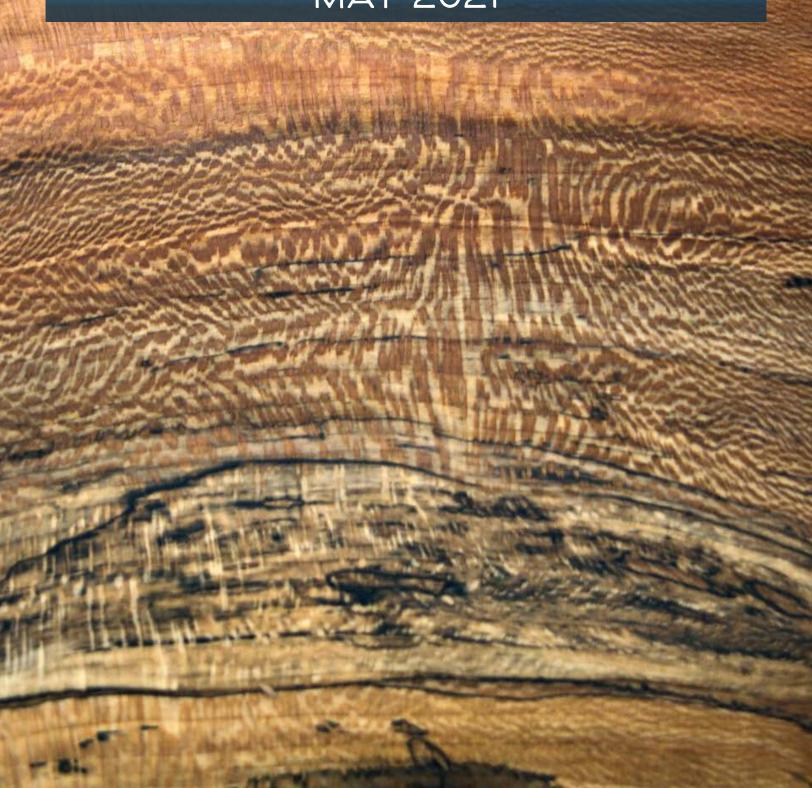
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE · ROGER CROOKS



More and more people can now say "I'm vaccinated," including me. I truly encourage everyone not vaccinated to sign up and get your shot, not only for your health but for your family, friends, and your NWWT members, as non-vaccinated people can still transmit the disease. The supply has finally caught up, and getting appointments is finally easy and straightforward.

April's General Meeting - David Ellsworth - What Happened?

April Fools Day almost got us. We were using David's Zoom account, and he had a mix-up on the meeting

link. He had another meeting set up in addition to ours, and unfortunately, he started that meeting and wondered where everybody was. We all logged into our meeting and wondered where David was. After a frantic phone call, Kevin White got everything cleared up, and David gave a fantastic demo.

May's General Meeting - Roger Crooks - Turning Square

A famous performer once said that he would never plan his performance after an animal act or a kid performance. Well, I can say that not only am I following David Ellsworth with my demo, but it is also my first demo – so be nice . I will say, doing a video and being the editor of said video has its advantages.

Open Shop - May 8

One spot is still available, so register ASAP. Please note that masks and social distancing will be required, and we will have the doors at both ends open for good air flow.

May's Sharpening Class

It was great to be back to a physical event. Everyone was vaccinated, so masks were up to each individual. The sold-out class had several brand-new turners, and as we all know now, sharpening is the first thing you need to learn to really enjoy turning. See below for more details of the class and stay tuned for the next one.

NWWT Store

The store closes for current orders Wednesday, May 5, and you can pick up your order during Open Shop, May 8 from 9-12 at Dave Wood's shop.

AAW Demos

If you have not done so, sign up for an on-line AAW demo. They are \$10 well spent. I've watched three so far including Cindy Drozda's demo last month on a beautiful natural edge burl bowl. If all goes well, I hope to show it during Show & Tell next month. In addition, I'll show how to hide a hole in the bottom ...

Community Projects

Don't forget to keep your eyes open for a community project that the club can work on this year.

—Roger

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 Portland, OR 97219 [map]

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VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" · KEVIN WHITE



MAY Monthly Program Update

I am looking forward to 2022 and hopefully in person meetings again. We are planning on having a variety of demonstrations possibly including segment turning, pens, finishing, hollow form, all day demos followed by hands on classes, maybe even a member turned auction, and much more. If you have someone you would like to see or a topic you like, please call, or email me.

