

# NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS



Founded 1995 Pacific Northwest Oregon Chapter of The American Association of Woodturning

**AAW** AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
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## NOVEMBER 2021



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • ROGER CROOKS



Rain returns to the Pacific Northwest, and the best place to be is in your workshop getting ready for the holidays. Rather than hope that a present you need will find its way off the container ships down south, be sure and make it yourself! It will be much more appreciated.

### COVID

Our vaccine mandate has been welcomed by members and those who commented, said they appreciated the policy.

### Turning Classes

Our sold-out Basic Bowl and Spindle classes went extremely well last month. NWWT's value add for these classes are not only the great instructors but also the assistants who provide one-on-one supervision. With six students, we had four of us watching and helping. For example, we could show the student that their bevel was not engaged, and a slight adjustment of the tool turned a ragged cut into a perfect cut. Only with this close monitoring can a new turner learn the right techniques.

One outcome of the classes will be an investment to improving the lathe setups. For each lathe, we will be adding a high-power flexible LED light, step drive centers, calipers, pencils, rulers, and a small ring adapter for the live centers to ease making fine adjustments on the tailstock side.

### New - Intermediate Bowl Class - November 6

Our first Intermediate Bowl class is coming up and has quickly sold out. This is part of our long-term plan to offer follow-on classes to the Basics series. An Intermediate Spindle class is planned for early next year. You can add your name to the waitlist if you want - [HERE](#)

Many thanks to Dave Wood, our Education Coordinator, for coming up with our strategy, planning and implementation of these classes (along with the facility and the donuts!)

### NEW Advanced Sharpening - 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 teach hand sharpening techniques, tool reshaping, and review other sharpening systems. Register [HERE](#)

### November General Meeting - Bill Karow - Embellishments

Want to see how Bill makes his beautiful pieces? Most of his work uses different techniques to embellish the wood. He will cover Bleaching, Fuming, and Ebonizing with fire, chemical, and India Ink. Examples of each technique will be shown, some with a before and after look. A technical document will also be available with the supplies needed for each technique.

Bill and I recorded this in his one car garage shop, which was organized to make use of every square inch and efficiently laid out.

## CLUB INFO

### NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS

[www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://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  
[\[map\]](#)

### President

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Jim Schoeffel

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John Beechwood

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • (CONT.)

We were accompanied by birds singing, wind chimes ringing, and garbage trucks doing their work, but the video turned out great!

### 2022 Elections

At our October meeting, we announced the board members who have offered to serve for another year. At this month's meeting, the membership will vote to approve. You can still throw your name in the hat for any position or just to join the board in a non-voting role to help influence NWWT's operations and planning. See article below.

### Open Shop – November 13 – Featuring Segmented Bowl Rims

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. This month's special presentation will be Dave Wood showing us how he constructs 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

Our store manager, John Sutter, will have the store open at Open Shop Saturday, Nov 13, from 10:00 – 12:00. He will be able to take cash, check, or credit cards. Get all the supplies you need for the holidays!

—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](mailto: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](http://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



## November Monthly Program Update

It is hard to believe 2022 is just around the corner. It is interesting to think how far this club has come since March of 2020. At first, we just cancelled the meetings and all activities. Since then, the meetings have become better and better as the quality of Zoom meetings and presentations both recorded video and Interactive Remote Demo's (IRD's) have become more available and much better quality. We have more activities for all levels of our club members than ever before. We are so fortunate to have such a talented group of experienced volunteers. Still to be determined is if we will have both in person meetings that are also available to watch from home. Change in how we do things has been faster than ever expected mostly due to the impact of the Covid virus.



Next up for **November's** meeting is our own club member, **Bill Karow**, who will be discussing three different finishing techniques that can dramatically transform your finished pieces. He will go over the three simple bleaching, fuming and ebonizing processes that he uses on his own work. Be sure not to miss this informative demonstration!

Bill was fortunate to have found woodturning almost a decade ago and has been turning non-stop since then. He prefers to turn one-of-a-kind utility pieces, such as bowls that want to be handled and used daily. He strives to explore different forms and experiments with different finishing techniques. Lately, he has also been trying his hand at simple embellishing with hand gouges and power carvers.

*"Woodturning has helped me stay on the path of being more aware of myself and how I'm feeling. And made me more in touch with who I am."*

For the past three years, Bill has been the editor of our fantastic monthly NWWT newsletter, and he also re-designed our club's logo.



Our first in-person demonstration in 2022, will be at the Multnomah Arts Center in **February**.

**Jimmie Allen** is the owner of Boxmaster Tools and D-Way Tools in Silverdale, Washington. He will be showing us how he turns a simple box, which is always fun to watch and learn from. He will help simplify what he makes look so easy.

