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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CASCADE WOODTURNERS



FEBRUARY 2020

Please make sure that all content for the next newsletter reaches me by the 29th of February! turningwood@bendbroadband.com Thanks!

NEXT MEETING: 6:45PM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th AT WILLAMETTE CARPENTERS TRAINING CENTER

Cascade Woodturners will be meeting at

WILLAMETTE CARPENTERS TRAINING CENTER

4222 NE 158TH Ave, Portland, OR 97230-4906

(For a map, click here <http://mapq.st/1o8wBNO>)

Use the West door in the middle of the front parking lot

Presidents Message

President's Message: January, 2020

Happy February everyone! We have a lot of great things coming up this month and in coming months. One of our club's favorite demonstrators is back this month. Eric Lofstrom will demonstrate at the CWT meeting on Thursday, February 20th. Eric is a very high energy and fun guy to watch. Eric will also teach a hands-on class on Friday, February 21 and an all-day demonstration on Saturday, February 22nd. If you are new to CWT, please make every effort to attend this month's meeting or to sign up for the all-day demo – you will not be disappointed.

Cascade Woodtuners likes to have a mix of professional, touring demonstrators and we like to showcase some of our local turning talent from CWT and nearby clubs. This year will be no exception, but we have a couple of openings for local demonstrators in April and again in either June or July. If you would like to step up and do a demonstration or know someone from one of the local clubs that would be a good candidate, please contact me via email – my email address is listed below in this newsletter.

Our demonstrator line up is nearly complete for 2020, but I would like our club member's help in identifying what kind of skills they would like to see demonstrated in 2021. It is my responsibility and our VP, Russ Coker's responsibility to select and arrange for all demonstrators for 2021. I know a couple of us will plan to attend the AAW Symposium in Louisville in June to view demos and to talk to candidates to visit CWT in 2021. We will also try to piggyback off of visiting demonstrators to the Oregon Symposium. If you have ideas for who you might like to see, or the kind of skills you might like to see demonstrated or professionals that you would take a hands-on class with, please let me know – again via my email address in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing each of you on Thursday, February 20th!

Gary Borders
CWT President

2020 DUES

It is that time of year again.....Time to pay your dues. Look for Howard Borer this month. He will be accepting your money for dues. He will also have membership cards available for those who signed up on our web site. He will have the current list of new members.

Our system is set up that all memberships expire on Jan. 31, 2020 regardless of when you paid your dues in 2019. This year our dues will be \$35. The same amount you paid in 2019. There are 2 options for paying your dues, 1) online at <https://cwa49.wildapricot.org/join> or 2) pay Howard Borer in cash/check at the meeting. Remember to bring a writing instrument to fill out the membership form.

I will take this time to thank you in advance for your support. We have an amazing group of people.

For those of you who are not AAW members and you would like to see what it is like you can sign up as a Guest Membership for FREE 60 day access to AAW resources and full online access to all published content, current and archived publications. If you have trouble, please call the AAW office at 855-595-9095 (toll free U.S.) or 651-484-9094.

Happy New Year!!
Ken Kirkman kenpegkirkman@gmail.com

CASCADE MENTORS

Need some advice on turning? Unsure of the correct way to sharpen that new gouge? Haven't got to an "Open Shop" session? Here are a group of experienced members that are willing to aid your turning experience.

Skip Burke (Mentor Program Coordinator)	(503) 233-4263	drgramp@comcast.net
Howard Borer	(503) 901-3401	howardborer@yahoo.com
Dave Gutschmidt	(360) 823-9835	dave.gutschmidt@mac.com
Mike Meredith	(503) 522-0531	mmeredith23@comcast.net

Anyone interested in mentoring other club members, please contact Skip to be added to the list.



We held the January AAW board meeting in Louisville, KY, the site of our June 4-7, 2020 annual symposium. The Expo Center will be among the best venues ever and we have great lineup of demonstrators. Thinking of attending? Registration is now open at <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/2020-Symposium---Louisville/2020-Symposium---Louisville-Main.aspx>

The women's turning group meets the 4th Saturday of the month at the Friends of the Carpenter in Vancouver. We have women from all the local chapters. This month we had 8 participants and 3 mentors. Our youngest turner is in middle school. For most, their first time turning was with this group. If you know someone who is interested, please have them contact me.

