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President's Message • Roger Crooks

What a month this has been. We will all (hopefully) look back to March 2020 as the month the world changed. Being the optimist, I believe it will be for the better as we focus on what is really important: our family, our health, and our friends as we all work together to get through this pandemic.

Enough philosophy – what about wood turning? The current situation has given us a chance to think outside the box about NWWT activities. Last thing we want is for all of you to forget about your NWWT friends. This is what we have come up with.

1. **Show & Tell Do-over** - Our February meeting with Janice Levi was a bit hectic in that small room, and I forgot to do Show-n-Tell and the Challenge. Fortunately, Jim, our chief photographer, took his usual great pictures of the items. They are presented here with numbers so you can vote for your favorite. The winners will get gift certificates from Crafts Supply USA.

2. **Design Challenge** - Since our monthly challenge is usually related to the last meeting demo, this month we have a Design Challenge. I'll exclude myself as I've been trying to figure out how to do this and have come up short. Look at the design, make one, tell us how you did it and win a gift certificate.

3. **Beads of Courage Boxes** – This is a great project during this time. I made my box, and while I might be a bit biased, the video is extremely helpful. John's well tested procedures will save you lots of time. You can also now watch it on YouTube at https://youtu.be/TbJy8IcXXek or click here. Many of you could not make February's meeting to pick up a kit from John Sutter. We have about 10 left – I have 5 and John has 5. If you want one, email John or me to arrange a time. East siders are probably closer to John, while I am behind St. Vincent Hospital in the Beaverton area. *Note: John's email was wrong in the instructions – it should be* lotecjon@aol.com.

4. **Community Service** – We are going to formalize this a bit more. We have one candidate for last month who sent in a donation that supports our community service initiative. See below for details. I know more of you do these things so don't be shy and send in your projects. See the new *Community Service* section of this newsletter.

5. **May Meeting** – As of now, I am pretty sure we will be canceling May's meeting, but that does not mean we cannot have a demo.

Club Info

NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS
www.northwestwoodturners.com

Meetings are held at 7pm on the 1st Thursday of each month at:

The Multnomah Arts Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

I am working on the possibility of an on-line demo at our normal NWWT meeting time. It will be an interesting experience, and details will follow.

In these stressful times, there is no better stress relief than your lathe. Many of you have told me that you'd love to turn all day, but just don't have the time. Well guess what, many of you do have the time now so blow off the dust, put your face mask on, chuck up some wood and make something.

Nobody knows how long this will go on. Will we go from a pandemic to a recession? Will those told to stay home from their job be asked back? Will the market come back and refill our 401Ks? All we can do is hunker down, ignore the negativity that will get worse, look out for your neighbors and friends (from 6' away) and stay positive. Life will return to normal.

Be safe and turn some wood!

—Roger

VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" • KEVIN WHITE

I really looking forward to getting back to our monthly meetings. We have great demonstrators with Jimmie Allen (aka Boxmaster Tools) in June, then Dale Larson doing spheres in July, and Kathleen Duncan doing piercings in September.

These are great demonstrators, and we are really fortunate to have them on our schedule.

I hope to see you all soon.

—Kevin

NWWT WEBSITE RESOURCES

Since we are fortunate to be able to welcome so many new club members to NWWT, I thought it would be a good idea to remind everyone (new and old!) about the page of Resource Documents that resides on the Members Only section of our website:

www.northwestwoodturners.com/Documents.

There are a lot of easy to understand "how-to" instructions for turning peppermills and salt shakers, toys, spheres, eggs, and even some off-center turning projects. There are also finishing instructions, Fibonacci gauge templates, and tool sharpening guides.

—bk

DESIGN CHALLENGE

I've seen items like this, and it intrigued me to how this was done. I've tried and failed, sometimes spectacularly. So, give it a shot, figure it out, make one, document how and all of us will be impressed. Everyone who figures it out will get a gift certificate.

—Roger

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are adding a new section to the NWWT newsletter to highlight the time, effort and work that you, our clubmembers have created during the past month. The Beads of Courage project spearheaded by Roger Crooks and John Sutter, as well as the Assistance League of Portland donations headed up by Dave and Judy Wood, are great examples of NWWT's ongoing committment to the community.

Please **send us** photos of your efforts, no matter how small (as well as a short description), and we'll be sure to include them in subsequent newsletters for all our club members to see and hopefully, be inspired to give of their time and effort as well.

