

# NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS



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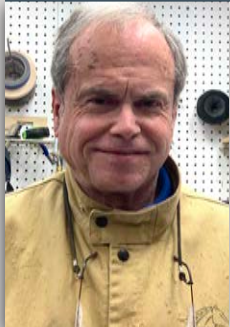
# NWWT SUMMER BBQ & AUCTION

## THIS SATURDAY • AUGUST 5

# NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • ROGER CROOKS



Fortunately, to date, we have avoided the brutal heatwave hitting the rest of the country. Our safety officer would probably recommend not turning in 100-degree weather and for our friends on the East Coast, high humidity.

### **July's General Meeting – Steve Newberry – Teapots**

Now online on our [YouTube](#) channel is Steve's mind-blowing demo [HERE](#). Steve was probably the most well-prepared demonstrator we've seen. Attempting to turn a teapot requires a lot of "out-of-box thinking" and Steve explained it,

and then demo-ed it, extremely well. Watching the video replay is well worth your time if you missed the live demo.

### **NWWT Picnic – August 5, 2023**

I hope everyone has next Saturday blocked off on your calendar. If you are new to NWWT, a beginner woodturner, anyone looking to enhance your tool collection, or anyone looking for wood blanks, *this is the event you cannot miss!*

One enhancement this year is the quality of wood. A small team of us met at Dave's shop and processed most of the wood we have into rounds, cut the corners off, flatten the back on some, cut some square stock, and then sealed them all. I hope all will appreciate the value added of our work in your bidding.

I'm anxious to see how creative our members are at the CAP contest. Remember this is not about fine woodturning, it's about out-of-the-box thinking in making a piece that includes some part turned but then includes any other craft or materials or just a turning that will make people respond "Wow...what is it!?"

As always we appreciate your work. Finished pieces sell well, and this year we are honored to have an Oval Bowl from Dale Larson. So save up your pennies for this event – make that *dollars*.

We will be announcing NWWT's annual Volunteer of the Year award. If you have never seen the award, it is impressive and the winner this year is even more impressive.

Please register so we have an idea for food, and we are looking forward to the extra dishes you bring.

**When** – Saturday, August 5, 2023 – Register [HERE](#)

10:00 – Helpers arrive for setting up and donation drop-off

11:00 – Members arrive to socialize and view donated items

12:00 – BBQ

1:00 – Auction

**Where** – David & Karen Williams' home; 6675 SW 155th Ave, Beaverton

### **Stuart Batty to return to NWWT in December 7, 2023**

Our VP, John Beechwood has tagged Stuart to return for a demo and three days of classes. We will be having a December meeting (Dec 7), the first ever I believe, followed by a one-day class and a two-day class. More details will be coming.

## CLUB INFO

### **NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS**

[www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://www.northwestwoodturners.com)

*Meetings are held at 7PM on the 1st Thursday of each month at:*

The Multnomah Arts Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy  
Portland, OR 97219

[\[map\]](#)

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • (CONT.)

### Open Shop – Aug 12, Cancelled

The NWWT board has granted Dave Wood time off for a vacation, and thus, August's Open Shop is canceled. I'm sure he will return refreshed and ready to tackle next quarter's series of classes.

### Education – Summer Break is Over

Q4's series of classes kicks off with the Sharpening Class on September 23, followed by our Beginner Bowl and Spindle Classes, and Project Classes. These sell out fast, so sign up quickly. Go to the NWWT website [Calendar](#) to register. I came across an interesting quote from Chris Stott whose book "[Turned Lidded Boxes – 50 Designs](#)" is a wealth of knowledge and ideas. Chris says he could teach anyone to turn a bowl in three hours, but it would take three *weeks* to teach them to turn a spindle.

### Multnomah Days – August 19<sup>th</sup>

We again will have a 20' booth at the event. Returning this year is the street parade which always bring more people out and is a lot of fun. We have room for 5-6 people. By the time you read this, we may be filled, but check with me anyways if interested.

