

Northwest WOODTURNERS

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NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE · ROGER CROOKS



It's not been the summer we had all hoped for – close – but just as life was getting back to normal, the Delta Variant came and bit us you know where. As of now, OHA guidelines require us to Mask Up, both inside and outside so NWWT will adhere to those rules.

NWWT Summer BBQ and Picnic

For those that were able to attend, it was a great day. Cool weather, good food, a fun auctioneer, and lots of great items for the auction.

We cleared nearly \$2,200. See story below. Many thanks again to the William's family, Mike Meredith (our BBQ'er), everyone who brought food, and especially everyone who donated items for the auction.

Multnomah Days

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Turning Classes

We will be announcing our fall classes shortly. Again, we will have our three Basics classes (Bowls, Spindles, and Sharpening) and will be adding a new Intermediate Bowl class. Many thanks to Dave Wood for arranging these classes (along with the facility and the donuts). Watch your email for availability.

September General Meeting - This Thursday!

Our next general meeting will have Dale Larson doing an excellent demo of finishing a twice turned bowl. After the rough turned bowl is dry, Dale goes step by step of getting it back into round (including the base) to the final sanding and finishing. I filmed this for Cascade Woodturners, and it is a very thorough and well-done demo. Dale will be with us to answer any questions.

Open Shop - September 4

We will be back requiring masks for this event. Our new lathe will be there for your use, and all lathes have been gone over in detail with accessories back in the right bags and any maintenance needs taken care of. If weather permits, both doors will be open for air flow. Please register HERE.

NWWT Store

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

—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



September Monthly Program Update

As we go into the end of the year with a lot of uncertainty regarding Covid, I am going to be an optimist and assume that we will be able to meet in person starting in January. Based on that, plans are for having meetings at the Multnomah Arts Center once again. However, if we are unable to attend meetings, we will continue with Interactive Remote Demonstrations (IRD) or video presentations much like we have done this year. If we do have to go to IRD's, there are a lot of outstanding and well-know woodturners who are available for presentations. Either way, 2022 will be a great year.

At the **September** meeting, we will have a video presentation by **Dale Larson** as a follow-up to our July meeting where Dale demonstrated how to turn an Oval Bowl. Now Dale will show us how he finishes his work. Dale has been turning for over 30 years and is an excellent teacher.

You can see from the pictures below the work and attention to detail that Dale does.







October is still in the planning stages. Since we will not be meeting in person it will be either and IRD or a video presentation.



In **November**, NWWT club member, **Bill Karow** will be demonstrating how he bleaches, ebonizes and fumes wood to enhance his finished pieces. The pictures below are some examples of his bleaching, fuming and ebonizing.











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

Our first in-person demonstration in 2022 will be at the Multnomah Arts Center in **February 2022**. **Jimmie Allen** aka 'the Boxmaster' who you might recall had been planned as our demonstrator for April 2020 prior to the Covid shutdown. Jimmie will be back turning for us, and I am sure he will show us how to use negative rake scrapers and many other tools he sells. The pictures below are from his gallery.









In **March** next year, **Eric Lofstrom** will be our demonstrator giving us a condensed version at our Thursday evening meeting of what he will do in hands-on classes or all-day demonstrations on Friday and Saturday following our meeting. Eric is an excellent teacher and demonstrator and a lot of fun to watch and learn from. Below are a few of the items from his gallery.











Jimmy Clewes, another great and well-known turner, will be here for three days in May starting with a Thursday meeting and then hands-on and all-day classes 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 these high energy demonstrators for three-day events in **March** and **May** next year.

All this is just the beginning of what is in planning stages for 2022, and in person face-to-face meetings.

—Kevin

OUR SEPTEMBER SHOW-N-TELL CHALLENGE

Since we didn't have August Show-n-Tell or Monthly Challenge last month (because of our annual auction and picnic), I'd like to challenge all club members to send me a photograph of something you have turned in the last couple months.

I know that your fellow club members would be interested in seeing what you have been making on your lathe. And it's a great way to get to know something about each other.

Please send me your pics before the meeting this Thursday so I can "show," and you can "tell."

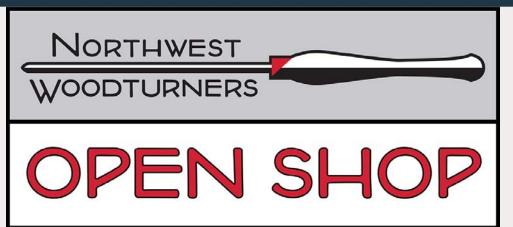
It's ok if you send them to me last minute.

bill.karow@mac.com



(THIS THURSDAY!)

