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Northwest Woodturners meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. See website for details and map.

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Next Meeting:
April 5th
Jack Wayne

Turning Challenge:
Eggs, Eggs, Eggs!



President's Memo

Ladies and Gentlemen. Check it out! The club now has a new Jet 1642 lathe for our demonstrators to use. Thanks to the generous offer of Lee Bridge to purchase the club's older Oneway lathe. That lathe had an embarrassing way of showing our demonstrators that we really didn't know anything about how to reset it, or as Chris Dix would say... Make it go "roundy-roundy".

A quick note on AAW Symposium 2007... There will be a meeting at 10 am on Saturday April 7th at Chemwest for all team leaders. This will be more of an initial meeting of all team leaders, and a quick update for all before Dale Larson heads east to the Campbell school for a month.

That means that Learn-2-Turn will either have to be pushed to the afternoon on that Saturday, or cancelled. Let's figure out how many would like to attend at the next meeting. It's been a long time since we have had a good L-2-T session.

- Safe Turning, Tom

Photo above: March demonstrator, renowned English turner Stuart Mortimer, delighted and cajoled members while showing his methods to make his signature twists. The evening was filled with tips and tidbits which he generously passed along so that others may learn from his years of trials and tribulations. For examples of Stuart's turnings, visit the "Demos & Demonstrators" photo album on the NWWT forum.



Turn it On (Ahem, the lathe dummy.)

If you're like me and you forgot where the "on" switch to your lathe is from lack of use, then surely one of these videos will inspire you to get back in the groove. Woodturner and world-class instructor Jimmy Clewes will take our woodturning skills to the next level with this new "Turn It On" DVD series. This three-disc set includes stunning close-ups and new

"bevel-cam" shots that show you every detail of the tool action close-up. Clear, concise explanations throughout these videos explain the fundamentals and techniques used in an easy to follow format guaranteed to improve your skills regardless of experience. Each DVD contains two projects along with extra, special-interest footage. No other video offers such a combination of video quality, easy

to follow information, and close-ups that help you understand the "how" and "why" of proper tool use. Each DVD will be separately shelved for individual checkout.

Disc 1 Projects include making a footless bowl made of spalted Birch burl and an oriental-style box with 22 carat gold leaf inlay. Also included is valuable information about flute, bevels and tool sharpening. Bonus footage gives you a behind the scenes look at the life of a professional woodturner. 120 minutes.

Disc 2 Projects include turning a stunning Ziracote bowl with a brass rim inlay and a long stem goblet, turned unsupported, from

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G O B L E T Challenge:

To the right is Challenge winner, Dave Wiggins' goblet with ornamentally turned interior. Turnings below, left to right: dyed natural edge by Ken Van Buren; Rich Winston; off-set stem goblet by Steve Sheridan; and Bill Neal. Lower left goblet by Steve Sheridan; and lower right, a micro-goblet by Phil Lapp.



Demonstrators & Activities for 2007

The following schedule is subject to change:

April – Jack Wayne from Seattle.

May – Joe Cornett, Rockler manager, finishing.

June – Jim Hall on fluting.

August – Chapter Auction & BBQ.

November – Trent Bosch.

December – Christmas party!

Challenges for 2007

April – Hummingbird to Ostrich... **Eggs, Eggs, Eggs!**

May - a **Vase** to hold the flowers that you're sure to get Mom.

June - the perfect wedding gift for the new bride - a **Rolling Pin**.

July – Batter Up! **Baseball bats** - any size, any wood.

August - Going, going, gone! **Wood auction**, no challenge.

September – National Honey Month, **honey dippers and honey treen**.

October – Something scary, trick-or-treat. Something **Halloween-y**.

November: Christmas is just around the corner, time to make **ornaments**.

December: **Christmas party and gift exchange**, no challenge.

Not Just for Grown-Ups

At the Portland 2007 AAW Symposium all registered youths will receive free admittance and free Saturday night banquet attendance when accompanied by a registered adult.

As an incentive to register and bring your son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, or the kid down the block, a "kids-only" drawing will award 25 complete turning outfits to our Youth Program participants, including: JET Mini lathes with stands; Nova mid-chucks, a basic Crown tool set, Dust Bee Gone mask, and face shields.

At the Saturday night banquet, all youth participants in the program will be recognized for their achievement.

Wait, there's more great news. During the three-day symposium, all of the donated equipment will be used in a hands-on rotation room. Bonnie Klein and Nick Cook will conduct hands-on workshops for the youth.

Think of the tremendous impact on creative young minds when they see the Instant Gallery, watch world-class demonstrators, and visit the trade show. This is your opportunity to change a life and help create a new woodturner.

