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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow woodturners. Hopefully everyone survived our heat wave without many problems—it was not exactly the kind of weather that makes you think of woodturning. I'm looking forward to the cooler days of Fall to spend some quality time in my shop. Speaking of weather we couldn't have picked a more beautiful evening for our annual wood auction and barbecue in August. Our final tally was slightly over \$3,400, which I believe is a new record. A successful event such as this wouldn't be possible without all of the gracious donors, volunteers, and buyers of whom we had plenty! I would also like to thank our local woodworking stores for their generous donations: Myles Gilmer at Gilmer Woods and Joe Cornett at Rockler for exotic turning blanks, Bob Freeman at Woodcrafters for a \$50.00 gift certificate, Russ Little at Woodcraft for calipers and shop clocks, and Marc Blauer at Crosscut Hardwoods for a bowl blank. Please be sure to patronize these local suppliers and thank them for their support of our club.



A full load from the auction

In addition I would also like to thank Doug Brown of the Pacific NW Woodturners Guild for a trailer load of large beautiful bowl blanks, and club member Bill Neal for his donation of several cases of Frito Lay chips. The great thing about the funds generated by the auction is that all of the money stays in the club to help us bring in demonstrators throughout the year and purchase club related items when needed.

The final four months of this year will be fun. coming in September we will have Molly Winton, in October, Don Derry, in November, Dick Sing, and then in December we will have our annual Christmas party. There was a sign up sheet at the August meeting for Molly Winton, if you have any questions or want to add you name you can get in touch with Joe Jedrychowski, as Mike Meredith will be out of town for a few weeks. The September meeting will have sign up sheets for the October and November events. As the year draws closer to an end it is also time to start thinking of running for one of our officer/board positions, elections will be in November. Again, I thank each and every one of you who participated in the auction. We have a great club and I am proud to be the President of it.

Sincerely,
Fred Kline

QUICK UPDATES

Northwest Woodturners meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. See www.northwestwoodturners.com for details and map.

Next Meeting:

**September 4th
Molly Winton**

Turning Challenge:

Box & Finial

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FROM THE DESK OF THE LIBRARIAN

This month, we have several nice additions to our library with a large donation. We are very pleased to receive a donation of nine books from Ms. Valerie West – Thank you. I will attempt to give a brief summary of each of the books.

The Art of the Lathe by Patrick Spielman is divided into three sections; basic introduction to turning, projects, and artist highlights. The projects are as detailed as they are inspiring. The highlights of some thirty-nine big name turners from Dick Sing and Rude Osolnik to Frank Sudol present additional projects and awe inspiring work.

Woodturning by The Best from the Woodturning Magazine covers some of the most inspired bowls, platters, hollow forms, vases, vessels, bottles, flasks, tankards, and plates. The 27 articles range from the 710 lb elm swirl to the pole-lathe work of Robin Wood and also includes surface embellishments.



Useful Woodturning Projects, also from the Woodturning Magazine contains 32 project articles from the first 27 issues of Woodturning Magazine. Music stands for the musical bowls of Toby Kaye and platters and pepper mills are covered in fine detail.

Two books by Richard Raffan were added; *Turning Boxes* and *Turning Bowls*. Both books contain the very best in color photographs and detailed drawings so that anyone can start making good bowls or boxes.

Woodturning — a Source Book of Shapes by John Hunnex is a gallery in a book with 118 color photos covering some of the finest bowls, containers, bottles, vases, hollow and closed forms, natural tops and edges, platters and variations.

Lathes and Turning Techniques from the best of Fine Wood-

working and contains detailed plans for several projects and a couple articles on home-made lathes (my personal favorite). There is an article on making thread-chasing tools, one on making a nut-cracker, a couple on increasing the efficiency of spindle work, and even one on a bowl turning plant that has been in production since 1860.



Decorative Techniques for Woodturners by Hillary Bowen is divided into four sections; using metal, coloring wood, wood-composite techniques, and miscellaneous techniques. Some of the laminations in the wood-composite techniques are really stunning and the miscellaneous technique using an automatic center-punch is something I have got to try.