NWWT OPEN SHOP · SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 9am - 12pm Dave Wood's Shop

24250 SW 65th Ave, Tualatin OR 97062









Open Shop will take place on **Saturday, September 4 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.
- Bring your own PPE (face shields, dust protection).
- COVID 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

NWWT TURNING TALK · SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18



The next Turning Talk is planned for Saturday, September 18 @ 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

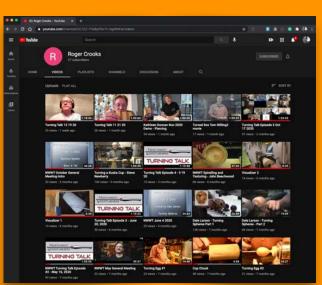
NWWT Turning Talk 9-10am Saturday, September 18

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.





NWWT ANNUAL AUCTION & PICNIC · REVIEW



A great day, good weather, and good friends provided a fun and worthwhile event. With Mike Meredith on the BBQ and lots of good food brought by members, everyone got their fill before the auction started. After lunch, Dave Colsen kept the crowd engaged and their credit cards busy.

We cleared near \$2200 which was not bad given the situation. Data from past years show a good history.

NWWT Auction	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021
Attendees	27	31	33	31	28
Buyers	22	28	26	25	19
Items auctioned	95	105	86	81	77
Gross Amount	\$2,571	\$3,105	\$3,080	\$3,327	\$2,703
Avg Sale	\$27.06	\$29.57	\$35.81	\$41.07	\$35.10
Avg Buyer purchase	\$116.86	\$110.89	\$118.46	\$133.08	\$142.24
Expenses	\$750	\$778	\$442	\$498	\$505
Total Net	\$1,821	\$2.327	\$2,638	\$2,829	\$2,198

Major donations came from Mike Porter, Fred Kline, Mike Meredith, Rockler, Dale Larson (whose oval bowl set a record as far back as I can remember) and many others. Thanks to them, the buyers, and Dave and Karen Williams for sharing their home with us.

-Roger







MULTNOMAH DAYS · AUGUST 21, 2021



The Multnomah Village Business Association puts on this popular event every August. We had a 10' booth. Four members signed up to sell their products which was the maximum for the booth size. Unfortunately, two had to pull our due to health reasons leaving John Beechwood and Kevin Jesequel as the only sellers. I scrambled and pulled about everything out of my closet that was not too embarrassing and joined them Saturday morning.

John provided the tent and tables. Unfortunately, our sign and brochures were locked away in the MAC, but we did our best to sell the club. I had at least five people say they were interested in joining – we shall see.



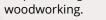




The crowd was good but without the parade, there was no huge crowd like after the parade two years ago. I think this worked in our favor as traffic seemed somewhat slow, but it was steady and people had time to look things over and talk with us. With over \$2400 in sales (more than double two years ago), I think it worked out well!

Sales exceeded our expectations with John selling a vase before the show even opened. John, our top seller and an experienced vendor, had all the things needed to be successful including a broad range of products. It was Kevin's first experience in selling, and his beautiful hollow forms were a big draw with people asking, "How did you do that?" One of Kevin's pieces was the highest priced item that sold.

We had an end booth which provided great visibility and were next to the Guild of Oregon Woodworker's booth. We both did a good job of representing fine Oregon





Near the end of the day, with tired feet and questionable judgement, we pulled out all stops to get customers.

–Roger



IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION

UPDATED 8/28/2021

Selected in-person activities have started again including Open Shop, Basic Classes, and Store Pickup.

In general, our policy is following state and CDC guidelines in all activities. For certain events, we can be more conservative and require additional guidelines.

All Events - Masks are required for non-vaccinated members at all NWWT in-person events.

NWWT Open Shop - Masks are required.

Classes - Masks are required.

Please adhere to the above practices to ensure your safety and the safety of your fellow club members.

-Roger



CAN NWWT HELP YOU SELL YOUR PRODUCTS?

A topic at every board meeting is how NWWT can help our members. The Company Store is a great example, and opportunities like the Multnomah Day booth is another. Classes and Open Shop help our new turners.

For our more advanced members, we agreed to look at how NWWT can help members sell online. The general idea is to do a special website for our selling members, and NWWT will provide the marketing and promotion for that site which will link to your website or Etsy page. See www.shop.goow.org/ for a draft mock-up of what the site might look like.

The only obvious requirement is to have your own website or Etsy page. If enough interest, we can provide a training session for how to get started on Etsy. But before we embark on the work, we need to know how many members would be interested. Watch your email for a quick poll. If not interested, please just respond with a no.

-Roger

THE GEORGE BUSH BUTTERNUT TREE



The original Bush Butternut tree in 2008. Although severely damaged in a 2015 windstorm, the tree survived.