For our **May Demonstration**, our own Club President, Roger Crooks, will be demonstrating the turning of a square plate. One of the great benefits of the Northwest Woodturners Club is that we have outstanding demonstrators in our own club. Roger has been continually active in our club in leadership and as our videographer and now we get see Rogers doing his first ever demo for our club.





VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" · KEVIN WHITE (CONT.)

Our next demonstration in June will be done by Greg Gallegos turning his signature 'podlet.'

Greg is from Haslett, Michigan and is a creative turner at times, and a production turner at other times. Below are a couple of his original pieces. *Editor's Note*: You can also check out a lot more of Greg's awesome work at www.instagram.com/naturalselectionstudio/.



Greg states in his bio: "I have been artistically inclined since I was young. I was heavily into woodshop in high school and fell in love with the lathe there. It took me another ten years after high school to be able to purchase a lathe.

After years of properly learning the craft and practicing the skills, I felt I was ready to start selling my work. I started with the local craft and art markets, which lead to several large national shows.

These days, I have settled into a routine of being spontaneously creative at times and then prodigiously productive at other times. I am always trying to find a happy medium...not likely to happen but...I love wood with a passion which keeps me wondering what the next piece of wood I cut into will show me. I try not to limit myself to a particular set of skills. I have turned just about everything there is to turn. I love them all. Hollow forms, natural edge bowls, whimsical pieces, and decorative carving as well. I gravitate towards working with green wood to completion. I really feel that it gives the wood its most simplistic forms and keeps the organic quality of the wood intact."







In this demonstration you will learn all about how to create a podlet. I will go through step-by-step instructions on how to turn this very delicate piece. This in-depth demonstration will teach you the cuts I use to achieve the thinness and the flowing curve that makes the podlet unique."

-Kevin

SHARPENING CLASS REVIEW · SATURDAY, MAY OI

2021 NWWT TRAINING SCHEDULE OPENS WITH "SHARPENING LATHE TOOLS"

Our "Sharpening Maestro", Mike Meredith, took the lead role in teaching our 2021 lathe tool sharpening course on Saturday, May 1st, in Dave Wood's shop. The course is not a new one for the NWWT, but it has been updated to include new sharpening systems and tools introduced since our last sharpening course was held. The NWWT Sharpening document, authored by members, has also been updated and enhanced for use as a reference manual for students in the class.







For newer members, it serves as a solid guide to sharpening all types of turning tools, the types of grinding systems in use and available, a discussion of metallurgy as applied to turning tools, and offers fairly comprehensive coverage on grinding wheel types and their applications.

NWWT also recognizes the need to cultivate new expert-level "Lead Instructors" for the years ahead, and to the end, each training course offered from here on will have a Lead Instructor, an Assistant Lead Instructor, and two General Assistants, given the current limitations of 6 students per class. As Covid restrictions relax, we will be able to increase the number of students per session, subject to space limitations, and add Assistants as needed.









Our Assistant Lead Instructor for this session was Larry Klick, and Roger Crooks and Dave Wood served as General Assistants.

Students in attendance were Bill Dale, Perrill Smith, Joel Roach, and David Burgess.

SHARPENING CLASS REVIEW (CONT.)





Mike demonstrated sharpening procedures on the Wolverine, the Kodiak, the Sharp Fast, and Tormek sharpening systems while pointing out each system's unique features and strengths. After the classroomstyle presentations, students took their tools to the grinders and learned with guidance from the veteran staff members.

Everyone left with all of the their own tools sharpened properly and ready to spit clean and crisp shavings in the coming days.







After sharpening class was officially over, the session morphed into a preview of Open Shop for new member Perrill Smith, who brought a bowl he roughed 30 years ago, but never got to finish. With the bowl still attached to his "oldie but goodie" Rockwell lathe, it went into storage for those 30 years! On Saturday May 1, 2021, his bowl was completed, and got a wood burned signature and a coating of the Doctor's Walnut Oil. Look for it in the May Meeting's "Show and Tell".

And Perrill ... welcome to the Northwest Woodturners!

—Dave Wood

NWWT TURNING TALK · SATURDAY, MAY I5



The next Turning Talk is planned for Saturday, April 17 @ 9:00 AM, so send me your questions and plan to participate. nwwt.rogercrooks@comcast.net

It would be really helpful if you can send questions in ahead of time so we can be prepared, but live questions are welcome. Remember, this is a discussion group and the comments you hear are what we do or what we think. Not all of us are experts, so use your best judgement in what you do in your own shop.

