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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Woodturners,

Elections are over and I'm happy to announce participation in support of the club in 2018 by the following members:

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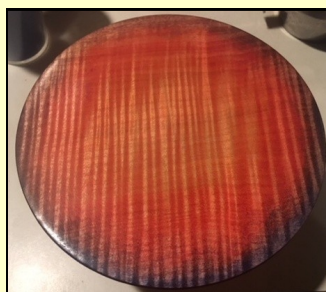
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Thanks to all participants, without you, there is no Northwest Woodturners.

Christmas is rapidly approaching which leaves me with a dilemma as to what I'll be turning for gifts this year. Skip Burke found an amazing fiddle back maple tree that one of his neighbors took down. I think I'll turn some ornament globes. I'm experimenting with colors for the first time in my over 20 years of turning. Dyes seem to do an amazing job of highlighting the figure in this wood, which should be ideal for ornaments. The photo shows my first experiment with dying this maple.

Merry Christmas. See you in January since there is no December meeting. I'm looking to an excellent 2018, with lots of woodturning learning opportunities given the AAW Symposium in Portland this June.

— Steve



CLUB INFO

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www.northwestwoodturners.com

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VP's CORNER

First, thank you for voting me in as VP for this next year. I enjoy lining up our Club meeting demonstrators. Bringing interesting demo's to our meetings is a critical service to all of you. Second to that is offering classes. Read on.

I hope you enjoyed Jerry Harris as he delicately turned a cowboy hat out of green wood. He told me that our Club demo was the first time he's done this for a group. If you're inspired to try, bring your piece to the January meeting for the show and tell table.

On January 4th we have our annual member tool sale and swap meet. Sales will start promptly at 7pm with the ringing of the opening bell, so come a few minutes early to set up your table with priced items and eye your possible purchases from others. We will also remind you to bring something to donate to the Club table for sale and to the raffle table. I have in mind a few tool upgrades to buy, so am looking over my tool bench to see what I can donate or sell. Of course, really good wood is always welcome at our raffle table.

I am pleased to confirm that professional turner Ashley Harwood will be visiting us in February from Charleston, S.C. She'll do the Thursday evening Club meeting demo, then an all-day class on Friday, followed by an all-day demo on Saturday. This order was dictated by the availability of the Cottage 5 wood shop at the MAC. Details will be published on the website, hopefully by the time you read this! I attended Ashley's all day demo and class two years ago. If you are relatively new as a turner, do not miss this opportunity! She is a premier talent and popular wherever she demonstrates and teaches. Wood turning is a skill but so is teaching. Ashley can turn and teach.

Also, I have the MAC wood shop booked for Saturday, March 10th for a hand's on lathe tool sharpening class. Sharpening is a critical skill and it's been two years since we offered this popular class. As Mike Meredith is fond of saying..."a tool that is almost sharp, almost cuts".

I haven't received any tips yet this month from you, so here is my reminder. A tip sent to me to be published in this newsletter, will earn you 5 free raffle tickets. Send your tip to me prior to the meeting and I'll respond with an email that you can show to Jackie who sells the tickets. This is a standing offer to encourage y'all to share your knowledge with our membership.

I am still open to requests or suggestions for Club meeting programs and demonstrators you would like to see. I'm here to serve you, so let me know what you'd like to see! Thanks.

— Mike Porter

NOTICE — NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

**To You and Yours
Happy Holidays & Best Wishes
for a
Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous 2018!**

AAW SYMPOSIUM VIDEOGRAPHER OPPORTUNITIES

We still need more local videographers for the AAW Symposium this summer. AAW registration for volunteer videographers is now open – register at <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2018PortVolunteer> and please let me know if you register. Registration ends January 15. This will include an interview by the AAW committee on your qualifications. I had a 3 hour training session at Dale Larson's shop for 5 people last month and it went very well. If we have more volunteers, I'm happy to do this again. Remember, videographers who volunteer for a minimum of six shifts will receive a free symposium pass which is a \$325 value.

— Roger Crooks

TURNIN' N LEARNIN' — CHAPTER 20 by Mike Porter

Hi, once again, fellow turners. I experienced two major learning events this past month...if you're in your shop and making chips, how can you not? First, my venture into craft sales did not go so very well. I did sell just over \$100 worth of holiday items but was hoping to sell a lot more, so now will carry the inventory. I was late to the party this year and all the good craft sales were fully booked. Next year I'll be better prepared, research the best sales and get registered, and get a Square account to do credit card transactions... and I have all the inventory ready!