### August Turning Talk – Canceled

Due to the show above, this month's Turning Talk will be cancelled.

—Roger



## VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" • JOHN BEECHWOOD



Summer is here, and the days are getting hotter.

The other day I was looking for a specific piece of wood in my shed. I happened to notice that some of the pieces I roughed and sealed in January were looking a little dry.

I then pulled all the pieces I had put up to dry since last fall and noticed that some were fine and some needed to be resealed. My guess is that I hadn't properly sealed some of them. I got lucky and was able to reseat the pieces that needed it and even resealed the ones that appeared to be fine. If I hadn't caught this when I did, there is no doubt that I would have lost some beautiful pieces due to cracking.

Might be a good time to check your stock and see how it's drying to avoid losing pieces due to cracking. The weather so far this summer hasn't been too bad, but August is usually hotter and drier.

Be safe and always look at ways to be safer.

—John

## NWWT ANNUAL AUCTION &amp; PICNIC

## NWWT SUMMER BBQ &amp; AUCTION

SATURDAY • AUGUST 5

**What It Is**

This is our annual fund- (and fun-) raiser. It is a critical event in keeping NWWT in good financial shape and provides fantastic bargains for our members. If you are new to turning and looking for tools or wood to turn, this is your chance to pick up a year's worth of wood for pennies on the dollar. We are able to take credit cards, checks, or cash.

**New Members**

If you are new to the club or have never been to our auction, we start with a great BBQ at around noon. We always appreciate members to bring a dish to share – fruit, dessert, and side dishes. We will take care of the meat. You will have plenty of time to browse the donations and pick out your target items.

At around 1:00, after everyone is full, rather than taking a nap, we start our auction, and we will have the professional auctioneer as we have had in the past which keeps the show lively and fun. We hope to see you there!

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**Where – David & Karen Williams' home; 6675 SW 155th Ave, Beaverton**

Many thanks to David and Karen Williams who have agreed to once again host the event. If you can help during the auction, please let us know when you arrive, and we will find a task for you.

## NWWT ANNUAL AUCTION & PICNIC • (CONT.)



### How Can You Help

This is an event where we need our members to donate what they can to the auction as well as spend money for all the donations. Below are items we suggest.

- **Turned Items** – Donate one of your favorite pieces and let members bid on it.
- **Tools and Jigs** – Good tools and jigs are always popular so look at your inventory and see what duplicates or tools you no longer use.
- **Food** – We will supply dogs, burgers, plates, and some drinks. We need members to bring salads, desserts, fruit, etc.

Note: In the past we have had members who could not make the auction but would like to make a contribution to the club. You can easily donate online at [northwestwoodturners.wildapricot.org/Donate](https://northwestwoodturners.wildapricot.org/Donate). NWWT is a 501-c3 non-profit organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.

### CAP Contest – NEW this Year

What does CAP stand for? Creative Arts Piece or Crazy Ass Piece (more descriptive) – whatever works for you. This requires outside-the-box thinking. The rules are simple, some part of the item has to be done on the lathe. Other than that, let your imagination run wild. If you've seen anything from Frogwood, that is the idea. The audience will vote on the winner. This is the first time for this so we are doing it on the fly and the rules are flexible.

