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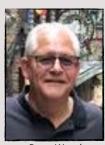
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NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE · ROGER CROOKS



2021 is looking hopeful with the vaccination effort underway and several new vaccines coming available. We still have along way to go, but the curves are finally going in the right directions, albeit slowly.

Turning Talk - February 20, 2021

Join us again the third Saturday of the month at 9AM for our next Turning Talk. This has turned out to be a popular hour for many of us, and I, for one, have learned new things from other members. The sharing of ideas is a key benefit of a club like ours, and one attribute of woodturners

is the willingness to share information and help other members solve problems. Send in your questions and topics ahead of the meeting.

General Meeting - February 4, 2021 - Michael Alguire

This month's meeting features Michael Alguire. Kevin White has done another great job of finding a demonstrator with a fascinating idea for a unique turning. I had a pre-meeting with him this week to go over his setup and agenda. He has a great camera setup, good audio and lighting and excellent bandwidth. The item he is famous for is described later in the newsletter, but I believe after the demo, most of us mortal woodturners will be able to make what he is going to show us.

General Meeting - March 4, 2021 - Betty Simnitt

Betty is not only a NWWT member but also a neighbor of mine who lives a 10-minute walk from my house. I met with her to get ready to video her demo. She started out as a woodcarver and got hooked on woodturning. As she said, "Once I started turning, I got addicted." She combines turning and carving in most of her work. Betty also has a unique, if small, shop that we will feature in depth in a future newsletter.

NWWT Store

The store will be open again in February. In the past, we were buying our Anchorseal from NWWT member, Tim Small, but his barrel is empty. We've never had a problem with buying a barrel, but where to keep it has been the issue. John Sutter, our store manager offered us a space in his storage unit, and Mike Meredith donated a pump and new industrial strength bottles. We also have a few new toolrests that were donated by Reed Gray (aka RoboHippy) who is getting out of this part of his business. These will be able to be ordered on a first come, first serve basis. Watch your email for details on when you can place your order.

Community Projects

Don't forget to keep your eyes open for a community project that the club can work on this year.

-Roger

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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VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" · KEVIN WHITE



We have some awesome demonstrations coming up this year, which is quite exciting!

At our **February meeting, Michael Alguire** will do an Interactive Remote Demonstration or IRD. Michael is a native New Mexican, born in Albuquerque. He began his wood turning hobby in 2013 making pens and small wooden ornaments. His passion has grown, and his art has flourished to intricate wood turned hollow forms, including bowls, vases and abstract art pieces like basket illusions and more intricate pieces called "Wheels of Delicacy." Michael's 13 years as a Machinist at the Very Large Array has helped him understand the mechanical aspects of his art. With no formal training in the Fine Arts field, Michael's creativity comes from within. His inspiration comes simply from seeing a piece of wood in its raw state and imaging the possibilities. Today Michael lives in Datil, New Mexico (which is about 138 miles southwest of Albuquerque) with his wife Patricia, his two sons, two daughters and a small farm.



You will need to watch the demonstration on **Thursday, February 4th** to find out what Michael is going to demonstrate for us. As you can see in the following pictures, he is highly creative, and his works are amazing. He does a lot of different types of work.





VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" · KEVIN WHITE (CONT.)

At our **March meeting**, we will have **Betty Simnitt** doing her specialty of the Basket Illusion Technique. Betty resides here in Portland and will be doing her first demonstration for our club. As you see from the photos below, she does beautiful work!



In **April**, we have **David Ellsworth** doing an IRD. David is one of the founders of the AAW and a Lifetime Member who started woodturning in 1958 and has never stopped. He currently resides in North Carolina. Just a couple of pictures of his work below.

He says, "My primary influences come from the energy and beauty of Native American ceramics, the architecture of the American Southwest with its textures, tones and monumentality, and the natural beauty of the material of woodwhat I refer to as the most perfectly imperfect material to work with."

"My intent is to capture the simplicity of form, the complexity of surface, and the energy of the interior that is contained by the thin membrane of the wood that defines it. In this regard, it would be fair to call me a wooden potter."

