

Northwest Woodturners



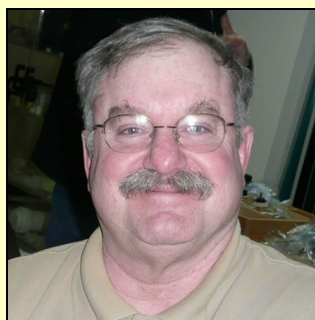
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we finish up the year, a brief look back is not out of order. I want to take time to thank all those members that have participated in the activities of Northwest Woodturners: those that came to meetings, those that came to classes, those that showed up to help us with the Matt Tilman sale (oops, I still have two of his bowls to finish) and especially those that volunteered to help this organization grow. I want to thank those that stepped up to accept officer and board positions for 2017. I have every confidence that, as President, Steve Newberry will do great service for all of us, unlike the other President taking office in January.



What we have coming up next year?

Well, I know we start out with the Tool Swap in January. We scheduled it every January for couple of reasons: (1) Given that January weather can go sideways in a heartbeat, it's an easy meeting to reschedule, and (2) it's a chance for members to stand around and talk which we all like to do. It's also a really good opportunity to share your tool bounty (or wood or just about anything else) with your fellow club members. I'm already going through my tool bucket setting out those things I'm pretty sure I can live without. I truly do not need nine bowl gouges, even though two of them are crap tools I bought to practice sharpening. Who knows what treasures you will uncover?

We have the 2017 edition of the Oregon Woodturning Symposium. Suddenly March seems right around the corner. If you haven't seen the program for the event, go to www.oregonwoodturningsymposium.com. We have an outstanding slate of demonstrators again this year. I bring this to your attention again because in February we will need to find people to help set up and staff the demonstration room assigned to Northwest Woodturners. The three days I spent with Jimmy Clews last time was a real education. And, Molly Winton was a joy to watch. She does pretty good for someone who says she can't draw.

This time we get Nick Cook and Michael Blankenship. Heads up new turners, Nick is about as good as it gets when it comes to instruction. Watch him for six sessions and you will be a better woodturner *(continued on next page)*

CLUB INFO

Northwest Woodturners

www.northwestwoodturners.com

Meetings are held at 7:00PM on the 1st Thursday of each month at The Multnomah Arts Center 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

at the end. Michael Blankenship is a blind woodturner. Beyond the inspirational component of the demonstration, his approach to woodturning, in general, and organization around the lathe is something I'm looking forward to learning.

As I write this, I am preparing the turkeys to go into the smoker. That's right, more than one turkey. You have no idea what a joy smoked turkey and Swiss cheese on a leftover potato roll can be. By the time you read this, I hope you will have had a good Thanksgiving holiday and are preparing for a joyous Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Milad un Nabi or whatever else you celebrate in December.

I hope to see all of you in January.
Soon to be past president, Mike

NWWT 2017 ELECTION RESULTS

A big **THANK YOU** to the members who agreed to be elected to the Officer and Board positions, and to those who volunteered for the Staff positions. All are dedicated to help NWWT run smoothly and continue to grow in 2017, but will need your support to achieve that. Please pitch in when asked.

Also, a big **THANK YOU** to the outgoing officers, especially to Mike Meredith. This year was Mike's 5th time serving as President (2009, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016), which is two more than any other member! He has also served one year as VP (2008) and three years as treasurer (2011, 2012, 2013). Our new President, Steve Newberry, has also been an officer in the past (VP in 1998, President in 1999) and has served on the Board four times (2002, 2013, 2014, 2015).

NWWT 2017 Officers, Board Members & Staff Volunteers**Officers:**

President: Steve Newberry
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NOTICE — NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

**To You and Yours
Happy Holidays & Best Wishes
for a
Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous 2016!**

MATT TILMAN FOLLOWUP by Roger Crooks

Many of you will remember that on Saturday, Sept 24, NWWT helped Matt Tilman, a fellow AAW member who has had to walk away from his favorite hobby due to ALS, sell his shop tools and equipment. Turn out of buyers was good and we sold close to \$5,000 worth of tools. While we pretty much cleaned out his shop, Matt held back a few very nice pieces of wood and asked if someone would finish them for him. Matt has an eye for beautiful wood and could tell you where each piece came from. Well, last month, Roger Crooks delivered about eight bowls to him that were finished by Joe Jedrychowski, Jim Hall, Gary Sundquist, Max McBurnett, Tom Reiman, and Bob Chiavarini, and Mike Meredith had previously finished a few exotic wood bowls. Matt also had a partially finished workbench that he wanted to pay someone to finish. Bill Hamilton, a member of the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers, bought the wood, milled it in the Guild shop, and will deliver it to Matt soon. His family also had two old scroll saws, a drill press and some other items, and they were advertised on the Guild forum for him. This was a win-win situation for Matt and NWWT. Keep your eyes open for opportunities for us to help out fellow woodturners and let us know.

