

Northwest Washington Woodturners

Monthly Newsletter

April
2008



Northwest Washington Woodturners....

meets every third Thursday of the month except April when the meeting is held the fourth Thursday. There is no meeting in December.

We meet at Hillcrest Park Lodge in Mt. Vernon WA. Exit I-5 at Kincaid street, exit 226. Turn east up Kincaid to So. 13th, turn right on 13th. Hillcrest Park is approx. six blocks south of 13th. The lodge is located in the Northwest corner of the parking lot beyond the tennis courts.

Meetings are open to anyone interested in wood turning. All skill levels from beginners to advanced turners are welcome.

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MENTORING NEWS

Our board is making plans to embark on an expanded mentoring program during the coming months. The program will include instruction in two categories: New Turners and Experienced Turners.

The New Turners program will feature basic woodturning training with the mentors following a teaching curriculum that will provide consistent direction regardless who is teaching. This will require a commitment on the part of a few instructors to a teacher training session.

The Experienced Turner program will be theme based and many of the sessions will include both multiple participants as well as multiple presenters. An example of this might be a Saturday devoted to exploring various methods of turning hollow forms with presenters demonstrating a variety of tools and methods.

In addition, we will be updating our list of mentors available to consult and coach individuals needing help with specific skills or problems in a one on one format.

All of this will require volunteers! Sharing our skills can be one of the special things about our craft. Please contact Rick Anderson, Mentoring Chairman for more information and to add your name to our list of mentors. You can reach Rick at 360-319-7600 or rick@gardenarches.com

BOWL TURNING BASICS

This coming Saturday May 17th 9am to 4pm at Bob Doop's shop in Anacortes we will hold our first "Sawdust Saturday" with Bob Doop and Dan Tibbles leading a session on BOWL TURNING BASICS. This session will explore all aspects bowl turning from both green and dry wood. *Attendance is limited to 6 participants*; 4 members have signed up and there is still room for 2 more. If we get more than 6 signing up we will hold an additional session in the near future.

FROM TREE TO LATHE

Saturday June 21st 9am to 4pm at Jerry Holmes' shop on Highway 20 south of Campbell Lake (on the way to Deception Pass).

Logger Jerry will show us the best ways to harvest our turning wood and get it ready for the lathe. Rumor has it he may even show us how to cut down a tree...but first he will be talking about chain saw safety! *This session can handle as many members as want to participate.* It will be a fun day!

Feel free to email or call if you have any questions or input.....I will be out of town from May 22 to June 6th.

Rick Anderson

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We welcome your ideas for future Sawdust Saturdays!

Cookie Monster Alert!

Please stop by the club website and sign up on the cookie roster! Click on the calendar link then "click here" for the cookie list. We're still short cookie monsters for June, July, September and October.

Michael Werner: Off Center Turning

May 15th Program:

Michael was born and grew up in Switzerland. In his family, “making things” was part of the upbringing early on. He trained for his manufacturing skills in a four-year apprenticeship in metal working, followed by ventures in automobile racing and aviation.

In 1985, his love for aviation brought him to the USA. He continued to restore vintage aircraft, and today divides his time between his own woodturning studio and teaching Manufacturing Technology (“Shop Class”) at a local High School.

Michael combines “Old World Craftsmanship”, a cross-cultural perspective and influences from the world around him to create a variety of turnings, both from native and exotic wood. Each piece is the result of a detailed design process.



Annually he attends numerous woodturning symposiums nationally and abroad. He is a member of the American Association of Woodturners, the Woodturning Center in Philadelphia, the American Craft Council (ACC), the Northwest Designer Craftsmen and AFTAB (Association Française pour le Tournage d’Art sur Bois).

Artist’s Statement

“The Beauty of Precision” is born out of my Swiss heritage. That origin is a good base for the play with contrast between natural and geometric shapes – creating a tug of war between the organic features of wood, interesting lines, color and texture.