—Roger



# NWWT OPEN SHOP

NORTHWEST  
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# NO

# OPEN SHOP

# THIS MONTH

# (AUGUST)

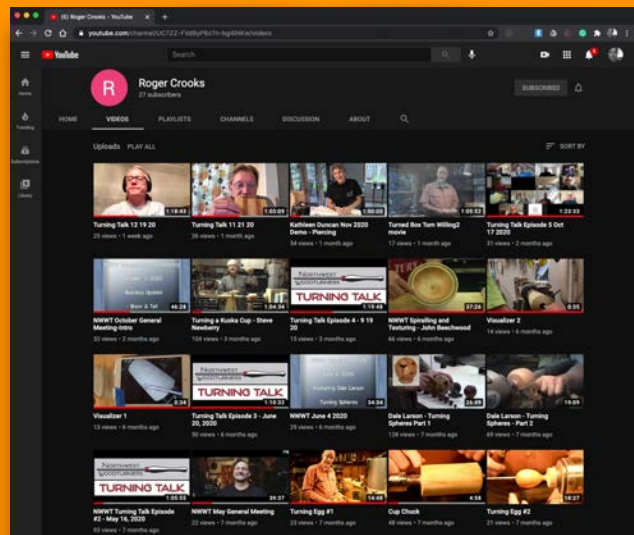


## RECORDED MEETINGS & DEMOS

Our monthly meetings and Turning Talks are available for viewing. Remember, to view past meetings, go to the [NWWT Calendar](#).

Recorded meetings are highlighted in **orange**. Click on the meeting to get the link.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday                          |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|---|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 27     | 28     | 29      | 30        | Oct 1<br>6:30 PM<br>October Meeting:<br>Steve Newberry -<br>Kuska Cup | 2      | 3                                 |
| 4      | 5      | 6       | 7         | 8   | 9      | 10                                |
| 11     | 12     | 13      | 14        | 15  | 16     | 9:00 AM<br>NWWT -<br>Turning Talk |



## ART-IN-THE-PEARL • DEMONSTRATORS REQUESTED



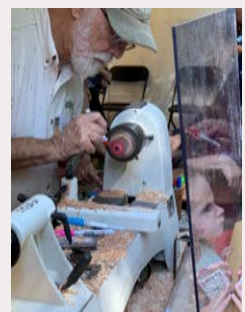
Art in the Pearl ([AIP](#)) is a huge, three day art show over Labor Day weekend in the Portland North Parks District. This juried show highlights the best artists in the area and is always a very well-attended event. While most of the show is for selling products (130 booths), part of the show is an educational area in which invited organizations are given a free booth to do demonstrations for the public, explain what their craft is all about, show sample products (no sales allowed), and recruit new members.

The Guild of Oregon Woodworkers (GOOW) and Pacific NW Woodturners Guild ([PNWG](#)) have had booths there for many years and are next to each other. The Oregon Carvers Guild has joined GOOW to highlight carving. PNWG has invited NWWT to help with booth duty along with PNWG members. The demo of turning tops is targeted towards kids. Kids can pick colors for the tops, and they walk away with a special keepsake. Donations for a local charity are appreciated. Interacting with the public is a lot of fun. People love wooden items, and we will have carving demos, flat work demos, and turning demos all next to each other.

Tom Willing is in charge of the PNWG booth. I offered to see how many NWWT members would be willing to do a shift over the weekend. It is a great opportunity to educate the public on the joys of woodturning and recruit new members. The show goes from Saturday-Monday (Sept 2-4). We have two 4-hour shifts a day (morning 10-2 and afternoon 2-6). Each shift needs a turner to turn tops and a helper to interact with the public.

If you can turn a top and like working with the public that's all that is needed. If you are interested in participating, please let me know - [nwwt.rogercrooks@comcast.net](mailto:nwwt.rogercrooks@comcast.net)

—Roger



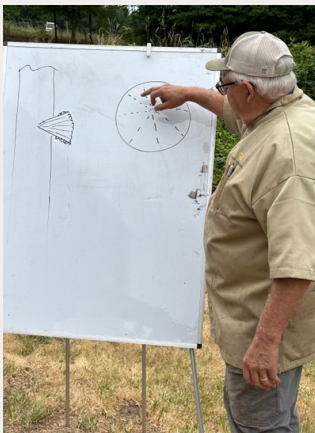
## JULY OPEN SHOP REVIEW • DAVE WOOD

July's Open Shop was a very busy day on several fronts. We had a full crew using the lathes, and at 10 am we had a demonstration by Dave Wood and Steve Newberry on how to cut up the huge burls donated by Roger Levine. And thirdly, we had our "3 for 2" wood sale going on which resulted in a brisk sales day for the NWWT store. Lots of walnut oil, Anchorseal, CA glue, and sanding supplies went out the door, along with the spindle and bowl blanks.



