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— SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021 — **NWWT PICNIC & AUCTION**

NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE · ROGER CROOKS



Hope all are enjoying the summer weather which has been great except for the "Heat Dome" week that hit 116 degrees. At 90 I had to give up on the lathe — dust and sweat don't mix well.

COVID Issues

Life is getting back to normal. Let's hope that the Delta Variant does not put us back into restrictions and masks. As always, we will follow OHA guidelines.

Party Time! - August 7 - Save The Date

par·ty (noun) — a social gathering of invited guests, typically involving eating, drinking, and entertainment.

Been so long, I had to look up the definition of "Party". What a unique concept, interacting with people without a keyboard.

This will be our first get together in about a year and a half so I'm hoping we break all attendance records. It will be great seeing everyone again. See details below.

Multnomah Days - August 21, 2021

We will have a 10'x18' booth like we had a few years ago. We still have a spot for another seller so please contact me if interested. Also since this is the same time and our Turning Talk, our next Turning Talk will be September 18.

Turning Classes

We are working on the fall class schedule which will again have our 3 Basics classes (Bowls, Spindles, and Sharpening) and will be adding a new Intermediate Bowl class. Many thanks to Dave Wood for arranging these classes (along with the facility and the donuts) Watch your email for availability.

September General Meeting

Since August is our BBQ and Auction, out next general meeting is September where we will have Dale Larson doing an excellent demo of finishing a twice turned bowl. After dry, Dale goes step by step of getting it back round (including the base) to the final sanding and finishing. By the way – I have found a solution to video streaming on Zoom that solves the audio problems we sometimes have. Deep in the bowels of Zoom is a switch to optimize for video streaming, but it fixes the audio issues also.

Open Shop - September 4

No Open Shop in August as the NWWT BBQ will take place on that Saturday. We will have our new club lathe up and running so come check it out. Please sign-up ASAP to reserve you slot <u>HERE</u>.

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CLUB INFO

NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS

www.northwestwoodturners.com

Meetings are held at 7pm on the 1st Thursday of each month at:

The Multnomah Arts Center 7688 SW Capitol Hwy Portland, OR 97219 [map]

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

NWWT Store

Remember you can order anytime now. If you order quickly, maybe pick up at the BBQ this Saturday. Since no August Open Shop, order enough for the summer as the next pickup is September 04.

General Meetings & Demonstrations

We will continue to meet remotely throughout this year, and Kevin White has a great lineup detailed below. Our tentative plan for 2022 is to start back at the MAC with our annual Tool Swap meeting for January. After that, Kevin is lining up our in-person demonstrators, including professionals that will stay for 2 days of classes. We will also simulcast our demonstrators over Zoom, giving you a choice to watch or attend.

Party Time!

We also agreed to start back with our annual BBQ & auction. Many thanks to Dave Williams who has again offered his house for the event. Details below.

-Roger



VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" · KEVIN WHITE



Monthly Program Update

We will be having the annual auction in August which you will not want to miss. It is always a lot of fun. Do not forget to bring a comfortable chair for the auction.

We are making a change in our **September** demonstration. As you recall we watched Dale Larson show us how to make an Oval Bowl during our July Virtual Demonstration. Part two in September will be on how to finish those bowls. Dale is an expert turning the bowls for sure, and he is just equally great at finishing them. Hopefully, you saw and enjoyed the Oval Bowl demonstration, and you certainly will not want to miss part two and finishing. Finishing well can be the difference between an ok turning and an outstanding turning.

October is still in the planning stages since John Cobb has moved to 2022



In **November**, NWWT club member, Bill Karow will be demonstrating how he bleaches, ebonizes and fumes wood to enhance the finished pieces. The picture on the right is Bill with David Ellsworth. The pictures below are some examples of his bleaching, fuming and ebonizing.

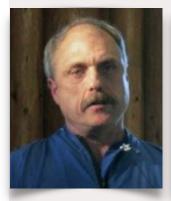






VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" (CONT.)

Our first in person demonstration since Covid shutdown will be at the Multnomah Arts Center in **February 2022**. **Jimmie Allen** aka 'the Boxmaster' who you might recall had been planned as our demonstrator for April 2020 prior to the Covid shutdown. Jimmie will be back turning for us and I am sure he will show us how to use negative rake scrapers and other tools he sells. The pictures are from his gallery.









In **March** next year we will have our first demonstrator giving us a condensed version at our Thursday evening meeting of what he will do in hands-on classes or all-day demonstrations on Friday and Saturday following our meeting. **Eric Lofstrom** is an excellent teacher and demonstrator and a lot of fun to watch and learn from. Below are a few of the items from his gallery.









