

Founded 1995 Pacific Northwest Oregon Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners **AAW** OF WOODTURNERS

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WOODTURNERS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE · ROGER CROOKS



August was a busy month for NWWT!

Summer BBQ and Auction – August 6, 2022

WOW – what a day. Details of the day are in an article below, but I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the event. We had record attendance, record items to auction, record revenue, tons of food and a perfect day. But for me personally, a huge surprise was an incredibly designed award for a new topic – Volunteer of the Year. Many thanks to John Sutter who proposed the idea and made the "lathe", Bill Karow who designed

the award and Jason Goodrich who did the CNC work. See more in an article below.

2023 Elections

It's that time of the year again. We will announce the candidates in an article below giving our membership 30-day notice as required by our bylaws before voting for them at our October or November (if changes) meeting. If you have an interest in any position, please let me know ASAP.

September General Meeting – Sept 1, 2022, Live at the MAC @ 7:00 pm –John Beechwood – Yarn Bowls

We've resolved the audio problem at our August meeting and have upgraded our video system with a professional switcher and demonstrator's monitor. If you cannot attend live, tune in on Zoom.

John Beechwood has demonstrated for us before. This month he will demonstrate yarn bowls, one of his hottest selling items at the GOTG show and Multnomah Days. He also donates lots of these to local organizations. They are small and make great gifts. Info <u>HERE</u>.

Bowls for the Community.

Don't forget to continue your support of our Community Project Bowl program. NWWT has donated 50 bowls to date, but all have come from just a few members. So...we need more members involved! See article below for some ideas that came out of our last board meeting. Many thanks to Steve Collett for representing us in the community, but we need more participation.

Turning Classes

We took the summer off, but all the fall classes have now been posted. Register early to reserve your spot in the classes you want. Look on the <u>calendar</u> for the classes.

Larry Klick's Memorial – August 19, 2022

NWWT was well represented at Larry's memorial. Larry was the club's secretary and extremely active in club events. See article below.

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]

President Roger Crooks

Vice President Kevin White

Secretary Kevin Jesequel

Treasurer <u>Mike Meredith</u>

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Steve Newberry Lynne Hemmert Barb Hall Richard Hall Jim Schoeffel

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Newsletter Editor Bill Karow

> **Store Sales** John Sutter

Education Coordinator Dave Wood

Library Lynne Hemmert Alex McDowell

> **Raffle** Kim Talley

AV Backup Dave Burgess

Photography Jim Schoeffel

Web Roger Crooks

AAW Representative John Beechwood

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE · (CONT.)

Multnomah Days – August 20, 2022

This year we doubled our space from 10' to 20', giving us room for five members to sell. It was a perfect day, and traffic was brisk. See article and photos below.

Open Shop – August 13 – Special Guest, Dale Larson

What a treat we had at Open Shop. Dale spent a couple of hours doing a whiteboard presentation and live demonstration cutting up some beautiful pieces of Myrtle wood. See article below plus a new article on advice you can give to tree cutters. Video is available on our <u>YouTube channel</u>.

We were donated a brand new, in-the-box Jet midi-lathe. This was generously donated by Mike Webb who won it several years ago and did not have a use for it. We now have seven lathes for members to use.

Next Open Shop is September 10. Register HERE.

Open Shop is free but the rental Portable Rest Room and our coffee and doughnuts cost money. A \$20 donation would help defray expenses.

NWWT Store - NEW Walnut Oil

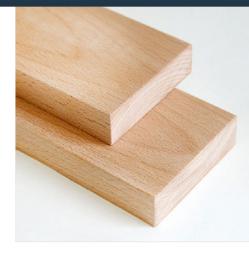
The store is available at our monthly meetings. However we have several gallons of Anchorseal at Open Shop for purchase. A new addition to the NWWT Store will be 16 oz bottles of NWWT Walnut Oil for \$5. This compares to \$21.95 for walnut oil at Rockler and is of better quality. Hope to have them for our October meeting.

NWWT August Board Meeting Results

We have a very productive board meeting August 21. Several key decisions were made. More details are in articles below

- Dues are being raised by \$5 –see article below
- Two new board positions established
 - 1) Educational coordinator
 - 2) Safety Officer
- Adding Walnut Oil to the NWWT Store
- Plan to update the club's brochure as we are down to less than 100
- Starting to plan 2023 demonstrators looking good!
- NWWT will manage a room at the 2024 Oregon Symposium in Albany
- NWWT along with other clubs in the area will provide significant help at the AAW's 2025 Symposium which will be back in Portland.