He will also be bringing a LOT of tools for sale! I am sure he will show us how to use negative rake scrapers which seem to be growing in popularity. Make sure to attend and perhaps bring home a few shiny, new turning tools! The pictures below are from his gallery and show the quality of his work.

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



In **March** next year, **Eric Lofstrom** will demonstrate for us at our Thursday evening meeting and then be available for the next two days to do either hands-on training or demonstrating in more detail in an all-day class. Eric demonstrates nationally though he lives in Washington and was a presenter at this year's AAW Virtual Symposium.



**Jimmy Clewes**, a highly demanded turner out of Nevada, will be here for three days in **May** starting with a Thursday meeting, and then either a hands-on and all-day classes on 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 of these high energy demonstrators for three-day events in **March** and **May** next year. 2022 will be a great year, with more demonstrations in the planning stages. Stay tuned!

—Kevin



NWWT OPEN SHOP • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

NORTHWEST  
WOODTURNERS

OPEN SHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

9AM - 12PM

DAVE WOOD'S SHOP

24250 SW 65TH AVE, TUALATIN OR 97062

TOPICS: SEGMENTED BOWL RIM  
& SHARPENING TOOLS



Open Shop will take place on **Saturday, November 13 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 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

## BASICS COURSES – HUGE SUCCESS!

### ***Fall 2021 Bowl and Spindle Basics Courses—Huge Success!***

NWWT's two entry-level turning courses were held again on October 23rd and 24th. Each class was filled with 6 students and conducted with near one-on-one instruction and coaching by experienced members.

The Saturday **Basics of Bowl Turning** session was captained by Lead Instructor David Williams, a veteran expert turner, and his Assistant Instructor Skip Burke, also an expert turner and long-time member of NWWT. General Assistants Roger Crooks and Dave Wood helped students at the lathes when it came time to put the presentations into practice and make the shavings fly. All instructors and assistants are members of our NWWT "Instructor Corps" who teach all of our club training programs.



We had an abundance of relatively green spalted maple blanks, courtesy of the ice storm last spring that brought down hundreds of trees in our area, and dry maple blanks from the club's inventory.

Class attendees included Mark Maher, Randy Radmer, Anthony Pinkham, Glenn Nord, Eugene Litvin, and Stuart Pemble-Belkan. Students brought their own tools or borrowed from members. Proper tool sharpening is always included in our classes as needed. Sharp tools are safer tools, and they certainly make learning easier under the supervision of our instructors.





## BASICS COURSES – HUGE SUCCESS! (CONT.)



We closed the day with a group shot...just to show off our work a little bit. I think we have another crew of expert bowl turners on the way up. We consumed 16 bowl blanks, two large boxes of maple bars and donuts, and we created big smiles and new friendships. And yes, a goodly pile of wood shavings.



## BASICS COURSES – HUGE SUCCESS! (CONT.)

On Sunday, 6 different students (except for Glenn Nord who came for both courses) joined us in the shop for the **Basics of Spindle Turning**. Alan Wood, Tim Moore, Keith Strauss, Rick McWhorter and his son Nicholas McWhorter, and Glenn, all braved the heavy rain and high winds to begin learning the techniques of spindle turning. Tom Willing again served as Lead Instructor and Jim Schoeffel (our club photographer) stepped up as Assistant Instructor. General Assistants Roger Crooks, John Sutter and Kevin Jesequel coached at the student lathes on turning and sharpening skills while students learned how to turn a square piece to a cylinder, cut beads and coves, snowman tree ornaments, eggs, boleros, or just more coves and beads! In any case, there were big smiles and strong camaraderie, lots of shavings, and of course donuts!



The wind gusted enough to rattle the sheet metal a few times, the rain poured hard enough to make it hard to hear, and the lights flickered once, but we made it through the day safe, warm, and dry. Spirits were high, in spite of Mother Nature, because it's hard to distract focused and dedicated woodturners!





## BASICS COURSES – HUGE SUCCESS! (CONT.)



If you're just starting down your woodturning path, or want a restart, come join us for the next offering of our Basics Bowl and Spindle courses in the Spring.

For those of you who have already advanced your skills beyond the basics level, don't miss our upcoming **Intermediate Bowl Turning Class** on November 6th, and our **Advanced Sharpening Course** on December 4th. We begin 2022 with **Intermediate Spindle Turning** on January 22nd. Our class capacity is 6 students for all courses, so register now on the NWWT website to be sure you get a spot.

If you have already achieved a higher skill level and want to be part of the "NWWT Instructor Corp", call me at 503-880-1349. Our education program is becoming a differentiating strength for the NWWT, and the Instructor Corps is the backbone of our education program. Therefore, we need to continually develop instructors. Training others is a great contribution and a great way to advance your own skills even higher.

Happy turning and a hearty welcome to our enthusiastic new members!