The *Community Service* section will only succeed if you contribute and let us know about it. So...let's get started!

—bk

Cherry and Blackwood vase, 14" tall, donated to a church youth group auction. I avoided making this into an urn, as people seem to get creeped out by buying an urn.

—Steve Newberry

BEADS OF COURAGE PROJECT

Last fall, John Sutter came up with a great idea. "Let's make thirty ***exceptional*** boxes for the Beads of Courage organization." Beads of Courage, Inc. is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and teens coping with serious illness, their families, and the clinicians who care for them through their Arts-in-Medicine Programs.

Since 2005, Beads of Courage, Inc. has established collaborative partnerships in caring with hundreds of hospitals nationally and internationally, and worked with several community organizations to make healing happen through the use of beads as a historical art form.

AAW supports Beads of Courage and encourages all the chapters to participate.

Following the basic guidelines provided, John adapted one of his favorite box designs into a Beads of Courage Box. Unique to this design is an 8-sided box – not a friendly design for turners. To make it as easy for turners as possible and to ensure consistency in the boxes, we needed to provide all the wood for the boxes, mill it and make the pieces ready to put on the lathe. To achieve this, NWWT partnered with the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers' Product Build team to do this part of the work.

The Product Build team milled all the donated wood to thickness, cut the box sides at the 22.5° angle (360°/16) and glued them together in a custom jig. In addition, glue blocks were made for the top and bottom pieces, have the critical "center mark" marked, guidelines marked, and made round, making them ready to chuck and turn.

Octangle Box

Contents of the kit milled by the Product Build Team

30 Kits and the Product Build Team

Detailed instructions are provided, but we quickly recognized that this is not a trivial turning project, so we decided to make a video. John, having made many of these designs, worked out the easiest and best procedures to save time and avoid mistakes. As a result, we've created a 50-minute video showing each step in the process. This video, with the written instruction, should make it a relatively straight forward task. Still, mistakes can be made so John (email) has a few spare parts just in case.

All the wood was donated by various sources including Crosscut Hardwoods. All labor was donated by the Guild, John and all the NWWT volunteers who will turn the kit into a beautiful box. Our goal is to have them done and ready to donate in the June/July timeframe.

— Roger and John

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF PORTLAND

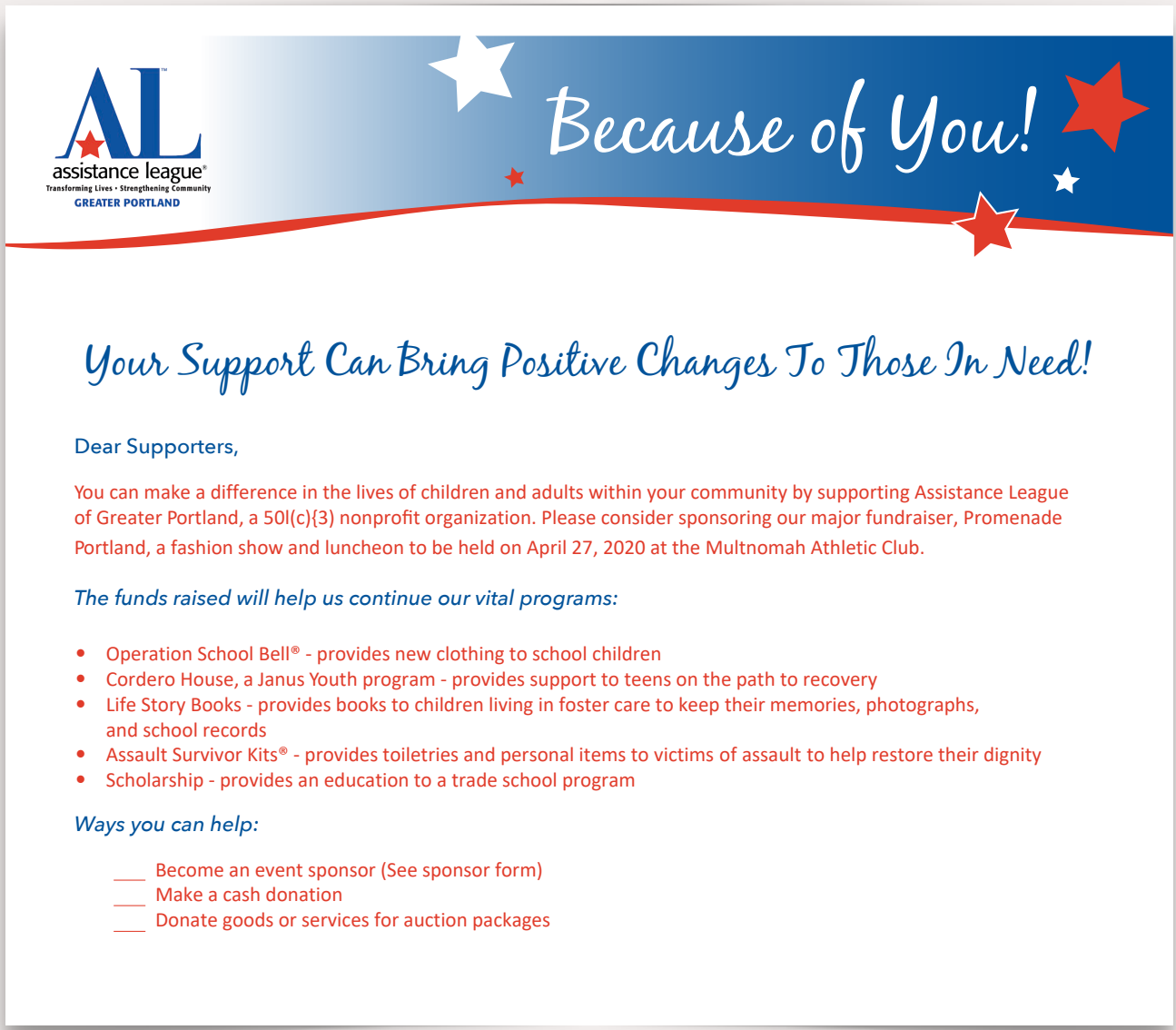
As a reminder about the Assistance League of Portland's fund raising auction on April 27th (see February newsletter for story and details), so far we have commitments for two large 14" salad bowls, one large 14" walnut art bowl, and one 10" live-edge maple bowl.