NEW BOARD POSITIONS



The NWWT board voted to add two new voting board positions – **Safety Officer** and **Education Coordinator**.

Kevin Jesequel is currently Safety Officer for Cascade Woodturners, and he has offered to share his work with NWWT with Cascade's approval.

Dave Wood manages our Education Programs today, and since education is a critical objective in our bylaws, we felt it was important to elevate this critical position to board status.

Congratulations and many thanks to Kevin and Dave!

-Roger Crooks

2023 ELECTIONS

Below is the slate for 2023. Changes from 2022 are John Beechwood as VP, and Kevin White moving to helping John with demonstrators. Kevin was pressed for time last year but liked the job, so he and John will work together for lining up demonstrators which he has already started for 2023. Thanks Kevin for the past efforts and future efforts.

Our Bylaws state four mandatory board members. Over the years, we have added additional voting board members who have voting privileges. In addition, we have our volunteer crew who are critical to the operation of the club.

2023 Officers, Board Mem	2023 Officers, Board Members and Staff Volunteers				
President: Roger Crooks	nwwt.rogercrooks@comcast.net				
Vice President: John Beechwood	jbeechwood3@gmail.com				
Treasurer: Mike Meredith	mjmeredith23@gmail.com				
Secretary: Kevin Jesequel	kevinjesequel@msn.com				
Board Members	Staff Volunteers				
Past President: Steve Newberry	Newsletter: Bill Karow				
Librarian: Lynne Hemmert	Photographer: Jim Schoeffel				
Member at Large: Jim Schoeffel	Store Sales: John Sutter				
Member at Large: Barbara Hall	Web: Roger Crooks & Bill Karow				
Past President: Richard Hall	Raffle: Kim Talley				
Education Coordinator: Dave Wood	AV Backup: Dave Burgess				
Safety: Kevin Jesequel					
Demonstrators: Kevin White					



Open Shop will take place on **Saturday**, **September 10 from 9AM to 1PM**. Dave Wood will again open his shop to NWWT members to spend some time turning together. This is a chance for those of you new to woodturning to have questions answered, learn new techniques or address problems you might have encountered.

Open Shop is directed toward the new turner but **all are welcome!** Bring a project you want help finishing. Bring questions about methods. There will be six lathes available to use. Bring your own tools and wood, or you can also buy wood there.

- Admission is free.
- Bring your own tools and face shield.
- Proof of Vaccination and Masks are required at all times.
- If you have any COVID related symptoms, please stay home.
- Coffee and donuts will be provided.
- Portable toilet will be on on-site.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Wood or any other NWWT Board Member.
- Location: 24250 SW 65th Ave Tualatin, OR 97062 [map]
- Contact: Dave Wood NWWT Education Coordinator 503-880-1349

OPEN SHOP · CUTTING "BEST BOWL" BLANKS



August pushed a large quantity of freshly cut wood through the doors of my shop. We had two pickup loads of larger White Oak rounds donated to the club, and eight even larger diameter, highly figured rounds of Myrtlewood from Don Guenther in Coquille. The oak tree yielded 30 bowl blanks, many of them in the 13" to 18" diameter range, and a dozen larger diameter spindle blanks as well. We also got a good selection of 8" to 10" cores for our bowl training classes next month.



It was clear with the Myrtle rounds that we had a lot of very valuable wood that needed to be cut for maximum beauty and figure, so we invited Dale Larson to come to the Tualatin Open Shop and show us how it's done by a professional. And show us he did! The <u>video</u> of his seminar is on our <u>YouTube channel</u>.



Many of us have seen the presentation before, but as Mike Meredith said, "Every time I pick up something new." If you ever wondered why the pattern in your bowl is the way it is, it started from the initial cutting of the logs. Dale explained how to control what your bowl will look like.

When the chainsaws were done, my old (but renewed) DoAll industrial bandsaw took over with ease. Bought for \$100 at an auction, another \$100 to mount the huge cast iron table, conversion to 220V, and a mean machine was reborn.

We call her Big Bertha, and if you've got big blocks of wood that need trimming, bring them to open Shop. She's waiting ... and she's hungry!

-Dave Wood & Roger Crooks



NWWT CLASSES RESUME

Welcome New Members! NWWT Training Classes are resuming after the summer break!

Our training classes for the 4th quarter resume with Bowl Turning Basics on September 24. All classes are now open for registration on our website under the <u>Calendar tab</u>.

