

Turning Times

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CASCADE WOODTURNERS

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Please make sure that all content for the next newsletter reaches me by the 4th of January! (no newsletter in December) rgklug@crestviewcable.com Thanks!

NEXT MEETING: 7:00PM, THURSDAY, Nov 17th AT FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
5405 SE Woodward St, Portland, OR

WOODWORKING SHOW

This year's gathering of all that is wood related is again at the Expo Center on November 11th – 13th. Pete Morrell is coordinating our booth at the Woodworking Show this year. If you want to volunteer and didn't get a chance to sign-up at the meeting, contact me at my e-mail below.

Thanks

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As I started to write my last article, I had a vision of Andy Rooney's last 60 Minutes commentary. He had become my role model. He is unwilling to see politics, economics, entertainment and popular fads as anything other than another case of the 'Emperors New Clothes'. He focused on the little things that were illogical or a nuisance. Underlying those little barbs on society was a philosophy of simplicity which was only hinted at beneath the humor of the curmudgeon railing against the world. I slowly developed an appreciation for his ability to tell a story with just enough humor that you could evaluate the issue without the emotional outrage that could so many issues can engender. Such as, we all can appreciate his annoyance of telemarketers and really enjoy a good verbal come-back. On an emotional level it would be satisfying to see them jailed, wearing tutu's, with phone cord tied to their ankles and dragging a bundle of 12 old rotary phones. But with a little humor, we can see it is just one of the myriad of irritating little things which we should to dismiss as too unimportant to stress over. That attitude is even more important when you consider the cost of blood pressure medicine and by-pass surgery. (I picture Redd Foxx grabbing his chest and yelling 'I'm coming Elizabeth' over some

outrage.) It was nice to see Andy lampoon the idiocies of the world and show by his actions and comments that the world goes on regardless. And I intend to also.



The auction was probably our most successful ever. We raised over \$4,000 and everyone had a chance to fill their car with wood or tools (and what can be better than that). Thanks to Howard for being auctioneer and Kathleen and Ken for the accounting. Thanks to everyone participating, donating wood and finished pieces, spending money and making it a fun event.

P.S I want to thank all the Cascade officers and volunteers who have helped make this a good year for the club and helped me get through it. It has been by and large a fun and educational year. I know Gary will carry on the tradition and I hope everyone will volunteer throughout the year to help him as you have helped me. Thank You.

P.P.S. By the time I reach 90, I hope to evolve into the story telling style of Abe Simpson and tell stories that meander off in random directions, but did you know back when I was young....

David Williams, President
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DALE'S CORNER

I would just encourage all the workers at the wood show to bring turned items so we have a good show and tell section in the booth. October's Open Shop had 10 people show up: the usual items were turned. We reground some newly purchased tools, reshaped a few and turned mostly bowls. One person turned his first sphere. No open shop for November and December because of the holidays. Next open shop will probably be February due to travel scheduled for January.

Please take a look at the current AAW newsletter and remember to renew your membership to AAW. You can save some bucks by reading your copy of American Woodturner on line.

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MEETING SCHEDULE '11

Demonstrator

Challenge

Nov 19 th	Mark Gardner –	Christmas Ornaments
December	No Meeting –	Happy Holidays

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Tis the season for Christmas ornaments. Bring your new ornaments to the November meeting to share the joy of the season.

LIBRARY CORNER

I have a new DVD on Bandsaw Tuning. It is a step by step tutorial for updating and upgrading your band saw's performance. Although it was done by Carter and they are promoting their products, it includes some good tips for tuning up your band saw.

In the upcoming month I will be purchasing:

1. Woodturning Projects with Rex and Kip Volume 3 (Bottle Stopper, Dry Bow, Fridge Magnet, Game Call & Tool Handle)
 2. Woodturning Projects with Rex and Kip Volume 4 (Desk Clock, Door Stop, Mini Kaleidoscope, Oil Lamp, Sphere & Pizza Cutter)
 3. Woodturning Christmas Ornaments with Rex and Kip – DVD Volumes 5 & 6
- Rex Cunningham and Kip Christensen are experienced symposium demonstrators and class teachers at Craft Supplies. The Christmas Ornaments DVDs also have segments presented by Dale Nish and Dick Sing.