For security reasons, log-in details will be sent to you before the event via email, along with the selected topic.

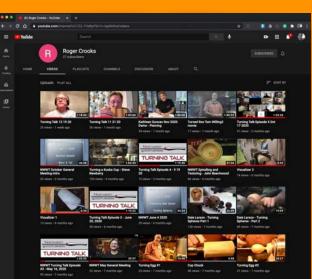
-Roger

NWWT Turning Talk 9-10am Saturday, May 15

RECORDED MEETINGS & DEMOS

The April 2021 Turning Talk is available for viewing, as are all the others. Remember, to view past meetings, go to the NWWT Calendar. Recorded meetings are highlighted in **orange**. Click on the meeting to get the link. Lots of things were covered, but the main topic was hollowing techniques and products.





APRIL CHALLENGE · BASKET OF ILLUSION







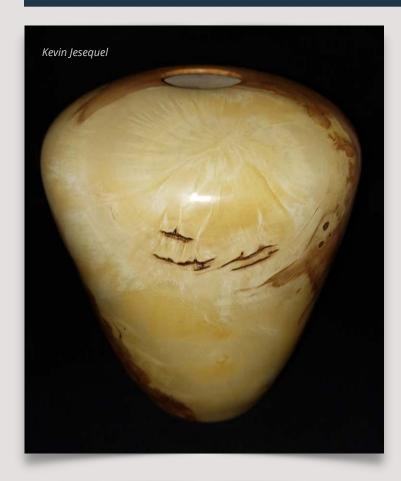
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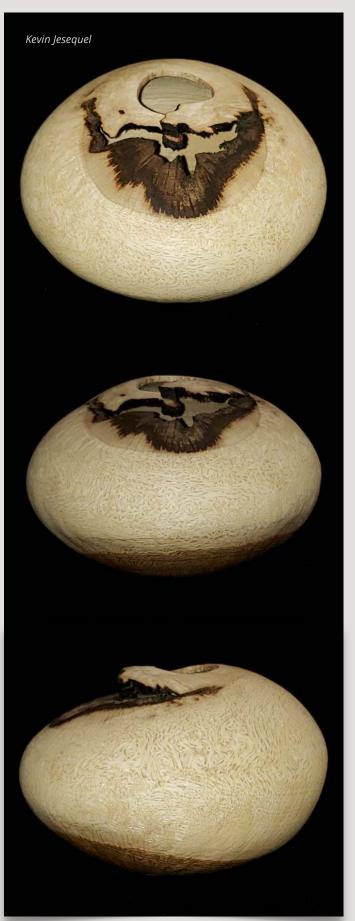


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BUYING POWER TOOLS · ROGER CROOKS

From the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers September 2016 newsletter:



Buying Power Tools

Over the last few weeks, I've talked to number of people about buying new equipment (must be the Fall air). Since I just bought a new bandsaw and am thinking about a new lathe, it seemed a good topic this month.

My first advice applies to any hobby or passion – be it golf, cycling or woodworking. Generally, the first questions most people ask "What do you want to do, and what is your budget?" However, the better question is "Where are you in this hobby?"

If you are just starting out in woodworking (beginners are a significant percentage of our membership), you really don't know if you will stick with it or, more likely, know what type of woodworking you will want to focus on. Furniture making has different tool

needs than turning, and carving can be anything from a chainsaw to high-speed power carving tools or just hand tools. With the Guild, you have the opportunity to try out most of these areas and tools.

My advice is to budget enough to buy a decent tool that will get the job done. If you go too cheap, the performance of the tool may turn you off from woodworking. It can be frustrating using an underpowered tool or one that is hard to setup or complicated to use. Same for hand tools, planes or chisels that are hard to use or made of steel that does not hold an edge will frustrate you to no end. And then there is a minority with no budget issues and goes out and buys the top of the line tools, then a year later, decide golfing is a better use of their time.

My advice is to stick with a name-brand that offers a range of models from low to high. It is best to buy a lower-end model from a vendor who has a wide range of models than buy the same priced model which is the top of a vendor's line. It is important to understand that as you advance in woodworking, your needs or desires will drive you to buy a more advanced model. You will eventually end up with some high-end tools that you use all the time in your area of focus and other lower-end tools that you just use occasionally. The key here is you will not know which is which until you have more experience. Elicit advice from other Guild members through our Forum section on the website. There are a ton of reviews online but stick with reviews from the woodworking magazines rather than those that just display the vendor's press release. The model that they tag as "Best Value" is often the one I look at first.