9/24/22	Saturday	Bowl Turning Basics	
9/25/22	Sunday	Spindle Turning Basics	SIGN
10/15/22	Saturday	Intermediate Bowl Turning	SIGN UP TODAYI
10/16/22	Sunday	Intermediate Spindle Turning	
10/29/22	Saturday	Sharpening Lathe Tools	

We all learn at our own speed, and at NWWT we work with all speeds in our training program. Some of us progress faster because we have more time to practice (retired) and more workshop space available. Some have more aptitude for turning and advance quicker. But the goal for all of us all is to continually learn and improve, regardless of our skill level, and always have fun doing it.

Our Instructor Corps is comprised of seasoned veteran NWWT members who have the skills and experience to help you learn. For a class of six students, we typically have two to three general assistants in addition to the Lead Instructor and Assistant Lead Instructor. That means that during the class sessions you will have as much one-on-one coaching at your lathe as you need.



Basics Classes

We have many new members since the spring of this year, and more joining every month. For you new members just beginning your woodturning journey, our Basics courses in bowl and spindle turning are designed for you. No experience is necessary, and we'll even loan you tools if you need them. We'll get you started safely and send you home with your first turnings. One of the agenda items in the basics courses is what tools you will need first, what brands to buy (and not buy), and the basics of good tool steels. Let us educate you before you spend a lot of money on tools you won't use, or that are not worth buying at all.

Intermediate Classes

New for this fall, we are revising the format of the intermediate level courses, for both bowl and spindle turning, to be more project-based rather than just skills based. Stay tuned for more information on this topic in the next few weeks.

We design our Intermediate level courses for those who have achieved repeatable efficiency and comfort with basic turning skills and are ready to move up. These courses are faster paced and do not spend time on basic

NWWT CLASSES RESUME · (CONT.)

skills. If you are not yet comfortable and efficient with your basic skills, there is no shame in taking the Basics Course again. We can tailor your class experience to your individual needs to prepare you for the intermediate classes.

Coming in October, the Intermediate Bowl Turning class will focus on creating next level turnings like natural edge bowls, platters, or hollow forms, and will be taught by members with those more advanced skills and expertise. And likewise, the Intermediate Spindles class will focus on projects like threaded lid boxes, spheres and eggs, goblets, specific toys, vases, and so on. And as I said earlier, our intention is to re-vamp these courses into project-based classes.

We envision a series of these project-based classes developing over the next couple of years. Our goal is to inject new excitement into our classes and skill development programs. No doubt there will be some trial and error along the way, and we will be listening for ideas and constructive criticism. NWWT's charter mission is simply to educate. We all learn in different ways, and usually we learn faster by sharing and coaching each



other. And therefore, maximum one-on-one instruction and coaching is a pillar of our educational approach.

Sign up today on the NWWT website for training in September and October and join the fun. It's easy and quick to do, and the price is right. Just bring your smile and we'll supply the knowledge, coffee, and friendly atmosphere. And of course... the best donuts on the planet!

If you have any questions, contact Dave Wood at 503-880-1349 or davewood.trucks@comcast.net

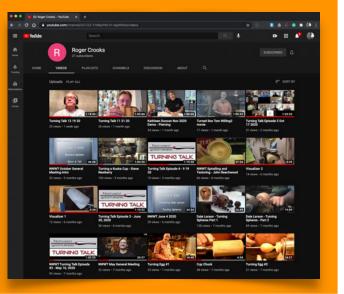
—Dave Wood

RECORDED MEETINGS & DEMOS

Our monthly meetings and Turning Talks are available for viewing. Remember, to view past meetings, go to the NWWT Calendar.

Recorded meetings are highlighted in **orange**. Click on the meeting to get the link.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3
				6:30 PM October Meeting: Steve Newberry- Kuska Cup		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 9:00 AM NWWT - Turning Talk



ADVICE FOR TREE CUTTERS



manner and haul it away, even if it turns out to not be good wood or we may not be able to put a team together in time.

Without instructions, tree cutters will generally cut the trunk into logs for firewood. Unfortunately, burls, crotches, etc. are of no concern to them. But what we have learned from Dale Larson is that the design of a bowl, platter or hollow form starts with the chainsaw. While we cannot teach the tree cutter all we know, you can give them some advice. This is what I recommend. If you can get them to follow #1, be grateful. And if they can follow #2 & #3, you are lucky!

- 1. Cut the logs at least 2" longer than the diameter. For example, a 20" diameter tree should be cut at 22" in length.
- For a crotch, a general guideline is to cut about 6" above the split and about 12" below the crotch. This is very general but conveys the idea of saving the figure in the crotch.
- 3. If your lucky enough to find a burl, cut above and below the burl, not down the middle. Ideally follow #1 and keep the burl in the middle.