Jimmy Clewes another great and well-known turner will be here for three days starting with Thursday meeting and then hands-on and all-day class Friday and Saturday. "Jimmy is not your ordinary woodturner. Upon a first meeting one would think of him as a renegade, a free thinker and not within the stereotypical image of a woodturner. His charming British style, unending wit, creative mind and magnetic personality are only some of the attributes that make him popular in the woodturning demonstration circuit."

Plan now to attend both these high energy demonstrators for three-day events in **March** and **May** next year.

All this is just the beginning of what is in planning stages for 2022 and in person face-to-face meetings.

—Kevin

NWWT ANNUAL AUCTION & PICNIC · AUGUST 7TH



NWWT Annual Auction and Picnic - WE ARE BACK!

- When August 7, Saturday Starting at about 11:00-12:00
- Where David & Karen Williams' home: 6675 SW 155th Ave, Beaverton

At our last board meeting, the board agreed to hold our annual BBQ and picnic. Many thanks to David and Karen Williams who have agreed to once again, host the event. Dave Colsen, professional auctioneer, will again be our moderator.

What is It

This is our annual fund and fun raiser. It is a critical event in keeping NWWT in good financial shape and provides fantastic bargains for our members. Also, it has been some time since we have seen each other face to face so a great opportunity to renew friendships. If you are new to turning and looking for tools or wood to turn, this is your chance to pick up a year's worth of wood for pennies on the dollar.

How Can You Help

First – Please register **HERE**

We HOPE to have generous donations from Rockler and other vendors that we will be contacting but the majority of items are from other members. Below are items that have been popular in the past. If you plan to donate wood or have questions on possible donations — please ask me, Mike Meredith, or Bill Karow for advice.

• **Turned Items** – Donate one of your favorite pieces and let members bid on it.



NWWT ANNUAL AUCTION & PICNIC · AUGUST 7th (CONT.)

Good Wood – We are looking for nice wood, wood that
you would buy yourself. Figured wood, green wood,
crotch pieces, burls, etc. All items should be sealed and
ready to turn. We always appreciate quality over quantity,
big and small pieces, bowl, spindle, and hollow form
blanks. Please be critical in what you pick to donate so we
are not left with firewood.

One possibility that we have done at past auctions, is to look at recently downed trees and we form a cutting party to the auction. If interested, contact me.

- Tools and Jigs Good tools and jigs are always popular so look at your inventory and see what duplicates or tools you no longer use.
- Food Salads, fruit, cookies, etc. are welcome.



New Members

If you are new to the club or have never been to our auction, we start with a great BBQ at around noon. We always appreciate for members to bring a dish to share — fruit, dessert, and side dishes. We will take care of the meat. You will have plenty of time to browse the donations and pick out your target items.



11:00 — Arrival time if you can help set-up or have donations to unload.

12:00 — BBQ Open

1:00 — Auction

At around 1:00, after everyone if full, rather than taking a nap we start our auction and again we will have the professional auctioneer as we have had in the past which keeps the show lively and fun.

We hope to see you there!

-Roger

Note, in the past we have had members who could not make the auction but would like to make a contribution to the club. If you are one of them, you can easily donate online at <u>northwestwoodturners/</u>
<u>Donate</u>. NWWT is a 501-c3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.





IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION

UPDATED 8/2/2021

Selected in-person activities have started again including NWWT BBQ/Auction, Open Shop, Basic Classes, and Store Pickup.

In general, our policy is following state and CDC guidelines in all activities. For certain events, we can be more conservative and require additional guidelines.

All Events - Masks are required for non-vaccinated members at all NWWT in-person events.

NWWT Open Shop - Masks are up to the vaccinated individual.

Classes - Masks are up to the vaccinated member.

August 7 - NWWT BBQ/Auction - Masks are required for all.

Please adhere to the above practices to ensure your safety and the safety of your fellow club members.

-Roger

WHY TURN? · ROGER CROOKS

This was the subject at a presentation given to the Guild of Oregon Woodworker's July monthly meeting. The Guild has over a thousand woodworkers of all skill levels as well as a shop in Multnomah Village with professional woodworking equipment. They put on over 150 "Flat Work" classes each year, make thousands of toys for charity and many other activities. However, they do not have a lathe or teach wood turning.

I was asked to do a presentation on Wood Turning so I recruited 4 other members to help – Dave Wood, Mike Meredith, Tom Willing and John Beechwood who all did a great job. The target audience was woodworkers who never turned and how to get started. We developed a series of PowerPoint presentations which will be posted on our website soon. They were well received, with comments like "professional" and "comprehensive."

