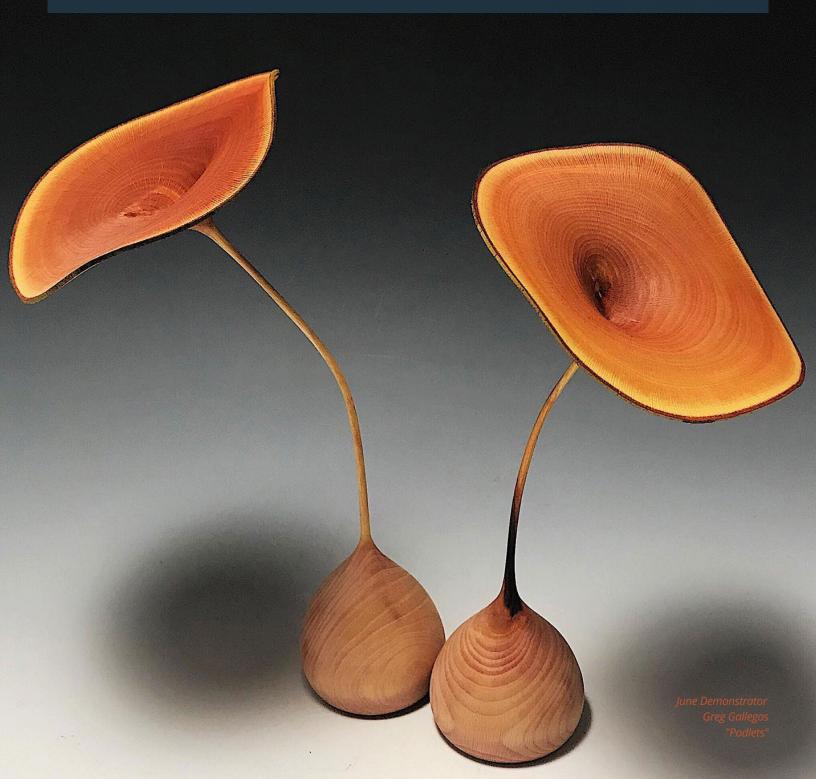
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE · ROGER CROOKS



NWWT June Newsletter

Summer is here, and what a year it has been. There is light at the end of the tunnel regarding COVID, and hopefully, that light is not a train coming at us like we are seeing in other countries around the world suffering from the pandemic. So, what now for NWWT? In a few weeks, we will be having our board meeting to figure that out, but I am extremely optimistic that next year, we will be back with live demos at the MAC.

Mask/No Mask

We had four live events in May (three classes and one Open Shop). Everyone was vaccinated and were given the choice to mask or not. Only a few kept their mask on, and I think at the end of the day, all were gone. As for our general meetings going live again - we are waiting for word from the Multnomah Art Center who are waiting for word from the county who are waiting for word from the state who are waiting for guidance from the CDC. What could go wrong? One thing we will seriously look at once we are back at the MAC is to broadcast our live meetings over Zoom.

May's Classes & Open Shop

In May, we conducted another round of our basic classes; Sharpening, Basic Bowl Techniques and Basic Spindle Techniques taught by Mike Meredith, Bill Karow and Tom Willing with many helpers – Mike Porter, Jason Goodrich, Larry Klick, Roger Crooks, Dave Wood, and John Beechwood. Again, many thanks to Dave Wood and his wife, Judy for a great facility and being excellent hosts.

All went extremely well with top marks from all the students. Some students had no tools, some either about to buy a lathe or just bought one, and all came away feeling that this just might be an addictive hobby.

June General Meeting - Greg Gallegos - Podlets

I'm looking forward to Greg's demo and learning what a podlet is. I've not seen him before, but others say he does a fantastic demo, so don't miss it.

Summer Schedule

Kevin White has put together a great schedule for the rest of the year. I'm hoping we can do our annual picnic/auction again, but that will be decided at our board meeting. If you have a preference or ideas about this event, shoot me an <a href="mailto:e

I have a few demo videos in the can ready to go, but we are also going to do a round table demo session. For those members who have been with us for a while, you will remember that once a year, we set up four or five demonstration stations where people walk around and see various

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.)

tips, tricks and techniques demonstrated by NWWT members. This summer, I will be recording these for one of our fall meetings. I think it will be fun.

Open Shop - June 5

It is early this month, as Dave felt his anniversary was more important than Open Shop (I'll work on that). Please sign-up ASAP to reserve your slot HERE.

NWWT Store

Remember you can order anytime now and pick up your items at Open Shop from 9 – 12 on June 5th.

AAW Demos

These continue to amaze me. They are \$10 well spent. This month was Eric Lofstrom. He is an excellent turner and on top of that, a superb teacher. He has three free videos on his website https://www.ericlofstrom.com/ but when I checked, his links were broken so hopefully they will be fixed by the time you read this.

