

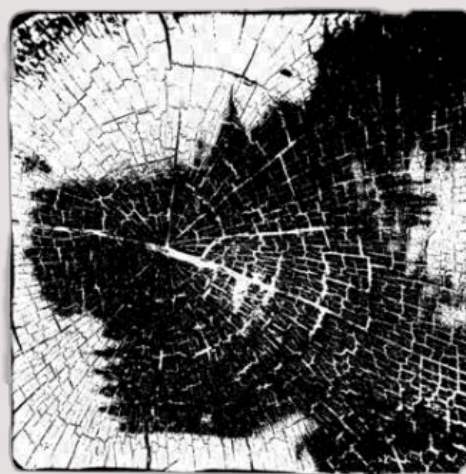
NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS



Founded 1995 Pacific Northwest Oregon Chapter of The American Association of Woodturners

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MAY 2023



NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • ROGER CROOKS



This will be a bit late as many of us were at the Gathering of the Guilds show at the convention center this weekend (which was the newsletter deadline).

Gathering of the Guilds - 2023

This huge show (over 300 booths) was last weekend at the convention center. NWWT had a 30' booth and seven members (Bill Karow, Jim Schoeffel, Jason Goodrich, Dave Wood, Steve Collett, Don Johnson, and myself). Despite lots of competition with other woodturners around us, the booth still did about \$8500 for the 3 days. See the article below.

[May's General Meeting](#) - Mike Meredith - Finishing

We all should be looking forward to Mike's presentation on finishing. I've sent in my share of questions so still time to send in yours [HERE](#).

I guarantee that you will learn more about finishing materials than you ever expected and, at times, more than you really want to know 😊. Chemistry majors will really enjoy the descriptions and the rest of us will have a deeper understanding of what's in that bottle and how does it work. — May 13, 2023

[Open Shop](#) — May 13, 2023 - Make a Pen Class

We are going to try something new for May, especially for new turners - Make a Pen. This is often the first project turners select (it was for me). This is NOT a demonstration, but a class where you supply all the tools to make a pen and I will walk you through the process. Please register for this free class [HERE](#).

It's always a fun morning and an opportunity to shop the store and look at some wood blanks for sale. We may have some new pieces from a recent cutting party.

Wood Czar - Wood Sales

This coming weekend there is our first cutting party under this new program. [Mark McNamara](#) has a cutting party this weekend so we will see how it works out. Thanks to Mark and the team.

Community Service - Hire a Woodturner

The bowl program was a great opportunity to help out where needed but unfortunately had petered out. We are starting up a new program patterned after the one I set up for the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers - Hire a Woodturner. Both organizations get random requests for work to be done and looking for someone to do the job. There is a new webpage under About NWWT that people can fill in and submit to the club. As these come in, I will send them out to the membership. Check out <https://northwestwoodturners.com/Hire-a-Woodturner/>

CLUB INFO

NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • (CONT.)

AAW Symposium – June 1-4, 2023

If you plan to attend this year's AAW Symposium in Louisville, please drop [John Beechwood](#) a line to let him know. We may be able to get a club discount if we have 10 or more members.

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—Roger



VP'S "TURN ON THINGS" • JOHN BEECHWOOD



April has been a busy month. Between classes and Open Shop, there has been lots of time turning and helping members. And the Gathering of the Guilds has quite a few of us pretty busy as well.

May looks to be just as busy with more classes and Open Shop.

I'm working on filling out our demonstrations for this year and into next year. If there is something you want to see, please reach out to me so I can check on available demonstrators.

Safety thought of the month: FEET!

What are you wearing on your feet when you work in your shop? According to OSHA, foot injuries are very common. Twisting an ankle is very easy to do. And what about dropping that hunk of wood? I wear safety boots when I'm cutting logs, but admittedly I don't normally wear them when I'm turning. Last week I was getting ready to core out a large piece of walnut, and it slipped out of my hand. Fortunately, it missed my foot... but not by much. Just something to think about.

Be safe and always look at ways to be safer.

