

NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • ROGER CROOKS



The holidays are just around the corner, so hope you are all ready with your presents.

Basic Turning Classes

Our sold-out Intermediate Bowl class went very well (see below) and made a great compliment to our Basic Bowl and Spindle classes. This was our first time giving this class and while we learned a few things for next time, it basically was well planned, and students all went home as better bowl turners.

As in the other classes, NWWT's value-add are the helpers. We have close to one-on-one supervision for the students. This close monitoring lets us fix problems immediately so students learn and practice the right techniques. Great job by lead instructor, Steve Newberry with Skip Burke, Jason Goodrich, Mike Meredith, and Dave Wood helping out.

NEW Advanced Sharpening Class – Dec 4

Our Basics Sharpening class covers the basic techniques of sharpening with the Wolverine jig. While this will solve 90% of our membership's sharpening needs, there are other ways to sharpen, including hand sharpening. This class will explain more how the Wolverine jig works, explore hand sharpening techniques, tool reshaping, and review other sharpening systems. The class is full, but if interested, put your name on the waitlist which will help us know when to schedule the next class. Register [HERE](#)

December General Meeting & Turning Talk – Holiday Break

As is our tradition, we are taking December off, but anyone who feels the need — check out our [NWWT YouTube Channel](#).

2022 Community Service Program – Toys

At our last board meeting, I presented a plan to build toys for charitable organizations. The board agreed to pursue the idea. We are looking for a leader to work on the logistics and members to make the toys. See the article below.

January General Meeting – January 6, 2022

January is our traditional swap meet. Last year, we did it somewhat successfully online, but nothing beats doing it in person where you can touch and feel the items before buying. We do not yet have confirmation that the MAC center will be open for us, but we are operating as if it will be. If not, we will do it online again.

For our new members, this is an opportunity for members to sell things they no longer use or have upgraded to a newer tool and for others to get great deals. I have done well both selling and buying at this event. Check your shop and gather the items you no longer use.

2022 Elections

Thanks to all those who attended the November online meeting for unanimously approving the NWWT board for 2022. We are all looking forward to a new year and hopefully seeing each other in person.

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.)

Open Shop – December 11 – ON FOR DECEMBER!

We've added tool sharpening as a standard feature of Open Shop so even if you don't want to turn, bring your tools and get them sharp. We are adding a "special feature" presentation to each session to enhance your experience. Last month's special presentation was Dave Wood showing segmented bowl rims.

Due to the limited lathes, we ask that you register for the session, but if you wake up Saturday morning and have the urge to talk woodturning, you are welcome to come without registering. Just be advised that registered people have first use of the lathes. Register [HERE](#)

NWWT Store

John Sutter, our store manager will have the store open at Open Shop Saturday, Dec 11, from 10:00 – 12:00. We will be able to take cash, check, or credit cards. Get all the supplies you need for the holidays!

Penn State Industries Discount

All members should have received the email below from Penn State. Make sure it did not go into your spam folder. For online companies, I need to send them our membership list annually so they can enter you into their club database. Klingspor also has a club program like this. Both companies need you to set up an account on their website using the same email address as you use for our website (username). Both companies say they do not sell their customer list.

Your name has been given to us by your Woodturning Club OR003 Northwest Woodturners. You, as a member of your club, are entitled to a discount for any and all products purchased from Penn State Industries. Once your account is set up, all you have to do is go onto our website (www.pennstateind.com), log into your account, and make a purchase. A 10% discount will be applied to your basket at checkout. That's it !!

Note you will NOT be able to receive club discounts unless you are properly logged into our site.

—Roger

IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION

NWWT Requires "Proof of Vaccination" for In-Person Events as of October 1, 2021

As a means of increasing the level of safety at our In-Person Events, the NWWT Board unanimously voted to require "Proof of Vaccination" for all In-Person activities – General Meetings, Classes, Open Shop, etc.

Both members and non-members who attend an in-person event shall be fully vaccinated. According to the CDC, people are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna) or two weeks after a single dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).

Event	Proof of Vaccination	Masks Required	Social Distancing
Meetings	Yes	Yes	Best you can
Classes	Yes	Yes	Best you can
Open Shop	Yes	Yes	Best you can

Member Profile

To ease implementation such that you do not need to show your vaccination card at each event, we will be adding this information to your member profile. This information is only viewable by you, the webmaster, and select board members.