Cutting the large maple burls properly depends on what you want to get out of the wood. The large dome-shaped portions of these pieces lent themselves best to bowl blanks in our opinion, so we made that our first priority. Next, we looked for the best cubic/cuboid pieces for hollow forms, vases, urns, and other spindle turnings.

For those of you that like to do vacuum stabilizing and resin casting, there are some very nice opportunities for you!



Speaking of food, we had only one mishap at this Open Shop. Because of the large crowd and the shortage of donuts, we did have a couple cases of DDS (Donut Deficiency Syndrome) in the late morning. Fortunately, we had Dr. Steve Newberry on hand to give treatment.

The donut facilitator has been disciplined, and the NWWT Board assures all members this unfortunate oversight will not happen again.



—Dave



## GARY SUNDQUIST TOOL AUCTION • REVIEW



I want to thank everyone that came out and helped with the auction Saturday July 29th in Gresham.

Gary had bought many new tools and for the most part, had not used them, so the buyers got great tools and rough bowls. We raised \$9,416, which will be split 50/50 between the Cascade and Northwest chapters.

And I want to thank Jerry Bogorad and Gary's estate for the generous donation of the tools. Jerry and I had many conversations about what Gary wanted done with his tools. Gary would be happy that his tools are being used by his friends.

A final note: Clean out your shop and get rid of the wood and tools you will never use. Don't leave a big mess for your family to clean up. Keep the good stuff and get rid of the rest.

And I finish with the saying from an old woodturner. He said, *"I hope my wife doesn't sell my tools for what I told her I paid for them."*

—Dale



Gary was a member of NWWT since 2015, and attended many of our meetings before COVID.

The last time I talked to him was after one of our meetings, and he was using a walker. When I asked, he was very open about his medical issues and lamented that his turning days were limited, but he enjoyed being with other turners.

—Roger

# SHOW OFF YOUR WORK ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Hey, all you Northwest Woodturners club members,

Did you know there is a special place on the World Wide Web where you can show off your woodturning to other club-members, as well as the rest of the world?

Below is a simple walkthrough to help you create your own photo album(s) and upload your work:

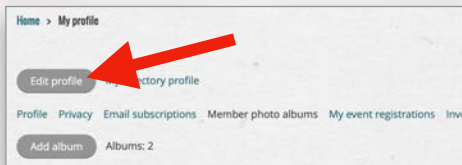


Go to [www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://www.northwestwoodturners.com) and log in to your account.

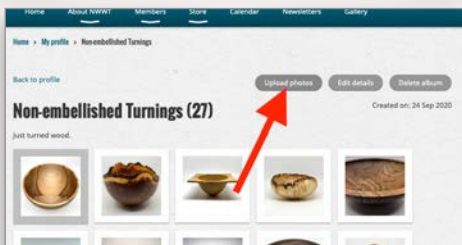
You should see your name in the upper right of the homepage. Click on your name to take you to your Member Page



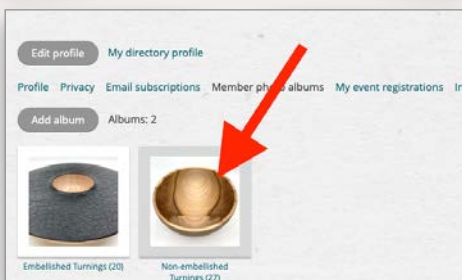
Click **Member Photo Albums**.



Click on the **Add Album** button and name it whatever you'd like.



Click on the **Upload Photos** button.



Then upload your favorite digital images from your computer.

Easy peasy!

—bk

## MONTHLY CHALLENGE • CAST RESIN TURNINGS

Thank you to Mike Webb for covering this month for our club photographer, Jim Schoeffel, and photographing this month's Challenge and Show-n-Tell pieces.

