

Turning Times

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CASCADE WOODTURNERS



MAY 2020

Please make sure that all content for the next newsletter reaches me by the 31st of May! turningwood@bendbroadband.com Thanks!

NEXT MEETING: 6:45PM, THURSDAY, MAY 16th VIA NEW TECHNOLOGY

Presidents Message

Hi Cascade Members,

Happy month of May everyone! I hope everyone is staying healthy and out of the public as much as possible. I know some of us have critical jobs and have to go to work and stay safe. Many of us are either retired or home for a few months trying to keep busy. I know many of you attended our April meeting via Zoom. It was good to see and hear from those of you that had the opportunity to attend. We had an excellent show and tell – maybe one of the best we have had for quite some time. Thanks to everyone that contributed by taking photos and talking about their work.

I am not sure when we might get back to ‘normal’ with face to face meetings, but I think we should consider having a separate online meeting via Zoom every month just for the purpose of doing an enhanced show and tell – as we just don’t have enough time to do this topic justice during our face to face meetings.

We will run our May meeting via Zoom again this month. The link for the logon will be e-mailed before the meeting. This month we have Trent Bosch doing the video demo. I had a chance to attend a separate class that Trent did a couple of weeks ago and it really went well. Trent runs an excellent online demo, so please be sure to attend via Zoom.

Zooming in – I was reminded by one of our board members, that if you have a computer that does not have a camera or microphone, you can still join the Zoom meetings and see what is being demonstrated and you can listen in, if you have speakers or a headset. Nothing fancy is required, but you can still join and have the benefit of seeing and hearing the meeting and/or demonstration.

I think remote meetings are going to be the norm for the next few months. Many other AAW Charter clubs are also holding meetings and live demos via Zoom. See the fluted bowl rims demo in this newsletter. The Youtube videos are from the demo that Steve Criscenzo did for his club.

Cascade Woodturners 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, we have possible openings for local demonstrators in July and/or this fall. 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.

I look forward to seeing each of you online on Thursday, May 21st at 6:45 PM, via Zoom.

Gary Borders
CWT President
Email: gbborders@comcast.net

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.

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Mike Meredith	(503) 522-0531	mmeredith23@comcast.net

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



If you voted in the recent bylaw change ballot measure, THANK YOU! The measure was approved. Your next opportunity to vote will be for the upcoming board elections in August.

Since we had to cancel our symposium in Louisville, we are now in the process of producing a virtual symposium. By the time this newsletter is available, the board will have met to start planning. I'll have a better idea of what will be available as we go forward.

In the meantime, wear your masks in your shop to keep the dust out and when you venture out amongst people because among other things, it's a good idea.

Kathleen
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EDITORS COMMENTARY

I was raised in Western Washington as a Jackson Democrat. Henry "Scoop" Jackson was a Democratic Congressman for 12 years and a Senator for 30 more years. He was often referred to as the Senator from Boeing. I mention this to establish that I am not an ultra-right conspiracy theorist but a middle of the road citizen. While at another members shop in 2016, we discussed that the two major political parties had chosen the two most unlikable candidates and that most voters would probably hold their noses and vote. The election was close and one party has never accepted the outcome.

Cascade Woodturners has grown and thrived by the work and dedication of a small number of members that volunteer and shoulder the responsibility that running any organization requires. I have had the opportunity to discuss with some past members why they have left our ranks. These past members include members that demonstrated at our club meetings and even one who spent years as a board member. According to their accounting, they stopped their association with Cascade because they experienced frequent negative political comments intimidated them and made them feel like outsiders. Cascade can ill afford to foster a reputation that you must either join in negative political speech or keep your mouth shut for fear that you would be ostracized.

Please keep in mind that in any random group of people that half of those around you voted for our current president. Stop and think how your remarks about political persons effect your relationship with the others in that group. I reside in what is called the "Real Oregon", where there is more acceptance of diverse opinions and that residing in Portland may cause the predominate political opinion seem universally accepted. Let me restate that only half of the

population of the United States voted against the current president so there are many, even in Portland, that share his views.

Our virtual April meeting exposed the ugliness of drifting from a “woodturners” gathering into a political rally. We are woodturners first and only. Nothing in our credo nor bylaws mentions politics nor should it. We gather together for furtherance and teaching the craft of woodturning. May be that sitting in our homes and sitting at our computers made some of us relax and forget that social norms were not required. A virtual meeting is open to all Cascade members not just those who share opinions not relevant to woodturning. We must keep our comments about subjects that have no place in a woodturning exchange to ourselves. In these difficult times, NY Gov. Como has said it best, “This is no time for politics”. Ellen DeGeneres typically comments “Be kind to one another”.