The dominant turning activity for me this past month was experiencing a big jump in skill, knowledge and confidence as I turned my first pepper grinder (see photo). Mike Meredith was kind to do a demo for me at his shop. He has the procedures he uses written down with photos. I watched and took notes. Then, I ordered the Crush Grind mechanisms from Chef Ware Kits. Their starter kit comes with two mechanisms, a DVD, printed instructions and a special Sorby tool to cut grooves into the interior of the top and the body to enable the mechanisms to snap into place. OK, fine, but my first learning was when you see a demo, go home and immediately attempt it, memory fades exponentially with time. Mike's process is only slightly different from Chef Specialties' version, but enough that I got lost again, so had to make a phone call or two to Mike, and view the DVD (Carl Jacobsen does that demo), THEN I was able to complete my first grinder! Felt really good and I'm happy with the results. Then I did #2, #3 and a smaller salt grinder.



Here are the key learnings for me:

- Turning grinders is all about sequence. Here I mean the order of drilling the holes, when to do the shaping of the outside and then reversing the body and the top to enable completion. I had several unexpected surprises when I got lost in the process. I kinda think I got it now...well, sort of!
- Drilling the long 1" hole through the body really requires a high quality Forstner bit. A dull bit will wander through the body and not stay centered. This causes all kinds of problems when you reverse the piece and remount to finish it. I was turning Madrone and Holly. Mike recommends the COLT® MaxiCut® RotaStop® bits. They live up to their reputation.

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TURNIN' N LEARNIN' — CHAPTER 20 by Mike Porter (continued)

- Wet sanding: I am falling in love with wet sanding using walnut oil. There is a bit of a trick to it, though, to learn when to switch grits and get out all the tool and sanding marks. It's not fool proof, but I sure like not having the dust. I like the burnished finish that the oil and wood slurry makes on the surface. I'm able to go from 320 grit straight to 600 and get the finish I desire, then do the final finish coat of choice.
- Chucking pieces: Turning a piece held by its tenon is pretty simple, until...reversing and re-chucking when the piece is partially drilled out and finished on the outside gives you a much bigger challenge. How to not damage the piece? How to get it re-centered when reversing so you don't have to re-turn the outside because it wobbles? I had to re-cut my outside on my first few grinders after reversing and this was after I'd done the finishing! Both sets of instructions and Mike's demo addressed this but, you know me, I just had to learn it for myself! "Read the instructions three times, measure twice, and hope to turn once!" My new motto.

Anyway, I'm now in the grinder business and they are fun to make. The family gets them this year as gifts along with candle stands which I also enjoy turning. Have a great holiday season if you celebrate this time of year, and I hope you get out into your shop and do some turning on these cold, wet winter days. Oh, and by the way, I'm in negotiation with Mike Meredith to do a grinder demo at an upcoming Club meeting, so standby.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Many of you are or will be getting your membership renewal messages this month. If you pay before our next meeting, I will have your card at the meeting. If you plan to pay at the meeting, bring your check (made out to NWWT), or cash, and I will laminate your card there. As always, paying on-line is the easiest but we appreciate your money anyway you want to pay. Just a reminder, last year we moved our membership plan from an annual plan (Jan-Dec) to an anniversary plan (12 months from when you join). You get a renewal message a month before your membership expires. Also don't forget to renew your AAW membership.

— Roger Crooks

JANUARY PROGRAM — Member Tool Sale & Swap

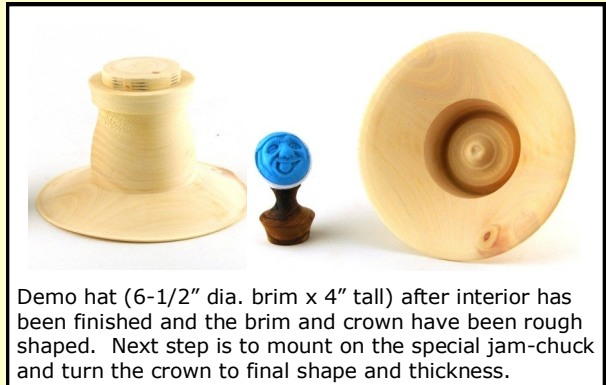
Sales will start promptly at 7pm with the ringing of the opening bell, so come a few minutes early to set up your table with priced items. Also, if you can, bring something to donate to sell on the Club table and for the raffle table.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM — Ashley Harwood

Ashley Harwood will be presenting a demo at our regular Thursday evening February Club meeting. She will also teach an all-day class on Friday and present an all-day demo on Saturday. This order is the reverse of what we usually do but was dictated by the availability of the Cottage 5 wood shop at the MAC. See our web site for more details (www.northwestwoodturners.com).

