

NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS



Founded 1995 Pacific Northwest Oregon Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners **AAW** AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

JANUARY 2023



JANUARY MEETING — ANNUAL TOOL SWAP

NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • ROGER CROOKS



We made it through another year. Many challenges but many opportunities. It was a big year for NWWT, and I hope everyone got something out of your membership. While it is a good time to look ahead and make all those New Year's resolutions that we usually forget in February. I'd like to take a step back, examine last year, and recognize some key players. In the last few years, we have grown like crazy, doubling our memberships with 2-5 new members each month. As you all know, it takes a lot of people to keep this train running on the tracks and they all, as volunteers, ask for nothing in return.

Dave Wood – Without Dave, many of the opportunities we offer would not be possible. In addition to his large, well-organized shop that he offers to the club rent-free for Open Shop and Classes, Dave has driven our education program, which I believe is the very best in the Pacific Northwest. It's one thing to do a job well, it is another thing to do it exceptionally well. Dave is in the second category. Please give Dave (and Judy, his wife) your thanks for all they do.

John Beechwood – Our new VP has been extremely active in all club activities, being an instructor and an assistant at Classes and Open Shop. Whenever there is work to be done, John is there. He is also our resident product sales expert doing very well at local markets and helping the rest of us learn about selling our products. Being an AAW board member, he provides excellent insight into the organization and available demo artists that we may bring in next year.

Mike Meredith – Past president and current treasurer, Mike is the fountain of knowledge for the club. His experience in being a turner for more years than we can count and his deep technical knowledge in steels, finishings, and techniques is simply invaluable. His willingness to share that knowledge with everyone makes NWWT the club to join. Come to Open Shop or take the all-day Sharpening Class offered every quarter, and Mike will teach you how to sharpen your tools

Bill Karow – Our newsletter editor, instructor, assistant, and brochure designer. Bill makes the outward face of NWWT look extremely professional. His graphic background as an artist not only shows up in his newsletters but also in his artistic turnings. Bill also provided the graphic framework for our website and assists me in maintaining it. He recently produced our new brochure which is as professional as it gets. And remember, his newsletter won an AAW first-place award!

John Sutter (and Lou) – We have one of the best-stocked club stores around. Managing all these items and keeping them in stock, now at two locations, is not a trivial job. In addition to managing the items, he has also built cases for everything to be displayed very professionally. However, one of his biggest contributions is that he stores everything, rent-free, and he and Lou are present at all our club meetings. He is also an Open Shop and Class assistant and helps wherever needed. His idea for the Beads of Courage initiative got us two articles in the AAW Magazine.

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.)

Richard (and Barb) Hall – Richard was past president and kept NWWT afloat during challenging times when we no longer had a home, membership was static, and setting up demos at various locations was a demanding task which he did well. Barb was our newsletter editor for those same years (maybe more). We all wish Richard well as he deals with health issues.

All of our Volunteers – Most clubs are run by a small percentage of members. I am happy to see that NWWT has a much higher than average percentage of volunteers to help run the club.

Jim Schoeffel – Our chief photographer – his pictures make all our items sometimes look better than they really are. Jim is also an active craft seller and makes a number of popular items that sell well.

Dave Burgess – As a new member, Dave jumped right in and helped with our AV setup. His technical knowledge is invaluable. He is also active on our Turning Talk sessions, comes to meetings early for setup and is available when needed.

Kevin White – Past VP in charge of arranging all our demos for the last few years, and in spite of challenging times with the pandemic and short deadlines, he never missed a beat.

Lynn Hemmert – Our librarian is in charge of one of the biggest and best libraries in the area. We can all thank Lynn by bringing back any missing books or videos.

Dave Williams – Dave has donated his house for our annual BBQ/Auction for as long as I can remember – again rent-free, for his tents, chairs, BBQ, and labor. Dave is also one of our lead instructors.

WAIT there's more – Kim Tally (Raffle), Jason Goodrich (Instructor and Assistant), Tom Willing (Instructor and wise Teacher), Steve Collet (Bowl Donation Program), Steve Newberry (our resident doctor and also a fountain of knowledge), our volunteer team of instructors and assistants, our Open Shop helpers, and everyone who shows up at wood cutting parties. But most importantly, all of you who show up at meetings, Open Shop, Turning Talk, and take classes – this keeps us all going.