To save time at the events, please send a picture of your vaccination card to nwwt.rogercrooks@comcast.net, and I will add it to your profile. Otherwise, bring it with you at the event, and I will add it the next week. Our current policy is highlighted on our website — northwestwoodturners.com/COVID. Please adhere to the above and be safe yourself, along with your fellow club members.

—Roger

VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" • KEVIN WHITE

**December Monthly Program Update**

It is now December 2021, and what a different kind of year it has been! Marked by the "UN's" — UNpredictable, UNknowable, UNforeseen, UNplannable, and on and on.

It also was the most innovative, unique and member-involved year I have seen since becoming a member of NWWT about 10 years ago. We have had regular monthly meeting and demonstrations as always, but also other demonstrations, classes, in person hands-on training, open forums for member communication and learning, and other opportunities for members to be involved. To sum it up, it has been an exciting, fun-filled year with a lot of new involvement.

2022 will have even more exciting events with accomplished woodturners demonstrating for us, and many other opportunities to be involved and learn to turn.

For 2022, we will continue to have the Monthly Challenge of turning a particular item, but also a new category for the Most Unique Turning.

"Unique" can mean creating something original — whether it be in turning, coloring, painting, different size or proportion, or even traditional items done differently or with a new material. You could potentially win both Challenges with one item by doing the named item differently. Turners are certainly artistic, and we have seen many unique items in the past. Now the unique and different will be a Monthly Challenge!

The Monthly Challenge for January will be a piece finished with Ebonizing, Bleaching or Fuming, and the new monthly challenge for the Most Unique Turning.

—Kevin

**2021 NWWT Demonstrators**

NWWT OPEN SHOP • SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

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OPEN SHOP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021

9AM - 12PM

DAVE WOOD'S SHOP

24250 SW 65TH AVE, TUALATIN OR 97062

LEARN TO TURN & LEARN TO SHARPEN!



Open Shop will take place on **Saturday, December 11 from 9AM to 1PM**. Dave Wood will again open his shop to NWWT members to spend some time turning together. This is a chance for those of you new to woodturning to have questions answered, learn new techniques or address problems you might have encountered.

Open Shop is directed toward the new turner but **all are welcome!** Bring a project you want help finishing. Bring questions about methods. There will be six lathes available to use. Bring your own tools and wood, or you can also buy wood there.

- Admission is free.
- Bring your own tools and face shield.
- Proof of Vaccination and Masks are required at all times.
- If you have any COVID related symptoms, please stay home.
- Coffee and donuts will be provided.
- Portable toilet will be on-site.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Wood or any other NWWT Board Member.

Location: 24250 SW 65th Ave
Tualatin, OR 97062 [[map](#)]

Contact: Dave Wood
NWWT Education Coordinator
503-880-1349

NOTE: NWWT STORE WILL BE OPEN FROM 10AM-12PM

ROCKLER PEN CLASS FOR VETERANS

On November 6/7, three members of NWWT volunteered to run Rockler's Pen Turning Class for Veterans.

Mark McNamara, John Sutter, and I had about 15 students over the six sessions. All sessions went very well, and everyone left with a beautiful pen and a feeling of great accomplishment. Enthusiastic is a word I would use for most of them, showing anyone interested, their pen.

One woman came to the Saturday class and went home and signed up for the Sunday class (Christmas presents?). She also posted her experience on Facebook that night and because of that post, two other women signed up for my classes on Sunday. For me, out of 6 students, five were women and all were young ("Young" meaning not retired 😊).

All three of us felt the time was fun and well worth it, and I believe we will get at least 3-4 new members because of the classes.

—Roger



LONG DISTANCE MEMBER

I received the following email from Harold Mills, a new member who lives in Florida. It reflects the new world we are living in where distance is not an issue if you offer a good product.

Hello Roger,

I just joined your club and wanted to explain why someone in Florida would join a club in Oregon. Don't want you to think I am some kind of wood club stalker. I stumbled across your club while looking for info on Beads of Courage boxes. I liked John's design so much I did that on my first BOC box for our club. I was then browsing your videos, which are very good by the way, and saw John Beechwood's face. I have had some dealing with him in the AAW (I'm not as evil as he probably thinks), and I think a lot of him. He was very helpful. So, as I had never meet him in person, I watched him on your videos. I subscribed to your YouTube channel and find myself watching the content that your club puts out. I am very impressed with your club and find myself on your site when new stuff is out. I just watched Bill Karow's video on bleaching and fuming. He did a great job. I am a member of a great group in Jacksonville, but there is no law that says you can't be a member of multiple groups.

