

# Northwest Woodturners



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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

My fellow woodturners, I trust that everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and that Santa left plenty of new woodturning toys under your tree. As I write this first column as president of the Northwest Woodturners I would like to take time and thank the membership for putting their trust in me. I promise to keep the great spirit of leadership that past President Tom Reiman has instilled in the club for the last 3 years. Our new vice-president Mike Meredith has already made contact with several well known turners and is in the process of booking them for dates later in the year, we will keep you posted. I am look-

ing forward to working with my board members as well as anyone who would like to voice their opinion as to how the club is doing, as a member, I encourage you to get involved with your club, we have a good thing going and are blessed with many talented members, whatever your skill level is I guarantee that you will enjoy your membership. We start the new year financially strong and have invested some funds in a new video projection unit and microphone, Librarian, Chris Dix continues to purchase new materials for the Library, be sure to check it out, Bob Mach will continue to offer supplies such

as sandpaper, ca glue, wood and other turning related items, take a look at his table on meeting night. At this time I would also like to thank Tom Reiman and all of the other folks at Chemwest Systems for the use of their facilities, and would especially thank the outgoing officers for their past services, and welcome the new officers, we are in for a fun year and I am glad to be able to share it with all of you. Thank You and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Fred C. Kline

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

## JANUARY SWAPMEET

A new year has started, it's time to follow through on those resolutions. One you can do fairly easily is "clean up the shop". Take a few minutes this weekend and gather up tools you don't use that often. Maybe you've been hiding a piece of turning wood you just can't get on that lathe. Hey, what about that extra sandpaper you stocked up on that you haven't made a dent in.

Bring them down to the next meeting as we're having an open swap meet. There will be plenty of tables for everyone.



Untouchable: Canyonville Park, Douglas County, OR Photo by Jerry Keller

## QUICK UPDATES

**Northwest Woodturner** meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. See website for details and map.

Next Meeting:  
**January 3rd  
Swap Meet**

Turning Challenge:  
**Pens & Pencils**

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## OREGON LOSES AN ICON: LARGEST SITKA SPRUCE BREAKS APART IN STORM

Oregon's largest living thing, the National co-champion Sitka Spruce tree in southern Clatsop County, was severely damaged by the weekend storm that struck the Oregon coast.

Known as the Seaside Spruce or the Klootchey Creek Giant, the tree had shared the title of the country's largest Sitka spruce with another one in Washington's Olympic National Park. At seventeen feet in diameter and 206 feet tall, it was not only the largest of its kind, but was also the first tree designated as an Oregon Heritage Tree.

After the December 2006 storm, officials from Clatsop County, the Oregon Department of Forestry, and the Oregon Heritage Tree Committee determined that the tree was too weakened by time and nature to save, but that public interest in the tree and its unique history merited a response of letting the tree stand and letting nature take its course. Clatsop County Parks officials erected a fence a safe distance away from the tree, and installed interpretive materials telling the story of the dying tree.

Media reports indicate that the tree split apart early Sunday morning at approximately 75 feet above the ground. This event had been expected since a December 2006 windstorm opened up an old lightning scar running from 40 to 80 feet above the ground. It was along this scar that the

tree ultimately failed on Sunday.

"This tree was an Oregon icon," said Paul Ries, an urban forester with the Oregon Department of Forestry and a member of the Oregon Heritage Tree Committee. "The tree failed exactly as we expected it to, and while it represents the loss of a unique state landmark, it also represents an opportunity to see the life cycle of the forest in action."



*Largest Sitka Spruce before windstorm. Photo by Mario Vaden*

"This tree has been visited by hundreds of thousands of people and its slow decline allows people the chance to witness the evolving story of this forest giant," observed Jim Renner, manager of the Oregon Heritage Tree program. Clatsop County officials will ultimately determine the best course of how to manage the remaining portion of the tree. The Oregon Heritage Tree Committee will address the tree's fate as a state Heritage Tree next month.

The next chapter of the story of this tree is waiting to unfold and be told - perhaps allowing the old giant to give life as a "nurse log" to new Sitkas.

*Story provided by Oregon Department of Forestry.*

## RAFFLE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

During the recent elections, our long time raffle coordinator Walt Brown expressed his interest to retire from his position. If you would like to help, please contact him at the next meeting. The wood raffle is a major source for the clubs funding that lets us bring in top notch professional wood turners for demonstrations. This will let Walt concentrate on those BBQ's.

## 2007 HOLIDAY PARTY

This years holiday party was a great success once again. As usual the gift exchanges were an exciting event with many "steals". This year Marcus was our co-host providing the pulling of raffle tickets and policing the winners tickets. Special thanks goes out to Rockler who provided additional gift cards and tools, Woodcrafters for gift cards, Fred and Suzanne Kline for the wonderful food, and Chemwest for their facility.



## 2008 NWWT CHALLENGES

Month	Challenge	Details
January	Pens & Pencils	Turn a Pen or Pencil
February	Turn n' Burn	Pyrography/Burning incorporated into a turning.
March	Bowls	Functional, artistic, or both.
April	Segmented turning	Grab your glue and go to town.
May	Spring Seeds	Turn a seed or pod (Banksia, Targa, etc)
June	Hidden Within	Provide a picture of source wood before turning
July	Hollowforms	Freeform
August	No Challenge	Wood auction
September	Box & Finial	Tight fitting lid, unique finial.
October	Carving/Texturing	Embellish your turning with carving and/or Texturing.
November	Ornaments	Tis' the Season
December	No Challenge	Holiday Party
Download the challenges on the members forum area.		