TURNIN' N LEARNIN' — CHAPTER 8 by Mike Porter

Hi, once again, fellow "Learnin' Turners"...this past month, I learned that Tom Willing was right. Tom was showing us last month how much wood a wood chuck can chuck (sorry, couldn't resist J) and he said something like "working at the lathe is solving one problem after another...we're in a constant process of solving problems". Sounded OK at the time. I wrote it down in my learning book. Then I experienced it and that's when the learning occurs for most of us. When we experience something, it becomes ours.

In the last week I've made 12 birdhouse Christmas tree ornaments. I used a Sam Angelo YouTube video and an article in a past American Woodturner magazine to make these. Learned a lot!

First, I learned that making many versions of the same item teaches you the process, or you have to create a process and have it be efficient. You naturally seek to improve on what you're doing, not waste steps, do the steps with less fuss, less time, waste less wood. I also found myself experiencing, yes, proficiency! I am more comfortable using the skew, the scrapers, the gouges. But the big "aha" was in the chucking department. To make these small items I needed to shape them, hollow them, reverse them, finish the bottoms, make tops to match the bodies, and so on. Sequencing the work properly, I found, is important! After a few false starts, I had to go back to the video or the magazine article, and re-examine the steps I was taking, make notes, adjust my process and go at it again. I finished the last 5 in half the time of the first 7.

Good turnin' to ya, and remember my request to send me a mail at tmikeporter@gmail.com if you have a helpful learning experience you'd like to share with the club.

JANUARY 2017 PROGRAM – TOOL SWAP MEET

At the January meeting we will hold our annual member tool swap meet. This is a great opportunity to add to your collection of “absolutely necessary” tools. Also, timing is perfect to make room in your shop for those new Holiday gifts you received (or bought for yourself). Note, all sales are directly between individuals; NWWT only provides the facility.

FEBRUARY 2017 PROGRAM – MICHAEL FERREIRA

The presenter at our February meeting will be Michael Ferreira www.visionsinwood.com. He creates art using wood as his canvas, and will share with us how he creates his unique color finishes.

People who see his vases and other pieces often mistakenly think they are glass or glazed ceramic. Anyone looking at them is likely to say "How did he do that". We are extremely fortunate to have him come to our February meeting so we can learn out how he does it.

Michael has been designing for 24 years. After completing an industrial arts program at Palomar College at San Marcos, California, where he created some award winning furniture pieces, he began creating museum quality reproduction furniture, mainly 18th century American. At a much later date he became fascinated with contemporary design, and changed his focus from furniture to creating art from wood in a very different way. Over a ten-year period color took over, and wood has become a means to create a shape in sculpture as an underlying basis for his art. Color has become the impetus for the art itself.

His work resides in US cities as well as other countries including Canada, Australia, Austria, Scotland, England, the Netherlands, China and Japan.

Oregon Woodturning Symposium — March 17-19, 2017, Albany, OR

The Oregon Association of Woodturners is proud to present the second Oregon Woodturning Symposium on March 17-19, 2017. Join us as we bring in some of the best turners in the nation for extraordinary demonstrations that offer something for every level of woodturner, beginner to professional.

Demonstrators

Sharing their exceptional expertise, this year's demonstrators include: Al Stirt, Binh Pho, Christian Burchard, Dixie Biggs, Don Ward, Jon Magill, Michael Blankenship, Nick Cook, Stuart Batty and our special guest, Stuart Mortimer. Engage with these top professionals in a friendly, informal learning environment.

Vendors

One of the most exciting things about any woodturning symposium is a vendor gallery. Here attendees will be able to see and discuss the latest woodturning products, equipment and tools.

Instant Gallery

An Instant Gallery will be open to the Public and all attendees are encouraged to bring up to four pieces for exhibit. This is a unique opportunity to share your skill, sell or just "show off" your work.

Register Today

The symposium is open to anyone with an interest in woodturning and we offer *special discounts for attendees registering before February 15th!* We also offer student discounts as well as a special optional banquet for all attendees. For more information visit: www.oregonwoodturningsymposium.com

NOVEMBER SHOW-n-TELL

Editor's Note: The Happy Gnome (courtesy of Bruce Jackson) is included in the pictures to give a sense of size. His head (a golf ball) is about 1.7" (43 mm) in diameter and he is about 3.2" (81 mm) tall.