*Dave Burgess (winner)*

Fir Pine Cones cast in Green-tinted Alumilite



*Skip Burke & Mike Meredith*

Colored Pencils cast in Alumilite



*Roger Crooks*

Dyed Maple Burl and Blue Epoxy



## MONTHLY SHOW-N-TELL

I would like to encourage all members — advanced, intermediate and especially new-comers — to share their woodturnings with the rest of the club. When I first joined NWWT, I remember thinking that my pieces weren't good enough to show to the whole club. But when I finally did bring one to a meeting, it was well received, and I got a lot of positive comments and helpful, constructive criticism. I've been showing and telling ever since. It's a great way to share tips and techniques, to teach and to learn.

—bk

*Roger Crooks*

Chips & Dips Serving Dish  
Maple



*Roger Crooks*

Maple Burl and Epoxy



SHOW-N-TELL • (CONT.)

Chris Dix

Lamp  
Turned by Nick Cook  
Finished by Chris Dix  
Poplar



Vern Owens

Pepper Grinder  
Spectraply (body) Aspen (top)



Chris Dix

Bottle Opener with Laser Engraving  
Oak



SHOW-N-TELL • (CONT.)

Bill Karow

Lidded Boxes



Skip Burke

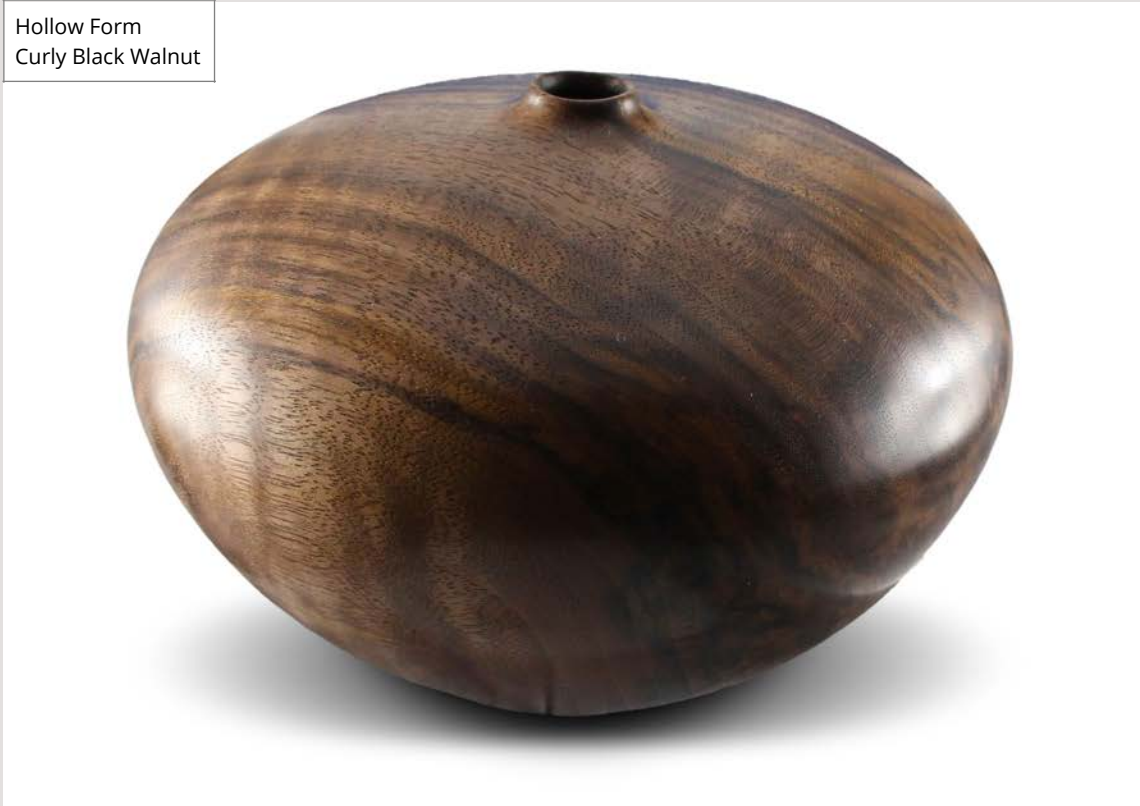
Juniper with crack repaired  
with copper wire staples



SHOW-N-TELL • (CONT.)