—John Beechwood

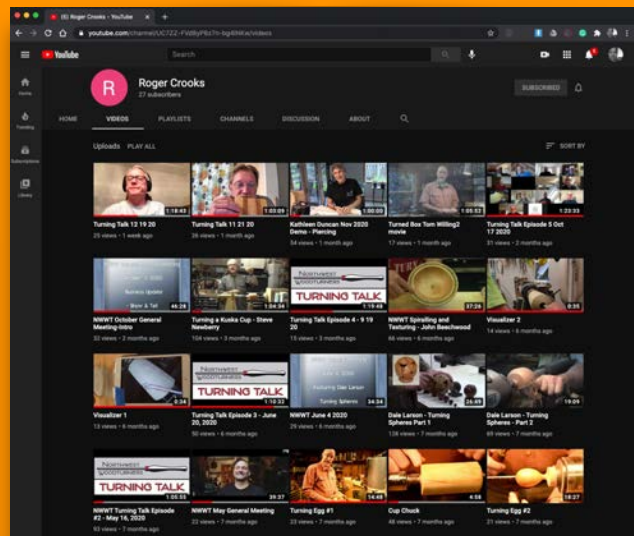


RECORDED MEETINGS & DEMOS

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 5:30 PM October Meeting: Steve Newberry - Kuska Cup	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 9:00 AM NWWT - Turning Talk



SPINDLE TURNING INTERMEDIATE CLASS • MAY 6

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PROJECT CLASS

"Pepper Mill" Spindle Turning Class Saturday, May 6th • 9:00am - 4:00pm

Dave Wood's Shop
24250 SW 65th Ave, Tualatin OR 97062

3 spaces available

The Spindle Turning 201 "Project Course" is coming up in just ONE WEEK! We'll be making pepper mills from rounding a square blank to assembling the grinding mechanism, sanding, and finishing. Pepper mills are fun to make, and you can use your imagination to cut the perfect profile and detail features for you.

This is the perfect class for those who have mastered the basic spindle turning techniques described below:

- Rough cut a square blank into a cylinder using a spindle roughing gouge
- Efficiently cut coves and beads using a spindle gouge
- Cut a tenon and mount a cylinder in a chuck
- Understand when and how to use a parting tool

If you can comfortably and efficiently perform the cuts described above, you are the woodturner we are looking for!

[Sign up](#) today on the NWWT website while there are still openings!

We will also introduce you to the "skew chisel" in this class. The skew is one of the most loved (or feared) wood turning tools ever invented. However, when it is mastered it is extremely versatile for spindle turning, and the only tool that can cut a surface so smooth it doesn't need sanding.

As usual, we will supply the wood, and we will also supply the pepper mill mechanism kits. Bring your own tools and be ready to make the chips fly and the shavings float while also making new friends!

Feel free to call or contact me with any questions.
—Dave

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BOWL TURNING INTERMEDIATE CLASS • MAY 7

NORTHWEST
WOODTURNERS



PROJECT CLASS

“Live-Edge Bowl” Turning Class Sunday, May 7th • 9:00am - 4:00pm

Dave Wood's Shop
24250 SW 65th Ave, Tualatin OR 97062

3 spaces available

This class is coming up in just ONE WEEK. The Live-Edge Bowl Class was a huge success in February except that we had more people who wanted to come than we had spaces. Now it is your turn!

This is the perfect class for those who have mastered the basic bowl turning techniques described below:

- Mount a bowl blank between centers, round the blank and cut a tenon (or recess) using the appropriate tools
- Mount the blank in a chuck
- Shape the outside of the bowl with a bowl gouge and scrape for a clean surface
- Cut the inside of the bowl leaving the live edge feature and a clean surface

If you can comfortably and efficiently perform the cuts described above, you are the woodturner we are looking for!

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As usual, we will supply the wood. Bring your own tools and be ready to make the chips fly and the shavings float while also making new friends!

