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Northwest Woodturners meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. See website for details and map.

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Next Meeting:
October 5th

Learn-2-Turn:
October 7th

Turning Challenge:
Jewelry & Personal Accessories



President's Corner

Thank you, Jim Hall, for stepping up and volunteering to fill in for our missing demonstrator last month. The club now has a basic set of turning tools available in case we ever have this problem again. I would also ask all of our members that if you have any excess tools laying around, and would like for them to have a good home, you can donate them to the club.

Guess what time it is? That's right, its time to nominate the club Officers and Board of Directors again. We will take nominations in October for:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary / Treasurer
- (5) Directors

Elections will be held at the November meeting. I would encourage all members to get involved, and help make our chapter of the American Association of Woodturners the best in the country. It is through volunteers that help keep us vibrant and growing. If you are interested in becoming more active in the success of the chapter please see an officer and discuss a way that you can help.

We are off and running on planning for the upcoming AAW Symposium to be held in Portland at the end of June 2007. I will spend a little time discussing this at the October meeting.

Safe Turning,
Tom Reiman

October Demo: Toxicity & Allergenicity

Common species of wood used by the woodworker and woodturner are known to have potentially serious health effects. These include the development of wood allergies, non-allergic lung congestion (dust cough) and contact dermatitis. Allergies are immune system mediated allergic responses (like allergies to honey bees or penicillin) and are usually seen as effects on the lungs - coughing, tightness of the chest and in extreme cases anaphylactic

shock, a life threatening condition. I'll bring some cocobolo and try to get Bob Tuck to demonstrate this phenomenon. The problems with contact dermatitis are usually restricted to an area repeatedly exposed to an offending wood. Once sensitized to the wood, reddening of the skin, swelling and itching can occur on repeated exposure. Dust mediated congestion is simply the lungs trying to clear the pipes of the small wood particles inhaled, during for example sanding, by producing mucus. The problem occurs with cer-

tain species that contain oils that can slow the movement of the cilia (tiny hairs pushing the stuff out) and slowing clearance.

We will go over a bit of the mechanism of wood toxicity and focus on woods that are known to be a problem. We will look at some prevention strategies and equipment and a little bit of first aid if there is a problem.

Thank You,
Mike Meredith



Above: Substitute demonstrator, Jim Hall, instructs how to make delicate finials.



Jim Hall demonstrates how to turn tall, delicate finials. Thank you, Jim, for taking on the challenge of putting together a demonstration on a moment's notice.



From the September Turnings Table: (CW from right) A mahogany box by **Steve Newberry**; **Mike Meredith's** threaded Myrtle box; Pod missile nose cone for Evergreen Aviation Museum display by **Dick Anderson**; The monthly challenge winner: **Chris Nilluka's** Locust, stitched, natural edge box; A footed, finial-ed covered bowl by **Jim Hall**.



Ray Keys Demonstrates October 14th & 15th

Ray Keys from England will be in Portland October 14th and 15th doing all day demonstrations. Ray is one of the best know woodturners in the world and puts on a good show. He is the author of several books and many articles and is well-known for his beautiful bowls and Pagoda boxes. He will demonstrate bowls and boxes, as well as other topics. Ray is very skilled in the use of the square end bowl gouge.

The demonstrations will be at Dale Larson's shop in Gresham and will start about 9:30AM and go to about 4:00PM. The cost is \$30 each day. Call Dale at 503-661-7793 and reserve a seat for this great class.



Above: Tom Rieman brought this stunning example of his latest work on segmented turnings.

Challenge Schedule for 2006

October - Jewelry & personal accessories: perfume containers, key fobs, etc.

November - Christmas ornaments

December - No challenge – Christmas party & gift exchange

Challenges for 2007

Let your preferences be heard on choosing the 2007 monthly challenges. Talk to Owen Lowe (me) at a meeting — email me (onl@verizon.net) — call me (503) 538-5325.