Judy tells me the Assistance League would sure like to have some of the beautiful Christmas ornament sets she has seen in our meeting minutes for the auction, and maybe some sets of spheres or eggs in nice looking bowls. The auction proceeds go to helping greater Portland area children in grades K-12 get new school clothes.

This program is a great help and a huge motivational boost to children in need, and is entirely staffed by local Assistance League volunteers. It is a very up-close and personal way to give back to our community's future. Please call Dave Wood at 503-880-1349, or Judy Wood at 503-481-9323 with any questions and hopefully your commitments for pieces you're willing to donate for the auction.

Thanks from us, and thanks from the kids!

—Dave and Judy Wood



JANICE LEVI • MARCH MEETING REVIEW

Our March meeting was well attended, and it was standing-room-only in the classroom where it was held. Janice Levi gave a robust and informative presentation that covered a lot of topics and information on the art of pyrography.

You can find her Pyrography Basics Handouts on the NWWT website>Documents page.

Thank you, Janice!

PYROGRAPHY HANDS-ON CLASS • PHOTOS

MARCH CHALLENGE • "PUSH CUT" TURNINGS

Since we did not have the Show-n-Tell and Challenge presentation at our March meeting, we've decided to try something new. **That is, we are asking you to vote and let YOU decide the winners!**

We will use our website's "polling" feature that was explained in last month's newsletter. Once ready, I will send you the link to the questions – just click and vote for your favorite "Push Cut" Challenge Turning (by number) and favorite Show-n-Tell piece (by letter).

Winners will be announced and featured on the front cover of next month's NWWT Newsletter!

—Roger

• Photography by Jim Schoeffel •

1.
John Beechwood
Small Bowl
Spalted Maple
4-1/2" dia. x 2-5/8" high

2.
John Beechwood
Bowl
Pine
6" dia. x 3" high

3.
John Beechwood
Bowl
Spalted Maple
12-5/8" dia. x 3-1/4" high

MARCH CHALLENGE • "PUSH CUT" TURNINGS

• Photography by Jim Schoeffel •

4.

John Beechwood
Lidded Box
Spalted Maple, Walnut Finial
4-1/2" dia. x 5" high
plus 1-1/2" tall finial

5.

Bill Karow
7 Stitches Finger Bowl
Ash
Bowl: 3-5/8" dia. x 2-1/2" high
Rim: 4-1/2" x 5-1/2" x 1/8" thick
(I accidently touched the spinning piece while turning, requiring 7 stitches.)

