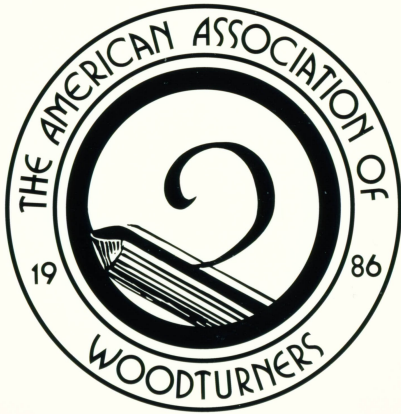


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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CASCADE WOODTURNERS



MARCH 2022

Please make sure that all content for the next newsletter reaches me by the 3rd of April at turningwood@bendbroadband.com Thanks!

NEXT MEETING: 6:30PM, THURSDAY, MARCH 17th VIA NEW TECHNOLOGY

Presidents Message for March 2022

Our Thursday, March 17th meeting will be over Zoom with no in-person meeting at Wild Lilac. The Zoom session will start at 6:30 with the business meeting then Show & Tell followed by an exciting demo at 7:00 by Steve Newberry who will demonstrate and answer questions on how to make a Kuksa. The Kuksa is a hand-carved cup from the indigenous people of Lapland. It is often used by hikers and campers to hold hot or cold drinks and is helpful for collecting berries or scooping liquids.

Steve has developed a method of taking the hard work of hand-carving the cup and made it easier by developing steps for woodturners to turn it on the lathe. You will see his many different turning skills in a step-by-step demonstration that Steve has designed to make his lathe version of the Kuksa!

Our April meeting will be an Interactive Remote Demonstration (IRD) with a skilled woodturner, Tod Raines of Texas. Tod has been a woodturner and teacher of woodturning for many years and has invested in the recording equipment and cameras to bring us a polished program. He will demonstrate small plates.

Looking forward to seeing you all on ZOOM!

Suzanne Jensen, CWT President 772-521-5102 suzannejensen@bellsouth.net

MEMBERS' WORK SHOWN AT THE FEBRUARY 2022 ZOOM MEETING



Dale Larson



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Dale Larson



Scott Davis



Scott Davis



Steve Strawn



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Dale Larson



Harvey Rogers



Kathleen Duncan



Steve Strawn

HELP NEEDED!

Since Steve Walgrave is continuing as Secretary and is also an integral part of our tech team in producing our Zoom and the in-person technology at the meetings, his talents are needed in these areas so I am asking to replace him in the position of Store Keeper. I would like to have someone step forward and volunteer to take over this position for 2022. You may contact me by phone or by email (see below). I'll be waiting for your phone call or email so I can explain further what the Store Keeper duties are.

Suzanne Jensen, CWT President 772-521-5102 suzannejensen@bellsouth.net

TREASURERS REPORT

Club Membership:

It is that time of year again. Time to become a member of Cascade Woodturners that bunch of fun-loving guys who love to party around a wood lathe. Annual dues are the same as last year, \$35. You may either pay on our website at CascadeWoodturners.com or send a personal check for \$35 to CWT, % Kenneth Kirkman, 22429 NE 234th Court, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Telephone number 360.687.9866 (land-line) just in case you have any questions. If you desire a club membership card, remember you can print those from CWTs web site.

AAW Membership:

We encourage all of our members to become members of American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Annual dues regardless of whether you are renewing your membership or becoming brand new members are \$60 until **March 15, 2022** at which time the annual dues will be \$68. You can pay/renew at the current rate until Mar. 15th for up to 4 years.