—Dave Wood





## NWWT TURNING TALK • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20



The next Turning Talk is planned for Saturday, November 20 @ 9:00 AM, so send me your questions and plan to participate.

[nwwt.rogercrooks@comcast.net](mailto: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, November 20



## 2022 NWWT BOARD ELECTIONS

Below are the volunteers for 2022. Our bylaws require a 30 day advanced notice of the board. Voting will occur at the November meeting.

—Roger

### 2021 Officers

**President:** Roger Crooks

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**Vice President:** Kevin White

[kevin.white@northp.com](mailto:kevin.white@northp.com)

**Treasurer:** Mike Meredith

[mjmeredith23@gmail.com](mailto:mjmeredith23@gmail.com)

**Secretary:** Kevin Jesequel

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### Board Members

Steve Newberry, *Past President*

Richard Hall, *Past President*

Lynne Hemmert, *Library*

Jim Schoeffel, *Photographer*

Barbara Hall, *General Member Representative*

### Staff Volunteers

**Newsletter:** Bill Karow

**Store Sales:** John Sutter

**Education Coordinator:** Dave Wood

**Library:** Lynne Hemmert, Alex McDowell

**Raffle:** Kim Talley

**AV Backup:** Dave Burgess

**Photographer:** Jim Schoeffel

**Web:** Roger Crooks

**AAW Representative:** John Beechwood

## WIT PRESENTS - PANEL: BOSCH, DEGROOT, WALL



Women In Turning (WIT) features conversations with woodturning artists, teachers, demonstrators, and/or people of interest to WIT members. These will be live events, via Zoom, and the initial plan is to provide an introduction to the featured person, have them show and talk about their work, discuss who or what inspires them, tour their shop, and allow time for a Q & A period during the event. We have a healthy list of potential featured people, all women of course, and hope to have an event every few weeks until we run out of people or ideas.

The year is winding up, and we have one more WIT Presents event. Please join us **Saturday, November 13 at 1:00 PM** (Pacific Standard Time) for a new take on WIT Presents. Instead of focusing on a single artist, we will be treated to three! **Kailee Bosch, Rebecca DeGroot, and Marjin Wall** will give short presentations about their work, ideas, and inspirations, followed by a group discussion and Q&A, led by artist and moderator Hayley Smith.



**The event is free and open to the general public.**

- The session is limited to 500 participants.
- There is no charge for this event.
- This WIT Presents session begins at 1:00 PM PST.
- Registration ends 11/12/2021 9:00 AM PST.

Sign in or create an account to register at [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)





## NEED INSPIRATION? • ROGER CROOKS

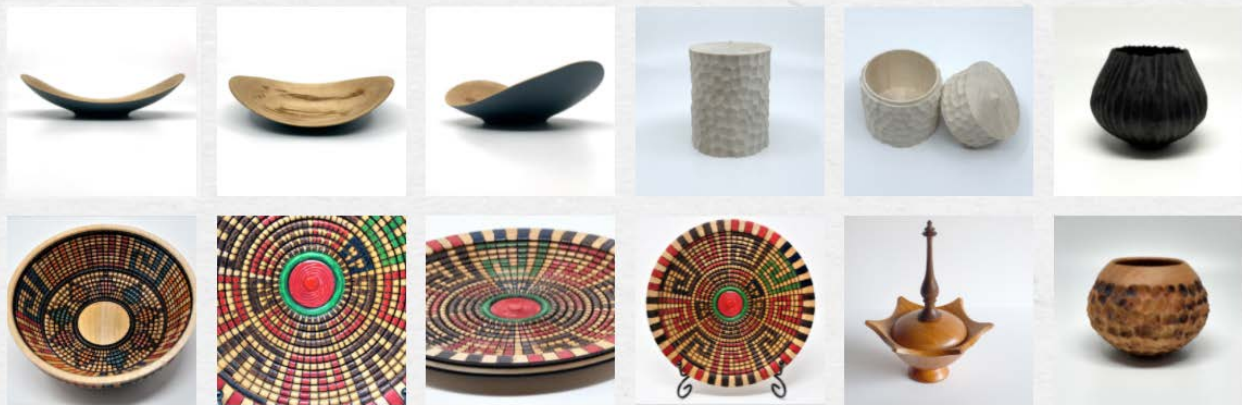
Need some new ideas of what to turn on that special piece of wood or looking for ideas on how to embellish your piece? You can turn to Pinterest for ideas OR you can look at what your fellow members are doing.

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.

If you need to contact the maker, check with Bill, and he may be able to give you the member's name.