MARCH CHALLENGE • "PUSH CUT" TURNINGS

• Photography by Jim Schoeffel •

6.
Jason Goodrich
Bowl
Cherry
Oil & Wax finish
11-5/8" dia. x 4-3/8" high

7.
Joel Smith
Natural Edge Bowl
Box Elder
Walnut Oil finish
8-1/4" dia. x 4-1/8" high

MARCH SHOW-N-TELL

• Photography by Jim Schoeffel •

A.
Bill Karow
Carved & Dyed Bowl
Silver Maple
Dyed, Sealed & Waxed
11-3/4" dia. x 4" high

B.
Jim Gentry
"Day of the Dead" Hollow Form
3-5/8" dia. x 5-3/4" tall

C.
Lynne Hemmert
Large Bowl
Black Walnut
8" dia. x 3-1/8" high

D.
Jim Gentry
Kaleidoscope
Walnut and Oak
2-3/8" dia. x 7-3/4" long

MARCH SHOW-N-TELL

• Photography by Jim Schoeffel •

E.
Dean Yioulos
Bowl
6-3/4" dia. x 3-1/8" high

F.
Dean Yioulos
Natural Edge Bowl
7-3/4" dia. x 3-1/2" high

G.
Lynne Barrett
Closed Rim Bowl
Black Walnut
Oil & Renaissance wax
Milk paint on interior
8-1/4" dia. x 4" high

H.
John Sutter
Tapered Hexagonal Vase
2-1/2" dia. top
4" dia. bottom
12" tall

I.
Unknown
Goblet
2-5/8" dia. x 6-1/2" tall

MARCH SHOW-N-TELL

• Photography by Jim Schoeffel •

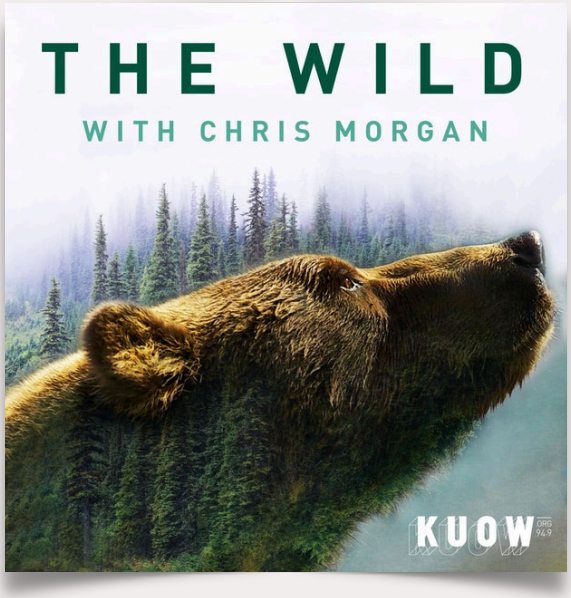
J.
John Sutter
Hexagonal Lidded Box
4-1/4" dia. x 3-5/8" high

K.
John Sutter
Hexagonal Lidded Box
4-1/4" dia. x 3-5/8" high

L.
John Sutter
Hexagonal Lidded Box
3-1/2" dia. x 3-1/2" high

M.
John Sutter
Octagonal "Beads of Courage"
Lidded Box
6-1/2" dia. x 6-1/2" high

PODCAST OF THE MONTH



I listen to podcasts constantly when I'm woodturning. On of my favorites is from KUOW Puget Sound Public Radio called "*The Wild*." It is hosted by Chris Morgan and explores how nature survives and thrives alongside (and often despite) humans. It's very well produced and totally engaging.

I recently listened to the March 20, 2020 episode called The Wild: What trees are saying when we aren't looking. It explores the interconnectedness of the forest trees - "a huge community of individuals that are quietly cooperating, looking out for each other, in ways we're only just beginning to understand."

I thought it was a pretty relevant message as we humans endure our current challenges together.