Kathleen
woodspinner@gmail.com

DALE'S CORNER

Open shop is Saturday Feb 29th starting at 9am. Everyone welcome.

30th Anniversary Cascade Woodturners

On May 17, 1990 26 woodturners met in Beaverton Oregon at the invite of Dennis Stewart and formed the Cascade Woodturners. Dennis had asked the AAW for all members residing in SW Washington NW Oregon and invited them to the meeting. Cascade WT's became the latest chapter of the AAW. Dennis Stewart became the first president and we met in his shop the first year. Over the past thirty years the chapter has moved to six different locations as it has grown

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and needed more space. We currently meet at the Pacific NW Carpenters Institute in Portland Oregon, a non- profit institute for training carpenters.

Over the 30 years the chapter has brought in demonstrators from seven countries and all over the United States. For the first 25 years classes and all day demonstrations were held in Dale Larson's shop, now they are held at the Carpenter's institute. As the chapter grew it became too big for our space. In 1997 Ken Leach and others started the Willamette Valley WT's chapter in Salem Oregon, about an hour south (current membership 128). That same year, Bob Tuck and others started the Northwest Woodturners on the west side of Portland (current membership 162). And in 2013 Dan Baker and others started the Southwest Washington WT's in Vancouver, about 30 minutes north of Portland (current membership 100). Cascade's current membership is 146. Some of the members belong to three chapters, each meeting on a different night of the month. Dale Larson and Howard Borer are the last two active members from the first meeting in 1990. All four chapters are strong supporters of the AAW and its educational mission.



photo of past presidents:

Back row and standing from l-r:

Pete Morrell, Jerry Harris, David Williams, Dale Larson, Howard Borer, Skip Burke, Rick Rich.

Sitting: Ken Kirkman, Gary Borders (current President), Harvey Rogers.

SAFETY REMINDER

Always Stick It In The Right Place!

Turning blanks often come in the shape of cans. Some are low cans like tuna cans, and some are taller cans like soup cans. You mount the blank on the lathe so the sides of the can are parallel to the bed of the lathe, and the headstock and tailstock grab the top and bottom of the can.

Can-shaped turning blanks are relatively safe, because the blank is already round, and there are no lumps and bumps flying around, hoping to catch your unwary gouge and rip it gleefully from your tender fingers.

But, of course, sometimes a pre-cut can of wood won't produce the turning you want. Sometimes the turning you want to can only come from a lumpy, bumpy hunk of wood. Turning a lumpy, bumpy hunk of wood is much trickier and more dangerous than just turning a can of wood.

It's more tricky and dangerous because your gouge can easily slip in toward the center of the blank when there is just air in front of it, and then the lumps and bumps will come crashing down on the end of your gouge, smashing it out of your hands and potentially hurting you.

There are a variety of things you can do to minimize this risk. This article focuses on the importance of starting your turning by sticking your gouge in the right place.



The making of this bowl is shown in a YouTube video titled “Woodturning - Log to Bowl” that you can see here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeAUp4rbeqk>

The video shows how to make a bowl by mounting a log or a branch crosswise on the lathe. The ends of the log make big lumps and bumps when the log is mounted like that.



You might think of this as the can of wood (the log) being mounted the wrong way on the lathe.

When I first saw it, I thought “Ooog, he’s going to get a nasty catch.” But when I watched further I learned he did not. He did not because he began the turning by sticking his gouge in the right place.



He began his turning by sticking his gouge in close to where the live center touches the side of the log.

The wood on the side of the log where the live center touches has very few lumps and bumps, and they tend to be small. So the risk that a spinning lump or bump will cause a catch is much less. Imagine what would happen if he stuck the gouge in at the center of the blank, which is pretty much all lumps and bumps. That would be really dangerous and stupid.

If you watch the rest of the video you can see that he turns the entire bowl from this log without ever sticking his gouge in where there are big lumps and bumps.

