

Turning Times

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CASCADE WOODTURNERS

OCTOBER 2018

Please make sure that all content for the next newsletter reaches me by the 30th of October! turningwood@bendbroadband.com Thanks!

NEXT MEETING: 6:45PM, THURSDAY, OCT 18th 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/1o8wBN0>)

Use the South door in the middle of the side parking lot

CWA Presidents Message for October 2018

Time to Harvest

Who hasn't marveled at the leaves of autumn? We've all gazed with amazement as the colors change and the leaves begin to drift from their lofty perches high in the trees, settling to the ground beneath, creating a carpet of yellows, oranges and reds. Have you ever wondered why leaves change color and fall to the ground? When the light of day shortens, and the evening temperatures begin to drop, leaves cease production of chlorophyll, the trees' food source. Since chlorophyll is green, this causes them to change color. As the flow of nutrients is choked off, the leaves begin to fall to prevent freezing of the thinnest, most vulnerable part of deciduous trees. They save energy by losing their leaves since they cannot produce chlorophyll during shorter colder days.



The cooler, shorter and more humid days of Fall and Winter is the best time of year to harvest wood for turning, as the moisture of the tree evaporates slower and checking is less prominent. The moisture content of the trees remains relatively constant throughout the year, but the weather conditions impact the rate of evaporation. Any time of year you have opportunity to acquire nice wood, you should take advantage of it. However, if you cut wood in the heat of the summer with long dry days, you will need to be more cautious to protect against cracking than you need to be during the shorter, cooler and more humid days of Fall and Winter.

Picnic Activities

For those who missed the picnic at Phil Lapp's place, you missed a great afternoon of activities under very pleasant weather conditions. Several tops were turned and Steve Newberry and I each turned one with a half inch skew I brought. Phil showed us around his shop and shared some of his inventions making his shop more efficient. We enjoyed a scrumptious BBQ with pot luck sides and deserts and we had the pleasure of meeting some of our partners/spouses who normally do not attend meetings.



Auction

This is the last reminder for our upcoming October fund raiser. The auction is the primary source of funds for our continued operation and it allows us to bring in world renown guest woodturners. It is also a great opportunity to pick up some artwork from fellow woodturners. There will be gift cards from some of our supporters and as always, a plethora of wood. If you're selective, you can go home with some very nice wood for a winters worth of turning. A sampling of wood I will contribute is shown below. Including numerous bowl blanks, 4" walnut planks, hundreds of pen blanks and many more various sizes and species of wood.



I hope to see you at the auction on October 18th and in the meantime, turn safely.

Jim Piper,
President Cascade Woodturners

DALE'S CORNER

Open Shop: Open shop for October will be Saturday Oct 27th starting about 9am. Bring your wood, tools and an idea and get some one on one help.

Open shop for September was successful. We chainsawed some wood. Took a rough piece of burl and turned a natural edge bowl. A new turner got help spindle turning with Howard's help. And a rough bowl from Jon Shilling's pile was finish turned.

Dale

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE ***OFFICERS FOR 2019***

As vice president, I'm leading the nomination committee seeking to fill vacant officer positions for 2019. The Nominations Committee is pleased to forward the name of Rick Rich for the position of Vice President for 2019. Nominations for the positions of Secretary and Storekeeper are still being sought. The Secretary's principal responsibility is to document regular meetings

and board meetings. The Storekeeper manages the inventory of our supplies, principally items purchased in bulk and sold to members at the meetings. Current and past officers have regularly stepped up to fill in where officers have missed meetings or need help with specific tasks. One need not plan to have a perfect attendance record to fulfill any of these positions.

The club relies on volunteers. Many have already taken a turn in leadership roles and we need to keep it going. Are you able to step into the vice president, secretary, or storekeeper positions? Please let me know of your interest. John Replinger 503-719-3383 or jrportland@comcast.net. Or talk with me at the next meeting.

AAW NEWS

This isn't exactly AAW news, but WIT (Women in Turning) is one of the AAW committees and I am its chair. We've been planning an event we dubbed the "EXCHANGE" for almost a year. It came to fruition the week before Hurricane Florence hit the Carolinas.

On the afternoon of September 3, 2018, thirty-nine women gathered at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts for the AAW WIT EXCHANGE. The purpose of the gathering was to spend 3-1/2 days exchanging ideas, techniques and fellowship while working in groups to create a piece inspired by two words.

The process was to place each woman in a group of three where we tried to have a mix of those with beginner, intermediate and advanced turning skill levels. At a 7 o'clock meeting every evening, groups were assigned, and the groups drew two wooden word tiles. One word was a noun, the second word was a modifier. The groups were then given an opportunity to start discussing what their two words inspired and what kind of object could be made based on the words drawn. We stressed that the goal behind the EXCHANGE was process, not product.