-Roger



VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" · KEVIN WHITE



June Monthly Program Update

A short report this month as we begin a slow transition back to 'normalcy'. The programs for our meetings for the remainder of 2021 will continue to be IRD's (Interactive Remote Demonstrations) or taped events with live conversation in Zoom. The plan for 2022 is to have in-person meetings at the MAC, beginning in January. All is subject to change just as it has been for over a year.

Greg Gallegos will be presenting an IRD, demonstrating live by way from his studio in Haslet, Michigan for our next meeting on **June 3**. Per his Instagram site, Greg says he uses only reclaimed wood to make pieces that are range from fully functional to the sublime.

"I have always been artistically inclined since I was very young. It wasn't until high school that I first was introduced to the wood lathe. After school I focused more on print media- drawing and painting. Fast forward to 2000, and I decided to throw myself into woodturning. I took a good five or six years of continual practice and self-apprenticeship to be comfortable enough to actually start thinking of selling my work.

For the last 10 years or so, I have been turning full time. I desire to use the wood to create pieces that will speak to and make people feel warm inside with content. My inspiration truly comes from the wood itself in trying bring out its own qualities.

It's certainly not easy running a business, keeping up with my children being a single father, but in the end they are truly a wonderful gift. They are the reason for everything, to never settle and never give up on your dreams no matter how big or small they are."

In this demonstration you will learn all about how to create a podlet. Greg will go through step-by-step instructions on how to turn this very delicate piece. This in-depth demonstration will teach you the cuts use to achieve the thinness and the flowing curve that makes the podlet unique.

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











Greg at work on a 'podlet' in his shop.

Podlets!

At our **July** meeting, we will have Dale Larson showing us how he turns an Oval Bowl. Dale is an outstanding turner, and round bowls are his specialty. This is a demonstration you do not want to miss.





—Kevin

BOWL & SPINDLE TURNING CLASSES REVIEW

NWWT'S 2021 "BASICS" TRAINING PROGRAM CHARGES AHEAD

NWWT's aggressive 2021 training agenda continued with our "Bowl Turning Basics" class on Saturday May 22nd, and the "Spindle Turning Basics" course on Sunday May 23rd. Conducted at Dave Wood's shop in Tualatin, we had 6 students for the Bowl course and 5 for the Spindle course. Weather cooperated and we were able to keep the doors open and the air fresh for most of the two days. Everyone in attendance had been double-vaccinated so the groups decided to forego masks.



Bill Karow and Jason Goodrich took the Instructor roles for the Bowl Basics group, with Bill serving as Lead Instructor. As always, Bill did a masterful job. Jason served as Assistant Instructor and will take the lead role in future classes. Roger Crooks and Dave Wood were roving general assistants during the "hands-on" portions of the class. Students in attendance were: Ajay Malhotra, Erin Durst, Ed Swakon, Bill Dale, Aaron Bloom and Jeremy Cannell.

Each student shaped a very wet Norway Maple bowl blank to get the feel of gouges slicing smoothly through the wood while water runs off the tools and splatters on face shields! Wet wood is easier to turn and great for newer turners.



On Saturday, we took our lunch break in the sun, chatted about what we'd learned in the morning, and looked over the free fresh cut maple rounds in Dave's truck. He threatened to hold us hostage there if we didn't take some;)

At the end of Bowl Day, we showed off our wares with big smiles, new skills, and new NWWT friends!













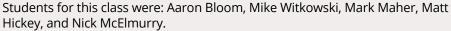


BOWL & SPINDLE TURNING CLASSES REVIEW (CONT.)



The "Spindle Turning Basics" group showed up promptly at 9:00 am on Sunday. Lead Instructor, Tom Willing, and his assistant, Mike Porter, conducted the spindle turning symphony for the day with great instruction and demonstrations, and even a little of Tom's dry humor:)

And again, Roger Crooks and Dave Wood served as general assistants to Tom and Mike, lending a hand at the lathes with one-on-one turning assistance for the students.





After practicing the basics of turning square stock into a cylinder with a roughing gouge, and practicing basic coves and beads for a while, Tom demonstrated how to make a "Dibble", a hand tool of old-time European heritage used to plant flower bulbs and seeds. All students were then challenged to make one of their own. Tom ended the day with the making of a child's toy spinning top... in about 2 minutes! Nick McEmurry sent me a picture of the top he made (below) the minute he got home. Well done Nick.











We finished the day with a ceremonial passing of the "Golden Dibble Award" to Judy Wood, for steadfastly providing Starbucks coffee and Donutland maple bars in service to the members of the NWWT. It was a great day indeed.







-Dave Wood

WOODTURNING WEEKEND CONVERSATIONS · PODCAST



Every weekend, Seattle-based <u>Perry Shaw</u> (an awesome woodturner in his own right) hosts hour-long interviews with famous and emerging wood artists.