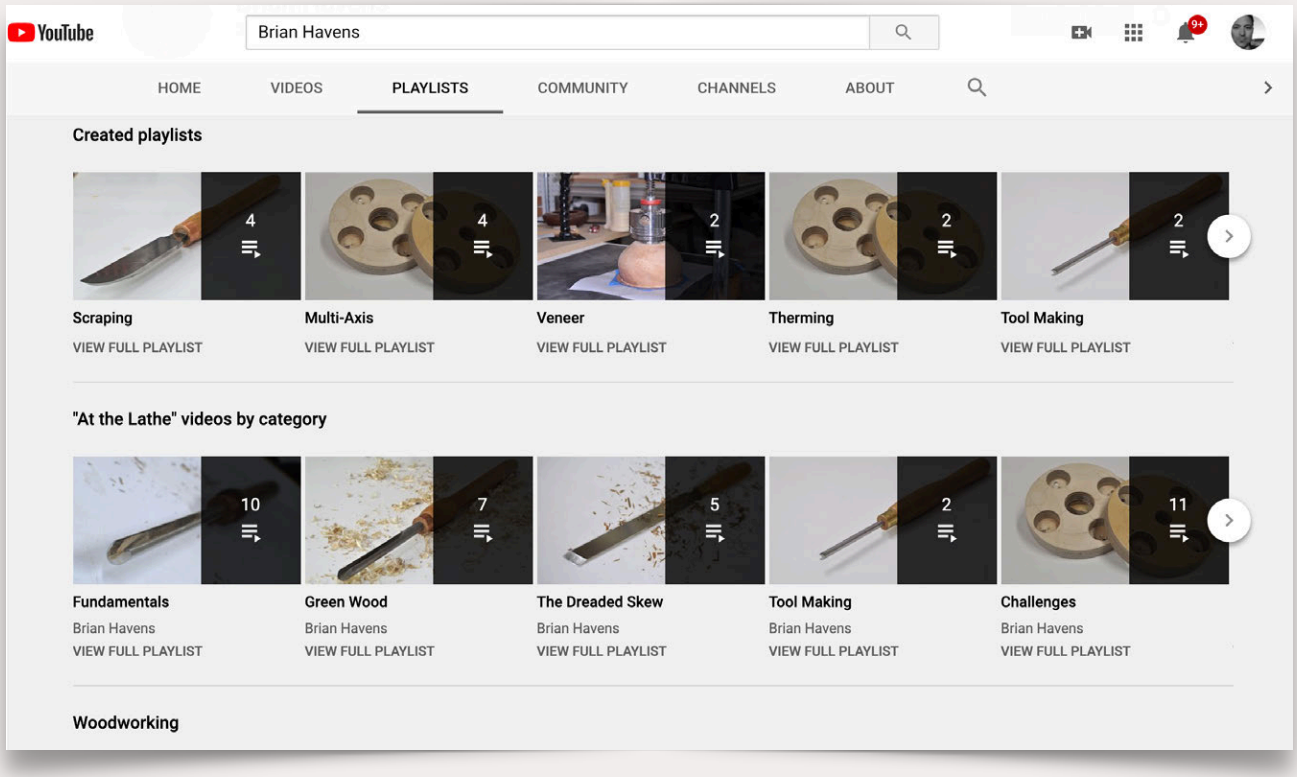
Peace,

—bk

(Click on the above link or search for The Wild: Season 2, Episode 4 wherever you download podcasts.)

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

Brian Havens Woodturning YouTube Channel

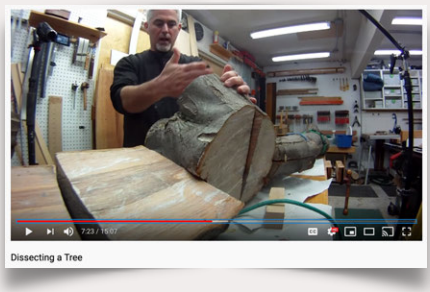


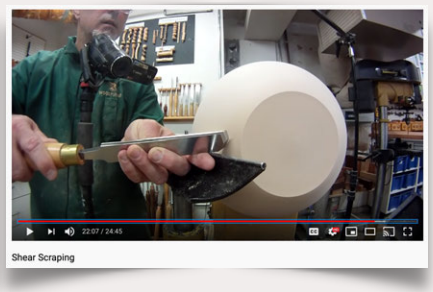
Brian Havens has produced one of the better woodturning channels on YouTube. (And I have seen a lot!)

Whether you are just starting out on your woodturning journey or consider yourself 'seasoned', Brian imparts a lot of knowledge on a variety of topics in a clear and easy to follow manner. I find myself picking up tricks and techniques, as well as understanding the cause and effect of what I am doing, every time I watch one of his videos.