In the morning, groups used their group number to locate their assigned lathe in the lathe room. Then the fun began! Each group had an identical bundle of wood with which to work. This consisted of a 12" maple or ash baseball blank segment, a 5.5" X 5.5" X 10" green cherry or poplar blank, and a 10" X 10" X 3" maple blank. We also had 10 mini lathes available for everyone's use. Groups were free to barter, trade, and dumpster-dive in the scrap bins. We had the fiber studio set up with pyrography equipment, micromotors, paints, and pens. Carving equipment was available. We also had an NSK Presto for piercing. Groups were asked to document their work through the day by taking pictures and uploading to a DropBox.

We reconvened in the large auditorium each evening and viewed a slide show of the day's work. Each group showed pictures and had a spokeswoman talk about their words and how they inspired the final product. We re-assigned groups and the new groups chose their words for the next day. The groups were such that no two women were ever assigned the same group. This allowed everyone to be able to take home one piece she had worked on.

The outcome was 35 remarkable pieces. But more important, this event is building creativity and community. We were able to attract women with limited and intermediate turning skills, but they went home with the confidence which will carry forward in their own chapters.

The result was overwhelmingly positive. There are pictures available on FaceBook. <https://www.facebook.com/Women-in-Turning-732036653523097/>

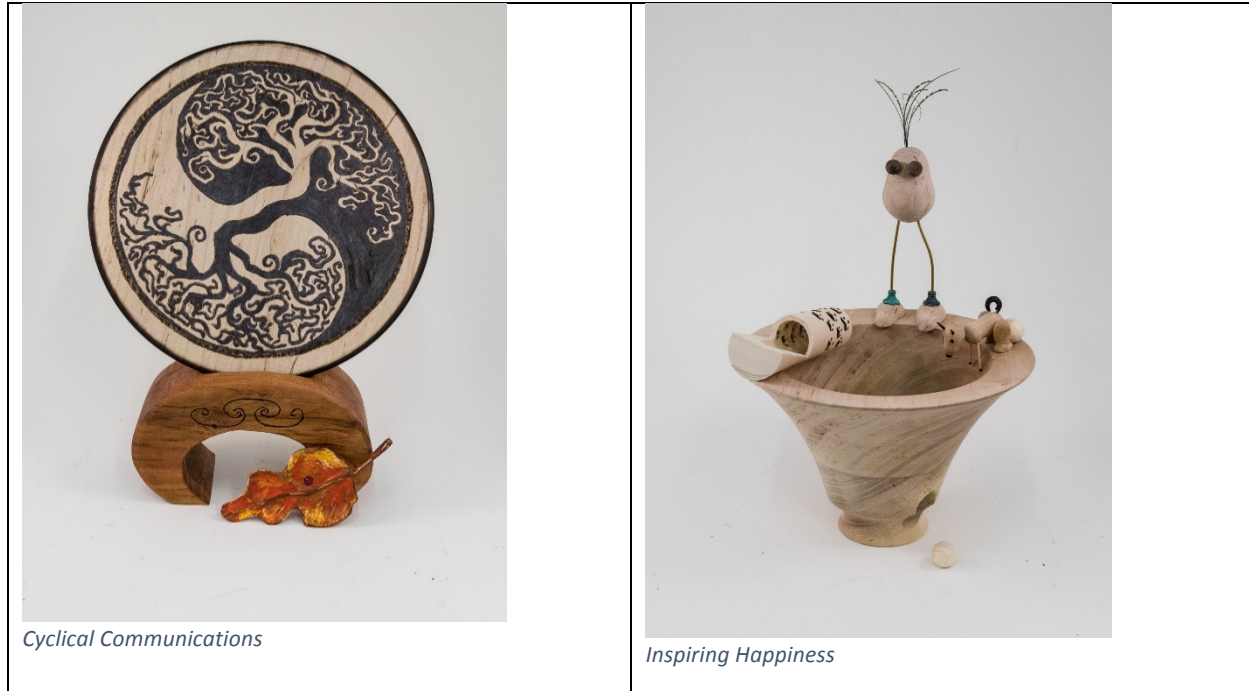
Our idea is that this concept can be implemented by any group. It would be a great regional activity or a chapter activity.



Empty Balance



Pointed Flavor



Photos by Andi Wolfe

OREGON WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM

Will be back in Albany, at the Fair Grounds, on March 15-17, 2019. Join us and watch these great demonstrators;

Sam Angelo *Jimmy Clewes* *Cynthia Gibson* *Mike Hosaluk*
Art Liestman *Glenn Lucas* *Richard Raffan* *Jim Rodgers*
Seri Robinson *Dave Schweitzer* *Curtis Seebeck*

SAFETY FIRST

Thank You Mike!