NOVEMBER PROGRAM — Jerry Harris

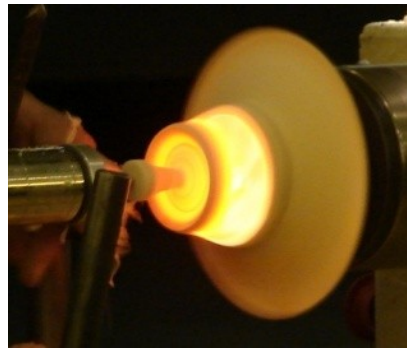
Jerry Harris gave an excellent demo on how to turn cowboy hats from green wood. He starts by turning the inside of the hat. He then reverses it and mounts it on a special jam-chuck. What's special about the jam-chuck is that it has a light on it so he can judge the thickness uniformity as he turns the outside of the hat. The light is powered by a cable that he threads out through the headstock. Of course the light must be mounted such that it doesn't rotate with the hat, which would quickly twist up its power cord and destroy most everything. The photos show the demo hat after shaping the inside and the outside, but before removing the tenon and finishing the top of the crown. When all the turning is done, Jerry places the hat on a fixture and stretches rubber bands across the brim to gently curl them while the hat dries.



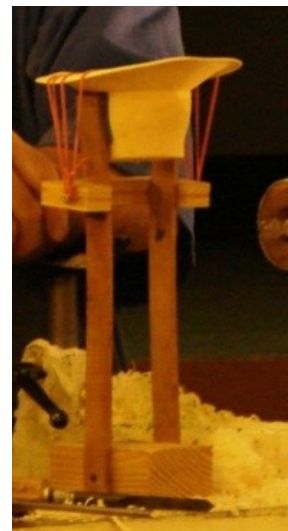
Demo hat (6-1/2" dia. brim x 4" tall) after interior has been finished and the brim and crown have been rough shaped. Next step is to mount on the special jam-chuck and turn the crown to final shape and thickness.



Shaping the outside of the hat. The upper portion of the crown is still thicker than the lower portion so less light is transmitted and it appears darker.



Removing the tenon and turning the top of the crown to final shape and thickness.



A fixture and rubber bands are used to curl the brim.

Some examples of Jerry Harris' Cowboy Hats



7-1/8" dia. x 2-3/4" high



6-1/2" dia. x 2-5/8" high



6" dia. x 3" high

NOVEMBER PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

More examples of Jerry Harris' Cowboy Hats



7-1/2" dia. x 2-5/8" high



6-1/4" dia. x 2-3/8" high



14-1/2" dia. x 6-3/4" high



15" dia. x 6" high



15-1/2" dia. x 5-3/4" high

NOVEMBER SHOW-n-TELL

Editor's Note: The Gnome (courtesy of Bruce Jackson) is included in the pictures to give a sense of size. His head (a golf ball) is about 1.7" (43 mm) in diameter and he is about 3.5" (89 mm) tall.

Winner: Jesse Mitchell-Reiss
(A youth beginner turner)



Two Canisters

Maple: 1-13/16" dia. x 4-5/8" high, 1" inside dia.

Padauk: 1-7/8" dia. x 3-5/8" high, 1-1/2" inside dia.



Miguel Hernandez
"Spinning Tops with a Catch"

The top is shaped such that it catches on the rim of the shallow cup on the stand when it tips over.