I have served as editor for this newsletter under fourteen Cascade Woodturning presidents. This is a volunteer position and appointed by the president. I am not elected and if I have offended anyone, I am sorry, but you are invited to contact Gary Borders and request he appoint someone else for this duty.

Sincerely,
Jerry Klug
Turning Times Editor

DALE’S CORNER

Open shop set for May 30th at Dale Larson's shop has been cancelled. With health officials recommending crowds from not gathering, it seems sensible to not pack 20 people into one shop. With that said, if any member wants help with chain sawing wood, band sawing wood, sharpening tools or some question about turning, please feel free to call me and we will set a time for you to come over to the shop. One on one is simply more relaxed and safer at this time.

Graeme Priddle and Melissa Engler's classes are currently still planned for August 12th-15th. Graeme will make a call this summer as to whether the class is a go or a no-go.

Cherry wood available. Dave Cole in West Linn is taking down about four cherry trees that are 10"- 12" in diameter. If you are interested his phone is 503-636-3102.

SAFETY REMINDER

Do As I Say, Not As I Do

Many of you know that my wife, my dog and I moved out of our house near Beaverton more than a year ago, and I had to pack up my shop. When we bought a new home it didn't have room for a shop, so we had to expand the garage.

The expansion is now, finally, complete, and my tools are moved in. “Moved in” I discovered, is different than “knowing where my tools are.” □

I had just found most of my lathe parts and tools, when my buddy Skip unexpectedly gifted me with some freshly cut, wet “sunburst honey locust.” It has a very attractive contrast between sapwood and heartwood, and I was eager to see what I could make of it.

I hadn’t done any turning for over a year, and my turnings went just like you might expect. The first, intended to be a wide, natural-edge bowl, ended up more like a platter, with the natural edge completely gone. The second was more bowl-like and actually retained some natural edge.

For the third piece I used a smaller branch, and decided to see if I could turn a natural-edge vessel with the pith in the center and the branch running parallel to the lathe bed.

I knew there were some small cracks radiating from the pith, so I used CA glue on them, and paid close attention during hollowing to make sure they weren’t getting bigger.



This orientation of the branch meant the hollowing was all done in end grain. I started with a bowl gouge, sharpening frequently because, as Skip had told me, the locust dulls tools quickly.

As the hollowing got deeper I switched to a Hunter carbide-tipped gouge I recently acquired. It has a very stout, long, rectangular shaft and a very small carbide cutter. That worked very well on the wet, end grain and was easy to control.

Sadly, however, just owning a first aid kit won’t do you much good. For that first aid kit to actually do

you good, you need to *know how to use it*.

However, it left small ridges along the surface, so I switched to a negative rake scraper I got from Boxmaster Tools (they demonstrated at our club recently). The negative rake scraper did not cut as aggressively as the Hunter gouge, and it helped get rid of the ridges the Hunter gouge left behind.

But I was having trouble cutting near the center of the very bottom of the vessel. The blank turns slowest there, and the negative rake scraper was just compressing the wet wood, rather than cutting it. It actually looked OK, but I decided to make *one last cut* using a different tool.

I picked a small, curved conventional scraper I got a very long time ago. I put a fresh burr on it, laid it down on the tool rest, and moved it toward the problem area at the bottom of the bowl.

That particular scraper has a shaft that is about ¼” wide and the handle isn’t very long. It doesn’t give me much leverage even when I hold it correctly. But since this was my *last cut*, it was supposed to be a delicate cut, and I was tired and eager to finish, I stupidly didn’t grip the tool handle firmly or brace it against my forearm. I just held it lightly in my hand.

The picture, above, shows the view I had of the inside of the vessel as I was hollowing it. Pay particular attention to the teeth of the vessel, which are visible in the upper right quadrant. Woodturners refer to these types of ragged edges as “teeth” because they are quite efficient at rending flesh.

Holding it lightly, I extended the small, conventional scraper carelessly toward the spinning center of the blank. Wham! The sharp burr of the scraper caught and pulled the tool forward and down into the vessel, pulling my left hand along with it and driving my knuckles into the teeth. ☹️

I was glad I had paid attention to my own advice in my last safety article, and had a first aid kit in my shop.

After I was done bleeding and bandaging I went back to my shop to try to figure out how to avoid this kind of accident in the future. I think I could have avoided this accident if I had done any or all of the following:

1. I had not made that *one last cut* when I was tired and in a hurry to finish. The turning was good enough before that last cut. Bleeding on it didn’t improve it.
2. When I changed tools, I had gripped the tool firmly and braced the handle, at least until I understood how the new tool would act when it touched the wood.
3. Been extra careful when I was turning a natural-edge bowl with teeth.