The other day I got an email from Woodturners Wonders. Woodturners Wonders sells CBN grinding wheels, sanding supplies, LED lights and other interesting stuff that is useful to turners. I am particularly fond of their Roloc sanding disc holders, which allow me to power sand and switch sanding grits quickly. I've bought a fair bit of stuff from Woodturners Wonders, and I have found their service and prices to be excellent. This particular email announced that Woodturners Wonders is now carrying a nice-looking Swedish powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR).

When I wrote a couple of safety articles on the hazards of wood dust, I concluded that PAPRs may be the best way for a turner to minimize the health risks associated with wood dust. That's because PAPRs blow filtered air into the turner's helmet, creating positive air pressure and keeping wood dust from getting into the turner's mouth and nose. Other types of masks filter dust when you suck air into them, so if the seal of the mask on your face isn't good, you can suck fine dust into your mouth and nose. PAPRs also protect you wherever you are in your shop, unlike dust collectors that do a great job close to their inlets, and less well farther away.

But PAPRs ain't cheap. I bought a reconditioned 3M unit several years ago for about \$600. And the Swedish unit from Woodturners Wonders, which, as I mentioned, tends to have excellent prices, is currently on sale for \$1,249. I'm sure it is an excellent unit, but this article is about a cheaper alternative. Way cheaper.

Way, way cheaper... but it may require you to change your finishing practices.

I'd heard about this alternative a number of times, but it didn't sink in. But when I was trying to figure out the best way to use one of Mike Meredith's Doctors Woodshop finishes, I stumbled on this YouTube video of his:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBtuBrN0arU>

(You can also find it by searching on YouTube for TheDoctorsWoodshop and "Walnut Finishing Oil and Sanding Lubricants.")



This cheaper alternative is wet sanding with walnut oil. Mike's video explains this alternative much more accurately and elegantly, but basically you just slather walnut oil on the blank once you are done turning it, and before you start sanding. Then you sand it with the kind of

sandpaper that will hold up when it is sopped with oil, such as sandpaper backed with cloth, plastic film or similar stuff.

You work through the grits just like you usually would, and slather more oil on occasionally when the piece starts to dry out.

Mike says the walnut oil helps the sandpaper cut cooler and more efficiently. I really like the result. The oiled, sanded wood feels silky smooth, and best of all from a safety perspective, the sanding dust doesn't go into the air or your lungs. It gets trapped in the oil.

Keeping fine wood dust out of your lungs is really important. An efficient dust collector and a PAPR are great ways to do that, but they cost a fair bit of money. Wet sanding with walnut oil keeps the wood dust out of the air in your shop and out of your lungs too, it's a lot cheaper, and it produces a delightful finish.

Thank you Mike!

Turn joyfully, but turn safely!
Harvey Rogers, Safety Officer

CASCADE WOODTURNERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting of the Cascade Woodturners Board of Directors September 9, 2018

Meeting held by conference call, called to order at 8:05 AM.

Attending: Jim Piper, Harvey Rogers, Len Otto, Ken Kirkman, David Williams, Kathleen Duncan, Bill Karow, John Replinger, Geraldine Clark, Mike Worthington. Joined late: Skip Burke. Absent Jerry Klug.

Motion to approve last meeting minutes, unanimously approved.

Discussion of passing of Bill Herrold.

Club account has \$13-15K. Treasurer's report to be circulated after meeting.

Discussion of replacing Bill Karow as storekeeper and Bill Herrold as Secretary. Board asked to think of candidates.

Discussion of continuing to have August meetings. Len noted that the bylaws do not require monthly meetings if the board provides otherwise. Motion not to meet in August 2019, unanimously approved.

Discussion of changing meeting locations and day of the week on which club meetings are held. Board members to be alert for other options and to raise possible changes at the November club meeting.

Discussion of possibility of changing banks. Treasurer Kirkman finds that Wells Fargo is not very responsive. Mike suggests considering OnPoint credit union, Jim and Len also had good experiences with OnPoint. Ken to check OnPoint out.

Discussion of maintaining a mentor list. Skip and others stated that past lists were not used. Kathleen suggests instead having a person to contact new members and offer help. Skip suggests making contact at meeting when guests and new members are introduced. Motion to create a list on the website and newsletter, and include a disclaimer. The disclaimer will note that Cascade will not be liable for injuries that occur during mentoring sessions. Unanimously approved.

Discussion of changing website URL. Kathleen to continue to pursue it.

Jim Piper to get together with Harvey to develop tweaks to the current website.

Discussion of monthly challenge, including a separate challenge for newer turners.

Treasurer Kirkman requests that requests for reimbursements be routed through President Jim Piper.

Update from Skip Burke on auction. Jim Piper to check with Goby Walnut and Crosscut hardware about donating gift certificates for the upcoming auction.

Discussion of getting pictures of show and tell items. Jim volunteered to do it next year after his presidency ends. Skip also knows of a retired professional photographer who lives near him and might do it. The board accepted Jim's offer.