January Tool Swap – January 5, 2023

Looks like we will have lots of sellers, so please come and be a buyer. Even if you don't think you need something, it is a fun time to chat with other members. Some donated items include a \$25 certificate and a 6-sided negative rake carbide scrapper from Penn State, an Iwata airbrush system with air compressor, over 30 bottles of paint, 4 Trent Bosch boring bars (expensive), a Oneway grinder stone truing jig, a Fuji HVLP paint system, and turning tools – all old but OK. These will be auctioned off with a silent auction.

Cash and checks are the safest way to pay although some members may be able to accept credit cards or online apps like Venmo. If you plan to sell items, please register for the meeting [HERE](#) so we can plan on how many tables we need to set up.

Bowls for the Community

Continue to support our Community Project Bowl program. NWWT has donated over 50 bowls to date, but all have come from just a few members. Make a 2023 resolution for at least one bowl per quarter (and don't forget it in February). Thanks to Steve Collett for driving this important program.

Turning Classes

The next two series of classes are posted. We think that the change to a more "project" based approach will be a very popular improvement so even if you have taken an intermediate bowl or spindle class in the past, these "201" classes are a good reason to take another class and learn more techniques and design options.

Open Shop – January 14, 2023

Register [HERE](#). We have added a fourth grinder to increase the availability of sharpening time, so bring your tools and get them sharp!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • (CONT.)

NWWT Store

Stock back up after all your holiday turnings – either at our January meeting or Open Shop. We purchased another barrel of Anchorseal for next year.

2023 Oregon Woodturning Symposium – March 17-19

The 2023 Oregon Woodturning Symposium is now open for Registration. Click [HERE](#) to register. For more Symposium information, check out the article below.

—Roger

VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" • JOHN BEECHWOOD



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Maybe even found some time to fire up your lathe!

I am getting back up to speed on the responsibilities of being your Vice President. I am amazed at how our club has grown over the past three years. We now have about 300 members!

This year is starting out amazing with some great demonstrators already lined up.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming meeting/tool sale.

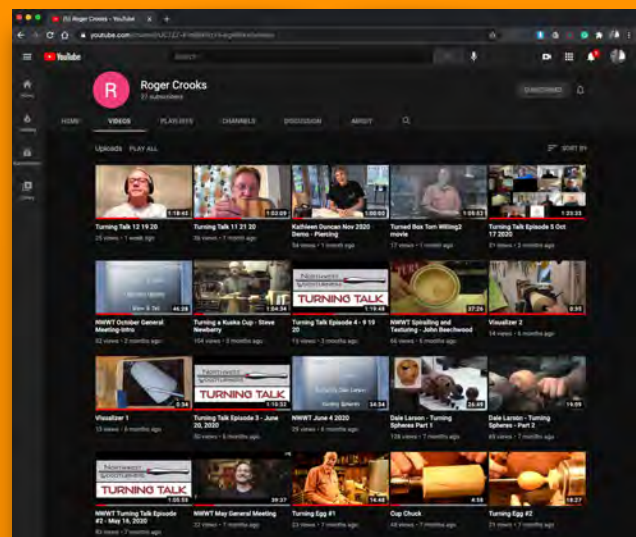
—John Beechwood

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	2	3
				5:30 PM October Meeting Steve Newberry - Kuski Gud		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						9:00 AM NWWT - Turning Talk



NWWT ANNUAL TOOL SWAP @ JANUARY MEETING

**What It Is**

This was a popular annual event before the pandemic. NWWT members bring their turning tools and items that they seldom use to sell to other members. We will have tables set up for your use. Many of you are relatively new members and have probably never been to one of these events. It is not only a great opportunity to get some bargains on tools, but also to talk with other members about tools, and their experiences, and to get answers to questions you might have. You may see jigs that you have no idea what they do – this is your chance to learn.

How it works

While there will be a table of items donated to the club items whose revenue will go directly to the club, the rest of the sales are member-to-member. Cash and checks are the safest way to pay although some members may be able to accept credit cards or online apps like Venmo.

How to participate

Please arrive by 6:30 (or earlier) to set up your table. Make sure all items are priced. Also please hit the register button so we will know how many people to expect.

Note: Only sellers need to register – Register [HERE](#)



RICHARD RAFFAN • MARCH 9

Mark Your Calendars for:

An Evening With Richard Raffan

at 7p on Thursday, March 9th, via Zoom



by Doug Pizac

Southwest Washington, Cascade, and Northwest woodturning clubs are partnering to bring famed turner Richard Raffan to share his life, work, tips and tricks for their members from his home in Australia via Zoom.

