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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My fellow woodturners, I hope that everyone is enjoying their last days of summer. The football season has started so that means winter is well on its way.

We had an excellent meeting and visit in September from Molly Winton. She had a lot to teach us about her surface enhancement techniques on turnings. I hope that you had a chance to attend one of her presentations or the hands-on class.

Our old friend Don Derry will be our October instructor. Don is a very talented turner and an entertaining teacher. If your looking to learn how to hollow or just can't get the perfect shape in your turnings, don't miss Don. He is a the master of "romancing the curve".

As you will see in the future, Mike Meredith has lined up several other demonstrators for us. Make sure to attend one of these demos and you will definitely enjoy it.



Scott Blackman

Also for the month of October, we will also have nominations of officers for next year. It would be nice to have a few new faces involved with the decision making process of our club. Please give some consideration to volunteering, as the work isn't very hard, and it is a minimal investment of time.

Also please remember to bring some wood for our monthly raffle. The wood pile has been looking a little low lately. We also have our yearly Christmas party coming up in December; which we will have a date set at the next meeting. This is always a fun event that you won't want to miss.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 2nd of October.

Fred



Jim Hall

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:

**October 2nd
Donald Derry**

Turning Challenge:

Carving/Texturing

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FROM THE DESK OF THE LIBRARIAN

Hello fellow woodturners. I have had so much fun being the club librarian I almost forgot how many terms it has been but, I think it is three. And now it is time for someone else to share the fun. If you like helping others, spending club money, and writing goofy articles you just might have what it takes to be the next Northwest Woodturners' Librarian. If you have any questions about the position, please feel free to talk to me at next meeting or drop me a line.

This month, we have two more donations and owe a big THANK YOU to Bob Tuck. Bob gave me these books several months ago to add to our library shelves and it has just taken me too long to review them and get them ready for checking out by the club at large – or – I just had too much going on this summer and forgot about them.

Woodturning Wizardry by David Springett is just a fantastic book that has thirteen projects and details for fabricating fixtures and



Bob Mach - Trio of boxes

specialty tools. There are several variations on the Chinese ball and a lot of sphere work including a set of interlocking spheres (pretty amazing). The specialty tools range from a sphere tool to several captive chucks and includes custom scrapers. The gallery at the end of the 181 page book contains six featured artists whose work takes the wizardry in David's book to the next level and beyond. If you are looking for a challenge, check this book out at the next meeting – please check it out it's driving me crazy just thinking about some of the complexities.

Fabulous Turned-Wood Projects by John Hiebert, Harm Hazeu, Tim Bergen and Henry Bergen moves beyond purely practical woodturning and introduces a wide range of techniques that will take any woodworker to the next level. Four expert turners describe their methods and offer a series of projects on which to try them. You will find simple objects that rely on wood choice and turning skill for effect, as well as more intricate pieces decorated with patterns and cut out designs that use segments and laminated assemblies. From a Scroll Work Plate to Winged Chess Bowl, these exceptional projects showcase the natural richness and elegance of wood. Both of these books are inspiring – thank you again “Friar” Tuck for your generous contribution to the club library.

Happy Turning,

Chris Dix

A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

Thanks to the generosity of Kristin Randall, daughter of recently deceased long-time member Craig Taylor, Northwest Woodturners has been given 6 boxes of Craig's woodworking books and magazines. Included are many years of the British magazine *Woodturning*, *Woodturning Design* and the AAW's journal, *American Woodturner*. Some of the AAW journals are fairly old; heck, they're from way back in the black & white era!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members to Northwest: Kevin Thomason and Darryl Harrington. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to these fellows and offer your assistance with helping them to feel at home.

As most have already heard, our August auction was an all-time record breaker for us. That puts us in a financial position to be able to invite some highly desirable (and expensive) demonstrators as well as give assistance to educating young people in the art

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Ronald Fox - Amazing pen work

SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL / CHALLENGE

September's challenge was a box and finial combination. Scott Blackman won the challenge (front page). As usual, look for the other show and tell, and more challenges throughout the newsletter. Keep an eye out for them to be posted to the membership forum site as well. Please feel free to bring a limit of three items for the show and tell or challenge each month.



Cliff Beattie



Don Woodward



Larry Germann



Jim Hall



Tom Reiman



Bob Tuck

WOODWORKING SHOW COMES TO PORTLAND

If you are looking to research a new tool, or accessory, you don't want to miss the wood working show coming to the Portland Expo Center. The show opens up on Oct 17th and runs through the 19th. The show hours varies each day. Friday is 12 to 6pm, Saturday 10-6pm, and Sunday 10-4pm.

We will have a booth at the show and may share with the other clubs depending on availability. This is your chance to help out by attending the show and manning the booth for an hour

or two. We just need to answer questions for the curious future wood turners. Also, feel free to bring tools and some wood to do a sample turning. We will have a mini-lathe available for demonstrations or showing a technique.