Check it out: https://www.youtube.com/user/BHavensWoodworker/videos. 100%, you'll be glad you did!

—bk





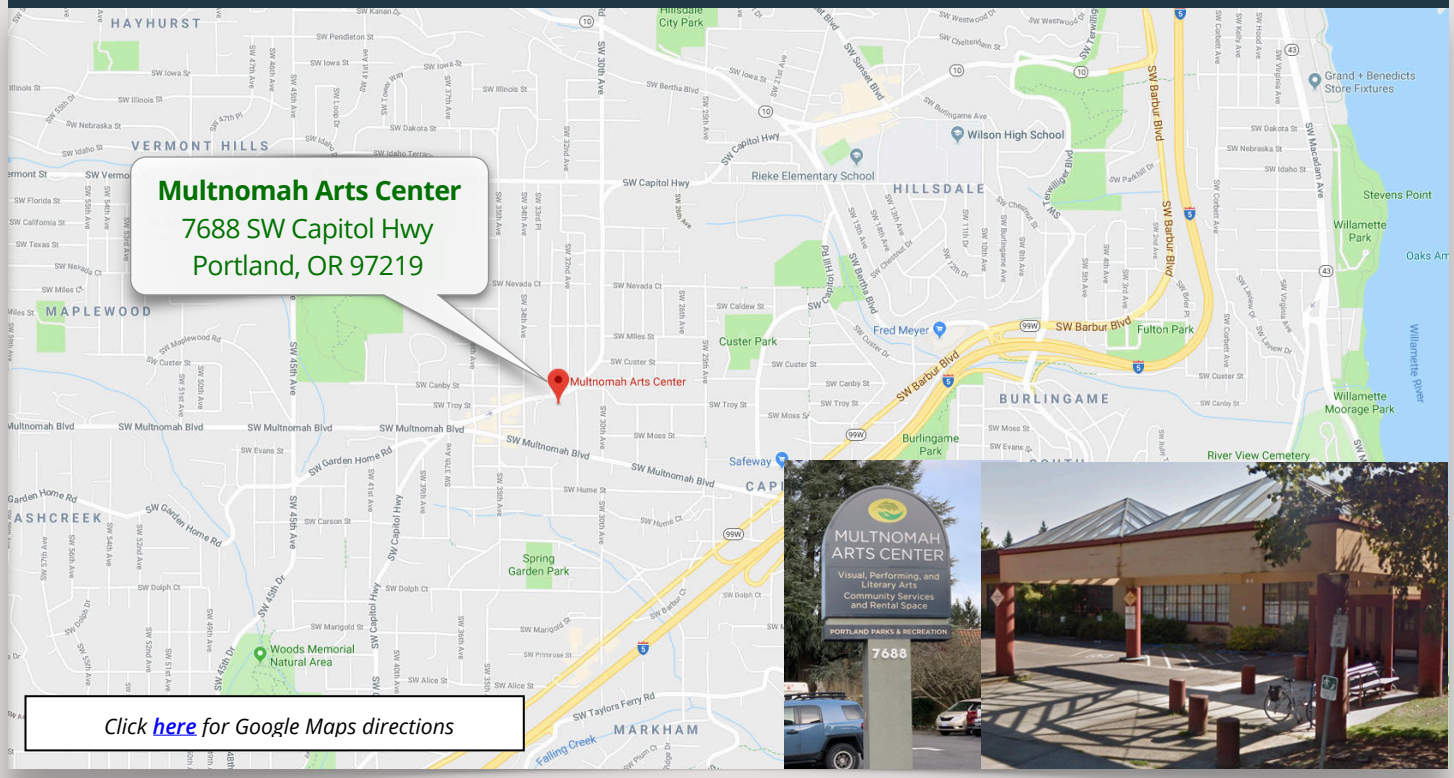
2020 NWWT MEETING SCHEDULE & PROGRAMS

NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS

1st Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Main Auditorium
The Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219

DATE	PROGRAM	MONTHLY CHALLENGE
Thursday, January 2	Annual Tool Sale and Swap Meet	Turn a Sphere
Thursday, February 6	Stuart Batty	"New Tool" Turnings
Thursday, March 5	Janice Levi — Pyrography	Push Cut Bowls
Thursday, April 2	**Tom Willing — Easter Eggs CANCELLED**	**Pyrography**
Thursday, May 7	John Beechwood — TBD	Eggs
Thursday, June 4	Jimmie Allen — Boxes	TBD
Thursday, July 2	Dale Larson — Spheres	Boxes
Saturday, August 8	Picnic + Auction!	_____
Thursday, September 3	Kathleen Duncan — Piercings	Spheres
Thursday, October 1	Mike Meredith — Sharpening	Pierced Pieces
Thursday, November 5	Roger Crooks — TBD	TBD
Thursday, December 3	No Meeting	Happy Holidays!