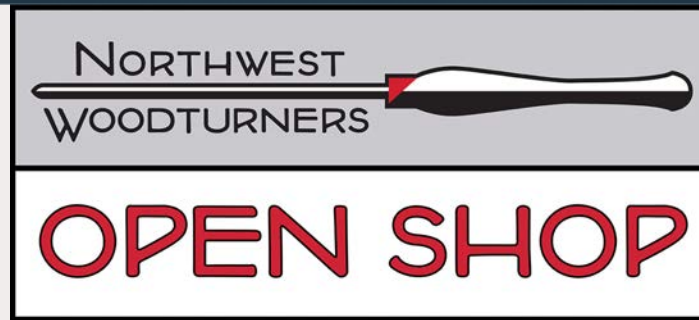
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NWWT OPEN SHOP · SATURDAY, MAY 13



TURN A PEN IN THE MONTH OF MAY!

For our **May Open Shop** (next month at Dave Wood's place), we will have a Pen Making exercise. This is NOT a demonstration but a class where you make a pen with the help of an instructor. If you want to take advantage of this opportunity, you will need to bring all your own supplies. We will have a complete system set up and can provide a Jacobs Chuck, drills, bandsaw, and assembly jig. Getting started does require a bit of an investment. Remember NWWT members get a 10% discount from Penn State, Rockler, Woodcraft, and Woodcrafters.

Supplies

- **Basic Pen Mandrel** – \$19 – <https://www.pennstateind.com/store/PKMSMAN2.html>
- **Advanced Mandrel** – \$40 – <https://www.pennstateind.com/store/PKMS2SET.html>
- **Pen Kit** – Pick a 7mm (slimline) Pen Kit – example <https://www.pennstateind.com/store/PK-PCL.html>
If you pick a different size than 7mm, you will need the bushing set and drill bit for that pen size. The above mandrels come with three 7mm bushings.
- **Pen Blank** – ¾" x 5"
- **Jacobs Chuck (Optional)** – \$35 – this is a very useful item for other turnings. If you do not have one, we will have a drilling station to drill the hole in the blanks – <https://www.pennstateind.com/store/TM32KL.html>
- **7mm drill bit**
- **7mm Barrel Trimmer** – \$25 – <https://www.pennstateind.com/store/PKTRIM7C.html>
- **Tube Insertion Tool (Optional)** – \$11 – <https://www.pennstateind.com/store/PKTINT2.html>
- **CA Glue** – Medium
- **Sandpaper** – NWWT's foam-based pads work great. Cut each one into 4 pads. We will sand up to at least 400 but 600 to 1000 is best.
- **Finish** – your choice – Pens Plus or another finish of your choice. If you want to try a CA finish, we can try.
- **Paper Towels** – bring 4-5 sheets
- **Pen Assembly Jig (Optional)** – \$75 – One will be provided but here are some choices
 - Advanced Jig – \$75 – <https://www.pennstateind.com/store/PENPRESSXL.html>
 - Basic Jig – \$44-50 – <https://www.rockler.com/rockler-pen-press> or on Amazon [HERE](#)
- **Rockler Starter Pen Kit** – \$59 (on sale now from \$79) – <https://www.rockler.com/starter-pen-turning-kit>

Tools for each step:

1. Cut the blank into two blanks – bandsaw
2. Drill the blank – we will use the lathe to drill the blanks.
3. Square the blank end – Barrel Trimmer & drill.
4. Round the blank – Small spindle roughing gouge, bowl gouge, or scraper.
5. Turn the blank – Skew, scraper, gouge, etc.
6. Apply Finish.
7. Assemble Pen.

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:

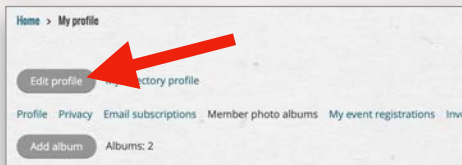


Go to www.northwestwoodturners.com and log in to your account.