With that said, I am one to support groups that produce product I like. I felt an obligation to do that with your organization, which is why I joined. I didn't want to take and not give. I plan on just being a passive member if that is alright with you. Don't expect me to participate in your live group activities in Oregon, but you never know, I am retired and may show up one day when you are live again.

Thank you for what you do.

—Roger

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FOR 2022 • TOYS



Our last NWWT club project was the Beads of Courage project, where we made thirty beautiful boxes from a kit of parts. John Sutter made this project happen with his unique design of an 8-sided box and preparing the kits. This resulted in an AAW article last year and at their request, John and I are working on a detailed "How To" article on building the box. Our prior club project was making eighty "plugs" for Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue which also ended up with an AAW article.

I presented the idea of a toy program at our last board meeting, and we agreed to pursue the idea. I'd like to set up a Toy Program for 2022 making toys for charitable organizations. We need someone to step up and lead the logistics of the program. The job is to form a small planning team (2-3 people) who would select recommended toys, come up with the plans for making each toy, recruit members to make them, and coordinate their distribution. If needed, the club can supply the wood. The Guild of Oregon Woodworkers has a year-round toy program which makes over a thousand toys each year. They give most of them away and sell some of the high-end toys for revenue to support the program. My thought, for at least the first year, is to join with them for distribution of the toys.

Please let me know if you are willing to lead this program. You will have full board support and help. We just need someone to be the focal point for all the logistics and answer questions.

—Roger



WHEN TO CLEAN UP YOUR SHAVINGS • ROGER CROOKS



We have a lot of "Rule of Thumb" guidelines in woodturning. My contribution is the following:

When shavings reach the bed of your lathe — time to clean up.

Where did the phrase "Rule of Thumb" come from? Only in the NWWT newsletter will you learn such interesting knowledge.

Rule of thumb is an approximate method for doing something, based on practical experience rather than theory. This usage of the phrase can be traced back to the seventeenth century and has been associated with various trades where quantities were measured by comparison to the width or length of a thumb.

A modern folk etymology holds that the phrase is derived from the maximum width of a stick allowed for wife-beating under English common law, but no such law ever existed. This belief may have originated in a rumored statement by eighteenth-century judge Sir Francis Buller that a man may beat his wife with a stick no wider than his thumb.

We've come a long way 😊

—Roger

A GREAT "OPEN" & EDUCATION YEAR FOR NWWT MEMBERS



Our membership growth these past two years prompted the NWWT Board to renew focus on education, especially on the basics of woodturning. While some of our new members joined as seasoned veterans, many came to woodturning for the first time. Excellent training has been offered for many years, but there was a need to bring more structure to our training program along with broader course offerings, and regularly scheduled classes. Our efforts and our course offerings have evolved to a curriculum of six different courses — so far!

We have conducted the **Bowl Turning Basics** class twice, **Spindle Turning Basics** twice, **Sharpening Lathe Tools** once, **Intermediate Bowl Turning** once, and **Advanced Sharpening** will be held December 4, for the first time. **Intermediate Spindle Turning** will launch the training program for 2022 on January 22.

Fifty-two (!) NWWT members have taken our courses to date, and 18 club members have served on the instructor staff as a part of the newly formed NWWT Instructor Corps. It takes many hands to make the education program hum smoothly, and our members have stepped up when called.

There will no doubt be a need for additional NWWT training courses in the future, and we'll be listening to your ideas. Our current thinking is that NWWT courses will be offered at least through the intermediate content and skill level. We will continue to invite the professional teachers to our club for demonstrations and classes, as we always have, to achieve a more advanced flavor to training. For the truly advanced student, there is no substitute for going to Arrowmont or one of the professional schools run by the likes of Glenn Lucas, Mike Mahoney, or David Ellsworth. The cost is thousands with travel expenses, but the experience gained and instruction received is unique and truly professional. NWWT's goal is to offer you a chance to advance your skill levels locally for \$100 or less. That's where we see our role at this point.



Another indirect educational program which offers casual training is NWWT's **Open Shop** program. We re-started in May of this year, and have welcomed members and prospective members for seven of those second-Saturdays since. The great thing about Open Shop is that there is no agenda. Come and create on the club lathes, or just shoot the breeze with other members. There are usually a number of experienced knowledgeable people on hand, and they don't charge consulting fees!

We'll probably conduct a demo on some topic of interest, and occasionally there will be a tool or two for sale or some wood to swap. There are woodturning stories to be told, and heard, and questions and answers. It's a great learning environment. And don't forget that the NWWT Store is also open at Open Shop with all your sanding and gluing supplies, and boxes of bowl blanks at an unbeatable price.

