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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Woodturners,

I was the featured demonstrator at Willamette Valley Woodturners this month. As usual I practiced my chosen project four or five times leading up to the actual demonstration, but despite being well prepared my demonstration was somewhat humbling. In my effort to repeat my earring stand one last time the morning of the demonstration I neglected to put my drilling jig in my tool bag, and didn't realize my error until the demonstration was well underway. Fortunately there was a break during the demo, during which I called my wife, described the tool, directed her to likely locations in my workshop, and begged for rescue. I restructured my order of turning and she arrived with the drilling jig exactly when I needed it. Despite my efforts and experience, I couldn't have succeeded without her help.

Our club is much the same. We have a very capable and thankfully dedicated leadership team, without whom our club couldn't thrive. This month is particularly exciting as Miguel Hernandez, who began turning several years ago and has developed into an excellent turner with an incredibly fast learning curve, has decided to step up and become our May demonstrator. Demonstrating becomes easier with time such that we often have the same relatively small group of turners who are more comfortable standing before the club, giving repeated demonstrations over time. I'm hoping that Miguel's willingness to participate will be encouragement for others in the future, as I think we have something to learn from everyone.

Please check your calendars and sign up for the Windsor stool class scheduled for Saturday May 13th. There are spaces available and without adequate participation we'll be forced to cancel the class. Keep turning, and thanks in advance to Miguel.

— Steve

CLUB INFO

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www.northwestwoodturners.com

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VP's CORNER

Over the past two years I have noted that Miguel Hernandez consistently brings in his turnings that impress us all and he often wins the prize. The day I discovered this club was at the Expo Center over 3 years ago and it was Miguel I was watching do a demo. I signed up right then and there and wanted to learn what he was doing. I still marvel at the work he brings in.

With Lynne Hemmert's encouragement, Miguel agreed to demonstrate one of many skills he has mastered – multi axis, off center turnings. I invited Miguel to come to my shop and show me how it is done. I took copious notes and with Miguel's help in editing them, those notes are now uploaded to our website. I recommend you print off a copy and bring it to the meeting to follow along and add your own notes.

This is your last chance to consider attending the Windsor Stool Class that will be taught by Rick Rich on May 13th, Saturday. Terry Tanner, our class coordinator, made the arrangements for it to be held at Cottage 5 at the MAC. Rick was our March demonstrator and the making of the stool was well received. The Board set the fee at \$75 for this day class and that includes materials! So, for those who sign up and show up, you will receive the benefit of an experienced instructor and leave the class with a 4 legged stool. Rick will also provide his step by step instructions in a document so that you may make another stool on your own.

Please send me your ideas for club meeting demonstrations. We are now booked out through September and need to fill out the remaining months of the year. My idea for October is a 3 or 4-station demo night on holiday ornaments. Volunteers? I can make snowmen/women and birdhouse ornaments. Who will join me?

For November...have any of you ever turned a turkey shape on the lathe? 😊

— Mike Porter

MAY 2017 PROGRAM – MIGUEL HERNANDEZ

Miguel Hernandez will demonstrate his multi-axis, spindle turning techniques that he has successfully used to create a variety of forms. He will bring several of his creations for you to admire, and demonstrate how a few basic techniques can be used to create a variety of beautiful forms.



RICK RICH WINDSOR STOOL CLASS — MAY13,2017

Date: May 13th, Saturday

Location: Cottage 5, Multnomah Arts Center

Time: 9am-3pm

Cost: \$75 (includes materials)



If you enjoyed Rick Rich's excellent demo at the March NWWT meeting where he showed us how he makes a Windsor stool, a useful and traditional piece of furniture, then you'll love this class. You'll receive instruction in repetitive spindle turning for the legs and face work for the seat. Included will be Rick's methods for laying out and drilling the seat for the legs and glue up. His approach will be useful for other similar furniture such as a taller stool.

Rick uses a direct and helpful approach to his demonstrating and teaching. His methods are very thorough and he addresses all the details. Having made over 30 of these stools, his method is well thought out and proven.

There's only room for eight students, so sign up now on the NWWT web site Events page (<http://www.northwestwoodturners.com/events>). Cost includes the materials to make one four legged stool from maple.

Important:

- Bring your safety equipment - eye protection, dust protection and ear protection.
- Bring your turning tools and be sure your name is on all of them.

