 [Map] | 10% off |
| <u>Woodcraft Supply</u> | 12020 SW Main Street Tigard, OR 97223 (503) 684-1428 [Map] | 10% off |
| Woodcrafters | 212 NE 6th Ave Portland, OR 97232 (503) 231-0226 [Map] | 10% off (not on everything) |