Examples of his work follow:



VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" · KEVIN WHITE (CONT.)

In **May**, our own **Roger Crooks** will demonstrate square plates. If by chance we are able meet in person, this will be a live demo. If not, it to will be an IRD.

Examples of his Square Plates:



In **June**, **Greg Gallegos** from Haslett, Michigan will be our demonstrator. Greg is a creative turner at times, a production turner at times. More information on Greg next month.

In **October**, **John Cobb** from Kentfield, California will be our demonstrator. He is planning on doing the demonstration in person. Also, more information on John next month.

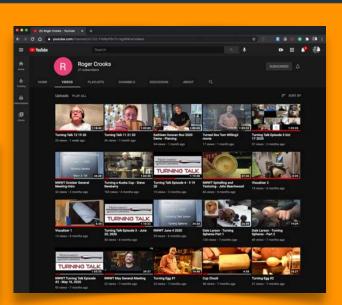
-Kevin



RECORDED MEETINGS & DEMOS

The January 2021 Turning Talk is available for viewing as are every one of them. 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.

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



NWWT TURNING TALK · SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20



The next Turning Talk is planned for Saturday, February 20 @ 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, February 20

LAST MONTH'S COVER · WOOD QUIZ



How many different species of wood on the front cover of last month's newsletter could you identify correctly? (from left to right, top to bottom)

- 1. Bocote
- 2. African Blackwood
- 3. Birdseye Maple
- 4. Buckeye Burl
- 5. Goncalo Alves
- 6. Cumuru
- 7. Cocobolo
- 8. Black Palm
- 9. Chechen
- 10. Leopardwood

- 11. Brown Mallee Burl
- 12. Bubinga
- 13. Butternut
- 14. Amboyna (Narra)
- 15. Curly Red Maple
- 16. Ash
- 17. Purpleheart
- 18. Zebrawood
- 19. Black & White Ebony
- 20. American Chestnut

NWWT WEBSITE · MEMBER PHOTOS

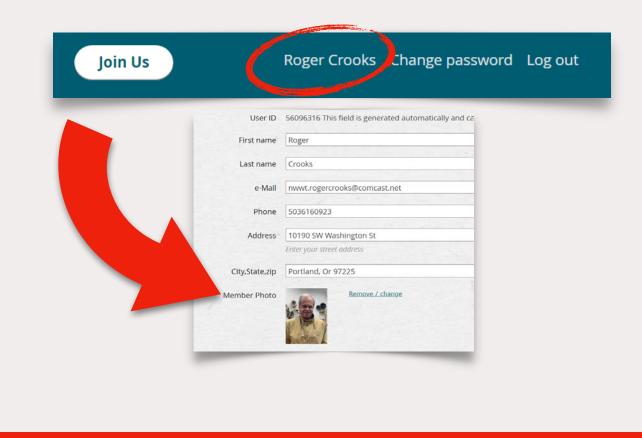


NEW - **Photo Albums** - We are introducing Member Photo Albums. You can look at mine as an example. The process to view other members albums is to go to **Member Directory**, search for their name, and you will see their albums. To set up your own albums, instructions are at the top of the **Member Directory/Photo Album** page.

Your Profile – Now is a good time to review and update your profile. To get to your "Profile," click on your name in the login box (upper right) after logging in.

ADD YOUR PICTURE!

While you are on your Profile page, please add a photo of yourself. **Member Photo** is below your address. **Adding your photo to your Member Page is a great way for the rest of the club to "put a face to your name."**



AAW MASTER SERIES · JOHN BEAVER

Live Online Event

John Beaver Wave Bowls

Saturday, February 27, 2021 3 p.m. Eastern Time

Join us for an action-packed demo with John Beaver who will show two different ways to make his signature wave vessels.

For the first piece, John will take a block of wood, cut it apart, add a contrasting wood to create the wave, and show you how to put it back together keeping the grain aligned. With a bandsaw, a few clamps and basic turning tools, this is a project you'll be able to go home and do yourself.