MAP TO THE MULTNOMAH ARTS CENTER



"SHOW US YOUR SHOP"

The third installment of 'SUYS' is an quick tour around my own shop. Since it's a one-car garage (actually, a 'no-car, three-bicycle' garage), it's pretty cramped. But I make it work. Please **contact me** if you have any questions.

—bk

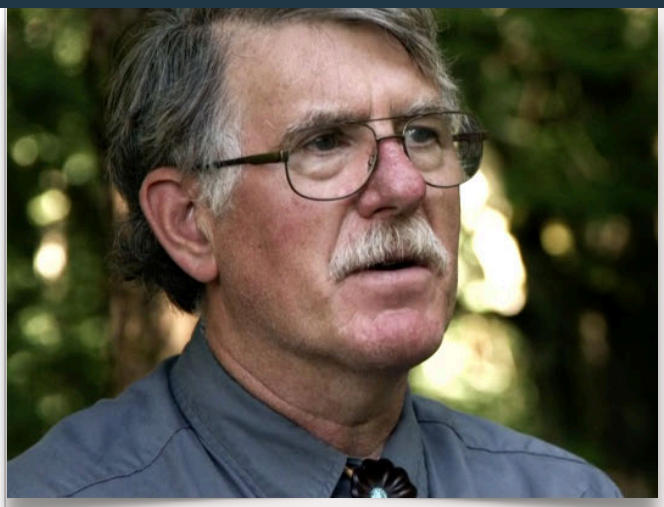
BILL KAROW SHOP TOUR

Contents: Lathe, grinder cart, turning tools, drying kiln, bandsaw, dust collector (recently converted to a 2-stage with a Dust Deputy and upgraded hard piping for better performance), small air compressor, mobile sanding station, and a wall of wire racks for drying wood ,and pegboard for holding everything else.

I am continually trying to improve efficiency of the space, but dream of having a larger shop some day. Thanks for looking.

—bk

DALE LARSON • OPEN SHOP CANCELLED



Open Shop set for March 28th at Dale Larson's shop has been cancelled.

With health officials recommending crowds not gather, it seems sensible not to pack twenty people into one shop.

With that said, if any member wants help with chainsawing wood, bandsawing wood, sharpening tools or some question about turning, please feel free to call me, and we will set a time for you to come over to the shop. One on one is simply more relaxed and safer at this time.

—Dale
503-661-7793
woodbowl@frontier.com

FREE LOCAL DEMOS CANCELLED

All free, weekly demonstrations at our local woodworking stores have been cancelled until further notice. Please contact them directly for updated store hours, ordering and availability.

Woodcrafters, Portland	*(503) 231-0226*	**woodcrafters.us**
Rockler, Beaverton	*(503) 672-7266*	**rockler.com**
Woodcraft, Tigard	*(503) 684-1428*	**woodcraft.com**

GRAEME PRIDDLE+MELISSA ENGLER - AUGUST CLASSES

'Form and Surface'
with Graeme Priddle and Melissa Engler
www.melissaengler.com
www.graemepriddle.com

Where: Dale Larson's spacious and well equipped workshop at:
5010 SE Regner Rd
Gresham, OR 97080

When: August 12, 13, 14, 15th — 9am – 5pm (bring your own lunch)

What: We will be running four one-day classes with a maximum of 10 students per day. You can sign up for 1 or more classes depending on your budget and how much you want to achieve.

Fee: 1 day - $100
2 days - $190
3 days - $280
4 days - $370

Class Description:
You will be led through the fundamentals of spindle and faceplate turning and a wide variety of surface embellishment possibilities.

You will be able to determine your own projects, with guidance if needed from Graeme & Melissa on possibilities to suit individual skill levels.

Graeme will start the days getting the less experienced turners going with simple spindle turned forms (spheres & eggs to practice tool skills) and simple bowls. Your turnings will then become canvases to explore a range a surface treatments, carving/texturing with rotary and hand tools, texturing with wood burners, colouring and finishing techniques.