*Kevin Jesequel*

Hollow Form  
Curly Black Walnut



*Kevin Jesequel*

"Nebula"  
Hollow Form  
Camphor Burl



SHOW-N-TELL • (CONT.)

Tyler Pierce

Cherry Vase



Tyler Pierce (winner)

Hollow Form  
Manzanita



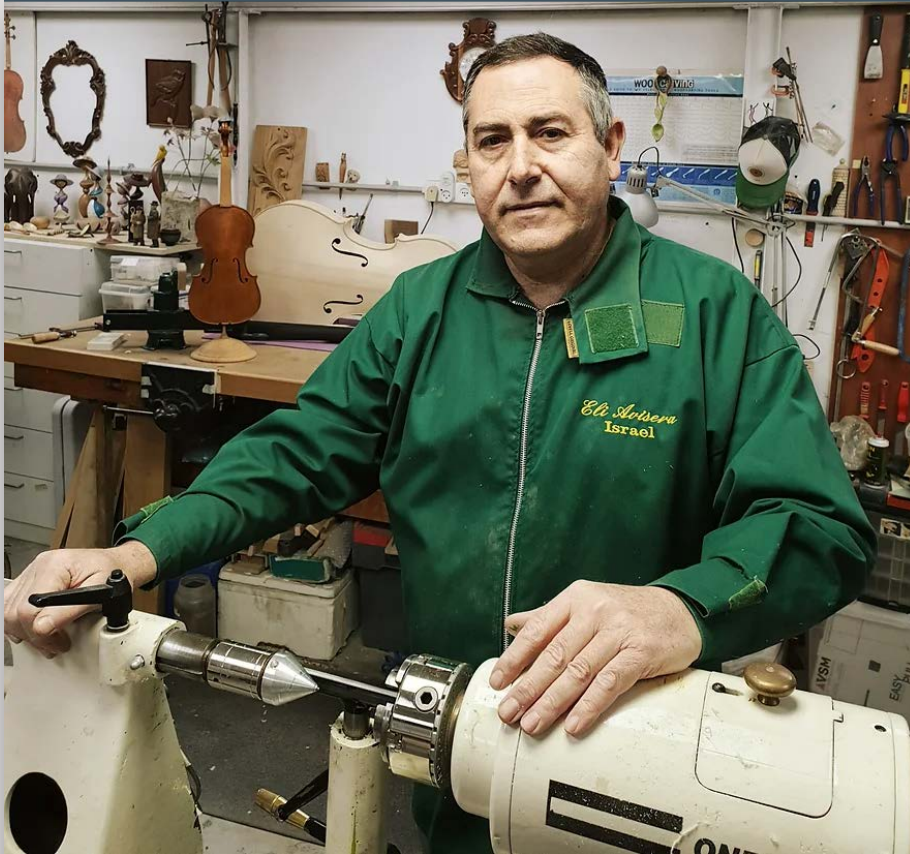
Tyler Pierce

Hollow Form  
Big Leaf Maple Burl w/ Spalting





## ELI AVISERA • CASCADE DEMONSTRATOR



Eli Avisera will be here in Portland August 17-21. He will be doing the evening class for Cascade Woodturners on Thursday, Aug 17. On Friday, Aug 18th Eli will be doing an all day demo in Dale's shop in Gresham.

Eli is a wonderful demonstrator and will probably finish 7 or 8 projects for the day. This will include boxes, off center turning, multi-axis turning, coloring of wood, along with other topics.

Eli was recently in France and is now on the Norway woodturning cruise. He is one of the best teachers of woodturning in the world. The cost for the all day demo is \$35. Sign up will be on the Cascade Woodturners [website](#).

Eli will also be doing two one day classes in Dale's shop on Sunday, August 20th and Monday, the 21st. The class size will be limited to eight students. The cost for each one day hands-on class is \$110.