Ken Kirkman, CWT Treasurer

DALE'S CORNER

The March 19th AAW IRD will be Dale Larson showing how to cut the best bowl out of the tree. Roger Crooks filmed the video. It will show cutting different bowl blanks out of the straight tree and cutting up the crotch. The video will be played with Roger and Dale live on the video to answer questions that may come up. See AAW's announcements in their newsletters for the time in your time zone. <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Virtual-Events/Dale-Larson-Cutting-Best-Bowl-Tree%20-March-19-2022.aspx>

OPEN SHOP IS BACK

Saturday March 26th we will have open shop at Dale's shop in Gresham. We will set up five lathes. We always have lots of experienced help to work with new turners. If you have an idea, bring your tools and wood and we can work on the project. If you don't have tools or wood, we have those items here for use during open shop. It has been a long two years with the pandemic. Time to get back to woodturning and seeing our friends. I would simply ask that everyone coming be vaccinated. We need to protect our friends and neighbors who may have immune problems. Open shop starts about 9am. And you can mention we'll have coffee and tea available.

Dale Larson

AAW NEWS

AAW

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS



AAW Annual International Woodturning Symposium Chattanooga, Tennessee June 23 - 26, 2022

Live Online Events

Your AAW is offering numerous on line demos each month for your participation and enjoyment. There were over a dozen scheduled this month alone. Check out the “Remote Demonstration Event Calendar” on your AAW web page https://community.woodturner.org/events/ird-demonstrations?_zs=U5Eib&_zl=agET2 then click on “events”.

The women's turning group will resume April 2nd, 9 am at Friends of the Carpenter in Vancouver. I will be sending out more information to those on my WIT email list. If you want to be added to the list, please email me at woodspinner@gmail.com.

Kathleen Duncan, AAW Liaison

SAFETY REMINDER

How Fast Is Too Fast?



The following was sent to me in an email exchange with Dale Larson. The words are his [my comments are in brackets]:

One of our members who wishes to remain anonymous sent me the attached picture. I have their permission to send it to our safety officer. A bowl being turned at a fairly high speed came off the lathe. If you look you will see a dent in the bottom of the garage door opener and then the big hole in the wall where the bowl traveled. There were no injuries but that doesn't mean there wasn't an

avoidable accident. As I point out the slower you turn the less it will hurt when the wood comes off the lathe. Here are four theories of how fast to turn.

Theory #1: The best, Dale Nish's formula: take the diameter in inches times the rpm. The number should end up between 6000-9000. That number ***is not*** the rpm, it is just a number. So a 10" bowl turning at 600 rpm is 6000, a safe speed. A 20" bowl turning at 600 rpm results in a number of 12,000, not a safe speed. [This formula also assumes that the wood is sound and balanced. Keep the speed down until the piece is balanced. Stop the lathe frequently to inspect for defects in the wood that were either hidden or that have developed while in the process of turning. When in doubt, throw it out!]

Theory #2: John Jordan: If you turn the lathe on and go "WOW", you are turning too fast.

Theory #3: Jimmy Clewes: Turns at very high speeds because he says he gets a better cut. But remember Jimmy is a professional turner with many years on the lathe. And Jimmy has had some near calls.

Theory #4: Dale Larson: Turn as fast as you need to but as slow as you can. Remember, wood will come off the lathe if you turn long enough. It will hurt less the slower you are turning when a piece of wood comes off the lathe. Early on I was turning a wet maple bowl blank at 975 (the slowest speed on my Craftsman lathe) when it came off the faceplate and bounced off my forehead. Another time I was demonstrating sphere turning at a gallery years ago on a Jet mini lathe. I just finished one sphere and put an out of balance piece of burl on the lathe to turn the next sphere. I forgot to turn the speed down. When I turned the lathe back on, the lathe sped up and the out of balanced piece of burl came flying off and hit my upper lip giving me a small split in my lip. Slow is always better. You can always start slow and ramp the speed up as you need.

Kevin Jesequel, Safety Officer kevinjesequel@msn.com

HELPFUL TIP FROM DOUG PIZAC



How I Made Rough Bowl Turning A Lot Easier and More Accurate

by Doug Pizac

Being new to harvesting, I found turning green wood into rough bowls a real learning experience, especially when it comes to accurately mounting blanks to a screw chuck for a tight fit.

