

Turning Times

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CASCADE WOODTURNERS

August 2012

Please make sure that all content for the next newsletter reaches me by the 1st of September! turningwood@bendbroadband.com Thanks!, Jerry Klug

NEXT MEETING: 7:00PM, THURSDAY, August 16th AT FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
5405 SE Woodward St, Portland, OR

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It was nice to have last months visit from Eli Avisera. I liked the way he emphasizes turning in a safe manner. The older I get the longer it takes to heal and I am no longer willing to take chances in order to accomplish something in the shortest amount of time. We all work with tools that can bite and we need to be aware of what we are doing. The body you are saving from injury belongs to you, and a little enlightened self interest is in order.

Eli gave me some additional skew chisel lessons and just about the time I was feeling some confidence I put those ugly cork screw grooves in my candle stick. Oh well another design change opportunity. It was fun to have Eli here and I hope those who took advantage of his visit enjoyed the experience as well.

This month will see a visit from a long time friend of Cascade, Bob Espen. Bob used to be a member for several years and is a very inventive turner and an accomplished demonstrator. He was one of the demonstrators at the AAW Convention when it was held here in Portland a few years back. I have left it up to Bob as to what he feels most comfortable in showing to our group. I have never seen him show anything that wasn't fun to watch. He has a large range of talents and he produces work ranging from one of a kind art pieces to production runs of kitchen utensils. He also has a way of using polyurethane to produce a finish I didn't think was possible with that product. This vessel was made by Bob.



Please join us on Thursday August 16th at Franklin High Shop. For many of us it will be a chance to see an old friend and for newer members you are in for a treat in watching Bob Espen.

The new issue of the AAW's American Woodturner magazine features work of our own Cascade member Randy Rhine. There are pictures of his tops. It is fun to see Randy getting some much-deserved recognition for the exquisite work he does. It is amazing to see that a child's toy can be a work of art, and as an extra-added benefit when no one is around to catch you it is still possible to play with them.

Someone failed to pick up their Juniper Scoop from last month's challenge. It isn't signed so I am somewhat at loss as to how to return it to its maker. If this nice scoop belongs to you, please let me know, and if no one steps up I would like to thank the unknown turner for his or her generous contribution to this year's auction.

Joking aside, the auction is a couple of months off in October and now is the time to start thinking about contributions to our auction. Artwork, tools, and wood will be appreciated. It's your generous help that enables us to bring in outside demonstrators and carry on the programs that makes our club possible.

Now to a matter that requires a little help from our members in tapping your knowledge of your own neighborhoods and facilities that Cascade might be able to use. As I am sure you have noticed from time to time our meetings can become a little crowded and a larger meeting and demonstration area would be helpful. We also have relied exclusively on Dale's shop for classes and all day demonstrations. We are not looking to make immediate changes. Franklin is a good place to meet and the people running the shop have gone out of their way to make it possible for us to continue meeting there. I want to continue to meet at Franklin if at all possible. However, the future is far from predictable with changes that could be made by the School Board at any time; as well as our evolving needs as an expanding club.

On the same note, different venue, Dale's is a good place for classes and all day demonstrations. However, relying on the largess of only one member and his facilities puts us in a precarious situation if for any reason that space would not be available for a long or even short period of time. What we need is alternatives in the event we would need them. I know of a few places I could ask about over here near Hillsboro where I live, but I also know that that is too far for most people to drive on a regular basis. I know almost nothing of what might be available east of the river in Portland.

That is where you come in, we need the information you know about your own neighborhood. Do you know the location of senior centers; churches with large informal meeting areas; community centers; organization meeting halls; businesses with a large meeting space; or some other meeting space I haven't thought of that might let us meet there.

Do you have a large enough shop or out building that might be able to house a small class or maybe even a larger group for an all day demonstration. We are not looking for just one person to do everything. This club works best if responsibilities can be moved around so that they don't rest on any one set of shoulders.

In the next few days I am going to send out an e-mail to the Cascade Board so that we can begin to talk about this. Please help by sharing the information you know about so that we can have a more fruitful discussion. Please give me a call at 503-645-2231 or drop me an e-mail at GarySundquist@juno.com .

I just got an e-mail message from Jerry Klug suggesting a challenge for this month that sounds like a whole lot more fun than the general challenge I had in mind of anything inspired from Eli's visit. Jerry suggested, and we are going to go with it, to make a top. There will be two prizes. One for the best looking top as judged by someone who fails to make a top (how is that for incentive to make a top). For the second prize all those who make tops will start them spinning at the same time and the last one spinning will get a prize. Thank you for last month's participation in the challenge and I still have one or two gift certificates left for winners of this month's challenge, and just participating gets you a front row seat for the demo with all the woodchips you can eat.

The August meeting will be Thursday the 16th at the Franklin High Shop for a demonstration by Bob Espen. Hope to see you all there.