If you are interested in the class, call or email me. [woodbowl@frontier.com](mailto:woodbowl@frontier.com)

—Dale



# NWWT STORE · JOHN & LUANN SUTTER

Due to popular demand, we now carry a stock of most of our store items at Dave Wood's place and can be purchased during Open Shop (NOTE: There is no Open Shop this month). It has the most popular consumables such as CA glue, walnut oil, AnchorSeal, and sanding supplies. (The full store will still be available at all of our monthly meetings.)

—John & LuAnn



## LIBRARY NEWS • LYNNE HEMMERT



### SPECIAL ALERT from the LIBRARY CART!

NWWT BOOKS, DVDs, and CDs that are collecting dust or wood chips around the house, shop or car, could be returned to the club at the next meeting in January. Just think how much additional space you could have.

NWWT is missing A LOT of our DVDs. Please look around and bring them to the next meeting.

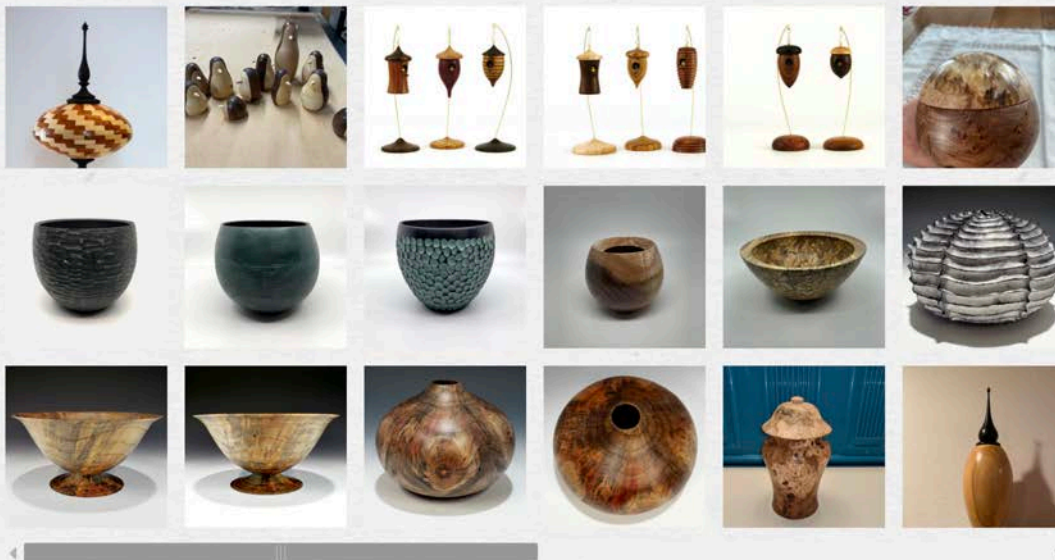
Thanks,

—Lynne



## NEED INSPIRATION? • ROGER CROOKS

### Show-n-Tell & Monthly Challenge



Need some new ideas of what to turn on that special piece of wood or looking for ideas on how to embellish you piece? You can turn to Pinterest for ideas OR you can look at what your fellow members are doing.

Maybe you saw something at Show & Tell but don't remember the details. Check out our website's [Gallery](#). All the photos that are submitted for each meeting and the pictures taken by Jim at real meetings are/will be posted on this page.

If you need to contact the maker, check with Bill, and he may be able to give you the member's name.