If drilling the hole is off (photos A and B), then the blank will screw on at an angle and not seat properly against the chuck resulting in wobbling wood or a bent screw.

And leveling the wood on a drill press using shims and a level (photo C) is very time consuming. Then the light bulb lit up.

Using a block of red oak, I used my drill press to drill a perfectly straight 5/16" hole through it, plus a recess with a forstner bit. The block's thickness was trimmed to let the drill bit extend 1.25" — the same length as my longest chuck screw.

Now, I can line up the bit's tip with the center mark (photo D), drop the block flat against the wood (photo E) and let the drill's chuck bottom out for a perfect hole.

The corners were rounded for comfort and then finished with walnut oil for color and floor varnish for moisture protection.

The recess collects the drilling waste.



MEETING SCHEDULE 2022

DATE	DEMONSTRATOR	
MAR 17	Steve Newberry demonstrates Kuksas by IRD. See: https://cascadewoodturners.com/event-4718330	<i>Kuksa – Via Zoom, no in-person meeting</i>
APR 21	Tod Raines demonstrates small plates by IRD. See: https://cascadewoodturners.com/event-4730678	<i>Likely a “hybrid” meeting combining an in-person meeting at Wild Lilac with a Zoom broadcast</i>

Some of Tod’s small plates:



See more of Tod Raines’ work at <https://ntrwoodturning.com/>

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

- Contact store for demo detail

COMPANY STORE

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.

Since we are not having in-person meetings, and until we do, we have created an online store for you, our members. You will find it on the Cascade Website, in the Members Only section. Orders and payments are all handled online. Then, once a month a location will be identified as the order pick-up location, hopefully centralized based on the orders. Try it, you'll like it!

Current prices are listed on the Cascade Woodturners website.



New and In Stock – The Store now carries 2” Scalloped Sanding Discs, hook & loop backed, for power sanding. Grits available are from 100 through 400. Packages of 10 or 50 available.

Made from the same PS33 aluminum oxide paper as in the sanding sheets. The scalloped edge discs wrap around the edge of the sanding pad so there is no sharp edge to scratch your work.

We continue to carry Klingspor 9x11” sheet sanding paper, Walnut Oil, EndSeal, as well as StarBond CA glues and accelerator.

For your reference, below is some info on the Klingspor papers we carry:

Klingspor Abrasives Stearated
Aluminum Oxide, 2” No Hole,
Hook & Loop, Grit Scalloped
Edge Discs

PS33 - These are our "STEARATE" sheets. They are Aluminum Oxide, resin bonded, paper-backed for long life and tear-resistance. This material is recommended for bare wood sanding and autobody use. Applications include sanding of bare metal, primer surfacer and between coats of paint, lacquer and shellac. Also useful on sanding of solid surface countertops such as corian, fountainhead, and avonite.

(Stearated sandpaper is also known as self-lubricating sandpaper. It is used primarily for sanding wood and paint finishes as well as metal. The applied lubricant or soap prevents clogging and extends the life of the sandpaper.)

KL385 - The KL385 is aluminum oxide material resin bonded to a very flexible J-flex cotton backing for general clean up and maintenance operations on steel, non-ferrous metals, and wood. This is very similar to the PS33 material but on a much more flexible backing.

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.

FOR SALE: Jet vacuum works great, I changed my system and don't need anymore. \$100 with extra bags. Peter Gibson 971-409-6022 NE Portland

FOR SALE: We have a large splayed old apple tree that we cut down and want to sell the wood to someone who would be interested in making art or furniture.



Do you have any members interested in buying apple wood slabs? I've attached a few pictures for reference of what's I'm talking about. Ranging in size 20" to 40". Chantay & Robbie Curnow 206-427-9572 chantay66@msn.com

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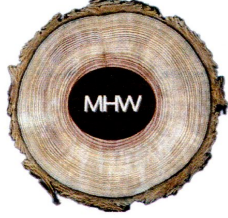
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