The second piece will be a protruding wave bowl from a rough turned bowl. For this piece, John will use his custom jig to cut a turned bowl into pieces. He'll then modify the elements and put it all back together. This piece has a higher skill level but there are many tricks that may help you with some of your own designs.

Additional tricks you'll learn:

- Safe ways to cut a round bowl on a bandsaw with almost any angle, and put it back together keeping the walls and grain aligned perfectly.
- How to bend wood in a microwave oven, which is interesting and has many fun applications.
- How to precisely turn a bowl smaller keeping the proportions exact. Most importantly, John hopes you will be able to use these ideas and tips to change and improve your own designs.







More About John Beaver

- · John's website
- Artist Statement
- <u>John Beaver,</u> <u>American Woodturner, June 2011</u>



NWWT CLUB STORE · UPDATE



The plan is to have the NWWT Club Store open online during this month, with the pickup time and location to be announced later via email.

Preparations are underway to have plenty of Anchorseal and other supplies available for those in need.

—John & Lu Sutter



MONTHLY CHALLENGE & SHOW-N-TELL

I have to apologize for the confusion with the last few Monthly Challenges. Because we have not been meeting in person (where Jim Schoeffel beautifully photographs and documents all the new pieces for us), the process of organizing all of the awesome Show-n-Tell and Challenge pieces is a bit daunting for me to keep track of. Also, the specific Challenge topics may not have been as clear as they could have been. We'll work on improving and clarifying. And apologies if I have accidently left out any images you've sent. Please let me know, and I'll make sure to include them in next month's newsletter.

That said, there was a lot of great, creative work presented during our January Meeting! Lots more Xmas Stuff for the Monthly Challenge and some nice Show-n-Tell pieces. Keep turning. And keep sharing!

—bk

DECEMBER CHALLENGE · XMAS STUFF









DECEMBER CHALLENGE · XMAS STUFF (CONT.)



DECEMBER CHALLENGE · XMAS STUFF (CONT.)







JANUARY SHOW-N-TELL















JANUARY SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)







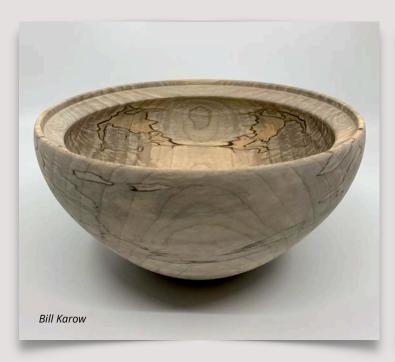






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JANUARY SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)







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		
Thursday, April 1	David Ellsworth — (Need we say more!?)		
Thursday, May 6	Roger Crooks — Square Useless Things		
Thursday, June 3	Greg Gallagos		
Thursday, July 1	TBD		
Thursday, August 5	Auction		
Thursday, September 2	TBD		
Thursday, October 7	John Cobb		
Thursday, November 4	Bill Karow		
Thursday, December 2	No Meeting	Happy Holidays!	

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

 $\underline{beaverstate wood turners.com}$

4th THURSDAY of every month @ 6:00pm

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

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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.



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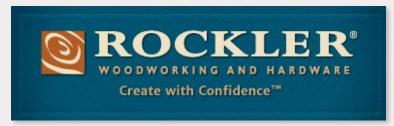




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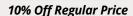


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Special note regarding Northwoods Figured Wood: Northwoods is evolving into a slab supplier and will no longer be in the turning blank business. We are sorry to see them go. They were a huge sponsor for us. We thank them deeply for their historical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

BULLETIN BOARD



Looking for a Lathe For Sale

I teach woodturning to kids in White Salmon.

I have a very eager sixth grader whose family is looking to get a lathe.

If anyone might be looking to sell a mini or midi lathe, please contact me.

My phone number is 503-241-0828.

Thank you in advance,

Marjin Wall



If you have woodturning tools for sale, know of a tree being taken down in the near future, a new source for woodturning stock, upcoming estate sales, need help or have questions that need answering...

<u>let me know</u> and I will post it on the Bulletin Board section of next month's NWWT newsletter.

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

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