If anyone has seen some new DVD's that would be a compliment to our club library, let me know.

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MONKEY PUZZLE

Lament of the "Hard of Hearing" or Working with Monkey Wood

This adventure began approximately 18 months ago. As stories go, I was asked to make some bowls from a family favorite tree that was soon to meet its demise. Too many downed branches, too much mess from this ancient giant. The catch was the owners of the tree are our youngest son's in-laws. Not much of a choice, I agreed. Sure save some wood; I'd give it a shot. A quick call to Dale. Oh no, what had I gotten myself into?

When the tree was cut, it ran pitch; it dripped pitch; it oozed pitch. The clothes, gloves and everything in contact with the wood were thrown away when the job was done. The wood itself is white in color with straight grain; boring comes to mind. The bark is thick and retains moisture similar to a sponge. By dumb luck I left the bark on the half rounds

and ignored them for over 8 months. (By the way they were still seeping pitch at 6 months.)

When I went to rough out the bowls, I discovered spalting had occurred bringing character to what otherwise would have been very dull bowls. Coring one round at this point was fairly easy; the wood was still green. But then there were some rounds that just didn't make it to the Woodcut Bowl Saver. Big mistake! Attempting a core 4 months later proved impossible. There will be lots of sawdust and only 1 large bowl from each of those dry rounds.

Lessons Learned:

- Listen to Dale and Howard: work the wood while green. Working with green wood is much easier on your tools all the way from your band saw to your bowl gouges.
- Listen to Dale and Howard: work the wood while green. To core the pieces it is imperative that you do it while the wood is green.

Moral of the story: work your wood GREEN!!

Ken Kirkman

GOOD WOOD WEBSITES

Last month you had two articles on sanding, one from Joe Escriva and the other in Skill Builder. This month the video suggestion comes from a YouTube video by Reed Gray in Eugene. He explains how to construct a very inexpensive Home made sanding hood so you don't have to wear a dust mask while sanding.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILHkEXVKAqw&feature=feedu>

SKILL BUILDER

I hope you have been told that using a “spindle roughing gouge” is ONLY for cutting pieces when the grain is parallel to the lathe bed. If you haven't heard this or you think it is a rule that can be bent, watch this -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOhHeyoZLaY&feature=related>

No that is not catsup at the end of the video, it is a graphic example of what not to do – and why!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

November will bring Mark Gardner for not only a demo but a hands on class on Friday November 18th and an all day demo Saturday the 19th. The hands on class is \$90 and the Saturday all day demo is \$30. You can see more of Mark's turnings by looking at his web site, http://markgardnerstudio.com/section/51478_Vessels.html



A few examples of Mark Gardner's woodturnings.

February 2012, Northwest Woodturners will have Ashley Harwood demonstrating. She came highly recommended from Dale for her expertise in and knowledge of the bowl gouge as a tool, and for her superior bowl turning. Ashley is the principal instructor/artist at the Stewart Batty School of Woodturning in Boulder, CO. Ashley's web site is <http://www.ashleyharwood.net/ashleyharwood/Home.html> . The NWWT class will be on the gouge - flute shapes, grind shapes and angles, and how to match these to the type of turning you want to do. There also will be a couple of day long hands on classes where we'll put the knowledge to use turning bowls. The dates will be Feb 2 for the evening meeting, then Feb 3-5 for the classes. Contact Richard Hall at diwest@ix.netcom.com to register.

Cascade Presenters for 2012

Due to the possibility of inclement weather we try and use local turners for the first three months of the year. I plan to do a demonstration on making a three-legged twisted flute with fins hollow form. I plan to talk a little bit about how to cut the blank out of the tree and how different orientations will affect the finished hollow form. So after I do my first ever demo for the club anyone else's demo will look better by comparison.

I have a tentative agreement by another club member to demonstrate making bent handle dippers from a single piece of wood. However, I am going to hold off an official announcement until he can confirm if he will be able to work it in to a very busy schedule.