Madrone Top: 1-3/4" dia. x 2" tall
Pear Stand: 2-1/2" dia. base x 4-1/2" tall



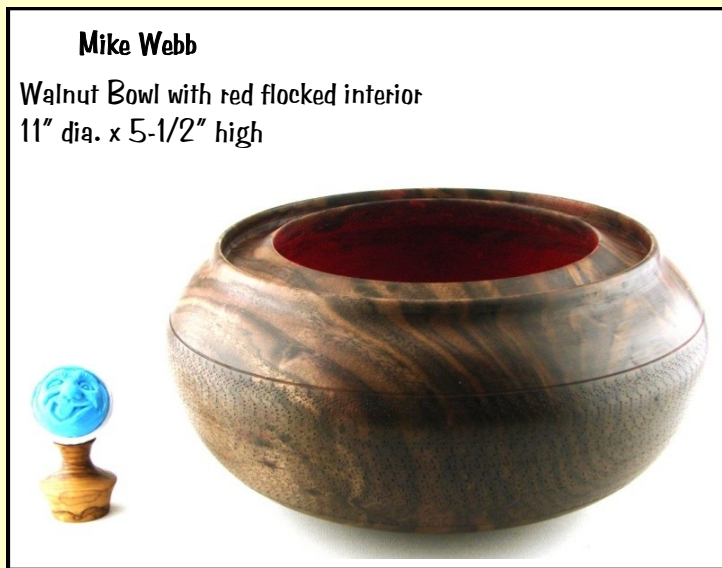
Madrone Top: 1-3/4" dia. x 2" tall
Hawthorne Stand: 4" dia. base x 5" tall

NOVEMBER SHOW-n-TELL (CONTINUED)**Phil Lapp****"Fallen Beauties"**

Thin-walled Vase with real
Alder Leaves applied followed
by piercing
4-3/4" dia. x 9-1/4" high

**Mike Webb**

Walnut Bowl with red flocked interior
11" dia. x 5-1/2" high

**Roy Ackley**

Brazilian Rosewood Pen
5-3/4" long



NOVEMBER SHOW-n-TELL (CONTINUED)

**Johnny Barnes
Three Cowboy Hats**

Elm: 15-1/2" dia.



Spalted Oak: 15-1/4" dia.



Madrone: 16" dia.



2018 BASIC SPINDLE TURNING COURSE

The ***Southwest Washington Woodturner's Club*** is hosting a Basic Spindle Turning Course consisting of ten 4-hour class sessions over the year with 40 total training hours. Due to space and lathe restrictions, course participation is limited to four students with a minimum enrollment of three.

The course covers basic spindle turning principles completely. Making each of the exercise pieces provides knowledge, understanding and ability to correctly use the tools. Each exercise utilizes the skew chisel. This course is for the skew-phobic. It is a major player and by the end of the course, a beloved friend. There is no escaping the tool in this course, no matter what the plans of the pupil might be.

The arrangement and the exercises of the course are from a woodturning instruction manual for school shop teachers titled ***Elementary Turning***, written by Frank H. Selden and first published in 1907.

WHEN: Class 1: Saturday, **January 13** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.
 Class 2: Saturday, **February (TBD*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.
 Class 3: Saturday, **March (TBD*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.
 Class 4: Saturday, **April (TBD*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.
 Class 5: Saturday, **May (TBD*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

No class in June – AAW Symposium in Portland, OR.

Class 6: Saturday, **July (TBD*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

No class in August – summer vacation!

Class 7: Saturday, **September (TBD*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.
 Class 8: Saturday, **October (TBD*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.
 Class 9: Saturday, **November (TBD*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.
 Class 10: Saturday, **December (TBD*)** from 8:00 am to 12:00pm.

Completion: Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Friends of the Carpenter workshop. This is the **January 2019** SWWWT club meeting guest-hosted by graduates of the course demonstrating their finely honed spindle turning skills!