More experienced turners who can produce a form quickly, or who may prefer to bring pre-turned pieces or test boards, can go straight into surface embellishment with Melissa. As the days progress Graeme will cross over to surface techniques as well as assisting on turning where needed and Melissa will continue with surface techniques and helping those whose projects are ready for coloring/finishing.

This class will cover design and influences, how to come up with ideas to decorate and personalize your turnings, wood selection, preparation and drying, turning/embellishment/finishing techniques, tool selection, sharpening and safety.

There will be early morning and early afternoon demonstration sessions each day leaving plenty of time to allow students to practice what they learn, as well as short demonstrations as requested by students throughout the days.

A lot of the techniques we have to share take time, patience to practice and complete so the more days you can sign up the more chance you'll have of going home with finished pieces. Or you may just be happy to try a little of a lot of different ideas that you can practice and complete at your leisure at home.

For Inquiries and bookings:
Please contact Graeme at graemepriddle@xtra.co.nz

OTHER WOODTURNING CLUBS • MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, club meetings have been cancelled. Please check individual club websites for information on future meetings.

WOODTURNERS OF OLYMPIA
woodturnersofolympia.org

2nd TUESDAY of every month @ 6:30pm
First Baptist Church of Olympia
904 Washington St. SE, Olympia, WA 98507 [map]

CASCADE WOODTURNERS
cascadewoodturners.com

3rd THURSDAY of every month @ 6:45pm
Willamette Carpenters Training Center
4222 NE 158th Ave, Portland, OR 97230 [map]

PACIFIC NORTHWEST WOODTURNING GUILD
woodturningguild.com

2nd WEDNESDAY of every month @ 7:00pm
MWA Architects
70 NW Couch St. Portland, OR [map]

SW WASHINGTON WOODTURNERS
southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

4th WEDNESDAY of every month @ 7:00pm
Friends of the Carpenter's Center
1600 W 20th St, Vancouver, WA 98660 [map]

WILLAMETTE VALLEY WOODTURNERS
willamettevalleywoodturners.com

2nd THURSDAY of every month @ 6:30pm
Center 50+ Senior Center
2615 Portland Rd, NE Salem, OR 97303 [map]

BEAVER STATE WOODTURNERS
beaverstatewoodturners.com

4th THURSDAY of every month @ 6:00pm
Coburg Community Charter School
91274 N Coburg Rd, Coburg, OR 97408 [map]

VENDOR SPONSORS ARE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

A key component of our financial stability as a club is our vendor sponsors. Our vendors provide periodic gift certificates for the raffle and our annual auction. In addition we receive product donations from some of them. If that were not enough, some also give individual discounts to club members. All this contributes to our financial health. We encourage all of you to patronize our vendor sponsors. It is good for you, good for them, and good for the club.

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***Special note regarding Northwoods Figured Wood**:* Northwoods is evolving into a slab supplier and will no longer be in the turning blank business. We are sorry to see them go. They were a huge sponsor for us. We thank them deeply for their historical support and wish them the best in their new endeavor.

BULLETIN BOARD

FOR SALE

Greetings – I have the pictured items for sale. I sold my Vicmarc and my new Jet is smaller and has a 1x8 spindle, so most of these items will no longer fit. $500 for the lot, I would rather not split it up.

Threaded items fit a 1¼ x 8 spindle. Contains a VM120 chuck with four sets of jaws, including the huge VM Cole-style jaws. One-Way Drill Wizard fits 1" stem. 2 faceplates, 2 screw drives and an expanding collet. Also a 9" Robust toolrest w/ 1" post, a 1¼ x 8 tap and a One-Way 1¼ x 8 adapter.

—Rick Rich
(360) 839-0121

If you have woodturning tools for sale,
know of a tree being taken down in the near future,
a new source for woodturning stock,
upcoming estate sales,
need help
or have questions that need answering...

let me know and I will post it on the Bulletin Board section of next month's NWWT newsletter.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Past newsletters can be accessed from the NWWT website **here**.

If you don't have internet access, provide me with your mailing address, and I will print out a copy, lick a stamp and mail a copy of the newsletter to you via U.S. Postal Service.

If you do not receive a courtesy email from me by the beginning of the month indicating that a new newsletter is available online, 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 and other woodturning-related items are welcome! Send them to **me**.

For other business inquiries, contact Northwest Woodturners at:

Northwest Woodturners
P.O. Box 1157
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

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