Learn-2-Turn begins again on October 7th

After a four month hiatus, the Learn-2-Turn Saturdays are restarting this month. *Everyone* is invited to attend, no matter how long you've been a NWWT member, so bring your turning tools, coffee, and perhaps a couple chunks of wood. I'll bring the donuts.

We'll gather at Chemwest about 9:30AM to discuss and share woodturning in whatever direction those attending wish to go.

Woodworking Show, October 20, 21, 22

Northwest Woodturners generally hosts an informational table at the yearly woodturning show at the Expo Center. We need volunteers who are willing to commit to a few hours co-manning the table, talking to passersby, encouraging prospective members, and doing short demonstrations. Woodturning expertise not required!

Accessing NWWT myfamily Forum

Lloyd Johnson has generously sponsored the private NWWT forum on myfamily.com. It's a place to share pictures, ask questions between meeting times, share internet files and news, etc.

Every current member has access to the forum. Should you not have your username and password, drop me an email from the internet address you use for personal emails. I'll get back to you with the information you need to log on and begin participating.

Notable Trees of Oregon

Newberg's Ewing Young Oregon White Oak

Ewing Young, fur trapper and trader in the Southwest and Mexico, turned settler in the Chehalem Valley in 1834. He was the first American settler in the Oregon Country who was independent of aid from the Hudson's Bay Company. His death on February 15, 1841, left considerable property and no heirs. This problem created the necessity to form a civil government, which directly led two years later to the Champoe Meeting and the beginning of the organization of the Provisional Government of Oregon in 1843, the first government by Americans on the Pacific Coast. On May 6, 1846, an acorn was planted on Young's grave near his cabin site by Miranda Bayley and Sidney Smith. The Ewing Young Oak is located 1/4 mile north of Highway 240, 4 miles west of Newberg, Yamhill County.

From <http://www.oregon.com/history/oregon_heritage_trees_portland.cfm>

Classified Ads

Guidelines for Classified Ads: If you sell or find your item please notify the editor. Ads will only run for 3 (three) consecutive months. Please submit your ad to the editor by the 20th of the month. Editor makes no apologies or guarantees for spelling or grammatical errors. All woodworking items, for sale or wanted, are welcome.

Wanted: A production lathe person to produce spindles for a rocking chair I build. This probably needs to be someone with a copy attachment; the spindles are 14 5/16" including tenon. **Contact Richard Benham, 503-922-3263.** (9/06)

Woodcraft® Classes with Bob Tuck, Fred Kline & Jerry Keller

Gift & Specialty Items on the Lathe

Saturday, October 7, 10am - 4pm
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate
Instructor: Bob Tuck

Turn a Duck Call

Sunday, October 15, 1pm - 5pm
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate
Instructor: Fred Kline

Turn a Small Lidded Box

Thursday, October 19, 6pm - 59pm
Skill Level: Beginner
Instructor: LeRoy Nollette

Basic Bowl Turning

Saturday, October 21, 10am - 4pm
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate
Instructor: Bob Tuck

Beginning Lathe Turning

Sunday, October 22, 10am - 4pm
Skill Level: Beginner
Instructor: Bob Tuck

Bottle Stoppers!

Sunday, October 29, 1pm - 5pm
Skill Level: Beginner
Instructor: Fred Kline

For more information and to register, contact the Tigard Woodcraft store. Call **(503) 684-1428** or email portland-retail@woodcraft.com.

Below: Phil Lapp's unusual box; right: Chris Nilluka's Redheart shallow box.



Editor's Note:

Submissions to the newsletter are due by the 20th of the month. Articles, tips, web links, classified ads, or other items pertaining to woodturning are welcome.

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Tip: A Vase Bookend

You can use an empty vase as a bookend if you weight it. Put a resealable plastic bag in the vase. Fill the bag with sand, then seal it. The vase should be about half full. This is also a good way to keep a vase with a small base from tipping.