Agenda

- ❖Why Turn What can I make on a lathe
- ❖ Picking a Lathe Benchtop to free standing, power, what the numbers mean, etc
- Chucking Techniques How to hold the piece
- ❖ Tools gouges, scrappers, skews, etc What each tool is for and what to start with
- ❖Sharpening equipment and jigs Sharp tools are a MUST
- ❖ Finishing a product A perfect bowl with a crappy finish is a crappy bowl
- Resources Local and online

—Roger

MULTNOMAH DAY - AUGUST 21, 2021

The Multnomah Village Business Association voted to hold this very popular event this year.

We had a 10' booth two years ago that did well. If you are interested in selling your work, please let me know. Due to the 10' space, we are probably limited to 5 or 6 sellers. Sellers will be asked to work one of the slots.

I am looking for a point person for the show. This is not a huge job. Basically, you just need to set up a volunteer schedule, help setup and tear down the booth, and coordinate the sellers. You will have plenty of help.

-Roger



CAN NWWT HELP YOU SELL YOUR PRODUCTS?

A topic at every board meeting is how NWWT can help our members. The Company Store is a great example, and opportunities like the Multnomah Day booth is another. Classes and Open Shop help our new turners.

For our more advanced members, we agreed to look at how NWWT can help members sell online. The general idea is to do a special website for our selling members, and NWWT will provide the marketing and promotion for that site which will link to your website or Etsy page. See www.shop.goow.org/ for a draft mock-up of what the site might look like.

The only obvious requirement is to have your own website or Etsy page. If enough interest, we can provide a training session for how to get started on Etsy. But before we embark on the work, we need to know how many members would be interested. Watch your email for a quick poll. If not interested, please just respond with a no.

-Roger

NWWT TURNING TALK · SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18



The next Turning Talk is planned for Saturday, September 18 @ 9:00 AM, so send me your questions and plan to participate. nwwt.rogercrooks@comcast.net

It would be really helpful if you can send questions in ahead of time so we can be prepared, but live questions are welcome. Remember, this is a discussion group and the comments you hear are what we do or what we think. Not all of us are experts, so use your best judgement in what you do in your own shop.

For security reasons, log-in details will be sent to you before the event via email, along with the selected topic.

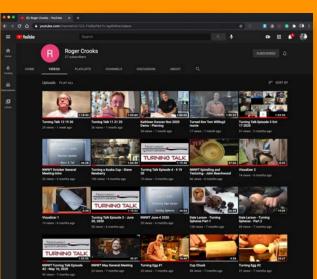
-Roger

NWWT Turning Talk 9-10am Saturday, September 18

RECORDED MEETINGS & DEMOS

The July 2021 Turning Talk is available for viewing, as are all the others. Remember, to view past meetings, go to the NWWT Calendar. Recorded meetings are highlighted in **orange**. Click on the meeting to get the link. Lots of things were covered, but the main topic was hollowing techniques and products.





JULY CHALLENGE • HOLLOW FORMS (& PODLETS)







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JUNE SHOW-N-TELL









THE GEORGE BUSH BUTTERNUT TREE



The original Bush Butternut tree in 2008. Although severely damaged in a 2015 windstorm, the tree survived.

Photo credit: Washington State Department of Enterprise Services

—Kim Hoover

A huge 175 year old, historic Butternut tree fell over recently near Olympia. It was planted in 1845 after being brought over from Missouri along the Oregon Trail by pioneer George Bush. At that time, the Oregon Provisional Government laws prevented Bush from settling in Oregon because of his race, his father was black. He traveled on north with a few other families to settle near what is now Tumwater, where they established the first permanent American settlement in the Puget Sound area.

Ray Gleason, the arborist who has cared for this tree the past several years wishes to preserve its heritage in works of art that can be displayed across the country in places like museums and schools. He is seeking artisans, including woodturners, willing to create items from this wood. He stipulates that everything made is to be donated and not sold.

If you know of anyone who would like to participate in such an endeavor, please contact me, kim_hoover@comcast.net, or Ray cast.com.

For a brief history this tree, see https://www.thurstontalk.com/2018/02/11/george-bush-butternut-tree-washington-state/.



A sapling from the original Bush butternut tree is located across from the Helen Sommers Building near the World War II Memorial. Photo credit: Jennifer Crooks

202I NWWT MEETINGS & DEMONSTRATORS



DUE TO THE COVID, MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

DATE	PROGRAM	MONTHLY CHALLENGE
Thursday, January 7	Mike Meredith — Chainsaw Maintenance, Sharpening and Safety / Tool Swap	Holiday Presents
Thursday, February 4	Michael Alguire — Intricate Hollow Forms	More Holiday Stuff
Thursday, March 4	Betty Simnitt — Basket Illusion Technique	Piercings or Round Wheels (or both)
Thursday, April 1	David Ellsworth — (Need we say more!?)	Basket Illusions (or similar pyrography)
Thursday, May 6	Roger Crooks — Square Plates	Natural Edge Bowl
Thursday, June 3	Greg Gallagos — Podlets	Square Items
Thursday, July 1	Dale Larson — Oval Bowls	Hollow Items
Saturday, August 7	BBQ Picnic & Auction!!!	N/A
Thursday, September 2	Dale Larson — Finishing a Twice Turned Bowl	Oval Bowl (any size)
Thursday, October 7	TBD	TBD
Thursday, November 4	Bill Karow — Bleaching / Fuming / Ebonizing	TBD
Thursday, December 2	No Meeting	Happy Holidays!