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Australian Myrtle. Jimmy also takes you through the process of breaking down a tree into usable turning stock, including instructions on cutting for figure, maximum yield and proper handling of unseasoned wood. 120 minutes.

Disc 3 Projects include turning a lidded box made of laminated Maple and Wenge along with creating a footless bowl with silver highlights made from walnut burl. Jimmy also uses easy-to-follow diagrams to explain tried and tested methods used for fitting a box lid. Bonus footage takes a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the Turn It On DVD series. 120 minutes.

- Happy Turning, Chris Dix

Photos from top: Large burl bowl by Loren Olson; Walnut & Elm bowl by Loren Olson; Martin Knittel's nest of eggs; Jim Hall's hollow form; and a turned box by Bill Neal.

myfamily.com Forum Renewed

Many thanks go to Lloyd Johnson for his continued support in personally financing the chapter's private discussion, news and photo forum on the myfamily.com site.

Several years ago, after participating on the World of Woodturners forum, Lloyd thought it would benefit NWWT to have its own site on the myfamily servers. He was, and continues to be, instrumental in providing this benefit to our members.

If you do not have access to the forum, send Owen an email <onlnowe@verizon.net> using an email account in which you'd like to receive the username and password. *Also, if you've experienced problems with your access, it is imperative to communicate via email with Owen to assist him in getting your log-on issue straightened out.*

Meeting and Editor's Request

While a cell phone can be a great convenience to its user, others in the vicinity may be less enamored of the interruption to the group activity. To ensure a polite and considerate meeting environment for our demonstrators and our members, please make sure to turn your cell phone off or silence the ringer.

Request from the editor: When you bring an item for the Challenge or Show'n'Tell, the editor would appreciate your "John or Jane Hancock" somewhere on the piece. I would like to publish all items in the newsletter but sometimes have a heck of a time tracking down the maker so that I can give proper credit. I am considering not photographing items that do not carry a maker's name. Should you not want to permanently mark your item, you could merely write your name on a piece of tape and affix it to your piece.



Woodcraft® Classes with Bob Tuck, Tom Reiman, & Fred Kline

Turn A Duck Call

Instructor: Fred Kline
Thursday, April 12, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Beginning Lathe Turning

Instructor: Bob Tuck
Saturday, April 14, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Skill Level: Beginner

Intermediate Lathe Turning

Instructor: Bob Tuck
Sunday, April 20, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Pen Turning

Instructor: Woodcraft Staff
Friday, April 20, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Skill Level: Beginner

Bottle Stoppers!

Instructor: Fred Kline
Saturday, May 05, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Skill Level: Beginner

Learn To Turn A Pepper Mill

Instructor: Bob Tuck
Sunday, May 06, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Beginning Lathe Turning

Instructor: Bob Tuck
Saturday, May 19, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Skill Level: Beginner

For more information and to register, contact the Tigard Woodcraft store. Call (503) 684-1428 or email <portlandretail@woodcraft.com>.

Rockler® Classes with Clint Borden & Chris Nilluka

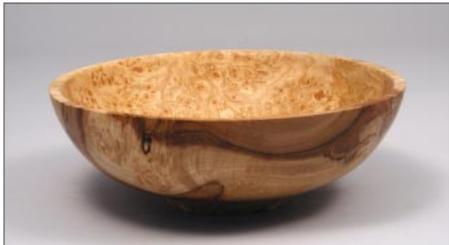
Beginning Turning

Sunday, April 15, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Skill Level: Beginner
Instructor: Clint Borden

Turned Boxes, 2-Part Class

Sunday, April 22 & 29, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Skill Level: Beginner
Instructor: Chris Nilluka

For more information and to register, contact the Beaverton Rockler store. Call (503) 672-7266 or email <store17@rockler.com>.



Above: Maple burl bowl by Kathleen Duncan; right, Loren Olson's walnut bowl with art-glass liner.



Classified Ads

Guidelines for Classified Ads: If you sell or find your item please notify the editor. Ads will only run for 3 (three) consecutive months. Please submit your ad to the editor by the 20th of the month. Editor makes no guarantees for spelling or grammatical errors. All woodworking items, for sale or wanted, are welcome.

Editor's Note:

Submissions to the newsletter are due by the 20th of the month. Articles, tips, web links, classified ads, or other items pertaining to woodturning are welcome.

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Learn-2-Turn Re-turns

NWWT is planning to resume the Saturday Learn-2-Turn to assist members with developing their skills while offering an opportunity for new folks to get acquainted in a small group setting. The next get-together *maybe* on April 7th at Chemwest, more details to follow once the scheduling is worked out. Everyone is invited to attend no matter how long you've been a Northwest member, so ready your turning tools, brew your coffee, and gather a couple chunks of wood. Owen'll bring the donuts.