Photo credit: Washington State Department of Enterprise Services

—Kim Hoover

A huge 175 year old, historic Butternut tree fell over recently near Olympia. It was planted in 1845 after being brought over from Missouri along the Oregon Trail by pioneer George Bush. At that time, the Oregon Provisional Government laws prevented Bush from settling in Oregon because of his race, his father was black. He traveled on north with a few other families to settle near what is now Tumwater, where they established the first permanent American settlement in the Puget Sound area.

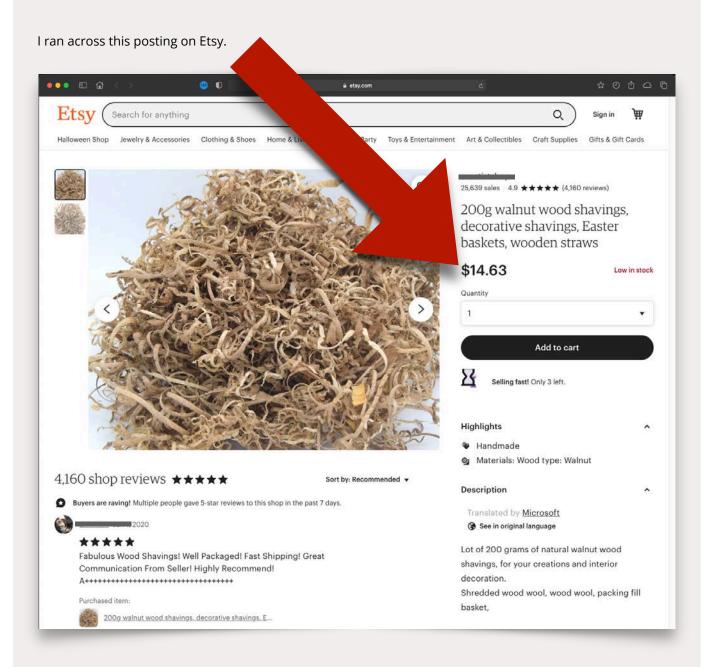
Ray Gleason, the arborist who has cared for this tree the past several years wishes to preserve its heritage in works of art that can be displayed across the country in places like museums and schools. He is seeking artisans, including woodturners, willing to create items from this wood. He stipulates that everything made is to be donated and not sold.

For a brief history this tree, see https://www.thurstontalk.com/2018/02/11/george-bush-butternut-tree-washington-state/.



A sapling from the original Bush butternut tree is located across from the Helen Sommers Building near the World War II Memorial. Photo credit: Jennifer Crooks

SERIOUSLY???



I may have found a new source of income.

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—bk



NWWT MEETINGS & 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 Bowl (any size)			
Thursday, October 7	TBD	TBD			
Thursday, November 4	Bill Karow — Bleaching / Fuming / Ebonizing	TBD			
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			

BULLETIN BOARD

In July, we had a sale at Bob Espen's place in Toledo. We sold some of the wood and tools. Here is what is left for sale. If you are interested call Teresa Espen and work out a time. 360-269-3886

- Woodfast lathe M910 long bed asking \$1400
- Stronghold chuck \$200
- Axminister chuck with extra jaws \$250
- Stewart hollowing system with extra curved hollowing pieces \$150

She also has lots of roughed out bowls and hollow forms, mostly figured Big Leaf Maple and lots of hand turning tools including gouges.

—Dale



Past Cascade member Vince Nance is "retiring" from woodturning and selling his equipment. He has sold one lathe and some other equipment. Here is what is left for sale. Vince lives in inner SE Portland. If you are interested, call Vince and set up a time. 503-719-5316.

- General Lathe M160 110 Vt, capacity 12", variable speed, asking \$600
- Clean Stream dust collector 2 bag, 1 1/2hp, 100/220 asking \$150
- Grizzly table saw 3hp 10" asking \$300
- Makita miter saw LS1000 10" \$50
- Delta drill press 17-968 asking \$350

—Dale



USED Woodturners Wonders "Aurora" LED Lathe Lamp w. onoff magnetic base.

Although it has been USED for years, it is rated for 500,000-hours, so I'm pretty confident it will provide many more hours of bright light.

It is the previous model, but I think it has similar specs as the <u>current "Aurora" lamp</u> offered new at \$124.95.

\$30.

—bk

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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

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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]

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





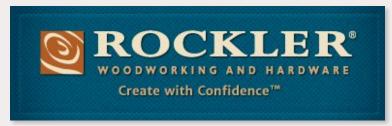




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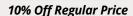


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Special note regarding Northwoods Figured Wood: Northwoods is evolving into a slab supplier and will no longer be in the turning blank business. We are sorry to see them go. They were a huge sponsor for us. We thank them deeply for their historical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

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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