TURNIN' N LEARNIN' — CHAPTER 13 by Mike Porter

Hi, once again, fellow "Learnin' Turners" ...today I was reminded of the old bumper sticker..."any day spent fishing is better than any day spent working", or words to that sentiment. Wood turners have our version. As a retired guy I find I just enjoy being in the shop and enjoy just about all that I do in there. The time flies by and I never feel that I should have been doing something else. Well, maybe for a moment a hint of guilt tries to grab hold of me but I learning to ignore non turning thoughts.

Today I joked with my wife..."Did you know that time spent woodturning is an antidote for senility?" She was on to me, of course..."Now what do you want to buy?" Hmmm. Anyway, by almost any standard, my brain is pretty healthy these days. This past week I completed my 40th coffee scoop! I've gifted or sold all but 3 of them and the orders are coming in still. I started by giving them away to family and a few close friends, but now charge \$15 and am donating the proceeds to a charity of my choice. (More on that in another article as I see an opportunity for the club to raise money to advance woodturning to young folks.)

Nick Cook demo'd making coffee scoops, among other small items, at the Oregon Symposium. He said to the effect, "By making the same object over and over, it is a very effective and perhaps one of the best learning experiences". I am now a convert to this way of thinking and doing.

Here are a few of my "learnings" that you may find useful:

- I now use fewer tools and use them more effectively to make each scoop; I've reduced the tools used to about 5, maximum. I have stopped experimenting and get to business.

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TURNIN' N LEARNIN' — CHAPTER 13 by Mike Porter (continued)

- I cut my time to make each scoop by more than half; less than 30 min. total; note that Nick Cook can do it in half as fast. You can watch him on the Sorby YouTube channel.
- I only need to measure with a few prescribed dimensions at the start, then I can cut almost all of it by eye and with time saving jigs like a 6mm wrench for the handle tenon.
- When I do have to measure, I prefer to use metric and not inches; it's faster to add/subtract in MM and easier to remember the numbers and read them on the Vernier calipers.
- Clean cuts with sharp tools greatly reduces sanding time...GREATLY! A sharp skew cuts so very smooth down the length of a spindle piece or on the backside of the scoop's cup.
- Watch the pro do it on YouTube or the DVD, then try their method. Then, adapt what works for you. I still cannot do the spindle gouge hollowing technique to hollow out the cup and find a round nose scraper much faster with no catches.
- Make a mistake and ruin it? Yep, done that. Stare at it, understand what happened and why, absorb the learning and mount another blank on the lathe. It's just wood and I have lots of it.

What's next for me after I fill my coffee scoop orders? More spindle work, I think...those bowl blanks on the shelf are going to have to wait another month. Keep turnin' and learnin' my friends.

APRIL 2017 PROGRAM – TOM WILLING

At the April meeting, our very own Tom Willing demonstrated his perfected techniques for turning egg-shaped pieces. Not only did we see his skilled use of tools, but also learned more about making and using jam chucks. Tom is an excellent demonstrator, not only because of his turning skill but because of his many years as a school teacher.

If you missed the demonstration, or need a refresher, his detailed handout is available for download in the Members Only section of our web site on the Event/Class Documents page.



LEE PARKS ESTATE SALE REPORT by Roger Crooks

Saturday, April 29th, was the sale for Lee Parks' shop equipment, tools and materials. Lee, a current member and a past president of NWWT, was an avid woodturner and woodworker, but because of declining health he and his wife are moving into an assisted living facility and he must give up his shop. NWWT partnered with the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers to manage the sale. So, on Friday, April 28th, 15-20 members of NWWT and the Guild worked most of the day setting up for the sale in Newberg—moving items and equipment out of Lee's two-car garage workshop and other storage areas, organizing items and wood, and cleaning off the inevitable accumulation of sawdust and wood chips – in preparation for the sale on Saturday. Thanks to all who came out for your tremendous help!

On Saturday morning, there were about a dozen club members on hand at 9am to finish organizing and pricing everything, and to be available to assist potential buyers during the sale. By the 10am opening time, there was a crowd of 30-40 potential buyers waiting to be admitted!

Many good bargains were acquired during the day and total receipts were over \$5000! And, when the Jet bandsaw and General lathe sell, they should add about another \$2,000. After expenses (<\$200), NWWT and the Guild will each clear about \$600 with the balance going to Lee.

Lee and his family were extremely appreciative of the turnout from the clubs, all the work we did and the cleanup at the end.