The objects are open, revealing and often include an element for you to discover. Blending skills and experiences as an artist, craftsman and teacher leads me to constant learning, expanding my foundation and the joy of exploring.

Each piece is the result of a detailed design process, joined with influence from things of daily life. A good technical challenge and excellence in craftsmanship is what I like. The result reflects in the circular shapes, which have calm, yet unrest.

Enjoy them either functional or as art objects.

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See more of Michael’s work at:
www.handandmachine.com

Club Business:

Meeting Notes:

April 24th Meeting of the Northwest Washington Woodturners

Called to order at 6:30 pm by president Bob Doop

The meeting began with this month's demonstrator Ben Carpenter from Portland Oregon. Ben began with a slide show of his work, with explanations of how he achieved various effects. He also explained the construction of his magnet joinery which makes packing and shipping large or delicate pieces possible and much safer. This was a very different demo by a young genius whom I hope we see more of in the future.

Business:

We had three new visitors this meeting.

Ron Means is our new Membership Committee chairman and spoke on what he hopes to achieve with the position. Ron asked for a volunteer from the Bellingham area. He would like to put together a membership package to help new or prospective members in getting to know the club, our goals and activities. E-mail him at rmeans@gte.net

The newsletter will now be posted on our website. John Novak will still e-mail the membership to announce when it is available.

Chic Murray has spoken to the Skagit Fair and says there are 35,000 people passing through the gates each year. The fair people are receptive and we could be outside under our canopy turning and possible selling. The fair is in early August.

We are looking for new venues and opportunities for reaching more prospective turners. Ideas anyone?

Gerrit may be doing a class on texturing and coloring if there is enough interest.

May 16,17,and 18th is our camp out at the Deming Log Show grounds.

Our May demonstrator will be Michael Werner, showing us off-center turning.

Rick Anderson has named the mentoring program Chips and Catches and needs 4-6 people who will train as mentors. There will be a mentoring 101 class with Bruce Campbell or Bonnie Klein to train the volunteers.

The critique table was set up and Jim Christianson did the "gentle critique" this meeting.

Rick Anderson brought an LED light mounted on a hollowing tool. A brilliant idea that I am making as soon as I get the stuff at Radio Shack. It will be nice to see inside while hollowing.

May 17th at Bob Doop's shop Basic Bowl Turning.

Safety Note: Check your lathe belts,nasty things can happen when belts are worn or damaged.

Menu Pizza Pizza and Green Salad. Sorry, I'm on crutches and unable to do much.

Shirley Butters
Secretary

Note: Club and board meeting notes and minutes will in the future be published on our web site.

**Deadline for submitting
info to the Newsletter:**

**The first of the
month after the last
meeting**

*Contact Dennis Shinn with your
submission:*

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!Raffle Wood!

Our wood raffle is an important source of income for the club. Please bring any surplus you can scrounge up but try to limit it to something you would enjoy turning yourself.

TURNING TOPS FOR KIDS

This is your chance to participate in a great event (or two), have lots of fun - and maybe improve your turning skills! Practice makes perfect. For several years we have participated in two children's festivals. We set up the Club mini-lathes and we turn finger tops while kids watch, and then let the kids color them with felt pens (think Bonnie Klein's demo - without making the top into a box). We have the lathes going non-stop and kids lined up all day to get a chance to color their own top. It's a kick watching the kids' faces as they see a chunk of wood turn into a colorful toy! Some kids come back year after year to add to their collection—or replace the top their little brother broke.

The first event is the Children's Art Festival at the Hillcrest Park in Mt. Vernon on July 19th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. The second event is the Bellingham Kids Festival at Bloedel-Donovan Park on August 2nd., 11:00 am -3:00 pm.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!! Even if you have never turned a top, sign up and we'll pair you up with a veteran and give you an on-the-spot lesson at the event (or we can make other training arrangements). If you have experience turning tops, bring your favorite style of blanks (and maybe your favorite chuck). You don't need to commit for the whole day, but if you do, the Festival organizers provide lunch. We'll have sign-up sheets for both events at the next meeting. Questions? Ask Melanie, Dave Blair, or Jerry Holmes. Hope to see some new faces at these festivals!