My first lathe was a Rockler, on-sale for about \$250. I had never turned before and had no idea if I would like turning. It was good, but I quickly advanced beyond its ability. I then bought a \$600 Delta. It did 75% of what I want to do today, and I still have it as a backup. It was about this time I decided turning would be my focus. My current lathe is a Nova DVR at \$1,500 (used) and it does everything I want. My next (and last) lathe could be a model that is between \$4000 and \$8000. Why? Just because. The same story can be said for table saws, bandsaw, hand planes, golf clubs, bikes, etc. As your skills improve, you know what you want out of a tool; accuracy is more critical, ease-of-use such as changing blades or set up becomes more important, maybe more power is needed, and the availability of accessories to expand what it can do is of more interest.

The Guild shop provides a great opportunity to use good tools and understand what features are important to you. Once you know what features are "critical" and what features are "nice-to-have", then you can look at your budget and make a knowledgeable decision of what to buy. Who knows, you may find a new table saw under the tree this year.

—Roger

202I NWWT MEETINGS & DEMONSTRATORS



DUE TO THE COVID, MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

DATE	PROGRAM	MONTHLY CHALLENGE
Thursday, January 7	Mike Meredith — Chainsaw Maintenance, Sharpening and Safety / Tool Swap	Holiday Presents
Thursday, February 4	Michael Alguire — Intricate Hollow Forms	More Holiday Stuff
Thursday, March 4	Betty Simnitt — Basket Illusion Technique	Piercings or Round Wheels (or both)
Thursday, April 1	David Ellsworth — (Need we say more!?)	Basket Illusions (or similar pyrography)
Thursday, May 6	Roger Crooks — Square Plates	Natural Edge Bowl
Thursday, June 3	Greg Gallagos — Podlets	Square ltems
Thursday, July 1	Dale Larson — Oval Bowls	Hollow Items
Thursday, August 5	Auction (Hopefully)	To be announced later if we do not have the auction
Thursday, September 2	Member Contributed Short Videos	Oval Bowl (any size)
Thursday, October 7	John Cobb — Hollow Form Muggles	TBD
Thursday, November 4	Bill Karow — Bleaching / Fuming / Ebonizing	TBD
Thursday, December 2	No Meeting	Happy Holidays!

OTHER WOODTURNING CLUBS . MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Please check individual club websites for current information on their monthly online 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]

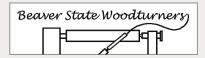


WILLAMETTE VALLEY WOODTURNERS

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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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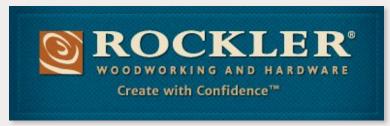




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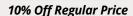


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Special note regarding Northwoods Figured Wood: Northwoods is evolving into a slab supplier and will no longer be in the turning blank business. We are sorry to see them go. They were a huge sponsor for us. We thank them deeply for their historical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

BULLETIN BOARD



Job Openings!

Portable Saw Mill Operator

Part time ~1 to 3 days per week, weather dependent.

Located on Meissner Rd in Deer Island. We're 25 minutes from St Helens, Longview or Vernonia, or an hour from Portland.

Mill Operator for small family business in a rural setting. Flexible schedule, healthy and positive work environment. Milling experience preferred (WoodMizer LT-4) or will train. Converting logs and burls into slabs.

Must be safety conscious and able to comfortably lift 40-50#. The mill is currently outdoors, but will be under cover in a couple months.

Requirements: experience and safe operation of a chainsaw and tractor, basic knowledge and love of wood. Must be accurate and efficient, self starting, low drama, reliable, quick learner, good communicator and able to work independently. 'Contract Labor' preferred. Open to labor barter for wood! Must have reliable transportation and be non-smoking.

Send Letter of Intent and Resume to service@nwfiguredwoods.com or call 800-556-3106.





Part time Shop Assistant

1-2 days per week

Assisting with VIVID stabilized wood product process. Will be using a sand blast cabinet and belt sander, among other tools. Must have basic knowledge and love of wood. Must be accurate and efficient, self starting, low drama, reliable, quick learner, good communicator and able to work independently. 'Contract Labor' preferred. Open to labor barter for wood! Must have reliable transportation and be nonsmoking. Flexible schedule, healthy and positive work environment. Located on Meissner Rd in Deer Island. We're 25 minutes from St Helens, Longview or Vernonia, or an hour from Portland.

Send Letter of Intent and Resume to <u>vivid@stabilizedwoods.com</u> or call 800-556-3106.



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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