Often, I get offers for free wood from a tree that needs to come down. The optimal time to cut a tree is in the fall after the growth season. Cutting down trees, even small ones is no small task and a huge liability for the club. There are two main uses for a tree – turning and flat work. For flat work, only a mill can slab the wood into planks and dry them. For turning, we can offer some advice.

The photos above and below are an example of an offer of two maples trees that are due to be cut down in the next few months. Professional arborists who take trees down are experts at felling trees with minimal damage. They do an amazing job, but they are hired to just take the tree down safely and cut up or haul off the results.

For people who want to put the wood to good use and they call us before the felling, we can assess what is best for them and for us. If we cannot physically look at the tree, then we ask for pictures and history. If the tree is coming down due to rot, or the size is not manageable (too large or too small), then we need to pass on it. The ideal solution is for them to fell the tree, cut and remove all the branches and leave the trunk for a club cutting party to cut it into blanks. However, we might be obligated to cut it in a timely



NWWT ANNUAL BBQ & AUCTION RESULTS



"WOW!" is all I thought as we auctioned off 126 items in about 90 minutes bringing in over \$5,000. It broke all records for attendance, revenue, average sale and I think, fun. For me personally, being awarded the first Volunteer of the Year award left me speechless. Many thanks to Bill Karow for the design, Jason Goodrich for the CNC work and especially John Sutter for the incredible lathe.

Around the first of July, talking with Mike Meredith, I lamented that as of then, we did not have much of a plan for wood and other donations. Rockler and Woodcraft declined donations. Mike said not to worry, stuff will magically appear. About two weeks to go and still just a few boxes of wood – it was going to be a short party.

Then Dave Wood found a White oak, I found a Holly tree, Mike brought dried stock from his pile, other members dropped off various piles of wood and an old NWWT member, Stan Postma called with a huge donation of tools and wood the day before the auction. While not magic, it was a lot of hard work, time and energy to pull it all together.





Generous donations of finished pieces from Dale Larson, Kevin Jesequel, Bill Karow, Phil Lapp, and myself brought in big dollars.

The weather was perfect and the food fantastic with Steve Newberry's brisket leading the way. Mike Meredith kept the grill humming, and there were lots of fruits, salads, and desserts brought by members.

NWWT ANNUAL BBQ & AUCTION RESULTS · (CONT.)





Bidding was lively with Dave Colsen, our auctioneer who kept it moving selling 126 items in record time. Our members were extremely generous. One member who could not be there sent in a cash donation.

The board thanks everyone who participated, especially all our new members.

Below is a six year history of our auction results.

NWWT Auction	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022
Attendees	27	31	33	31	28	50
Buyers	22	28	26	25	19	29
Items auctioned	95	105	86	81	77	126
Gross Amount	\$2,571	\$3,105	\$3,080	\$3,327	\$2,703	\$5,181
Avg Sale	\$27	\$30	\$36	\$41	\$35	\$41
Avg Buyer purchase	\$117	\$111	\$118	\$133	\$142	\$179
Expenses	\$750	\$778	\$442	\$498	\$505	\$418
Total Net	\$1,821	\$2,327	\$2,638	\$2,829	\$2,198	\$4,763

NWWT VOLUNTEER AWARD



Early in July, 2021, I saw the lathe in an antique store, but resisted asking for a price. The idea of using it as part of an award came to mind so I went back a couple of weeks later and purchased it.

At the club's annual picnic in August 2021, I showed photos to Bill Karow and Jason Goodrich and recruited them to help with the project.

A search on the Internet revealed that what I had found is referred to as a watchmakers lathe. It turns out the manufacturer is still in business located in the LA area. The model we have was probably manufactured in the 1940's and has friction bearings. The current models are made with ball bearings.

The following people worked on the project:

Jason Goodrich - CNC milling of the logo and text on the trophy

Bill Karow - Overall design of award and graphics

David Rhoadarmer -(Soon to be NWWT member) Internet search, cleaning up lathe, made chuck, hollow form and tailstock center

John Sutter - Cleanup, added legs and painted lathe, woodworking.

Cheers,

John Sutter







LARRY KLICK'S MEMORIAL SERVICE



On Friday, August 19, we celebrated Larry Klick's life. Larry was NWWT's secretary and a very active member.

Jan, Larry's wife, put the memorial together for family and friends. Larry was a great woodturner whose time came much too soon. Many of his turnings were on display, and there were many comments about his skill in turning. But more importantly was his willingness to help others. Larry was always the first to volunteer for club activities, and his background in retail was extremely helpful in how we sold items and the club itself. I could always count on Larry for good advice.