Discussion of community outreach and involvement by Len. Len is pursuing contacts at high schools, and suggests we find public events at which we would have demonstrators. Will need club flyers, safety shield and midi-lathe. Jim is willing to allow his midi-lathe to be used if club lathes are not accessible. Need folks to look for opportunities. Bill Karow and Len to check on specific opportunities.

Discussion of promotional card with link to website for registration. Jim and Skip to work on it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 am. Minutes prepared by Harvey Rogers.

In addition, in a separate email Mike Worthington suggested that the club have one or two experienced turners bring in some of their turnings from when they were beginning, and give a three to five minute talk on what they did or who inspired them to get where they are now. Questions could be asked during the talk or during the break. Many board members approved this suggestion.

- end of minutes -

MEETING SCHEDULE 2018

DATE	DEMONSTRATOR	
OCT 18	Auction	
NOV 15	Dave Gutschmidt	
DEC	No Meeting	<i>Merry Christmas</i>

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

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. Please contact Bill Karow, (503) 490-0325 bill.karow@mac.com a week ahead of the meeting so he could verify it is not out of stock and set it aside for you.

Company Store Item	Price
Accelerator (for Cyanoacrylate adhesives/CA), sprayer, 8 oz	\$8.00 each
Anchor Seal 2, one gallon	\$10.00 each
Cyanoacrylate adhesives/CA Thin, Medium & Thick, 2oz bottles	\$6.00 each
Cyanoacrylate adhesives/CA Thin, 16oz bottles	\$32.00 each
Sandpaper, Klingspor alum/oxide w/heavy cotton cloth backing suitable for wet sanding (80, 100, 120, 180, 220, 320, 400 & 600 grits)	\$1.50 each sheet
Walnut Oil - filtered, 16 oz	\$4.00 each
Tee Shirts (Limited number)	\$10.00 each

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.

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Contact me if you're interested in any (or all) of them: **Bill Karow**

(503)490-0325

bill.karow@mac.com



9" Low Profile Rest w. Standard Post \$45

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12" Exterior Curved Rest w. Standard Post

(Helps you follow the **exterior** curve of a bowl)

\$85

Post Height: 3 3/4"
Post Diameter: 1"
Robust Price: \$98 (+ shipping)



12" Interior Curved Rest w. Standard Post

(Helps you follow the **interior** curve of a bowl)

\$85

Post Height: 3 3/4"
Post Diameter: 1"
Robust Price: \$98 (+ shipping)



12" Original Comfort Rest w. Standard Post

\$55

Post Height: 3 3/4"
Post Diameter: 1"
Robust Price: \$69 (+ shipping)



12" Original Comfort Rest w. Standard Post

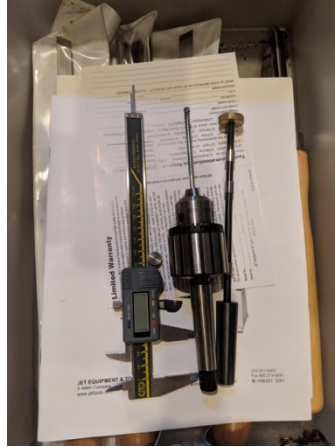
\$55

FOR SALE: For Sale: craft show booth for outdoor shows. It is 10' x 10' and has 3 solid sides and the fourth side has a zipper down the center to be the door. It's only been used 4 times and never in the rain. Comes with carrying case, spikes for securing on grass and 4 sandbags that are held to each leg with Velcro

straps. Picture below shows it zipped open with my booth set up holding 3 6' tables. Price is \$250. Howard Borer howardborer@yahoo.com



FOR SALE: Meg McNab's father passed away recently and left behind a very lightly used Jet mini lathe with a collection of miscellaneous tools. Even though the lathe is from 2001, it is in new condition. It comes with the tools shown in the photos plus more. She would like to get \$500 for everything. Please call or text Meg at 1(253) 347-9714.



FOR SALE: Jet 14" Bandsaw, includes the Carter Magfence - \$250. It is in very good condition. I live in Tigard. Kevin White, 503-708-8222.



FREE: Free, for the hauling off, a wood drying Kiln. I have removed all the working parts of the freezer and installed a light bulb socket, fan, and thermostat. A second way to adjust your heat is to change the light bulb. Air holes are drilled on both sides and top and bottom. Dimensions are 28" W x 60" H x 28.5 deep. This unit is ready to go, just plug-in.



Contact Russ Coker at racoker@comcast.net or 503 701 2508.

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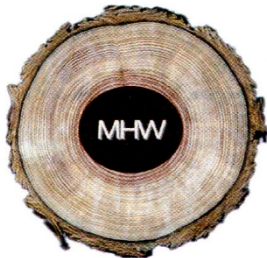
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