Alex McDowell

Purple Heart Square-cornered Bowls



5-5/8" x 5-5/8" x 1" H

4" x 5-3/4" x 1" H

4" x 5-3/4" x 1" H

Lynne Hemmert



Cherry Bowl
6" dia. x 1-3/4" H



Spalted Maple & Air Bowl
4-1/2" dia. x 2-3/4" H



Cherry(?) Natural Edge Bowl
9-1/2" dia. x 4-3/4" H



Stan Postma

Alaskan Elm Bowl with 3 Feet
9" dia. x 3" H

NOVEMBER SHOW-n-TELL (continued)



NOVEMBER SHOW-n-TELL (continued)



Mike Porter

Ash & Purple Heart Tool Handle
for "Big Ugly" Scraper
1-3/4" dia. x 18" L



Phil Lapp

Birch Vase
6-1/2" dia. x 14-1/2" T
4-1/4" dia. Base

NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS MEETING SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMS

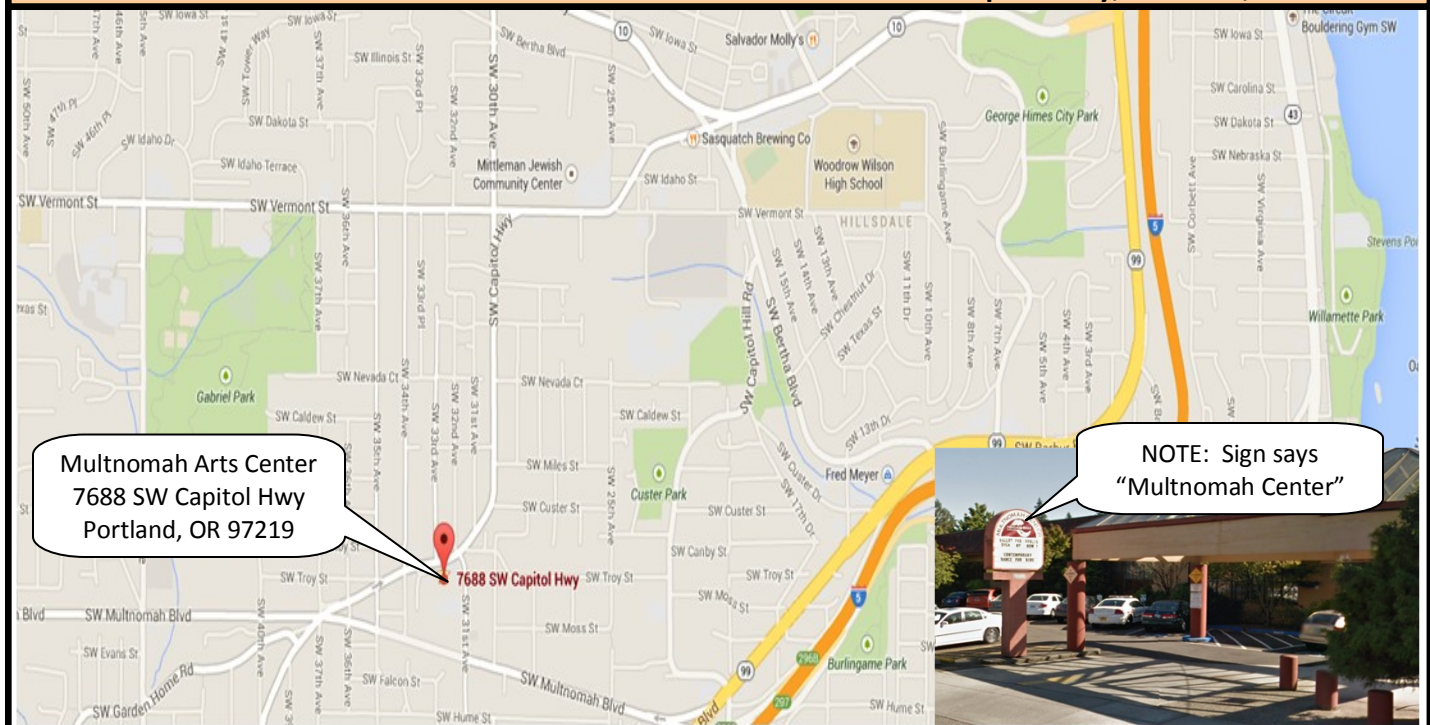
1st Thursday at 7:00 PM

The Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219

2016	Program	Challenge
Thursday, December 7	No Meeting	Happy Holidays
2017	Program	Challenge
Thursday, January 5	Annual Tool Swap Meet	none
Thursday, February 2	Michael Ferreira (Decorative Finishes)	Segmented Pieces
Thursday, March 2	TBD	Multi-Axis Pieces
Thursday, April 6	TBD	Eggs
Thursday, May 4	TBD	Two-of-a-Kind (Matching Pieces)
Thursday, June 1	TBD	Hollow Forms
Thursday, July 6	TBD	Reassembled Bowls
Saturday, August 5	Annual Auction and Picnic	none
Thursday, September 7	TBD	Winged Bowls
Thursday, October 5	TBD	Carved or Textured Pieces
Thursday, November 2	Elections	none
Thursday, December 7	No Meeting	Happy Holidays

MAP TO THE MULTNOMAH ARTS CENTER

7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219



Other Woodturner Clubs 2016 Meetings and Programs

Please visit the individual club websites to verify the information presented below.

Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR) (www.cascadewoodturners.com)

3rd Thursday, 6:45 PM at the Willamette Carpenters Training Center,
4222 NE 158th Ave., Portland, OR 97230
December 15: No Meeting

Willamette Valley Woodturners (Salem, OR) (www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com)

2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM at the Salem Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd, NE Salem, OR 97303
November 10: Club Auction
December 8: Steve Newberry (Earring Stand)
January 12: Nick Stagg (Lidded Boxes)

Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR) (www.beaverstatewoodturners.com)

4th Thursday, 6:00 PM at the Woodcraft Store, 1052 Green Acres Rd, Eugene, OR 97408
December 15: TBA

Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA) (www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com)

4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM at The Friends of the Carpenter's Center, 1600 West 20th St, Vancouver, WA
December 7: Rick Rich's Spindle Turning Class demo

Woodturners of Olympia (Olympia, WA) (www.woodturnersofolympia.org)

4th Thursday, 6:30 PM at the Thurston County Fairgrounds, Carpenter Road SE, Lacey, WA
November 10: Victor Stewart (Turning Gift Items) **[NOTE SPECIAL DATE]**

2017 NATIONAL & REGIONAL SYMPOSIA

Oregon Woodturning Symposium

March 17-19, 2017
Albany, OR