Gary Sundquist, President
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VP'S SOAPBOX

SAFETY: We tell ourselves that we are safe in our shops, but are we? I would suggest to you that we are NOT!No Way....No How.... We are far from being safe! We take short cuts all the time. I am equally guilty here. As a matter of fact, in the last 90 days I accidentally put my finger in the band saw....under the table mind you; a dumb mistake. Oh, and by the way, I had turned off the machine. Then I introduced my finger to the table saw blade, another dumb stunt. I was blessed that in either case I kept both of my fingers. Just think about it. When was the last time you took a short cut when working with one of your machines? Maybe you got too close to the blade when you knew you should be at least 3" away when making a cut. Could you have done it differently and accomplished the task being much safer? When was the last time you chose not to use your respirator because you were just too lazy to put it on. You know that is the health of your lungs we are talking about. When was the last time you did not use a face shield at the lathe? Is it too hot to wear in the summer? All I am suggesting is that we can do it safer if we make safety a priority and forget the saving five minute short cuts. We need to be vigilant each and every time we step into the shop, continually reminding ourselves, "safety first". Check this website out.....

<http://www.aswoodturns.com/>

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DALE'S CORNER

There will be an "Open Shop" on August 25th. Bring your tools to sharpen and projects to get advice on and turning tips. You can take advantage of mentors who have been where you are now and can help you sink deeper into the turning vortex. We start at 9:30AM.

The current issue of American Woodturner included the ballot for the election of AAW board members. The candidate's statements are in the same issue. Be sure to vote.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

There were 6 new people visiting the June meeting with two joining our ranks. We number in the mid 90's now along with the weather.

Howard Borer

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SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

I got a call from a friend across town about a 100 year old Cherry tree that had been downed for new construction. Jerry Klug and I thought we would find a couple of crotches to try turning but we were surprised at how much was left for us to pick through. The truck load has been distributed to those that took Eli's class and the remains will be in the dollar raffle this month.
Skip



MEETING SCHEDULE 2012

DATE	DEMONSTRATOR	CHALLENGE
AUG 18	Bob Espin -	Tops
SEP 20	Eric Lofstrom – Sat Demo/Class	
OCT 18	Auction	
NOV 15		Christmas Ornaments
DEC	No meeting – Merry Christmas	Be Merry

AUGUST CHALLENGE

We need to top the participation of last month's challenge by bringing tops. Finger snap tops, string tops, throwing tops or what ever you can dream up. As Gary mentioned, there will be two winners for the challenge, one for beauty and the other for performance. The same top could win both but that is unlikely. The spin off will ban previous contest winners so no ringers, Dale.



Here is the challenge table for July with all those Juniper turnings. Not only were there a large number and variety of turnings but those two sea urchin ornaments are on YouTube videos so you can see how they are made.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXrZrMe2nw&feature=plcp>

LIBRARY CORNER

Dawn McClard picked up a new video at the AAW Symposium in San Jose for the latest addition to the library. It is a two disc video titled "The Art of Hosaluk in Woodturning" by Michael Hosaluk. If you are a 'round and brown' only turner or never turn anything but pens, this video may have limited interest. The two discs have a total run time of over seven hours. Watching a chapter at a time reduced the mental overload this video can produce. The length of the video requires you to schedule watching times so the viewing is completed in time to return it to the library at the next meeting. Michael clearly shows how he creates his contemporary and unique pieces of art. Michael stresses safety, fun and form. I was so impressed by his demonstrating style I ordered a copy for myself. I do not plan to copy his whimsical art work but it is a great teaching tool to learn different ways to accomplish challenging forms when turning.



ENJOYABLE VIDEOS

For those of us who sometimes forget what they were going after;

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KSRjNR0VGA>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nndS22Qda0&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5s6FLjdZNc&feature=related>

JULY DEMO

July 19th saw 65 members and guests for the return of Eli Avisera to Cascade with his demonstrating turning a string pull top.



Eli stresses safety and doing your best with your turnings. His convex sharpened tools were developed to aid his young son in learning turning without catches. He decorated the top with chatter tool texturing and coloring. He recommends practice with the chatter tool to find what pleases you as no two applications will be alike but you can develop similar patterns. Eli's top also had a brass brad for a long wearing contact point that he trimmed with his spindle gouge. The handle allows intermittent cutting practice.



Eli also made a dreidel box that uses a small top as the lid. These boxes are a traditional child's gift in Israel where the box may also hold coins or small gifts. The current issue of American Woodturner showcased a number of interesting tops and one of Eli's dreidel boxes is shown.



Eli turns a rim on the bottom of the box so you can spin the top on the overturned box and it stays there. Here Eli is hollowing the box.

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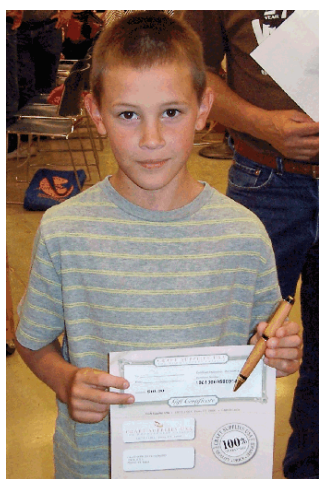


with the choice of the winners as these kids did a very nice job on their turnings. With their award certificates are Leah (top), Nick (pen), Troy (fish bat) and proud dad, Rick Rich with his well proportioned candle holder. This family turned out well.