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



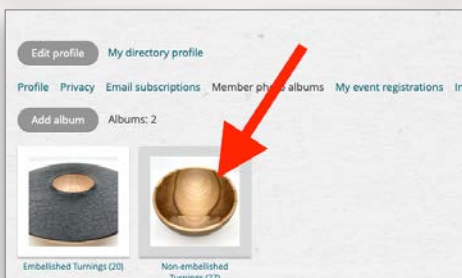
Click **Member Photo Albums**.



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

2023 AAW INTERNATIONAL WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM

AAW's 37th International

Woodturning Symposium

June 1-4, 2023 | Louisville, KY

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AAW's 37th Annual Symposium is the biggest woodturning event in the world and has something for everyone, no matter your experience level.

- **Learn from Top Turners** – More than 80 live demonstrations, presentations and panels by some of the best turners from around the world.
- **World's Largest Woodturning Tradeshow** – Get an up-close look at the latest tools and supplies.
- **Connect** – Meet woodturning hobbyists, professionals, artists, collectors, and vendors.
- **Gallery and Exhibitions** – Browse one of the largest wood art galleries in the world and buy a unique piece to take home with you.
- **Family Friendly** – Enjoy woodturning activities for kids and the whole family.
- **Experience Louisville** – The home of the Louisville Slugger, iconic bourbon, Kentucky Derby and more.

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AAW SYMPOSIUM • DEMONSTRATORS & PANELISTS



Helen Bailey

U.K.

Demonstrations:

- Pierced Thin-Wall Bowl
- Textured and Colored Platter
- Three-Piece Natural-Edged Chalice
- Three-Legged Textured Pot



Jason Breach

U.K.

Demonstrations:

- A Simple Box
- Orbital Arc—the Beginning
- Pagoda Box



Pat Carroll

Ireland

Demonstrations:

- Square Box
- Beaded Trinket Box
- Brick Illusion
- Jo Sonjas Painting on Turned Items



Jim Echter

New York

Demonstrations:

- “Spindling” Your Way to Better Bowls
- The Sensational Skewl
- Turning Duplicates



Roberto Ferrer

Illinois

Demonstrations:

- Embellishing Wall Sculptures and Conventional Turnings
- Turning and Carving Sculptural Wall Art



Kurt Hertzog

New York

Demonstrations:

- Laser Cuts Basics Through Ground Up—From the Penturning
- Ornaments
- Upscaling Your Penturning Methods and Sales
- Workholding Methods A-Z

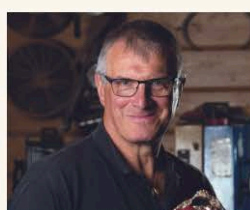


Lynne Hull

Washington State

Demonstrations:

- Adapting a Woodturning Lathe for Spinning Metal
- Brazing
- Spinning Aluminum, Pewter, Copper, Brass



Phil Irons

U.K.

Demonstrations:

- Kintsugi for Wood

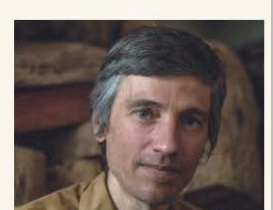


Ulf Jansson

Sweden

Demonstrations:

- Designing the Pattern
- Tools, Sharpening, and Materials
- Postprocessing
- Turning Thin Vessels



Mauricio Kolenc

Uruguay

Demonstrations:

- The Ogee Curve
- Signature Salt Shaker
- The “Magic Hammer”
- Mastering the Chaser
- The Tube Box

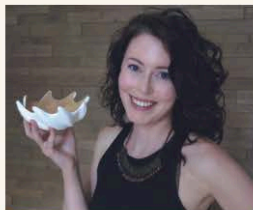


Kristin LeVier

Idaho

Demonstrations:

- Introduction to Micromotor Power-Carving
- Adding Sculptural Elements to Your Turnings
- Bending Wood Without Steam: Introduction to Compressed Hardwood



Nicole MacDonald

Quebec

Demonstrations:

- Color—Hues and Tints
- Unexpected Texture with Modeling Paste



Joss Naigeon

France

Demonstrations:

