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# Northwest WOODTURNERS

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## JANUARY 2021



# NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • ROGER CROOKS



New Year's is traditionally when we look back on the past year and make plans for the new year. So what did we all do in 2020?

### Beads of Courage Project:

This has to be the #1 accomplishment of the year. Many thanks to John Sutter for driving this and to all the members who participated.

#### On-Line Activities:

NWWT immediately adapted to an on-line club with our first Turning Talk in April and pre-recorded video demonstration in May with Tom Willing's egg demo.

#### **Demonstrations:**

Local demonstrations were recorded and edited to provide a concise video that continues to be available on YouTube for later review.

#### Wood Sale:

With our annual auction and picnic canceled, we had a tremendous opportunity to buy Northwest Figured Wood's inventory and resell it to our members at a huge discount. We have recovered our investment and still have a large inventory which will be all profit.

#### Open Shop

Dave Wood generously offered his shop for an Open Shop opportunity. While we only were able to squeeze in two Open Shops between the pandemic shutdowns, they were successful, and we plan to start these up again when we can.

#### Classes:

As with Open Shop, we were able to conduct two "Basics" classes this year, both sold out quickly and received great reviews. Again, thanks to Dave Wood for his shop, and Tom Willing and Bill Karow for teaching the classes.

### **New Lathes:**

We updated our equipment inventory with two new lathes, so we can conduct Open Shop and classes without needing to borrow lathes from members.

### New Website:

We used our time at home to redo our website from the ground up. With the design expertise of Bill Karow, it has a modern look and feel, is easy to navigate and offers new capabilities such as personal photo albums.

#### **2021 Goals**

With all of the above, our main goal for 2021 is to transform from online back to real meetings, keeping what worked well online (Turning Talks) and resuming our Monthly General Meetings, Open Shop and Classes when we can.

### **2021 Community Projects**

I don't know if we can top our Beads of Courage project, but we are looking for a club-wide project for 2021. If you have any ideas for one, please let me know. It could be something like making pens for a cause or anything that enables other non-profits to raise money.

### 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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**Roger Crooks** 

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • ROGER CROOKS (CONT.)

We started to work with the Assistance League of Portland for their annual auction, but the pandemic put them on hold for now. However, Dave Wood is still accepting donations and holding them until their plans firm up as the pandemic regulations allow. See details in the <u>June issue of our newsletter</u>.

### General Meeting - January 7, 2021 - Tool Swap and Chainsaw Maintenance and Sharpening

Our annual Tool Swap occurs in January, but this year we will be doing it on-line. By the time you read this, it will be active until Jan 14 or so. We also have a great video demonstration, "Chainsaw Maintenance, Sharpening and Safety" by Mike Meredith. I think you all will enjoy it and learn a lot, especially if you are new to chainsaws. We have two months of Show-n-Tell to catch up on, so please send your photos to Bill Karow before the meeting.

—Roger



We have not had any meetings since the last newsletter, however that does not mean that nothing is happening. All is subject to change, however we are planning and hoping on having IRD's (Interactive Remote Demonstrations) through June and then back to in-person meetings for the last half of the year. With a vaccine now being distributed, the end of the pandemic is in sight, and hopefully in July, we can all get together at the MAC again.

As the Program Director or Demonstration Planner, I am always looking for ideas on demonstrations both IRD and in-person demos. If you see demonstrators on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook or anywhere else that you think would be good for our club to see, please send those ideas to me, and I will follow up and see if it is a fit for our club.

I see January as a particularly important and back-to-the-basics demonstration. The basic tools of a woodturner that I have seen are a lathe, a bandsaw, a drill press, a slow speed grinder or other sharpening system, a chainsaw and of course, tools like scrapers, gouges, etc. If you're like me, you might have a lot of hand tools just because it is hard not to buy them when you see them. January is back to basics because our demonstration will be about chainsaw sharpening, safety and tool sharpening. A sharp chainsaw blade and sharp tools are critical for safety as well as for proper cutting and turning.

The demonstrators for February, March, April, and May follow and are included in the December newsletter. June has changed and is currently open but should be filled soon.

At our February 2021 meeting, **Michael Alguire** will do an 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.

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

At our March 2021 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.

In April, we have **David Ellsworth** doing a virtual demonstration, and then keep your fingers crossed for when we get back to live demo's. David might come to Oregon in person and do more demonstrations and workshops for our club. 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.



In May, our own **Roger Crooks** will demonstrate turning square plates. If by chance we will be able to meet in person, this will be a live demo, otherwise it will be an IRD.

And finally, a quote that I really like from our own Roger Crooks. "I think 2021 will be as much on the positive side as 2020 was on the negative side."

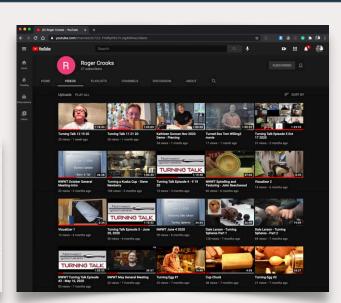
-Kevin



### RECORDED MEETINGS & DEMOS

All Turning Talks and Monthly Meetings and Demos since April 2020, are available through the NWWT website from the Events page. The orange events have links to Roger Crooks' YouTube channel where you will find all the videos.