Perry has had the opportunity to interview an amazing list of wood artists and craftpersons from all over the world including Phil Irons, Richard Findley, Dan Young, John Jordan, Jacques Vesery, Franz Keilhofer and this month's demonstrator, Greg Gallagos!

You can listen to Woodturning Weekend Conversations for free on your favorite podcatcher. Here is the <u>audible.com link</u>.

I really enjoy listening to Perry's podcasts when I'm out in my shop turning! You will, too!

—bk

Weekend Conversations Series Session #13

A sit down conversation between @studio_shaw and @gingerwoodturner about craft and the maker lifestyle





WORLD WOOD DAY 2021



World Wood Day 2021 Woodturning & Pyrography Collaboration feat. Dale Larson and Cynthia Gibson

Did you woodturners know that March 21 was World Wood Day and there is an organization dedicated to promoting Wood (www.worldwoodday.org)? I'd like to say I did but alas, I did not either.

However, I can say I shot the raw video for half of the six minute video sponsored by the organization: www.youtube.com/watch? w=t5AF1QLVuPA. Enjoy!

-Roger

NWWT TURNING TALK · SATURDAY, MAY I5



The next Turning Talk is planned for Saturday, June 19 @ 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.

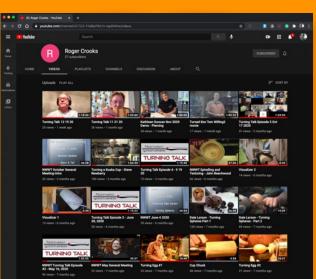
-Roger

NWWT Turning Talk 9-10am Saturday, June 19

RECORDED MEETINGS & DEMOS

The May 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.





MAY CHALLENGE · NATURAL EDGE FORMS











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MAY SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)











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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
Thursday, August 5	Auction (Hopefully)	To be announced later if we do not have the auction
Thursday, September 2	Member-Contributed Short Videos	Oval Bowl (any size)
Thursday, October 7	John Cobb — Hollow Form Muggles	TBD
Thursday, November 4	Bill Karow — Bleaching / Fuming / Ebonizing	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]

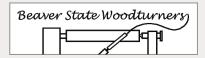


WILLAMETTE VALLEY WOODTURNERS

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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]

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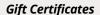
A key component of our financial stability as a club is our vendor sponsors. Our vendors provide periodic gift certificates for the raffle and our annual auction. In addition we receive product donations from some of them. If that were not enough, some also give individual discounts to club members.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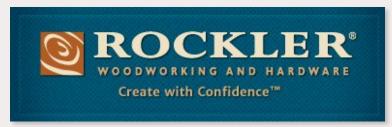




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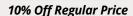


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Special note regarding Northwoods Figured Wood: Northwoods is evolving into a slab supplier and will no longer be in the turning blank business. We are sorry to see them go. They were a huge sponsor for us. We thank them deeply for their historical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

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FOR SALE

One Way Easy-Core Coring System.

It is brand new and never used.

It comes with the following extras:

- * 11-1/2" knife set
- * 9" knife set
- * two standard cutting tips
- * two carbide cutting tips
- * one Morse Taper extender
- * one sharpening jig.
- * one Clamp Block
- * original shipping Box

I have over \$660.00 into this tool. I'm asking \$500.00.

Please call me with any questions. Interested buyers can contact me via e-mail; baldmtn47@gmail.com

Mark Nelson 503-367-5636



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.

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Job Openings!

Portable Saw Mill Operator

Part time ~1 to 3 days per week, weather dependent.

Located on Meissner Rd in Deer Island. We're 25 minutes from St Helens, Longview or Vernonia, or an hour from Portland.

Mill Operator for small family business in a rural setting. Flexible schedule, healthy and positive work environment. Milling experience preferred (WoodMizer LT-4) or will train. Converting logs and burls into slabs.

Must be safety conscious and able to comfortably lift 40-50#. The mill is currently outdoors, but will be under cover in a couple months.

Requirements: experience and safe operation of a chainsaw and tractor, basic knowledge and love of wood. Must be accurate and efficient, self starting, low drama, reliable, quick learner, good communicator and able to work independently. 'Contract Labor' preferred. Open to labor barter for wood! Must have reliable transportation and be non-smoking.

Send Letter of Intent and Resume to service@nwfiguredwoods.com or call 800-556-3106.





Part time Shop Assistant

1-2 days per week

Assisting with VIVID stabilized wood product process. Will be using a sand blast cabinet and belt sander, among other tools. Must have basic knowledge and love of wood. Must be accurate and efficient, self starting, low drama, reliable, quick learner, good communicator and able to work independently. 'Contract Labor' preferred. Open to labor barter for wood! Must have reliable transportation and be nonsmoking. Flexible schedule, healthy and positive work environment. Located on Meissner Rd in Deer Island. We're 25 minutes from St Helens, Longview or Vernonia, or an hour from Portland.

Send Letter of Intent and Resume to <u>vivid@stabilizedwoods.com</u> or call 800-556-3106.



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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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