These sales are a lot of work, and Lee's was at the top of the list of challenging ones because of the high number of items and large amount of wood; but in the end, it was a win-win event for Lee, people who came and our clubs. Thanks to everyone who helped — these are great community service projects which are part of both club's charters. Looking forward, perhaps it's not too soon for many of us to start thinking about what to do with our own shops when we are no longer able to use them, and let our families know about services such as we provided Lee, as well as the possibility of donating our shops to 501(c)(3) organizations such as NWWT.



Photo by Wayne Paulsen



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APRIL CHALLENGE — WINDSOR STOOL

There were no Challenge entries this month 😞 !

APRIL SHOW-n-TELL

Editor's Note: The Happy 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 3.2" (81 mm) tall.

Winner
Dan Ehrenfreund

Recorder
~ 1" dia. X 12-1/2" Long



Alex McDowell

Walnut Candle Holder
7-1/2" dia. x 1-3/4" high
(6-1/2" across flats)



Larry Klick

Maple & Purple Heart Bowl
8-1/4" dia. x 2-1/4" high



Walnut Bowl
9-3/8" dia. x 2-1/2" high



Steve Newberry

Multi-axis Faceplate Project
7-1/2" x 4" x 3-3/4" high
2-3/4" dia. x 2-3/4" deep



APRIL SHOW-n-TELL (continued)

Roger Crooks

Figured Maple Lidded Box
6" dia. x 3-1/2" high x 1-3/4" deep



Maple Burl Lidded Box
5-1/4" dia. x 2-1/2" high x 1-1/2" deep



Roy Ackley

Walnut Candlestick
1-3/4" dia. x 12" tall
4" dia. Base



Bill Karow

Plum Dish
7-1/4" dia. x 1-1/4" high



Natural Edge Oak Bowl
11-3/4" x 9-5/8" x 2-3/4" high



APRIL SHOW-n-TELL (continued)

Phil Lapp

Myrtle Hollow Forms

5" dia. x 7" high plus 3-1/4" Finial

4-1/2" dia. x 4-1/2" high plus 3" Finial

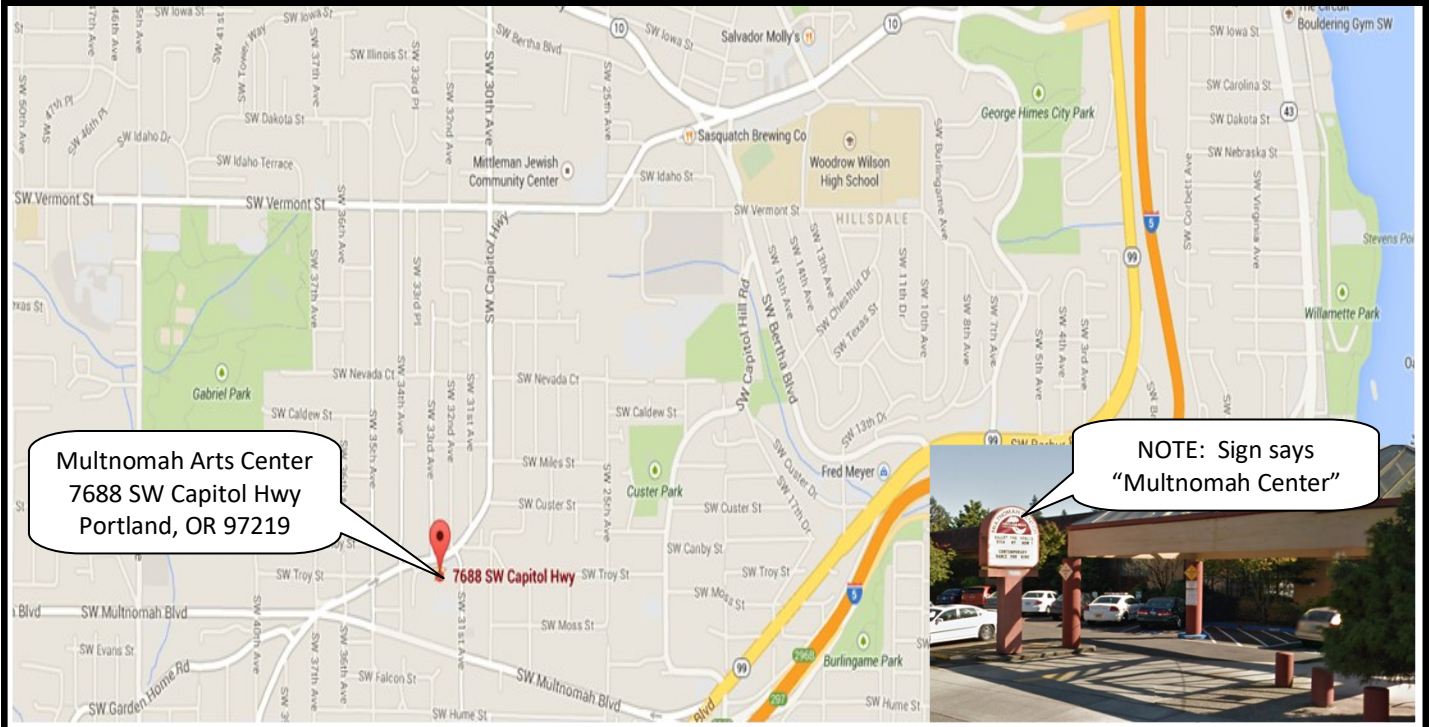
2-3/4" dia. x 3-1/4" high plus 2-3/4" Finial