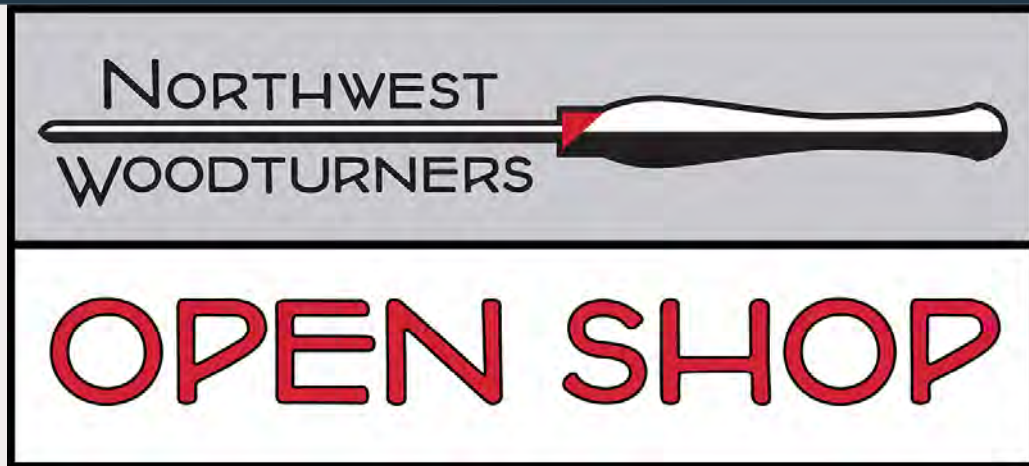
This will not be a demonstration session as his projects and how-to tutorials are readily available on his YouTube channel.

Instead, Richard will be making himself available to us for what will be a special event where tells us what it was like for him when starting out, how woodturning and tools have changed over the decades, how we can better ourselves at the lathe, and other words of inspiration. A live Q&A session will follow.

Stay tuned for more information and the Zoom link in future newsletters.



NWWT OPEN SHOP • SATURDAY, JANUARY 14



SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023

9AM - 1PM

DAVE WOOD'S SHOP

24250 SW 65TH AVE, TUALATIN OR 97062

LEARN TO TURN & LEARN TO SHARPEN!

Open Shop will take place on **Saturday, January 14 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

NWWT STORE • JOHN SUTTER

Due to popular demand, we now carry a stock of most of our store items at Dave Wood's place and can be purchased during Open Shop. It will have the most popular consumables such as CA glue, walnut oil, AnchorSeal, and sanding supplies. (The full store will still be available at all of our monthly meetings.)



2023 OREGON SYMPOSIUM • SAVE THE DATES!



OREGON WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM



When – March 17-19, 2023

Where – Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon (about 90 minutes south of Portland).

Cost – \$325

The planning for the 2023 Symposium is well underway. This biennial show was canceled in 2021 due to Covid, but it's back again with a fantastic list of demonstrators and vendors.

What It Is

The symposium includes five demonstration rooms, a large vendor area, an Instant Gallery, an auction, and a raffle. Each demo room has four demos on Friday and Saturday, and two on Sunday, so you will be able to see all the demonstrators. A dinner Saturday night is catered and will feature a raffle for a lot of great prizes donated by our vendors.

Albany is an easy drive from Portland, and the facility is well-suited for our event. Two hotels are on-site with reasonable rates.

NWWT will sponsor one of the demo rooms which means we are responsible for outfitting the room with a lathe, grinder, audio/video support, and other items needed by the demonstrator. As a result, NWWT will receive a stipend for that support. Each room has ten demo sessions over the 2 ½ days, and for each demonstration, we will need the support of an A/V operator and an assistant.

Why Attend

This is a great opportunity to learn from the best.

There is something for all, from beginners to advanced turners. Beginners will learn how to make the best cuts and advanced turners will see different ways to enhance your work to make it stand out.

You will also see the latest in woodturning equipment, tools, and jigs. Attending the symposium is your chance to be up close and personal with the demonstrators who are very open and easy to talk with. Plus, you will get to see old friends and meet many of the best turners in the area.

What Is Needed For the NWWT Room

Like our club, the symposium is put on by volunteers, and the symposium is a huge event. Volunteers will receive a symposium t-shirt, and the club will get a stipend depending on how the show finances work out.