Last, but not least, is *Turning Wood into Art* by Suzanne Ramljak and Michael Monroe. This book details the Jane and Arthur Mason collection of fine woodturnings that once decorated their home. The Mason's sought a museum to showcase their collection and chose the Mint Museum in Charlotte NC. The text describes both the collectors and the artists in storybook manner and the photos of the woodturnings make you feel as if you are in the museum.

Thank you again, Valerie!

Happy Turning,
Chris Dix

All images on this page are from our 2008 wood auction



SEPTEMBER 2008 DEMONSTRATOR - MOLLY WINTON



Those that didn't get to see her at the AAW Symposium in 2007 will get a second chance. On September 4, 5 and 6, NWWT will host Molly Winton from Edmonds, WA. Although a relatively newcomer to demonstration turning, Molly has demonstrated through out the Northwest.

In 2007, she was a presenter at the Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild's West Coast Roundup Woodturning Symposium along with Richard Raffan, Bonnie Klein, John Jordan, Al Stirts, and Betty Scarpino, pretty good company for a new kid. Her work has been exhibited widely, including the always interesting *Small Treasures Exhibition* at the del Mano Gallery in Los Angeles and has appeared in *American Woodturner*, *Woodturning Design* and even as cover art on the Packard Woodworks catalog.

The most obvious aspect of her work is the use of pyrography and surface augmentation to illustrate themes largely, though not exclusively, from Native American sources. Drawing from Coastal, Columbia Plateau and Plains tribal images, her work captures not only a simple, almost impressionist content, but also more compellingly, a sense of motion. And as Molly points out in her several Artists Statements, everything relies on "form, form, form". So, work at the lathe is still paramount.



Molly Winton will be demonstrating at the September 4th NWWT club meeting. A class, limited to 8 turners, will be held Friday the 5th 9 AM to 4 PM at Tom Reiman's shop (fee is \$100) and a seminar/demonstration will be presented Saturday the 6th, 9AM to 4 PM, at ChemWest (fee is \$30).



Contact Mike Meredith for details and reservations (503.522.0531 or mmeredith23@comcast.net).

LOCAL EVENTS, CLASSES, AND DEMO'S

Date	Class/Demo	Location	Instructor
9/14	Pen Turning	Woodcraft	Staff
9/20	Turn A Duck Call	Woodcrafters	Fred Kline
9/27	Beginning Lathe Turning	Woodcraft	Bob Tuck
9/28	Basic Bowl Turning	Woodcraft	Bob Tuck
For more information and many other fine classes available from these stores contact:		Woodcraft Store at (503) 684-1428 Email portlandretail@woodcraft.com	
		Rockler Store at (503) 672-7266 Email store17@rockler.com	
		Woodcrafters Store at (503) 231-0226	

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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All other business should be directed to:

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CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Pen blanks, about 20 or so kinds on hand, 3 for a buck, minimum order 60, plus shipping. Contact me by e-mail for details. woodward@spiritone.com Don Woodward

For Sale: Jet 1442 lathe, with extras (two tool rests, tool holder, etc.) and platform. It's in excellent shape; probably better than some of the floor models I have seen in recent years. Asking \$700.00. We have too many lathes, and one must go. It's in Reedsport, but I can bring it to Portland next meeting. Anyone interested can call me at 541-271-5151 or e-mail at lkbridge@charter.net. Lee Bridge

Club Discounts - Show your NWWT Membership Card to receive a 10% discount of your purchase at Gilmer's, AllSharp Sharpening Service & Sales, Rockler, Woodcraft, Woodcrafters, and Crosscut Hardwoods. Membership has benefits.

Guidelines for Classified Ads: Ads will run for 3 (three) consecutive months. Please submit your ad by the 20th of the month. The Editor takes no responsibility for spelling or grammatical errors. All woodworking items, for sale or wanted, are welcome.



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