## SUPPLIES - YOU CAN'T HAVE ENOUGH WOOD, SANDPAPER, & CA

The supply cabinet has been restocked with some great turning stock. There is a beautiful selection of Bocote & Cocobolo in spindle turning stock. This is great looking stuff. This stock makes great bottle stoppers, duck calls, pen/pencils, small boxes, or go crazy and make a million hand crafted toothpicks. Also, there's always sanding materials, and CA (Cyanoacrylate) glue. So see Bob at the meeting, and stock up on your needed supplies.

## STATE OF THE CHAPTER

Well, it's official, I took hold of the financial reins from Lloyd when I signed onto the checking account and gave the bank my mailing address for the statements. We end 2007 with a balance of \$3,331.83. This amount is after the \$2,300 spent for the new demonstration projector, sound equipment and the Christmas party expenses.

Unfortunately, as of January 1st, we will have no members, so come the January 3rd meeting have your cash or check in hand to renew your membership! For the measly sum of \$30 you get free admission to every monthly meeting featuring the finest turning demonstrations, the Saturday Learn-2-Turns, the BBQ & Auction. You are also entitled to 10% discounts at Gilmer's, Crosscut Hardwoods, Rocker, Woodcraft, & Woodcrafters. Last, but certainly not least, member Lee Parks offers 20% discount on all sharpening services through Lee's Cutting Edge Sharpening Service and Sales. (Lee sharpens all my saw chains and he used to sharpen my table saw blades, but they hardly ever have the opportunity to get dull these days. He does a fantastic job with great service!) In addition to the retail discounts members also have access to Northwest Woodturners private forum for discussion, pictures, articles and how-to's.

In the coming months, I will do my best to write at least a short newsletter article on meeting minutes, financial information and membership updates. If you have any questions or suggestions on how to make our chapter better, don't hesitate to ask... FRED!

Owen

# TRENT BOSCH VISIT

November's demonstration was provided by Colorado's own Trent Bosch. Known for his "Vessels of Illusion" and hollowing tools; Trent provides a different approach to wood turning with the addition of carving. The meeting demonstration was just a hint of what was to follow in the Friday demonstration and Saturday's hands on class at

Tom Reiman's shop. Trent proves, you don't need the most expensive tool to make astonishing works of art. He shops at Harbor Freight for many of his carving equipment. Trent is just another example of how your dues can bring in some very well known and experienced turners.



Trent demo's the air body saw technique. Photo: Andy Johnson-Laird



Trent's Vessel of Illusion sample and depth drilling using a gun drill and compressed air. Photo: Andy Johnson-Laird



Tom manages to get some time on the lathe during the hands on class. Photo: Scott Blackman



Past VP, Paul observes the work of the new VP, Mike during the hands on class. Photo: Scott Blackman

## NOVEMBER CHALLENGES

Ornaments was the challenge for the month of November. Kathleen Duncan won the challenge with her two hanging ornaments below. Congratulations Kathleen.

We encourage our members to submit to the monthly challenge. The winner typically gets their choice of a piece of wood from the supply on the back table. Please have your name marked on your submissions so we can track who submits what.



*Kathleen Duncan's Winning Ornaments. Photo: Andy Johnson-Laird*



*Martin Knittel 1 of 2 mini bird house ornaments. Photo: Andy Johnson-Laird*



*Don Woodward's Birdhouse ornaments & two tree toppers. Photo's: Andy Johnson-Laird*



# NOVEMBER SHOW N' TELL



*Bob Mach*

*Steve Newberry*



*Joe Jedrychowski*

*Bob Mach*



*Gene Shaw*

*Chris Nilluka*



*Chris Nilluka*



*Gene Shaw*

*Richard Winston*



*Bob Mach*

*Photos: Andy Johnson-Laird*

## LOCAL CLASS'S

### **Basic Segmented Bowl Turning**

Instructor: Tom Reiman  
January 12, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
January 17, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
January 26, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Beginner/Intermediate

### **Turn A Duck Call**

Instructor: Fred Kline  
January 13, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Beginner/Intermediate

### **Learn To Turn A Pepper Mill**

Instructor: Bob Tuck  
January 19, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Beginner/Intermediate

### **Turn A Platter!**

Instructor: Bob Tuck  
January 20, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Beginner/Intermediate

For more information and to register, contact the Tigard Woodcraft Store at (503) 684-1428 or Email [portlandretail@woodcraft.com](mailto:portlandretail@woodcraft.com).

## 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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## CLASSIFIED ADDS

### **Bring your wood working items for sale to the meeting....It's swap meet time!!!**

**Guidelines for Classified Ads:** Ads will run for 3 (three) consecutive months. Please submit your ad by the 20th of the month. Editor makes no guarantees for spelling or grammatical errors. All woodworking items, for sale or wanted are welcome.



*Burl madness, Gresham. Photo: Jerry Keller*

## WEB LINKS

Northwest Woodturners [www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://www.northwestwoodturners.com)  
American Association of Woodturners [www.aaw.org](http://www.aaw.org)

## DREAM TREE'S

If you have a picture of a nice tree that would be interesting to turn; but in some cases is off limits due to it being in a park setting or something similar; please submit them to the editor for use. We can still appreciate them.



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