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	9:00 AM NWWT - Turning Talk



### NWWT TURNING TALK • SATURDAY, JANUARY 16



The next Turning Talk is planned for Saturday, January 16 @ 9:00 AM, so send me your questions and plan to participate. <a href="mailto:nwwt.rogercrooks@comcast.net">nwwt.rogercrooks@comcast.net</a>

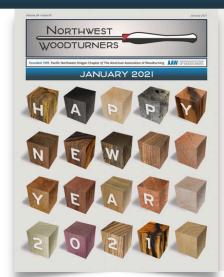
It would be really helpful if you can send questions in ahead of time so we can be prepared, but live questions are welcome. Remember, this is a discussion group and the comments you hear are what we do or what we think. Not all of us are experts, so use your best judgement in what you do in your own 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, January 16

### **WOOD QUIZ**



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

Answers will be provided on the next Turning Talk.

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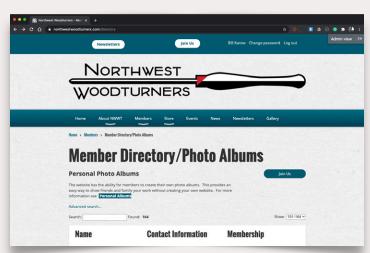
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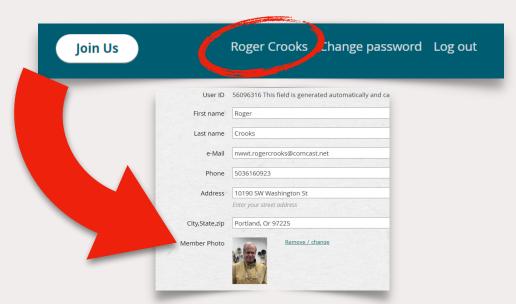


**NEW** - **Photo Albums** - We are introducing Member Photo Albums. You can look at mine as an example. The process to view other members albums is to go to **Member Directory**, search for their name, and you will see their albums. To set up your own albums, instructions are at the top of the **Member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



Here are the members who have already added a photo to their NWWT Profiles. Thank you!



Joseph Agosta



Roger Crooks



John Fawcett



Bill Karow



Larry Klick



Denvy Larson



Jack Liskear



Larry Madsen



James O'Rourke



Wayne Paulson



Mike Porter



Harvey Rogers



Jim Schoeffel



Keith Strauss



Mike Worthington

### AAW MASTER SERIES • BETTY SCARPINO



### **Live Online Event**

## **Betty Scarpino**

## **Design and Inspiration for Woodturners**

Saturday, January 23, 2021 - 3 p.m. Eastern Time

**Kickstart your creative approach!** Join us online for an extraordinary conversation with the remarkable Betty Scarpino, AAW Honorary Lifetime Member and acclaimed woodturning artist. Moderated by Cindy Drozda.

Betty will offer an in-depth exploration into woodturning design using a fastpaced PowerPoint presentation. From beginner to advanced, there will be inspiration for everyone.

- Hear about ingrained concepts and pushing boundaries.
- Learn about the deconstruction process and how using this method can make additional design variations possible.
- Find out how to evaluate the success of surface design and embellishment combinations, from subtle to outrageous.

Cost: \$15 (\$10 for AAW Members)

Registration: Open thru Friday, January 22, at noon ET.

More information and to register, visit http://tiny.cc/AAWMasterSeries













### NWWT CLUB STORE • UPDATE



The plan is to have the NWWT Club Store open online in February, 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.

-lohn & Lu Sutter



## CHALLENGE & SHOW-N-TELL

January's Challenge was "Christmas Presents." Lots of good stuff was submitted, along with quite a few Show-n-Tell pieces. Great job, turners!

Hopefully, I've managed to retrieve all the Challenge and Show-n-Tell pieces that were sent to me as email attachments and text files over the past two months. If I have accidently overlooked any images that you've sent, please let me know. I will make sure to include them in the next month's newsletter.

—bk

## NOVEMBER MEETING CHALLENGE • XMAS PRESENTS











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## NOVEMBER MEETING CHALLENGE (CONT.) • XMAS PRESENTS











## SHOW-N-TELL





























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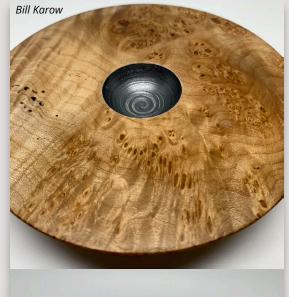




















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### LIBRARY RETURNS

With the extended shutdown, we are concerned that library items that are checked out, will have a hard time finding their way back to the NWWT Library.

*Hey, here's some good news:* We've had several responses on the request for checked out items in last month's newsletter. Thanks to those who responded. Everyone else, check your bookshelves and workshops for overdue NWWT materials.

## 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	TBD
Thursday, March 4	Betty Simnitt — Basket Illusion Technique	TBD
Thursday, April 1	David Ellsworth — Need we say more?!	TBD
Thursday, May 6	Roger Crooks — Square Useless Things	TBD
Thursday, June 3	TBD	TBD
Thursday, July 1	TBD	TBD
Thursday, August 5	Auction	TBD
Thursday, September 2	TBD	TBD
Thursday, October 7	TBD	TBD
Thursday, November 4	TBD	TBD
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**

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 =





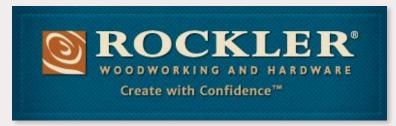




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## **Penn State Industries**





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10% Off Regular Prices



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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



### 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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