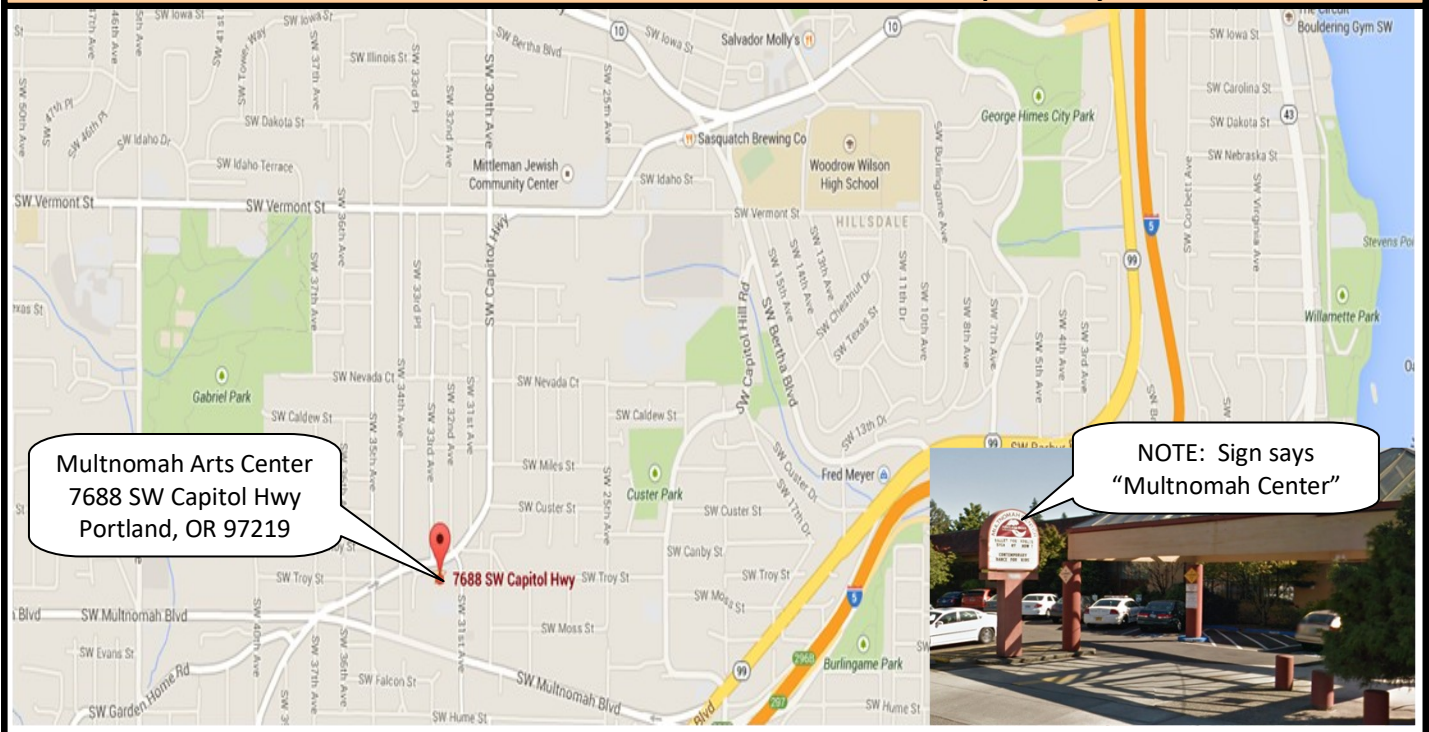
*The dates after Class 1 are listed as TBD (To Be Determined). Because of the varying schedules of the participants, in January we will decide the February date and so on throughout the remainder of the year.

WHERE: Rick's shop in Yacolt, WA – directions provided to participants.

TOOLS: All Tools, lathes, supplies and blanks are provided. Four tools are provided for use during class: Spindle Roughing Gouge, Skew Chisel, Spindle Gouge and Parting Tool.

COST: The entire course is \$295.00, payable to the Southwest Washington Woodturners club. AAW and SWWWT Club members receive a tuition discount of \$45.

REGISTRATION: Contact SWWWT Treasurer Brian Harte at blharte@gmail.com or 360-225-8265 to enroll. Registration deadline is December 1st, 2017.

MAP TO THE MULTNOMAH ARTS CENTER**7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219****NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS MEETING SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMS****1st Thursday at 7:00 PM****The Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219**

2017	Program	Challenge
Thursday, January 5	Annual Tool Swap Meet	Two-of-a-Kind/Matching Pieces
Thursday, February 2	Michael Ferreira (Decorative Finishes)	Reassembled Bowls
Thursday, March 2	Rick Rich (Windsor Stool)	Decorative Finishes
Thursday, April 6	Tom Willing (Eggs)	Windsor Stools
Thursday, May 4	Miguel Hernandez (Multi-axis Turning)	Eggs
Thursday, June 1	Lloyd Johnson (Trends in Segmented Turning)	Multi-axis Spindle work
Thursday, July 6	Tania Radda (Cold Bending Wood)	Segmented work
Saturday, August 5	Annual Auction and Picnic	none
Thursday, September 7	Richard Dlugo (Toys)	Winged Bowls
Thursday, October 5	Dan Tilden (Exploring Natural Edge Designs)	Carved or Textured Pieces
Thursday, November 2	Elections & Jerry Harris (Cowboy Hats)	Holiday Pieces
Thursday, December 7	No Meeting	Happy Holidays!