NWWT was well represented with Mike Porter, Dave Wood, John Beechwood and

myself. Mike gave a very personal and heartwarming story about Larry which was well received. It was a beautiful day and a beautiful ceremony.





MULTNOMAH DAYS - AUGUST 20TH



This year NWWT had two 10' booths which, combined with the Oregon Carver's Guild and the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers, showed the community 40' of beautifully crafted wood products for sale.

NWWT members John Beechwood, Kevin Jesequel, Dave Wood, Steve Collett and myself filled the 20' booth with just about every type of turning available. Steve, a relatively new turner and his first show, had an impressively good day and sold all of his Fish Whackers (new to me!). Dave Wood also did well at his first show. John, a craft show veteran, was by far the highest seller, and Kevin had the most "Look at This" comments for his spectacular work.

On top of sales, our goal was to recruit new members. We handed out a lot of brochures and heard huge interest in joining. We will see how many follow through.

We already have five new members since the event and that was just a week ago! I'm sure there will be more to come.



NEW MEMBERSHIP FEES

NWWT membership fees have not changed since the club was formed (as far as anyone remembers). As we all know, costs have gone up significantly. Demonstrators, Open Shop expenses, insurance, MAC fees, storage, etc. have all gone up, especially in the last two years. Members receive a lot for their membership, so the board voted to raise membership fees by \$5.

While NWWT is in a secure financial position today, we want to ensure we stay that way and maintain our ability to attract professional demonstrators, enhance Open Shop equipment, and have great meetings.

New fees will start January 1, 2023. In addition, we are offering two and three year renewals for convenience.

General:	Annual dues Two year Three year	\$40 \$80 \$120
Family:	Annual dues Two year Three year	\$50 \$100 \$150

Business: Annual dues \$65



LIBRARY NEWS · LYNNE HEMMERT



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

It has been two years (approximately) since our last club meeting, and we have many outstanding Library Books and CD's.

Look around your house and shop and bring the clubs Items back, so that someone else can learn from our store of information.

Thanks and see you at the next meeting.

—Lynne

NEED INSPIRATION? • ROGER CROOKS



Need some new ideas of what to turn on that special piece of wood or looking for ideas on how to embellish you piece? You can turn to Pinterest for ideas OR you can look at what your fellow members are doing.

Maybe you saw something at Show & Tell but don't remember the details. Check out our website's <u>Gallery</u>. All the photos that are submitted for each meeting and the pictures taken by Jim at real meetings are/will be posted on this page.

If you need to contact the maker, check with Bill, and he may be able to give you the member's name.

-Roger

2022 MEETINGS & DEMONSTRATORS

NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS

DATE	PROGRAM	MONTHLY CHALLENGES			
2022					
Thursday, January 6	Rick Urban — <i>Ovaloids</i> & Annual Tool Swap	 Ebonized, Bleached or Fumed Object Something Unique 			
Thursday, February 3	Chris Lawrence — High Top Box	 Ovaloids (Lost Wood) Something Unique 			
Thursday, March 3	Craig Timmerman — Torus Vase	 High Top Boxes Something Unique 			
Thursday, April 7	Kevin Jesequel — Hollow Form with Natural Opening	1. Torus Vases 2. Something Unique			
Thursday, May 5	Tom Willing — Egg Wagon	 Hollow Forms Something Unique 			
Thursday, June 2	Ed Pretty — Butterfly Repairs	 Egg Wagons Something Unique 			
Thursday, July 7	Rick Rich — Three Piece Dish	1. Repair a Glitch 2. Something Unique			
Saturday, August 6	BBQ Picnic & Auction	 Enjoy the Auction! Bid on Items at the Auction 			
Thursday, September 1	John Beechwood — Yarn Bowl	1. Three Piece Dish 2. Something Unique			
Thursday, October 6	TBD	1. TBD 2. Something Unique			
Thursday, November 3	Jimmy Allen —A Unique Approach to Turning Boxes	1. TBD 2. Something Unique			
Thursday, December 1	No Meeting	Happy Holidays!			

OTHER WOODTURNING CLUBS · MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Please check individual club websites for current information regarding 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 @ 6:00pm Wild Lilac Child Development Center 3829 SE 74th 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 FRIDAY 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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NWWT membership has benefits!

Show your NWWT Membership Card to receive a discount off your purchase at Gilmer Wood, Rockler, Woodcraft, Woodcrafters, Crosscut Hardwoods and Milwaukie Hardwoods.

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 US 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 PO Box 1157 Lake Oswego, OR 97035