I have also been talking to Bill Moore about doing a demonstration of some forms that are influenced by the potter Hans Coper. It involves turning one form on the lathe, breaking the form open to remove some of the wood and then gluing some of the original form back together to form something very different. Just because it was made on the lathe doesn't mean it has to be round. Bill is looking at his schedule to see what date will work best for him.

Michael Hampel is thinking over an offer to have him come down from Washington State and do a club meeting as well as an all day demo and hands on class if there is enough interest. Michael, in addition to being an excellent turner, starts some forms on the lathe and then carves them into waveforms; shell forms, cylinders and other forms that you would expect to see made more from glass than wood. Michael is one of the most creative thinkers I have ever met in woodturning with the skill to turn his ideas into reality.

Dale has been talking to Dave Schweitzer about coming down and bringing some of his incredible woodturning tools and the grinding wheels that don't wear out. If Dave wants to do workshops and or an all day demonstration we will be opening up the time for that to happen.

I will add other names to the list as arrangements are made. If you have any suggestions as to turners you would like to see or topics you would like to have addressed at a meeting, please drop me a note GarySundquist@gmail.com and if there is something you would like to demonstrate at a club meeting let me know that too.

Several months ago I started to write a questionnaire for club members to fill out on preferences for the coming year. Unfortunately I got sidetracked, but I hope to have it ready for you to fill out in January. So please give some thought as to what you would like to see in the coming year.

Gary Sundquist

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

- [Tennessee Association of Woodturners 24th Annual Symposium, Nashville, TN January 27-28, 2012](#)
- [Southern States XII Woodturning Symposium, Gainesville GA Apr 27th-29th](#)
- [Utah Woodturning Symposium, Orem UT May 17th – 19th](#)
- [AAW Symposium, San Jose, CA June 8th -10th](#)
- [Saskatoon Woodturning Symposium, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, July 27th – 29th](#)
- [Woodturners of Olympia Symposium, Olympia WA July 28th](#)
- [Turn On! Chicago, Mundelein, IL August 3rd – 5th](#)
- [VA Woodturning Symposium, Fishersville, VA Sept 15th – 16th](#)
- [Ornamental Turners Bi-Annual Symposium, Scranton, PA Sept 28th – 30th](#)
- [SWATurners Symposium,](#)
- [Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium,](#)
- [3rd Segmenting Society Symposium, South Lake Tahoe October 18th - 21st 2012](#)

If you hear of an interesting symposium, e-mail me to add it to the list.

Jerry Klug

DEMOS - CLASSES – SEMINARS

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

- Turning Duck Calls Demo November 19th 9:30-11:30
- Contact store for details

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

- Beginning Lathe Turning by Mike Meredith, Nov 12th 10:00-4:00
- Turning Keepsake Gifts by Mike Meredith Nov 13th 10:00-4:00
- Turning Christmas Ornaments by Staff, Nov 19th
- Contact Store for Details on Above Classes

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

- Fall Sales Event Nov 11th - 13th Factory rep demos and more – See website for details

COMPANY STORE

If a number of members want a certain item, and we are low on it please email Jerry Harris at westwoodct@comcast.net 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	\$13.50 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

The Cascade Woodturners Store is in process of purchasing a 55gal drum of endseal. This will be available at the November meeting for \$9 per gallon. I will have as many gallons as possible at the meeting. It will be the type without antifreeze until further notice. At this point, about 30 to 35 gallons have been asked for. I need some more gallon jugs if you have them. Let me know at 503 244 6921. I also may need a couple more 5 gallon pails with lids. If anyone has a couple please let me know.

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 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

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.

Rockwell 11" Wood Lathe - \$275 1/2 HP long bed wood lathe with adapter for chuck and new revolving center. Contact Dawn McClard 503-255-3940 grrtshearwater@comcast.net

Trend Airshield Air circulating face shield, lightly used, plus pack of pre-filters, plus extra battery, plus clear visor overlays. Retail price is over \$400, will sell for less than 1/2-price at \$175. Contact Gig Lewis at giglinda@comcast.net.

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