NOTE: Challenge topics were changed in February to better align with the demonstration topics.

OTHER WOODTURNER CLUBS 2017 MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

Please visit the individual club websites to verify the information presented below.

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR) (www.cwa49.wildapricot.org)

3rd Thursday, 6:45 PM at the Willamette Carpenters Training Center,
4222 NE 158th Ave., Portland, OR 97230

December 21: **No Meeting**

January 18, 2018: Jim Piper

Willamette Valley Woodturners (Salem, OR) (www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com)

2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM at the Salem Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd, NE Salem, OR 97303

December 14: Keith Gotschall (Quaich, a shallow, winged drinking cup)

December 16 & 17: Keith Gotschall Workshop, 9-5 at Terry Gerros' shop, \$200

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR) (www.beaverstatewoodturners.com)

4th Thursday, 6:00 PM at the Woodcraft Store, 155 Q St., Springfield, OR 9747

(NOTE NEW ADDRESS as/of Oct 2017)

December 28: Sarah Robinson (TBA)

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA) (www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com)

4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM at The Friends of the Carpenter's Center, 1600 West 20th St, Vancouver, WA

December 27: TBA

Woodturners of Olympia (Olympia, WA) (www.woodturnersofolympia.org)

2nd Tuesday, 6:30 PM at The First Baptist Church of Olympia, 904 Washington St. SE, Olympia, WA 98507

(NOTE NEW MEETING NIGHT & LOCATION as of Nov 2017)

December 12: TBA

2018 NATIONAL & REGIONAL SYMPOSIA**January 26-27, 2018****Tennessee Association of Woodturners 30th Annual Symposium
Franklin, TN****January 27-28, 2018****Alaska Woodturners Association Annual Symposium
Anchorage, AK****February 9, 2018****Florida Woodturning Symposium 2018
Leesburg, FL****March 10-11, 2018****Honolulu Woodturners Symposium
Honolulu, HI****June 14-17, 2018****AAW 32nd Annual International Symposium
Portland, OR****August 3-5, 2018****Turn-On! Chicago 2018 Symposium
Mundelein, IL****October 12-14, 2018****2018 Segmented Woodturners Symposium
St. Louis, MO****November 3-4, 2018****2018 Virginia Woodturning Symposium
Fishersville, VA****2019 & 2020 AAW NATIONAL SYMPOSIA****July 11-14, 2019****AAW 33rd International Woodturning Symposium
Raleigh, NC****June 4-7, 2020****AAW 34th International Woodturning Symposium
Louisville, KY**

LOCAL WOODWORKING STORE FREE DEMOS

Please visit the store websites to verify the information presented below.

Date	Demo	Location	Time
12/02	Bandsaw Techniques	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
12/02	TBA	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
12/02	Carving by Sharon and Ramos Reynosa	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
12/09	Bowl Turning	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
12/09	TBA	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
12/09	Woodburning by Shirley Malar	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
12/16	Production Sanding	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
12/16	TBA	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
12/16	Woodcarving by Jim Tharp	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
12/23	None	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
12/23	TBA	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
12/23	Woodburning by Mercedes McCreight	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
12/30	None	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
12/30	TBA	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
12/30	Woodcuts of Wildlife by Debby Neely	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Many other fine classes and demos are available from these local stores:

Rockler, Beaverton, 503-672-7266, <http://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/or/portland-store>

Woodcraft, Tigard, 503-684-1428, <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=312>

Woodcrafters, Portland, 503-231-0226, <http://www.woodcrafters.us/>

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All Newsletters can be accessed from the NWWT website www.northwestwoodturners.com. If you do not have internet access, provide me with your mailing address and newsletters will be sent via USPS.

If you do not receive a courtesy email from me by the beginning of the month indicating that a new newsletter is available on line, please send me your current email address.

Submissions to the newsletter are due by the last Thursday of the month. Articles, tips, web links, classified ads, or other woodturning-related items are welcome.

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