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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone enjoyed the Swap Meet at January's meeting. It's always a good chance to converse with each other not to mention maybe picking up a bargain or two. To our newest members, let me welcome you Northwest Woodturners. I hope you find the encouragement of our shared passion for woodturning a stepping-stone to greater enjoyment and increased skill in your turning. To our returning members, good to see all of you back again to start what I know will be another great year at NWWT. Also, just a reminder to pay your extremely modest yearly dues if you haven't already done so.

On the subject of dues, don't forget that your membership card entitles you to a discount at local woodworking retailers; Woodcraft, Rockler, Woodcrafter, Gilmer's and Crosscut Hardwoods. More importantly, don't forget to thank these merchants for their generous support of NWWT in the past, and we hope, in the future. Craft Supply has been very good about supporting our club by supplying the gift certificates we give out to those lucky folk chosen as winners of our monthly challenges. Craft Supply also allows us a 10% discount on selected item if you enter the source code CLUBMEM on your order on line or by phone.



January's swap meet was a success

In news for the NWWT Board, in addition to the business items I outlined last month, revamping the bye-laws and organization of the club, we are moving forward with an upgrade of the audiovisual capacity of the meeting room. We are researching new camera equipment and displays to bring our demonstration to the membership more clearly. Andy Johnson-Laird, our intrepid demo cameraman, is leading that effort. It would be great if these upgrades are in place by March for Bihn Pho, but it will be appreciated whenever the upgrade is accomplished. With the stellar list of outside demonstrators we have coming to NWWT in 2009, I'm sure the new equipment will have plenty of chances to show off for us.

Don't forget the Learn To Turn on Saturday, 7 February, 9 AM to noon at Jerry's place (see the map in the newsletter to get you there). New turners, this is your chance to get some one on one tutoring to help you move your skills forward. Old turners, come out to witness another of Fred Kline's memorable skew chisel demonstrations.

See you at the meeting.

Mike

QUICK UPDATES

Northwest Woodturners meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. See www.northwestwoodturners.com for details and map.

Next Meeting:
February 5th
Turning Challenge:
Winged Bowls

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STATE OF THE CLUB

At the close of the January meeting, we welcome nine new members to Northwest Woodturners: Ed Egging, Jr. (Molalla), Jim Haeger (Kelso), Christine Heisen (Aurora), Reg Keddie (Wilsonville), Alex McDowell (Oregon City), Joe Melvin (Tigard), Denny Nelson (Aloha), Gary Sundquist (Portland) and Tony Tomlinson (Portland). Take a moment to introduce yourself to these folks and offer assistance in helping them feel at home. Remember, you were once a new member yourself.

It's time to get crack-a-lackin' getting those membership renewals* in! If you can't attend the February meeting, feel free to mail your \$30 check, made out to NWWT, to my home address** or you may pay your dues through our PayPal account using your debit or credit card. You can access the PayPal method from the Membership screen on the website or the myfamily.com member's forum. For either method, please include a note indicating whether you will pick up your membership card at the next meeting or would like it mailed to you.

For new and old members alike, you are encouraged to wear a name badge to all chapter functions. It doesn't matter how good your memory, names will just escape you at the most inopportune time. (Just ask Martin Knittel how many times I couldn't remember his name last year!) Feel free to make your own badge or you can purchase an engraved laminate badge from Tom Reiman for the grand sum of \$5.00.

As in years past, the board approved sending \$100 donations to the Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) and the AAW insurance fund. CERF provides financial assistance to craftspersons experiencing catastrophic losses due to illness or natural disasters. The money sent to AAW is used to help offset the insurance coverage provided to every chapter for claims arising from chapter demonstrations and events.

* Technically speaking, if you haven't paid your 2009 dues yet, you will be 30 days past due come February 1st. Oops, this includes me!

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Gene Shaw

HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

At the Novembers meeting, I took a last minute photo of a the Burl Maple bowl shown below. The owner was gathering his raffle wood and I mistakenly delivered the bowl to the wrong person in the parking lot. This was not intended to be a raffle or door prize of course. I feel just terrible for this mistake. The bowl creator has a 25-year-old sentimental attachment to this piece and would really appreciate its return. Please contact me to arrange the return of this to the rightful owner.

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FEBRUARY MEETING HOSTS NICK STAGG

An old acquaintance of many of us at NWWT, Nick Stagg will be our February demonstrator. Nick lives outside Independence, OR and many of us have enjoyed his always generous hospitality when he has opened his shop for classes by several visiting turners including Richard Raffin, and Alan and Stuart Battys. All Brits of a



Darrell playing with a "pot au feu" (literally, "pot of fire") Photo by Andy Johnson-Laird



fashion, you'll notice. Nick is an English transplant to Oregon. Andy Johnson-Laird will be available for translation, although he says that Nick is not a challenge to understand.

Nick began turning in 2003 and progressed to a significant mastery quickly. He is very proud of using only reclaimed wood in his work. Using woods of the Pacific Northwest, largely big leaf maple and madrone,



he has excelled in making bowls, vases and other vessels of classic line and elegant composition. Nick's pieces are an excellent example of the old saying "If the wood speaks for itself, don't interrupt." To learn more about Nick Staggs visit the website for Moonraker Turning (<http://nickstagg.com/>) or the Etsy store for Moonraketurning (http://www.etsy.com/shop.php?user_id=5438930).