BULLETIN BOARD

On July 10, we had a sale at Bob Espen's place in Toledo. We sold some of the wood and tools. Here is what is left for sale. If you are interested call Teresa Espen and work out a time. 360-269-3886

- Woodfast lathe M910 long bed asking \$1400
- Stronghold chuck \$200
- Axminister chuck with extra jaws \$250
- Stewart hollowing system with extra curved hollowing pieces \$150

She also has lots of roughed out bowls and hollow forms, mostly figured Big Leaf Maple and lots of hand turning tools including gouges.

-Dale



Past Cascade member Vince Nance is "retiring" from woodturning and selling his equipment. He has sold one lathe and some other equipment. Here is what is left for sale. Vince lives in inner SE Portland. If you are interested, call Vince and set up a time. 503-719-5316.

- General Lathe M160 110 Vt, capacity 12", variable speed, asking \$600
- Clean Stream dust collector 2 bag, 1 1/2hp, 100/220 asking \$150
- Grizzly table saw 3hp 10" asking \$300
- Makita miter saw LS1000 10" \$50
- Delta drill press 17-968 asking \$350

Thanks,

-Dale

OTHER WOODTURNING CLUBS . MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Please check individual club websites for current information on their monthly online meetings.



WOODTURNERS OF OLYMPIA

woodturnersofolympia.org

2nd TUESDAY of every month @ 6:30pm

First Baptist Church of Olympia 904 Washington St. SE, Olympia, WA 98507 [map]



CASCADE WOODTURNERS

cascadewoodturners.com

3rd THURSDAY of every month @ 6:45pm

Willamette Carpenters Training Center 4222 NE 158th Ave, Portland, OR 97230 [map]



PACIFIC NORTHWEST WOODTURNING GUILD

woodturningguild.com

2nd WEDNESDAY of every month @ 7:00pm

MWA Architects
70 NW Couch St, Portland, OR [map]



SW WASHINGTON WOODTURNERS

southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

4th WEDNESDAY of every month @ 7:00pm

Friends of the Carpenter's Center 1600 W 20th St, Vancouver, WA 98660 [map]



WILLAMETTE VALLEY WOODTURNERS

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2nd THURSDAY of every month @ 6:30pm

Center 50+ Senior Center 2615 Portland Rd, NE Salem, OR 97303 [map]



BEAVER STATE WOODTURNERS

beaverstatewoodturners.com

4th THURSDAY of every month @ 6:00pm

Coburg Community Charter School 91274 N Coburg Rd, Coburg, OR 97408 [map]

VENDOR SPONSORS ARE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

A key component of our financial stability as a club is our vendor sponsors. Our vendors provide periodic gift certificates for the raffle and our annual auction. In addition we receive product donations from some of them. If that were not enough, some also give individual discounts to club members. All this contributes to our financial health. We encourage all of you to patronize our vendor sponsors. It is good for you, good for them, and good for the club.



Click on each logo to go to their website





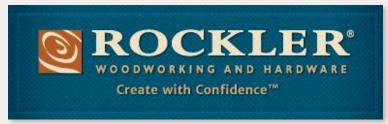




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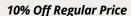


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Special note regarding Northwoods Figured Wood: Northwoods is evolving into a slab supplier and will no longer be in the turning blank business. We are sorry to see them go. They were a huge sponsor for us. We thank them deeply for their historical support and wish them the best in their new endeavor.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Past newsletters can be accessed from the NWWT website here.

If you don't have internet access, provide me with your mailing address, and I will print out a copy, lick a stamp and mail a copy of the newsletter to you via U.S. Postal Service.

If you do not receive a courtesy email from me by the beginning of the month indicating that a new newsletter is available online, 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 and other woodturning-related items are welcome! Send them to me.

For other business inquiries, contact Northwest Woodturners at:

Northwest Woodturners P.O. Box 1157 Lake Oswego, OR 97035

NWWT membership has benefits!

Show your NWWT Membership Card to receive a discount off your purchase at Gilmer Wood, Rockler, Woodcraft, Woodcrafters, Crosscut Hardwoods and Milwaukie Hardwoods.





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