Please learn from this video and try to remember: *always stick it in the right place.*

Turn safely and joyfully!
Harvey Rogers, Safety Officer

LIBRARIAN NEEDS

A Request:

The crates and boxes our books and magazines are in have gotten too heavy for some of us to lift out of storage comfortably. If you happen to have a spare *sturdy milk crate* or two (ID ≈12" X 12" or *slightly* larger), the load of each crate/box would be lightened by approximately 1/3.

Please bring any you may have to our next meeting. In advance of your generosity, thank you, thank you! Our backs appreciate you!

If you happen to have any of the *plastic magazine boxes* (the ones that are about 4" wide, 11 1/2" tall, and 8" deep with an open front) we could use those as well. Our cardboard ones definitely are showing their age.

Thank you!

Sincerely, *Len Otto* CWT Librarian

Video Library

I have recently revised the video library by categorizing the videos into seven media boxes and dividing them with index file cards. Several boxes have videos that are arranged alphabetically by the woodturner's name, i.e. Raffin, Richard, etc. and then several more boxes that are arranged by categories, i.e. Skill Building, or Projects (ornaments, boxes), etc. I have done this with the hopes that when you are looking for something in particular to build your knowledge of woodturning you will be able to find it quickly.

I would like to remind you that the videos are available to check out for a period of ONE MONTH. If you could please adhere to this request to return them promptly it would be appreciated greatly. We often have new turners who could benefit from learning from our library of videos.

Thanks and if you have suggestions for any other videos to add to the Cascade Library, please talk with me! See you at our next meeting!

Suzanne Jensen, Video Librarian

MEETING SCHEDULE 2020

DATE	DEMONSTRATOR	
FEB 20	Eric Lofstrom	**
MAR 19	Dan Tilden	**
APR 16	TBD	
MAY 21	Trent Bosch	**
JUN 18	Jimmy Clewes	<i>Not sure of date but plan is to</i>
JUL 16	Jimmy Clewes	<i>have Jimmy here this summer</i>
AUG 22	Picnic	<i>Saturday</i>

SEP 17	TBD	
OCT 15	Auction	
NOV 19	Brian Harte	
DEC	No Meeting	<i>Merry Christmas</i>

** Plan on an all day demo and an all day hands on class following the meeting date

COMING EVENTS

February

Eric Lofstrom- **Club Meeting Demo, All Day Turning Class:** Friday, Feb 21st (\$100 - limited to 8 spots!) **All Day Demo:** Saturday, Feb 22nd (only \$25)



March

Carl Jacobson – **Willamette Woodturners** meeting demo, March 12th <https://thewoodshop.tv>

Nick Agar - Northwest Washington Woodturners, March 21st All Day Demo, details about Nick's demo are available at <http://www.nwwwt.org/AgarDemo.pdf>

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Early Registration Special through February 21st is only \$45 for the full day demo and includes snacks, beverages and a delicious Deli lunch. After February 21st, the registration fee will be \$55

Dan Tilden-Club Meeting Demo, All Day Turning Class: Friday, Mar 20th (\$100 - limited to 8 spots!)
All Day Demo: Saturday, Mar 21st (only \$25)



April

Matt Monaco - Willamette Woodturners meeting demo, April 9th <https://www.monacobowls.com>

May

Tom Hastings - Willamette Woodturners meeting demo, May 14th, <http://www.hastingcoastalwoodworks>

Trent Bosch- Club Meeting Demo, All Day Turning Class: Friday, May 22nd (\$100 - limited to 8 spots!)
All Day Demo: Saturday, May 23rd (only \$25)





June

AAW Symposium – June 4th – 7th – Kentucky Expo Cntr, Louisville, KY

August

Graeme Priddle and Melissa Engler - **Four one-day classes with a maximum of 10 students per day** - August 12/13/14/15th 2020 **time:** 9am – 5pm (bring your own lunch) – Dale Larson’s shop- . You can sign up for 1 or more classes, 1 day - \$100 2 days - \$190 3 days - \$280 4 days - \$370

www.graemepiddle.com

www.melissaengler.com



Class Description – ‘Form and Surface’

You will be lead 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 for 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 graemepiddle@xtra.co.nz

COMPANY STORE

The Store will be carrying a second type of Sheet Abrasive for our members.