Melanie Mankamyer

Newsletter Links

Web based newsletters from regional clubs:

Greater Vancouver Woodturning Guild—

www.gvwwg.ca/Newsletters.htm

Coming up in June!

Dan Ackerman on Box Turning

Dan Ackerman from Bremerton will be joining us for our June meeting with an expanded demonstration of his box making techniques. The following is Dan's Bio in his own words:

"I started out carving and whittling as a kid and gradually invested in sculpting chisels and larger pieces of work. In 1985 I started turning and became active in the Seattle chapter of AAW. After turning for about 6 years, Kathy and I started a rosewood turned gift item business, eventually developing 22 designs, most of which were unique to our business. During the next 5 years the production work improved my tool handling and technique and after the 5 years I



decided to turn boxes exclusively. This gave me an opportunity to develop a box design of my own and a design to allow me to do carving to ornament my pieces. I've been turning these boxes for nearly 10 years and am enjoying making each one unique through the design, the exotic woods and the carving."

The accompanying photos of Dan's work provide a preview of what is in store on the 19th. It promises to be an interesting evening.....be sure to be there!

Rick Anderson



Drop by the website:
www.northwestwashingtonwoodturners.org
for more slides of Dan's work. Go to the calendar page and click on "slides".

Member's Gallery

A monthly showcase of members' work



Bill Cowen
Cherry Toothpick Holder
Oil
2" dia x 4" tall
"Fun Project"

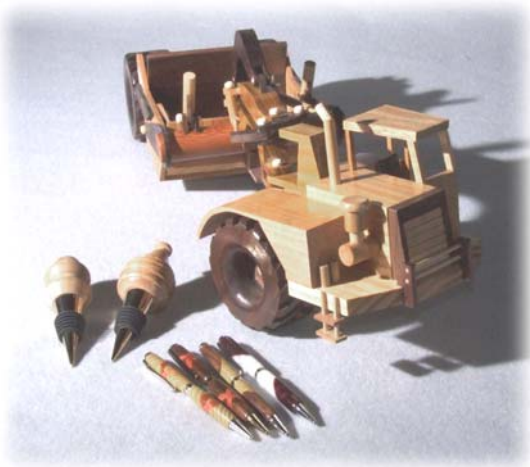


Chic Murray

Fir Burl
Beeswax Interior
Profin Exterior
10" x 6"

Monkey
Beeswax
8" x 5"

Puzzle



Dale Christensen
Oak, Walnut, Cedar
Poly



Bill Rawls
Walnut, Holly, Madrone, Makore, Maple
Tried & True Finish
9" x 10"
"Turtle Teapot" aka A Pot to Tea In



Fred Holder
Various Woods
Oil
2 1/2" Diameter Chinese Balls

Member's Gallery

cont.



Coty Howe
Lyptus, Maple, Bloodwood, Walnut
Profin Finish
13" x 8"
First total segmented bowl!



Maple
Profin
3" x 8"



English Walnut
Profin
4" x 6"

George Way



Jan Garlington
Maple
Waterlox
3½" x 3½"
Inlaid Sterling Viking Knitting



John Gruenwald
Birdhouse:
Walnut house w/
Honey Locust Roof
1½" x 2½"



Mark Straight
Apple
Shellac
14" x 4"



Bacoti, Zebra,
Rosewood & Holly
Profin
3" x 3"
"Perfume Bottle"



Madrone
Profin
12" x 8"
"Green when turned"

Mike Young



Walnut
Walnut Oil
*"Old piece reworked
with branding"*

Melanie Mankamyer



White Birch
Water Based Poly
*"Natural Edge from
Dave Schwietzer's
class last year"*

Member's Gallery

cont.