The remaining winners were Kathleen Duncan for her magic wand and Jerry Harris for his tall goblet with a twist stem.



The challenge was a large success with over two dozen entries of turnings from the juniper handed out in June. The winning turned out to be mostly a family affair. There were a lot of approving comments



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Cascade Woodturners:

Sept 20th-22nd, Eric Lofstrom – Demo/Class

Northwest Woodturners:

Nov 1st – 4th, Stephen Hatcher, Saturday Demo, Friday & Sunday hands on class

Willamette Woodturners:

August 9-12: Jimmy Clewes – Demo/Class

October 11-14: Stuart Batty – Demo/Class

6th annual "Frogwood Collaborative" is scheduled for Aug 16th thru 19th of 2012 at Dale's shop. Cost is \$230 and includes meals. Contact Jerry Harris at westwoodct@comcast.net or David Williams at dwilliams97007@yahoo.com for reservations and/or more information.

COMPANY STORE

If a number of members want a certain item, and we are low on it please email Peter Morrell at luvbermuda@aol.com a week ahead, he could have it with no out of stock.

Company Store Item	Price
Accelerator (for Cyanoacrylate adhesives/CA), sprayer, 8 oz	\$6.75 each
Anchor Seal, one gallon	\$12.50 each
Cyanoacrylate adhesives (CA) - Thin, Medium and Thick, 2oz bottles	\$5.75 each bottle
Sandpaper, Aluminum oxide with heavy cotton cloth backing in 80, 100, 120, 180, 220, 320 & 400 grits	\$1.00 each sheet
Walnut Oil - filtered, 16 oz	\$4.00 each

DEMOS - CLASSES – SEMINARS

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

- Turning Confetti Lamps Demo, Aug 25th, 9:30 AM

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

- Turning Spheres (\$100) by Michael Meredith, Aug 11th 1:00-4:00
- Turning Boxes (\$115) by Paul Rasmussen, Aug 12th 10:00-4:00
- Pen Turning (\$40) by George Hays, Aug 15th 1:00-4:00
- Pen Turning (\$40) by George Hays, Aug 25th 1:00-4:00
- Pen Turning (\$40) by George Hays, Sept 1st 1:00-4:00
- Beginning Lathe Turning (\$115) by Paul Rasmussen, Sept 8th 10:00-5:00
- Pen Turning (\$40) by George Hays, Sept 12th 1:00-4:00
- Turning Platters (\$115) by Paul Rasmussen, Sept 15th 10:00-4:00
- Turning Spheres (\$110) by Michael Meredith, Sept 16th 10:00-4:00
- Bowl Turning (\$115) by Paul Rasmussen, Sept 22nd 10:00-4:00
- Turning Boxes (\$115) by Michael Meredith, Sept 23rd 10:00-4:00
- Pen Turning (\$40) by George Hays, Sept 29th 1:00-4:00
- Natural Edge Bowl Turning (\$125) by Paul Rasmussen, Sept 30th 10:00-4:00
- Beginning Bowl Turning (\$110) by Paul Rasmussen, Oct 6th 10:00-4:00
- Pen Turning (\$40) by George Hays, Oct 10th 1:00-4:00
- Pen Turning (\$40) by George Hays, Oct 20th 1:00-4:00
- Basic Bowl Turning (\$110) by Paul Rasmussen, Oct 28th 10:00-4:00

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

- Check with store for schedule

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

- SWATurners Symposium, Aug 24-26, 2012
- Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, Sept 8-9 2012
- VA Woodturning Symposium, Fishersville, VA Sept 15th – 16th
- Ornamental Turners Bi-Annual Symposium, Scranton, PA Sept 28th – 30th
- 3rd Segmenting Society Symposium, South Lake Tahoe October 18th - 21st 2012

CWT MENTORS

Cascade Wood Turners has a mentoring program and the member turners providing assistance are listed in the “Resources” section of the web page <http://www.cascadewoodturners.com/resources.htm>. These members are available for you to contact if you need help in different areas of woodturning. If you would like to be a mentor yourself and be contacted with woodturning related questions e-mail me at turningwood@bendbroadband.com and I will add you to the list!

QUICK LINKS:

There is a listing of web links used by club members in the “Resources” section of the web site <http://www.cascadewoodturners.com/resources.htm> . If you have a favorite or new site that would be useful to club members, e-mail it to me to include it with the list. turningwood@bendbroadband.com

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.

WANTED, electric drill with keyless chuck, preferably not running or with batteries that are worn out and too expensive to replace. Don't throw it away, let me try something with it and it may become an article for the newsletter. Jerry Klug, (541)550-6299 turningwood@bendbroadband.com

FOR SALE, a retiring woodturner has wood and tools to sell. He has about 100 pieces of wood to sell, mostly bowl blanks. The wood is largely redwood and myrtle but some walnut and maple is included. All the wood is dry. He is looking for \$150 to \$200 for the lot.

He also has turning tools and a lathe, Dewalt 13" planer, chop saw, band saw and other bench tools. There is also air handling equipment.

Contact Arlin Fern in the Aloha area at 503-430-5111.

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