And of course, there's always a cup of coffee and a donut with your name on it. Come join us at the next Open Shop on December 11.

—Dave Wood, Education Coordinator

2021 NWWT CLASSES & OPEN SHOPS

A LOOK BACK IN PICTURES



2021 NWWT CLASSES & OPEN SHOPS (CONT.)



October 2021 Show-n-Tell & Monthly Challenge



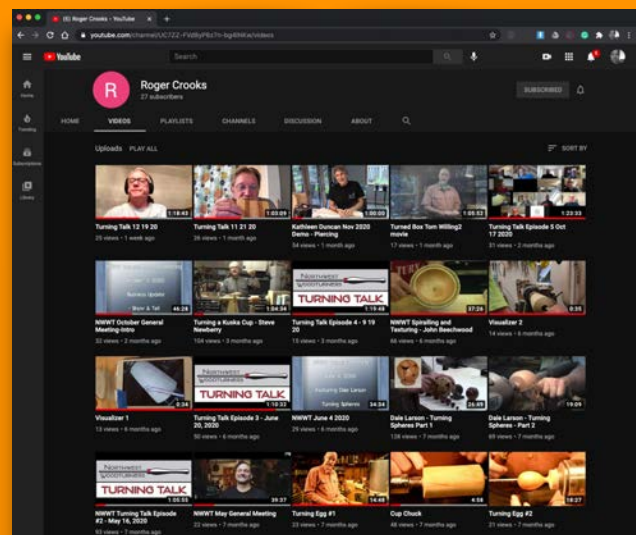
Maybe you saw something at Show & Tell but don't remember the details. Check out our website's [Gallery](#). All the photos that are submitted for each meeting and the pictures taken by Jim at real meetings are/will be posted on this page.

—Roger

RECORDED MEETINGS & DEMOS

Recorded meetings are highlighted in **orange**. Click on the meeting to get the link.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	Oct 1 6:30 PM October Meeting: Steve Newberry - Kuska Cup	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 9:00 AM NWWWT - Turning Tail



NOVEMBER SHOW-N-TELL



NOVEMBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)

David Perez



NOVEMBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)

Steve Newberry



Bill Karow



NOVEMBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)

Kevin Jesequel



Kevin Jesequel



NOVEMBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)

Kevin Jesequel



Jim Schoeffel



NOVEMBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)

Jim Schoeffel



NOVEMBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)

Jason Goodrich



NWWT MEETINGS & DEMONSTRATORS



DATE	PROGRAM	MONTHLY CHALLENGES
2021		
Thursday, December 2	No Meeting	Happy Holidays!
2022		
Thursday, January 6	Annual Tool Swap	1. Ebonized, Bleached or Fumed Object 2. Something Unique
Thursday, February 3	Jimmie Allen	1. Spheres 2. Something Unique
Thursday, March 3	Eric Lofstrom	1. Boxes 2. Something Unique
Thursday, April 7	Kevin Jesequel	TBD
Thursday, May 5	Jimmy Clewes	TBD
Thursday, June 2	TBD	TBD
Thursday, July 7	TBD	TBD
Thursday, August 4	BBQ Picnic & Auction	N/A
Thursday, September 1	TBD	TBD
Thursday, October 6	TBD	TBD
Thursday, November 3	TBD	TBD
Thursday, December 1	No Meeting	Happy Holidays!

OTHER WOODTURNING CLUBS • MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Please check individual club websites for current information regarding 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
willamettevalleywoodturners.com

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*  —————



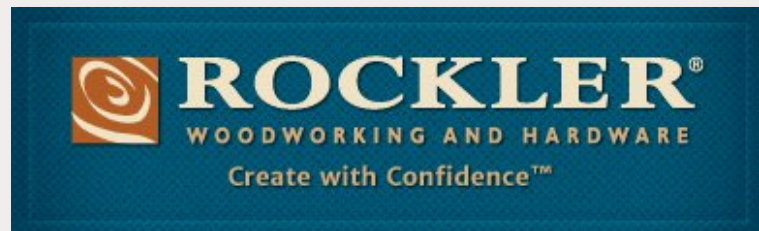
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Special note regarding Northwoods Figured Wood: Northwoods is evolving into a slab supplier and will no longer be in the turning blank business. We are sorry to see them go. They were a huge sponsor for us. We thank them deeply for their historical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

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.

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 US 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](#).

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