2016 LOCAL EVENTS**2016 HOLIDAY BAZAAR AT MOUNTAIN PARK**

Saturday, November 26th from 10 AM- 5 PM
2 Mt. Jefferson Terrace, Lake Oswego, OR 97035
Open to the Public

Mountain Park HOA is planning our 2016 Holiday Bazaar and we are looking for all kinds of talented vendors with a wide variety of homemade items to participate. Around 30 spots are available for local vendors. Bazaar applications are available at the Mountain Park Clubhouse or online here: http://mtparkhoa.com/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/bazaar_2016_registration_326.pdf. Applications are due by October 1st. For any questions, please email Melissa at Melissa@mtparkhoa.com.

LOCAL WOODWORKING STORE DECEMBER 2016 FREE DEMOS

Date	Demo	Location	Time
11/26	NO DEMO	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
11/26	NO DEMO	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
11/26	Wildlife and Walking Stick Carving by Sharon and Ramos Reynosa	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
12/03	Working with Hand Tools	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
12/03	N/A	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
12/03	Wildlife Woodcuts by Debby Neely	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
12/10	Woodworking with the CarveWright CNC Machine	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
12/10	N/A	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
12/10	Carving Spoons, Bowls and Walking Sticks by Jim Tharp	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
12/17	Dovetail Joinery	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
12/17	N/A	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
12/17	Wood Burning by Shirley Malar	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
12/24	Last Minute Gift Ideas	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
12/24	N/A	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
12/24	N/A	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
12/31	NO DEMO	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
12/31	N/A	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
12/31	N/A	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Many other fine classes and demos are available from these local stores:

Rockler, Beaverton, 503-672-7266, <http://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/or/portland-store>

Woodcraft, Tigard, 503-684-1428, <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=312>

Woodcrafters, Portland, 503-231-0226, <http://www.woodcrafters.us/>

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EDITOR'S NOTES

All Newsletters can be accessed from the NWWT website www.northwestwoodturners.com. If you do not have internet access, provide me with your mailing address and newsletters will be sent via USPS.

If you do not receive a courtesy email from me by the beginning of the month indicating that a new newsletter is available on line, 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, or other woodturning-related items are welcome.

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