Keeping the Klingspor quality while offering a new line of sandpaper. Which will reduce your cost of sandpaper and decrease your lathe time. We are currently offering Silicon Carbide (wet and dry), as of the next meeting you can purchase Aluminum Oxide in sheets of 9" x 11" and 80 to 400 grit.

Through the club, we purchase many items that are commonly used by woodturners. We buy in bulk and sell at cost. Just another benefit of being a member of Cascade Woodturners! If a number of members want a certain item, we could be low on it. Please contact Russ Coker, (503) 675-6680 racoker@comcast.net a week ahead of the meeting so he could verify it is not out of stock and set it aside for you.

Price List

Sandpaper	
Black KL 385 J-Flex Heavy cloth backing	
80 100 120 150 180 220 240 320 400 600 grits	1.50
White PS-33 paper backing	
80 100 120 150 180 220 240 320 400 grits	0.80
4" x 6" 12 Pack Sandpaper (1/4" sheet)	2.50 Per Pack

Cyanoacrylate (Ca) Glue (2 oz)	7.00
Thin Super Fast EM-02	
Medium EM-150	
Thick Gel EM-2000	
Medium Thick EM-600	
Ca. Accelerator (8oz)	9.00
pump spray	
Large Ca. Glue (16oz)	33.00
Super Fast Thin EM-02	

Gel De-bonder (2 oz)	7.00
Anchor Seal #2 (1gal)	8.00
Walnut Oil (16oz)	4.00

Tee shirts currently out of stock – Reorder can be made for quantity orders

Tee Shirts	\$10.00 ea
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PLEASE BRING YOUR EMPTY ONE GALLON JUGS TO OUR NEXT MEETING

DEMOS - CLASSES – SEMINARS

Multnomah Arts Center: Multnomah Arts Center in SW Portland continues to have woodturning classes. Check their catalog or phone 503 823 2787. You can goggle their website for the catalog. Jerry Harris and Russ Coker are again teaching woodturning at "Multnomah Arts Center". If you are interested, please contact Multnomah Arts Center at 503 823 2787. The cost is very reasonable and all tools, wood and equipment is provided. The woodturning classes that I teach at the Multnomah Arts Center in SW Portland continue to be only partially filled. There are 6 places and we have only been having 2 to 4 students. The costs for the classes are very reasonable and we provide tools, equipment and wood. No coffee but Starbucks is just across the street. Thanks, Jerry Harris

Rockler Woodworking 503-672-7266, www.rockler.com

- Contact store for class details

Woodcraft 503-684-1428, www.woodcraft.com

- Contact store for class details

Woodcrafters 503-231-0226, 212 NE 6th Ave, Portland, www.woodcrafters.us

- Feb 15th – Skip Burke woodturning demo 10AM – 3PM
- Feb 22nd – Fred Kline turns game calls 10AM – 3PM

CLASSIFIEDS

To place or continue an ad, contact Jerry Klug at turningwood@bendbroadband.com . We will run ads in the next newsletter after receiving your ad. Let us know if you want your ad continued more than one month.

WOOD: My families long stored this Holly wood cut from a tree yard many years ago and stored in the basement there's only about five pieces left approximately 6 inches across 15 inches long. I would be happy to give it to somebody who could use it in the way it deserves. I live in Northwest Portland near the Fremont Bridge rachel-hibbard.net 3139 N. W. Vaughn St. 503 754-5417 text please



FOR SALE:

Threaded items fit a 1¼ x 8 spindle. Contains a VM 120 chuck with 4 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 1 ¼ x 8 adapter. \$500 for the lot, I would rather not split it up. Rick – 360-839-0121

FOR SALE: Dale Larson let us know that the The Joinery is moving and is eager to sell a used Vega lathe. Here are the particulars: Vega spindle lathe, 1hp motor, 110vt, 14" swing. If interested, contact Cassandra Jackson at the Joinery 503-788-8547 Cassandra.Jackson@thejoinery.com



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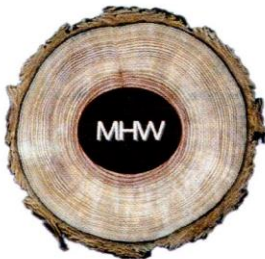
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