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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow woodturners. Well it is really hard to believe that this year is quickly coming to an end. It seems like it just started! I have really enjoyed my year as your president and look forward to serving on the board and assisting our new president Mike Meredith and the other officers in 2009.

I would like to thank you all for electing me and providing me with a fun and eventful year. In addition, I would like to thank all of the officers and board members who helped me so much. We really do have a great club. It wouldn't be possible without the wonderful support that you all have shown and I encourage each and every one of you to get involved and stay connected with what is going on.

I already know that 2009 is going to be another fun year. We already have several well known turners scheduled and are working on others.

I hope to see many of you at the year end Christmas party on Saturday the 6th of December.

In closing I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and everyone of you.

Thank you,
Fred C. Kline



Ornaments on Display

JANUARY MEETING

Since the first Thursday of January 2009 is New Year's Day, the January meeting of NWWT will be on the 8th. We'll have our annual Swap Meet on that night. Buy, sell, trade with the other members. Got a tool or ten sitting around the shop? Bring it and see if it can't be turned into cash. Got wood you won't use any time soon, or ever? See if someone else is interested. The terms of exchange are up to you. It's always a fun evening and a great chance to pick up a bargain. Don't forget, January is membership due time.

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:
Christmas Party
Saturday Dec. 6th
Turning Challenge:
Gift Exchange

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'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
(A WOODTURNER'S TALE) BY CHRIS DIX

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the shop,
not a lathe was turning , not even a mini.
The gouges and skewes were all sharpened with care,
in hopes that shavings soon would be filling the air.
The banjo and tailstock were snug on their beds,
while scroll chucks and faceplates were affixed to the heads;
And Madrone in the microwave and Pine full of sap,
Had just started to dry CA glue in the gap.
When in the dust collector there arose such a clatter,
The sound was like it inhaled the ladder.
Away to the breaker box I flew like a flash,
Tore open the panel, off, off, off in a dash.
The shop went dark and I could not see where to go,
I was tripping and stumbling on objects below.
When what in my night vision should suddenly appear,
But a miniature 8-LED lamp that I held so dear.
With a flip of the switch the dark was gone quick,
I knew in a moment this was a neat trick.
More rapid than eagles the breakers restored,
And the dust collector whistled and roared,
Now, Bubinga! Now, Walnut! Now, Apple! Now, Cherry!
Oh, Yew! Oh, Myrtle! Oh, Purple Heart! Oh, Ebony!
From the tip of the tool rest to the inside wall,
Now darn it, gosh shucks, they were sucked away all.
As sandpapers before the wild hurricane fly,
Wooden obstacles were gone without a good-bye.
Up the four inch hose they flew,
Pen blanks, brass tubes, and even CA glue.
In one short moment I felt like a goof,
Like a star in a woodturning video spoof.
My hand to my head made a dull sort of sound,
As a rolling-pin disappeared in a single bound.
It was old-growth Fir from its head to its foot,
The handles would soon transform from Ash into soot.
Like Santa's bundle of goodies on his back,
The felt bag had taken all it could pack.
The motor and impeller! Were not at all merry,
In fact the blade tips were turning to cherry!
Dust and wind inside were beginning to grow,

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HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

At the Novembers meeting, I took a last minute photo of a the Burl Maple bowl shown below. The owner was gathering his raffle wood and I mistakenly delivered the bowl to the wrong person in the parking lot. This was not intended to be a raffle or door prize of course. I feel just terrible for this mistake. The bowl creator has a 25-year-old sentimental attachment to this piece and would really appreciate its return. Please contact me to arrange the return of this to the rightful owner.

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Please help me find my home

2009 OFFICERS & BOARD

During the October meeting, we voted for the 2009 Officers and the board members. Congratulations to our newly elected officers.

President: Mike Meredith
Vice President: Joe Jedrychowski
Sec/Treasurer: Owen Lowe
Board(5): Fred Kline (automatic as past president),
Jim Hall, Mike Stalder, Bob Mach, Walt Brown

Remember, any club member is welcome to attend the officer/board meeting. These happen at 5pm at Chemwest the day of the Meeting. Got an idea or suggestion? Drop in and let your voice be heard. It's your club as well.

WOODTURNING PROGRAM AT HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

The Hillsboro HS woodworking shop course has offered woodturning instruction since February, 2008. The introduction of woodturning as part of the general woodworking curriculum has allowed a few students from the class of 25-30 to turn small projects.

At the end of October a turning demonstration showed items that could be turned on a lathe and a small bowl was turned. There are three students in the Woodworking Shop I class who are ready to choose projects which involve turning. As the required woodworking projects are completed later in the school term, more students will be able to choose turning projects.

The gift from Northwest Woodturners enabled the students to use modern turning gouges instead of the antiquated turning tools owned by Hillsboro HS. They now have one set of HSS gouges: two bowl gouges, two small bowl gouges, a roughing gouge, and a skew chisel. NWWT also provided funds for sanding disks, thickness calipers, and minimal finishing items. The Hillsboro HS woodworking shop has one mini lathe and a recently-donated Jet 1236 lathe. Plans for the future involve purchasing another lathe, more turning tools, a grinder and Oneway sharpening system, and a lathe chuck.