Jay Johnston

Brake Bleeder Vacuum Pump Kit for
Impregnating dye into wood blanks



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	none
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	TBD	Carved or Textured Pieces
Thursday, November 2	Elections	TBD
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

May 18: Howard Borer

June 15: TBA

July 20: Michael Mocho

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

May 18: Bruce Strangeby and Terry Gerros (Hollowing Tools)

June 8: Al Stirt

July 13: Eric Löfström

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

4th Thursday, 6:00 PM at the Woodcraft Store, 1052 Green Acres Rd, Eugene, OR 97408

May 25: Terry Gerros (TBA)

June 22: Nick Stagg (Basic Bowl: Curves, Cuts and Techniques)

July 27: Sara Robinson (Turning Spalted Wood)

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

May 24: TBA

June 28: TBA

July 26: TBA

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

4th Thursday, 6:30 PM at the Thurston County Fairgrounds, Carpenter Road SE, Lacey, WA

May 25: TBA

June 22: TBA

2017 NATIONAL & REGIONAL SYMPOSIA and EVENTS

May 10-13, 2017
Utah Woodturning Symposium
Orem, Utah

May 19-August 8, 2017
Summer 2017 Wood Workshops at Appalachian Center for Craft
Smithville, TN

June 22-25, 2017
2017 AAW Symposium
6/22/2017 » 6/25/2017
Kansas City, MO



July 3-October 20, 2017
Center for Furniture Craftsmanship
One-week Woodturning Workshops
Rockport, ME

August 12-13, 2017
Oregon City Festival of the Arts
End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive & Visitor Information Center, 1726 Washington St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Sponsored by Three Rivers Artist Guild, www.threeriversartistguild.com

21st Annual Art in the Pearl
September 2-4, 2016
North Parks Blocks, Portland, Oregon

September 15-17, 2017
Turning Southern Style, Georgia Association of Woodturners
Dalton, GA

October 13-15, 2017
Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild Symposium "Turning 2017"
West Harrison, IN

October 27-29, 2017
Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium
Lancaster, PA

November 3-5, 2017
North Carolina Woodturning Symposium
Greensboro, NC

2018 NATIONAL & REGIONAL SYMPOSIA and EVENTS

June 14-17, 2018
AAW Annual International Symposium
Portland, OR

LOCAL WOODWORKING STORE FREE DEMOS

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

Date	Demo	Location	Time
05/06	Knife Making using the Rikon Sander	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
05/06	Finishes	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
05/06	Turning Spheres by Poest	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
05/13	Wood Finishing	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
05/13	Scroll Saw	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
05/13	Woodburning by Shirley Malar	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
05/20	Pen Turning	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
05/20	Files and Rasps	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
05/20	Woodcarving by Jim Tharp	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
05/27	Laser Machines	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
05/27	Shop Safety	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 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>

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800-556-3106, www.nwfiguredwoods.com, vivid@stabilizedwoods.com



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Andrea Banfield had an ash tree come down a few weeks ago in Milwaukie and is offering wood to whoever wants it. The diameter of the trunk ranges from about 3' to a little less than 2'. If interested, contact Andrea at 360-953-4814 or rainfallrest@gmail.com.

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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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