—Roger

### September 2021 Show-n-Tell & Monthly Challenge

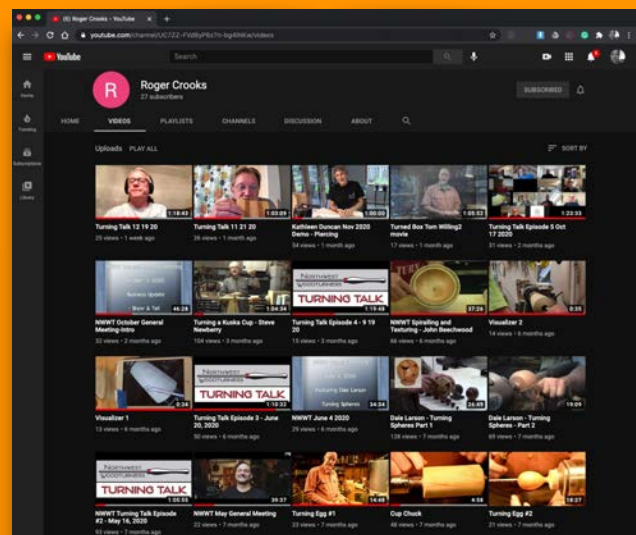


## RECORDED MEETINGS & DEMOS

Our monthly meetings and Turning Talks are available for viewing. Remember, to view past meetings, go to the NWWT Calendar.

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 - Kukua Cup	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 9:00 AM NWWT - Turning Talk



## OCTOBER SHOW-N-TELL

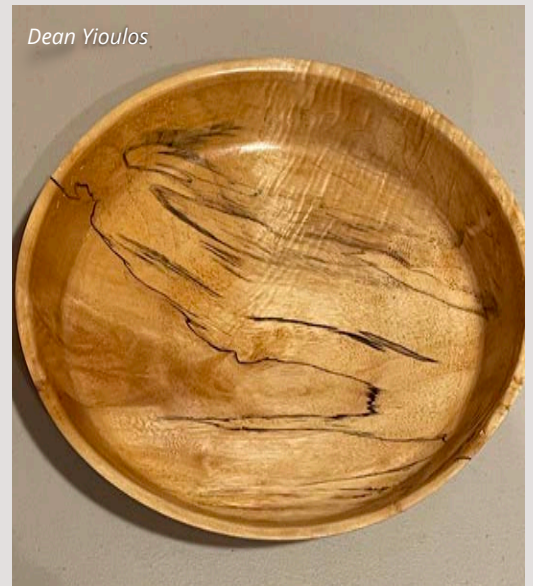
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## OCTOBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)



Roger Crooks



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## OCTOBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)

Roger Crooks



Roger Crooks



Mike Porter





## OCTOBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)



Mike Porter



Mike Porter



Bill Karow

## OCTOBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)

Joel Smith





## OCTOBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)

Steve Newberry



Phil Lapp



Phil Lapp



## OCTOBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)

Jason Goodrich



Jason Goodrich



Bill Karow



Bill Karow



Bill Karow





## OCTOBER SHOW-N-TELL (CONT.)

*Kevin Jesequel*



*Kevin Jesequel*



## NWWT MEETINGS &amp; DEMONSTRATORS



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

DATE	PROGRAM	MONTHLY CHALLENGE
2021		
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 Bowls (any size)
Thursday, October 7	Kirk DeHeer — Demystifying Cuts and Catches	Dale Larson-inspired Utility Bowls
<b>Thursday, November 4</b>	<b>Bill Karow — Bleaching / Fuming / Ebonizing</b>	<b>Spindle Work</b>
Thursday, December 2	No Meeting	Happy Holidays!
2022		
Thursday, January 6	TBD	TBD
Thursday, February 3	Jimmie Allen	TBD
Thursday, March 3	Eric Lofstrom	TBD
Thursday, April 7	TBD	TBD
Thursday, May 5	Jimmy Clewes	TBD



## OTHER WOODTURNING CLUBS • MEETINGS &amp; PROGRAMS

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



**WOODTURNERS OF OLYMPIA**  
[woodturnersofolympia.org](http://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](http://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](http://woodturningguild.com)

**2nd WEDNESDAY of every month @ 7:00pm**  
 MWA Architects  
 70 NW Couch St, Portland, OR [\[map\]](#)



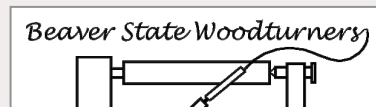
**SW WASHINGTON WOODTURNERS**  
[southwestashingtonwoodturners.com](http://southwestashingtonwoodturners.com)

**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](http://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](http://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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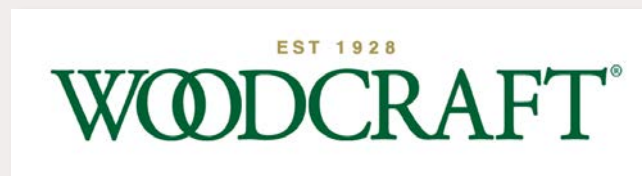
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*10% Off Regular Prices*



*Gift Certificates + 10% Off*

**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



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