The school has two Powermatic lathes [see photo] which turn but have a speed / on-off mechanism which needs attention. If anyone in NWWT can repair these lathes and is willing to volunteer their services, please contact me.

If anyone has up to date equipment they would like to donate to the program, it would be appreciated. Items which would be most useful are

- Mini lathe
- 1" x 8 tpi chuck
- HSS bowl or spindle gouges
- Finishing supplies
- Pen kits
- Screwdriver kits

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2009 TURNING CHALLENGE

January	Miniature Turning	Turnings smaller than 1 inch x 1 inch x 1 inch
February	Winged Bowl	Watch your knuckles on this one.
March	Thin Walled Turnings	Push your hollowing to its limits
April	Embellishments	Airbrush, piercing, carving, texturing, or burning
May	Salt and Pepper Mill	Just in time for the BBQ
June	Travel Mug	Check your local and online stores for a kit
July	Hollow form	Focus on shape and form
August	No Challenge	Bring a turning to auction off to support your club
September	Sea Urchin	Don't take these from the ocean floor
October	Raffle/Auction Turning	Wood you got from the auction or raffle
November	Ornaments	'Tis the season
December	Christmas party exchange	



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The tiniest of sparks and the whole thing would blow.
 A stump of Hickory hit me square in the teeth,
 And a smoke ring encircled my shop like a wreath.
 An Oak beam struck me right in the belly,
 I shook and gagged and held down the jelly.
 Paint cans and varnish fell from the shelf,
 And tumbled and rolled on top of myself.
 In a wink of my eye I was almost dead,
 It came to pass that nightmare I dread.
 Ground straps and wires I thought too much work,
 And now I felt like an idiot, a moron, a jerk.
 Paramedics arrived and bandaged my nose,
 Extinguished the blaze while my insurance rose.
 They sprang to their engines with sirens and whistle,
 And away they flew down my street named Thistle.
 But I heard them exclaim as they drove out of sight,
 "Sad Christmas for you, for getting us all out this night."



- Membership Benefits -

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.

U OF O SAYS PUBLIC BUILDINGS COULD USE WOOD HEAT

October 28, 2008 - PORTLAND

A new University of Oregon energy guide encourages public institutions to consider heating buildings by burning the millions of tons of waste wood from logging and forest fuel reduction that is otherwise discarded.

The idea of burning wood is nothing new, but fears about air pollution have been largely remedied thanks to modern burners, said Marcus Kauffman, a program manager at Resource Innovations, a program in the Institute for a Sustainable Environment at the university.

“These are not your grandmother’s wood stoves,” he said. The Institute’s guidebook, *Wood Heat Solutions: A Community Guide to Biomass Thermal Projects*, and the companion video, *Keeping Energy Dollars Local: Using Wood to Heat the Enterprise School*, says that using woody biomass could reduce energy costs while improving forest health. The Institute prepares the book for schools, hospitals, government buildings and other facilities that need a lot of heat on a small budget, Kauffman said.

Oregon produces plenty of wood waste chips at mills, slash piles from logging west of the Cascades summit, and debris piles from forest thinning—all of which Marcus said should be looked at as possible fuel.

A few Oregon institutions already use wood heat. This fall, Enterprise High School in Wallowa County began using wood heat, the first Oregon school building to do so in 50 years, the university found. The school district estimates the switch from to a boiler that uses wood chips from a local post and pole business, means an annual savings of \$112,000.

The Harney County District Hospital in Burns installed a wood pellet boiler last year and has already saved more than \$50,000, the university said.

Kauffman said the projects installed high-efficiency burners that have low emissions.

As for what role wood-burning stoves might play in carbon emissions and global warming, Kauffman regards the burning of wood waste as carbon neutral.

Source: www.statesmanjournal.com



David Williams Demos at the Serious Lathe Introduction Event

**January Meeting
Thursday, Jan 8th**



LOCAL EVENTS, CLASSES, AND DEMO'S

Date	Class/Demo	Location	Instructor
12/06	NWWT Christmas Party	Chemwest	
12/13	Pen Turning	Rockler	Staff
12/14	Pen Turning	Woodcraft	George Hays
12/27	Beginning Lathe Turning	Woodcraft	Bob Tuck
12/27	Ice Cream Scoop	Rockler	Staff
12/28	Basic Bowl Turning	Woodcraft	Bob Tuck
01/04	Google Sketchup	Woodcraft	Lloyd Johnson
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		Rockler Store at (503) 672-7266 Email store17@rockler.com	
		Woodcrafters Store at (503) 231-0226 Web page: http://woodcrafters.us/	

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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CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Maple & Walnut Burl turning stock (picture above). Volume discount. (541) 367-3495. Tim Shipp

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

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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