NWWT Volunteers Are Needed For:

- **Setup** - Setup is on Thursday, so we need to transport all our equipment to Albany and get it set up.
- **Demo Support** – For each of the ten sessions, we provide the A/V support and supply a “helper” who makes sure the room is set up properly and the demonstrators have what they need.
- **Tear-Down** – The show ends Sunday at noon at which time we pack up and move our equipment back home.

After registering for the Symposium, volunteer to work in the NWWT room by signing up [HERE](#) for times that you are able to help.



2023 OREGON SYMPOSIUM • (CONT.)



OREGON WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM

**Symposium Support Volunteers are also needed:**

- **Raffle Tickets Sales** (6 sessions)
- **Instant Gallery Monitor** (20 sessions)
- **Registration Booth Support** (21 sessions)
- **Grand Prize Drawing Organizer**
- **Auction Support** (10 sessions)
- **Transportation** – Driving demonstrators from and back to the airport

To volunteer for the Symposium Support – contact [Roger Crooks](#)

Demonstrators

A few of the slated demonstrators have been here before and have commented about the quality of the event and the friendliness of the local clubs and their members.

Signed up to date are **Stuart Batty, Cynthia Gibson, Eric Lofstrom, Keith Gotschall, Trent Bosch, Mike Mahoney, Stuart Mortimer, Nick Cook, Nick Agar, Rebecca DeGroot, and Sally Ault**. These are all well-known professionals that are the best at what they do.

Vendors

The vendor list is still growing and currently includes D-Way Tools, Big Monk Lumber, Niles Bottle Stoppers, WoodturnerPRO Software, Woodturners Wonders, Trent Bosch, and Woodcraft (Eugene).

—Roger



LIBRARY NEWS • LYNNE HEMMERT

**SPECIAL ALERT
from the LIBRARY CART!**

CLUB BOOKS & CD's that are collecting dust or wood chips around the house, shop or car, could be returned to the club at the next meeting in January. Just think how much additional space you could have.

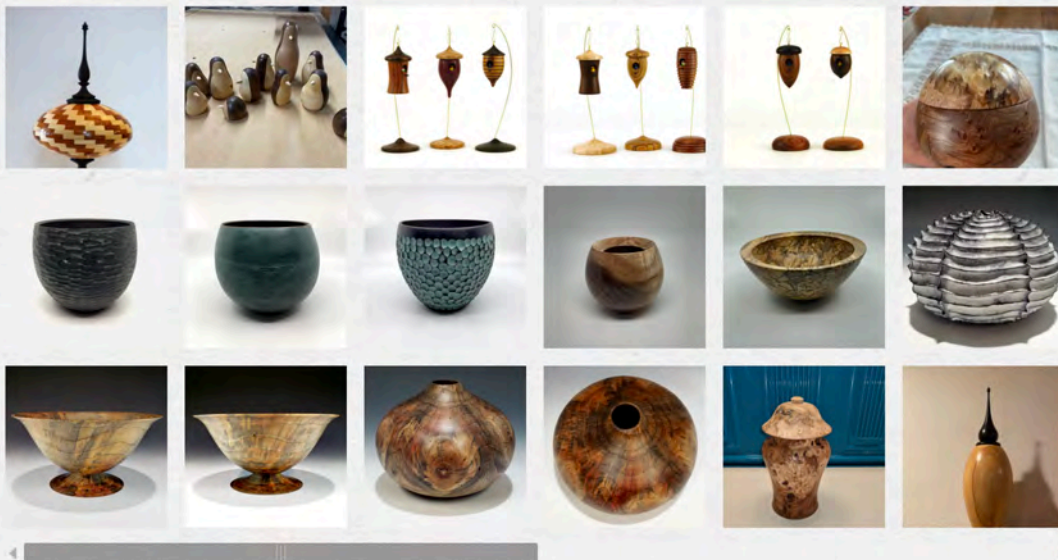
NWWT is missing A LOT of our CD's. Please look around and bring them to the next meeting. You could also bring some little used tools that you want sell.