—Roger

## 2023 MEETINGS &amp; DEMONSTRATORS



| DATE                      | PROGRAM  | MONTHLY CHALLENGES                   |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 2023                      |  |                                      |
| Thursday, January 5       | Annual Tool Swap                                 | —                                    |
| Thursday, February 2      | John Beechwood – Peppermills                     | —                                    |
| Thursday, March 9         | An Evening with Richard Raffan                   | —                                    |
| Thursday, April 6         | Brad Williams – Stabilizing Wood & Turning Epoxy | Raffan-Inspired Bowl                 |
| Thursday, May 4           | Mike Meredith – Finishing Techniques             | Wood/Epoxy Turnings                  |
| Thursday, June 1          | Mike Meredith – Cast Resin Cast Turnings         | Focus on Finishes                    |
| Thursday, July 6          | Steve Newberry – Teapots                         | Cast Resin Turnings                  |
| <b>Saturday, August 5</b> | <b>BBQ Picnic &amp; Auction</b>                  | <b>CAP (Crazy A** Piece) Contest</b> |
| Thursday, September 7     | John Sutter – Offset Box Lids                    | Teapots                              |
| Thursday, October 5       | TBD  | Offset Box Lids                      |
| Thursday, November 2      | TBD  | TBD                                  |
| Thursday, December 7      | Stuart Batty                                     | TBD                                  |

## OTHER WOODTURNING CLUBS • MEETINGS &amp; PROGRAMS

*Please check individual club websites for current information regarding their monthly online meetings.*



**WOODTURNERS OF OLYMPIA**  
[woodturnersofolympia.org](http://woodturnersofolympia.org)

**2nd TUESDAY of every month @ 6:30pm**  
 First Baptist Church of Olympia  
 904 Washington St SE, Olympia, WA 98507 [\[map\]](#)



**CASCADE WOODTURNERS**  
[cascadewoodturners.com](http://cascadewoodturners.com)

**3rd THURSDAY of every month @ 6:00pm**  
 Wild Lilac Child Development Center  
 3829 SE 74th Ave, Portland, OR 97230 [\[map\]](#)



**PACIFIC NORTHWEST WOODTURNING GUILD**  
[woodturningguild.com](http://woodturningguild.com)

**2nd WEDNESDAY of every month @ 7:00pm**  
 MWA Architects  
 70 NW Couch St, Portland, OR [\[map\]](#)



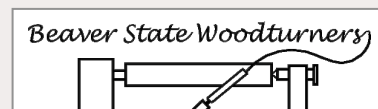
**SW WASHINGTON WOODTURNERS**  
[southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com](http://southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com)

**2nd Thursday of every month @ 7:00pm**  
 Friends of the Carpenter's Center  
 1600 W 20th St, Vancouver, WA 98660 [\[map\]](#)



**WILLAMETTE VALLEY WOODTURNERS**  
[willamettevalleywoodturners.com](http://willamettevalleywoodturners.com)

**2nd THURSDAY of every month @ 6:30pm**  
 Center 50+ Senior Center  
 2615 Portland Rd, NE Salem, OR 97303 [\[map\]](#)



**BEAVER STATE WOODTURNERS**  
[beaverstatewoodturners.com](http://beaverstatewoodturners.com)

**4th THURSDAY of every month @ 6:00pm**  
 Coburg Community Charter School  
 91274 N Coburg Rd, Coburg, OR 97408 [\[map\]](#)

# VENDOR SPONSORS ARE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

A key component of our financial stability as a club is our vendor sponsors. Our vendors provide periodic gift certificates for the raffle and our annual auction. In addition we receive product donations from some of them. If that were not enough, some also give individual discounts to club members. All this contributes to our financial health. We encourage all of you to patronize our vendor sponsors. It is good for you, good for them, and good for the club.

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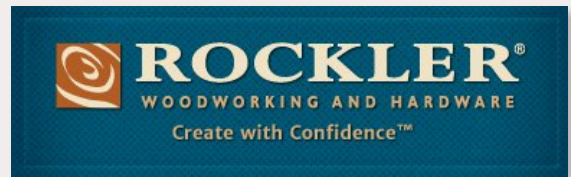
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Past newsletters can be accessed from the NWWT website [here](#).

If you do not receive a courtesy email from me by the beginning of the month indicating that a new newsletter is available online, please send [me](#) your current email address.

**Submissions to the newsletter are due by the last Thursday of the month.**

Articles, tips, web links, classified ads and other woodturning-related items are welcome! Send them to [me](#).

For other business inquiries, contact Northwest Woodturners at: Northwest Woodturners  
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Lake Oswego, OR 97035