Yew
No Finish
1½" x 3½"
"From a Rose Engine"
Globe & Stand

Mildred Holder



Maple, Yellow Heart, Ebony
Spray on Poly
6½" x 12½" tall
"196 pieces; first segmented
bowl"

Richard Smeal



Spalted Maple & Cherry
Wipe on Poly
9½" w x 11" tall
"First teapot!"



Maple
Danish Oil



Cherry - Unfinished

Rick Erb



Ron Means
Maple & Cherry
Shellac
3" x 4" tall



Ron Whede
Maple
Arm-R-Seal
"Carved, dyed with
pyrography outside
and inside"

Member's Gallery

cont.



Maple
Shellac
11" x 4"



Maple
Shellac & Wax
13" x 5"

Jim Short



Maple
Krylon



Alder
Krylon



Alder
Krylon

Gene Skallerud

Note: These pieces are each over 24" tall!



Chestnut, Walnut & Glass
Oil & Wax
6" x 2½"



Walnut
Oil & Wax
7" x 3"

Terry Horne

Classified

This space is set aside for members to advertise free of charge to sell or purchase Tools, wood, etc. Please submit your ad to Dennis Shinn (hdshinn@eskimo.com) by the last Thursday of the month or submit it to him at the meeting for inclusion in the next months newsletter.

MORE WOODTURNING

The newspaper for turners. Published 10 times a year by Fred Holder. One yr: \$32.00; Two yrs: \$55.00; Three yrs \$75.00.

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www.morewoodturning.net

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Club Discounts Available:

Show your Club Membership care and get 10% off at Rockler's and Crosscut Hardwoods.

FOR SALE

BONNIE KLEIN MINIATURE LATHE



DC variable speed drive.

With Threading attachment.

Two additional chucks.

Collet set.

Two faceplates.

Collapsible Stand

Set of miniature tools and much more

If you are interested in miniature turning, this is the lathe designed by one of the best miniature turners, Bonnie Klein. Give this to your self or another interested in miniatures for Christmas.

\$600

Mike Jackets, (360) 293-0530

bluejack@cablerocket.com for pictures.



A good source of myrtle, maple burl and other figured turning burls

Got a tool or two you no longer need? Need an item related to woodturning (or general shop use)?

Contact other members of the club here in the classified.

Dunlap 9" x 32" (bench top) lathe that I have for sale. It has a 1/2 hp motor, live and dead centers, three face plates, and a four jaw wood chuck. The 1725 RPM motor is coupled via (4) step pullies (V-belt) in the head and on the motor. It is also capable of out board turning, and the tail stock is adjustable for off center turning. This lathe is in perfect (like new) condition, and needs a new home now that I have ordered a bigger one that will cause this one be moved out of my small shop.

I am asking \$250 for the the package as described above. I would be willing to bring it to the next club meeting or it can be seen here at my home in Anacortes. Once discovered I'm sure it won't last long though. Also, I have a 1HP 3450 like new motor (110-220 v) that I would take \$50 for. It has a standard mounting base.

If a general E-mailing is in order that would be great.

Dave Balyeat
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Targo Woods

1104 C Street Bldg. B
Bellingham, WA

Just three blocks south of the old site.

www.targowoods.com [or]

www.hardwoodstoget.com

Local Bellingham wood source for your projects. Hard woods, Burls, Veneers. Wood to replace a leg on a chair, make a whole dining room set or turn a bowl, you will find it at Targo.

Oby says: [NWWoodturner Club members will get 10% off on their purchases.](#)

Save on gas buy local.

Useful Website Links

Note:

Web links have been provided on our website rather than included in the newsletter. Please visit:

www.northwestwashingtonwoodturners.org

FOR SALE: Powermatic 3520A lathe, about 3-years old. In great shape - I got a bigger lathe. Requires 220 V power; does not have rpm read-out on front.

\$1,800 OBO. Located in Bow (Skagit Co) - delivery is negotiable. Contact Melanie Mankamyer or Scott Jackson at 360-766-7004 (eves) or sjandmm@fidalgo.net.

Tell 'em you read about it in the Northwest Washington Woodturner's newsletter!