Look for more announcements and a signup list at the next meeting. For more information about the Woodworking Show, check out www.thewoodworkingshows.com

GIANT SEQUOIAS, JUNK ART, AND RELATIVES

I had a week off in June, and what else would be better than to pack up the car and drive to Fresno, California? We have done the drive many times before to visit relatives (most of whom we love dearly). Of course, timing is of the greatest importance. Get up at 4am to leave Camas. With a quick stop in Wilsonville for a coffee we were rolling again. Smoke from the fires in California covered the mountains in the Shasta area. That put us into Redding around lunch time. Hey, there's an In and Out Burger place (famous for their fast food in CA, NV, AZ)! Oh, I haven't had one of those in years! Double-double, Fries, & shake, please! I can feel the cholesterol flowing in my veins. Soon we were back on the road and the long boring haul between Redding and Modesto our next fuel/food stop. People drive at 80-90 mph now all the time down there. Hey, there's another In and Out Burger joint! What a glutton for punishment I am!



Uncle Lylle's Mail box - The Carley Jene

We made it to our destination of Squaw Valley, CA. This is not the Squaw Valley with ski slopes and ski bunnies, but rather cattle and dry grass. We had a wonderful visit with the relatives, did some fishing, rode the Quad and talked to the bulls.

Laura's uncle Lylle is a junk artist and very well known in the area. His farm is full of whimsical junk art sculptures and fencing. As you can see from the image above, his mail box is a 20-foot long train made from junk. He's even got the mail folk trained to use it properly.

Well, one of the day's there we went to the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (www.nps.gov/seki/), just a few min-

utes away from the ranch. This is the site of the Giant Sequoias — which are some of the largest trees in total volume. Standing around 165 - 280 ft tall and with a diameter of 18-24 ft in diameter they truly are spectacular. Record trees have been measured up to 57 ft in diameter. Now that's a big bowl blank!

The General Grant Tree is the largest Giant Sequoia in the Grant Grove area of the park (see the photo below). Named after Ulysses S. Grant (18th President), it stands tall at 266. It was proclaimed the "Nation's Christmas Tree" in 1926 by Calvin Coolidge. In 1956, Dwight D. Eisenhower declared it as a "National Shrine," a memorial to those who died in war. The tree is estimated to be about 1,650 year old.

Just a few short day's later and we were heading back home. Sadly, there was no wood in the car. Did you know that the forest rangers don't like you to carry a chain saw in the park? Go figure.

Scott Blackman



Cowboy greets you at the door



General Grant Tree a Giant Sequoia

DONALD DERRY VISITS OCTOBER 2, 3, AND 4



Don at one of his entertaining classes

Northwest Woodturners will host Donald Derry at the October club meeting. A frequent and ever popular guest at NWWT, Derry brings a great sense of form and design to his work and an equally great sense of humor to his presentations. From Ellensburg, WA, Derry has been a woodworker going on 40 years. He has made everything from furniture and cabinetry to guitars. Not your typical woodturner, Derry has covered the field from Christmas ornaments to studies of form and color that have helped redefine what constitutes woodturning. Derry's pieces are compositions of exquisite form and would be remarkable in nothing but jet black. Use of color is part of the new wave of turned art and Don Derry has been an ardent and skilled proponent of coloring wood. Working mostly in Chinese Elm, because the open grain structure and neutral wood tone lends itself well to the coloring process he is developing. The colors are pigments from an industrial paint supplier and aniline dyes. Each hollow form is then sprayed with 7 to 10 coats of water

white lacquer followed by a very intense hand polishing routine until the surface is optically perfect. To give a perspective on the whole process Donald states that, "Coloring, finishing and polishing easily takes more time than the woodturning." The cost for the Friday, 3 October, Derry hands on will be \$100 and the Saturday seminar will be \$30. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting. You can also Contact Mike Meredith (503.522.0531, mmeredith23@comcast.net) to reserve a space.



Photo's from www.donalderry.com

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and craft of woodturning. The board approved a plan to obtain mini-lathes, tools and miscellaneous accessories (some donated and some purchased) to augment the shop at Hillsboro High School. We will spend up to \$1,000 to fill the gaps in what we can obtain by donations. If you have an extra chuck, lathe, good-quality tools or basic accessories, please consider contacting Joe Jedrychowski, who has been the motivating force in calling attention to the need. You may also be eligible for a tax deduction in the process! See you at the meeting!

Owen Lowe

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LOCAL EVENTS, CLASSES, AND DEMO'S

Date	Class/Demo	Location	Instructor
10/3	Don Derry Hands On	Tom's Shop	Don Derry
10/4	Don Derry Seminar	Chemwest	Don Derry
10/11	Turning Pens and small items	Woodcrafters	Bill Woods
10/11	Turning Spindles	Rockler	Staff
10/12	Pen Turning	Woodcraft	Staff
10/26	Beginning Lathe Turning	Woodcraft	Bob Tuck
10/26	Turning Christmas Ornaments	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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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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