2009 AAW Symposium

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Friday June 26th - Sunday June 28th.

Get more details at

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2009/>

JANUARY'S CHALLENGE AND SHOWING

January's challenge was miniature turnings. There were several super small items. Congratulations goes to Phil Lapp for his mini hollowform. Being the amateur photographer I am, I found out that I'm not good at taking pictures with a macro setting. Thus, I got a couple pictures a little fuzzy. Unfortunately, they were not even good enough for publishing. I'm sorry if your picture did not make this publication. February's challenge is a winged bowl.



Russ Anderson



Phil Lapp



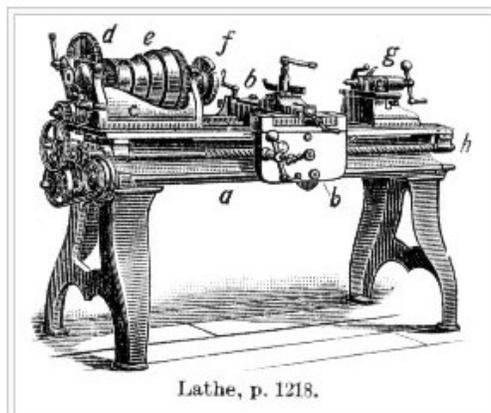
Steve Newberry



Gene Shaw



Jim Hall



Lathe, p. 1218.

A lathe from 1911 showing component parts.
 a = bed, b = toolrest, c = headstock, d = geartrain to drive automatic screw shaft, e = pullies for belt drive from an external power source, f = spindle, g = tailstock, h = automatic screw shaft.



Jim Hall

TERMINOLOGY

"Chatoyance" (Derived from the French word "chat" for cat — meaning cat's eye) - A shimmering visual effect seen in the polished surfaces of curly and figured woods. This cat's eye effect produces an almost three dimensional illusion. This occurs as a result of the undulating structure of the grain fibers as they break up the incoming light rays and reflect them. By doing so the brain perceives the light rays coming from the surface as coming from multiple directions.

- Jim Hall

2009 NWWT SCHEDULE - PLAN YOUR YEAR

Here is this years planned schedule of events.

February 5	Nick Stagg Salem Making simple bowls and boxes simpler
March 5-7	Binh Pho
April 2	Don Nelsen Mirka Abrasives Salute to Sandpaper
May 7	Don Woodward Goblet Bases
June 4	Dennis Noack Bandsaw tune up
July 2-3	Lyle Jamieson
Aug	Annual Auction
Sept 3-5	Michael Hosaluk
October 1-3	Cindy Drozda
November 5	Reed Gray wet turning with scrapers and drying techniques
December	Christmas Party

- Joseph Jedrychowski



Don Woodward

PREPARING FOR BINH

Binh Pho is coming to visit NWWT in March. He specializes in thin walled turning, piercing, and airbrushing. Binh is one of the leading artists in the turning world. During his visit, he will be doing a seminar and a hands-on course. One of the requirements of the hands-on course is to arrive with a 1/16" wall turning. This is not an easy task for most turners. Our own Darrell Davis did a weekend course to prepare the students for thin wall turning with some time left over for some airbrushing too. Darrell spent many years touring with the late Frank Sudol. With some wet wood, a pot of coffee, and a warm fire in



Tom's shop (Andy Johnson-Laird reports that Tom's shop made it to 70F) the students learned the process of turning a form to 1/16" wall thickness. With a little practice, one finds that it's pretty easy. There's still room in Bin Pho's Seminar, so look for the sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

- Scott Blackman

*Question: So why does Darrell like Tom's coffee?
Answer: Tom adds caffeinated shavings to get the full flavor. Photo by Andy Johnson-Laird*



Binh Pho's Spring Dream Again...
Photo provided by <http://www.angelfire.com/il2/binhpho/>

LOCAL EVENTS, CLASSES, AND DEMO'S

Date	Class/Demo	Location	Instructor
02/07	Intermediate Lathe Turning	Woodcraft	Bob Tuck
02/07	Bowl Turning	Rockler	Staff
02/14	Wooden Boxes	Woodcrafters	Bob Tuck
02/15	Pen Turning	Woodcraft	George Hays
02/21	Beginning Lathe Turning	Woodcraft	Bob Tuck
02/21	Salt and Pepper Shakers	Rockler	Staff
02/22	Basic Bowl Turning	Woodcraft	Bob Tuck
02/28	Bottle Stoppers	Woodcrafters	Fred Kline
For more information and many other fine classes available from these stores contact:		Woodcraft Store at (503) 684-1428 Email portlandretail@woodcraft.com	
		Rockler Store at (503) 672-7266 Email store17@rockler.com	
		Woodcrafters Store at (503) 231-0226 Web page: http://woodcrafters.us/	

Show your NWWT Membership Card to receive a 10% discount of your purchase at Gilmer's, AllSharp Sharpening Service & Sales, Rockler, Woodcraft, Woodcrafters, and Crosscut Hardwoods. Membership has benefits.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Maple & Walnut Burl turning stock (picture above) Volume discount. Good Shipping rates from Sweethome area. (541) 367-3495. Tim Shipp

Guidelines for Classified Ads: Ads will run for 3 (three) consecutive months. Please submit your ad by the 20th of the month. The Editor takes no responsibility 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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