Thanks,

—Lynne



NEED INSPIRATION? • ROGER CROOKS

Show-n-Tell & Monthly Challenge

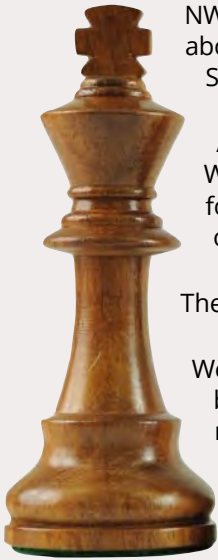
Need some new ideas of what to turn on that special piece of wood or looking for ideas on how to embellish you piece? You can turn to Pinterest for ideas OR you can look at what your fellow members are doing.

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

WOOD CZAR WANTED



NWWT would like to offer a new membership feature – wood sales. Our supply of boxes of wood is about depleted. We have some donations from estates that we will be pricing and selling at Open Shop as well as some bowl blanks.

As we find out about opportunities of a cut tree or one that is about to be cut, we are looking for a Wood Czar that can help coordinate this activity. The Wood Czar would be the focal point for following up and deciding if need a cutting party to harvest the wood and turn into turning blanks or decide it is not a good choice.

The job is to coordinate, not necessarily do the work.

We are thinking that when we cut the logs, members of the cutting party would take some home and bandsaw and seal the blanks. Lots of details to work out, but first we would like someone to manage this activity. Out of 124 members that expressed an interest in available wood, surely we can find someone to step up to this role.

—Roger



CHESTNUT TREE DOWN – A WOOD CZAR OPPORTUNITY



Here's the [LINK](#) to a KOIN-TV story on a historic, century-old American, 100' Chestnut tree in Sellwood. The community is raising funds via GoFundMe to transform the tree trunk into useful wood.

Our three local clubs need to be part of the harvesting -- not for furniture, but for bowls, spindle work, etc. And they'll save money if we bring our own chainsaws and labor for free. Even parts too small for bowls can be utilized for tool handles, rolling pins, ornaments, finials, pens/pencils, etc., and especially classes.

We are looking for someone from Cascade or Northwest to take the lead on this and let the rest of us know what's going on, when and where to come with our saws, etc.?

This could be the type of exposure our clubs could use to get our names out there and find new members and people interested in buying our work. Contact [Roger Crooks](#) if interested.

—Doug Pizac

NEW MEMBERSHIP FEES

NWWT membership fees have not changed since the club was formed (as far as anyone remembers). As we all know, costs have gone up significantly. Demonstrators, Open Shop expenses, insurance, MAC fees, storage, etc., have all gone up, especially in the last two years. Members receive a lot for their membership, so the board voted to raise membership fees by \$5.

While NWWT is in a secure financial position today, we want to ensure we stay that way and maintain our ability to attract professional demonstrators, enhance Open Shop equipment, and have great meetings.

New fees will start January 1, 2023. In addition, we are offering two and three year renewals for convenience.

General:	Annual dues	\$40
	Two year	\$80
	Three year	\$120
Family:	Annual dues	\$50
	Two year	\$100
	Three year	\$150
Business:	Annual dues	\$65



2023 MEETINGS & DEMONSTRATORS



DATE	PROGRAM	MONTHLY CHALLENGES
2023		
Thursday, January 5	Annual Tool Swap	TBD
Thursday, February 2	TBD	TBD
Thursday, March 2	TBD	TBD
Thursday, April 6	TBD	TBD
Thursday, May 4	TBD	TBD
Thursday, June 1	TBD	TBD
Thursday, July 6	TBD	TBD
Saturday, August 5	BBQ Picnic & Auction	Enjoy the Auction!
Thursday, September 7	TBD	TBD
Thursday, October 5	TBD	TBD
Thursday, November 2	TBD	TBD
Thursday, December 7	No Meeting This Month	Happy Holidays!

BULLETIN BOARD



If you have woodturning tools for sale, a new source for woodturning stock, upcoming estate sales, need help or have questions that need answering, [let me know](#) so I can post it on the Bulletin Board section of next month's NWWT newsletter.



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 @ 6:00pm
 Wild Lilac Child Development Center
 3829 SE 74th 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 [\[map\]](#)



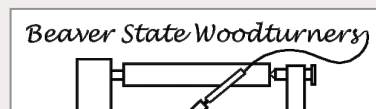
SW WASHINGTON WOODTURNERS
southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

4th FRIDAY of every month @ 7:00pm
 Friends of the Carpenter's Center
 1600 W 20th St, Vancouver, WA 98660 [\[map\]](#)



WILLAMETTE VALLEY WOODTURNERS
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

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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10% Off All Orders

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.

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 US 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
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