Please try to stay safer than your Safety Officer!

Turn safely and joyfully!
Harvey Rogers, Safety Officer

FLUTED BOWL RIMS

At the April Zoom on line meeting there was a lot of interest in Randy Rhine’s cross fluting on his bowl rims. Randy used a CNC routing process to make these lovely bowls. There is another way to make fluting in a bowl rim, even if you do not have a state of the art CNC machine. Steve Criscenzo has video’d his routing rims as his club’s demo. Steve is the club president of The Woodturners Guild of NC. The club is holding almost weekly events on Zoom. Here are the links to three videos Steve has put onto Youtube:

<https://youtu.be/4FFHvm7wpE> Club demo part 1
<https://youtu.be/DXgPhO64vc8> Club demo part 2
<https://youtu.be/SPY5xRhgEiY>



Steve Criscenzo bowl with inlayed Alupalite resin as shown in his third video.



The router tooling Steve uses is a commercial tool available from Paul Howard (<mailto:paulhotm@hotmail.co.uk>). You could make a router holder that pivots if you have a strong desire to make your own tools.

Randy Rhine's cross fluting on his bowl rims.





Randy's flutes have groove depth that remain constant requiring a third dimensional control. If you missed the April virtual meeting at least you can see these terrific turnings here.

For a further study of fluted turnings with a router see the John Lucas article in the February 2020 issue of American Woodturner.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2020

DATE	DEMONSTRATOR	
MAY 21	Trent Bosch	<i>Zoom meeting</i>
JUN 18	Jimmy Clewes	
JUL 16		
AUG 22	TBD	<i>Saturday</i>
SEP 17	TBD	
OCT 15	TBD	
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

May *Please keep track of coming attractions as the Coronavirus may alter schedules?*

Trent Bosch- Club Meeting Demo via zoom



June

AAW Symposium – *Cancelled due to coronavirus* – 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 **To sign up please email Graeme Priddle**

at graemepriddle@xtra.co.nz.

www.graemepriddle.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

DEMOS - CLASSES – SEMINARS

-Due to the Coronavirus cancellations check to see if the MAC is open or if our woodturning stores are still open and having classes or demos-

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

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

- Contact store for class details

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

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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) 701-2508 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. *During the Coronavirus interruption, Russ can supply sandpaper, glue and walnut oil from his abode. Call and discuss the transaction.*

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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

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: I have a Powermatic 3520b lathe that I am offering for sale at \$2500. I bought it new in 2010 and have been the only user of it in my shop. I can offer a picture of it if necessary. Am working on taking it apart and moving it from my shop, which is hard to get to, to my garage which is easy to get to. Let me know if you need more info. Thanks, Jerry Harris
503 577 6909

FREE: Freshly cut english walnut for free! Bill Daudistel sends the following information about some free, freshly cut english walnut: A neighbor of mine cut down two large english walnut trees last week. The wood is available to anyone who wants some. If anyone is interested they should send him a text at 360-823-7108. His name is Mark, and is located in Hockinson, which is a little south and east of Battle Ground. There are three piles of branches similar to the one in Photo #1. Their lengths vary from a couple of feet to about ten or twelve feet long. (Bring a chainsaw.) The diameters are anything from 5-8 inches to 12-16 inches.



FOR SALE:

As you may know, *More Woodturning Magazine* closed its doors on April 1, 2020. At that time, we created an archival USB flash drive containing all of our past editions and made it available to our subscribers for a nominal fee. Since then, many others have asked if they could also purchase this flash drive.

We thought you might like to let your club members know that we are now making this flash drive available to non-subscribers also for a fee of \$69.99, payable via credit card or your PayPal account, with free shipping in the U.S. and \$10.00 for international orders, until June 30, 2020. Click here or visit the website for more information. Or contact me at: dennis@morewoodturningmagazine.com.

I've enjoyed working with you over the five years since I took over publication from Fred Holder, and hope to see you at future woodturning events!

Dennis Daudelin, Publisher
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FREE: Lathe in Happy Valley. Free lathe to member who can pick up and give good home. Delta 14" variable speed iron bed 1440 (46-715), 3/4 HP 120V spindle thread 1/8" TPI, Outboard capacity, runs well, manual included but Delta no longer services or carries parts, motor recently serviced. Frank Cercone fcercone@me.com 707-481-6523.



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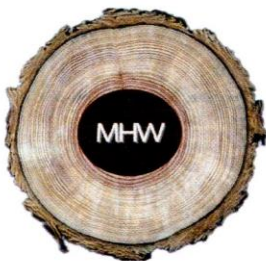
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