- Creative Lids
- Sphere and Lace
- Ukibori Technique
- Leftovers Are Treasures!
- Guardian Angel

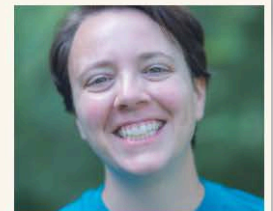


Laurent Niclot

Colorado

Demonstrations:

- Spiral Carving and Texturing
- The Sphere: Turning and Hollowing



Seri Robinson

Oregon

Demonstrations:

- Turning Spalted Wood
- The Science of Woodturning
- Spalling 101 (talk)

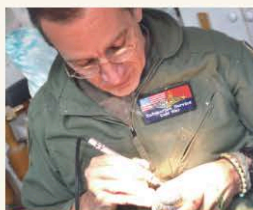


Curt Theobald

Wyoming

Demonstrations:

- Look Closely: Elements of Design
- Beyond the Round
- Segmented Bowl Construction



Jacques Vesery

Maine

Demonstrations:

- Concepts in Design and Form; Good Form over Pretty Wood
- How to Critique, Evolve, and Learn from Experience
- Textures for Color Become Second Nature



Elizabeth Weber

Washington State

Demonstrations:

- Carving a Wave/Leaf Motif onto Your Turned Pieces
- Exploring Colors and Textures



Derek Weidman

Pennsylvania

Demonstrations:

- Turn a Human Bust
- Lifespiral: a Love Story: When Chainsaw Meets a Lathe
- Turn Any Animal

SAFETY · KEVIN JESEQUEL

Lathe Speed, Tool Movement, Tear-out, and Safety

There is a formula for determining what is universally considered to be a safe lathe speed for a given diameter of wood.

That formula is that the lathe speed multiplied by the diameter of the wood should equal a number between 6,000 and 9,000. (Example: 6" diameter X 1200 RPM = 7200).

This is widely accepted, yet when a new turner posts on a forum about tear-out, the first response from numerous turners is to turn up the lathe speed.

They offer this advice without even questioning the poster's current lathe speed.

While it is common for new turners to run the lathe more slowly than those with more experience and confidence, there is a much better and safer piece of advice that could be shared with them, ***"slow down the speed at which you are moving the tool across the wood"***.

Of course, there may be other factors contributing to tear-out such as tool sharpness, lack of bevel contact, or cutting in the wrong direction for the orientation of the grain, but if those factors are all remedied, moving the tool more slowly across the wood will greatly improve the finish off of the tool, and do it more safely than just cranking the speed dial to the right.

—Kevin

**“Slow down the speed
at which you are
moving the tool
across the wood.”**

MONTHLY CHALLENGE – RICHARD RAFFAN INSPIRED BOWLS

Doug Pizac



Doug Pizac



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

Dave Stallard



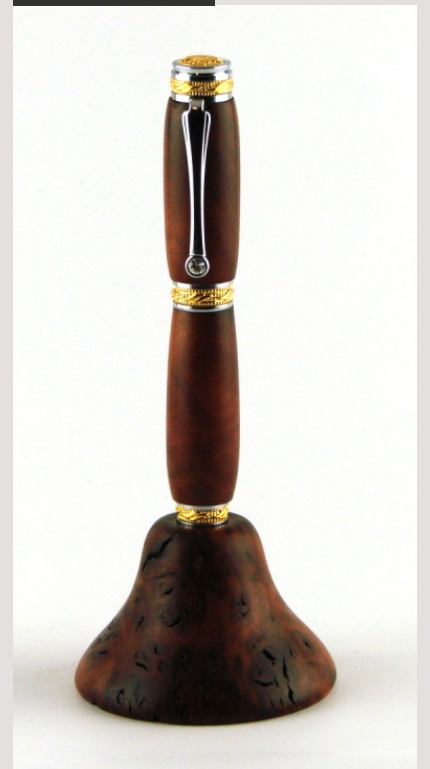
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Joel Smith



Jack Liskear



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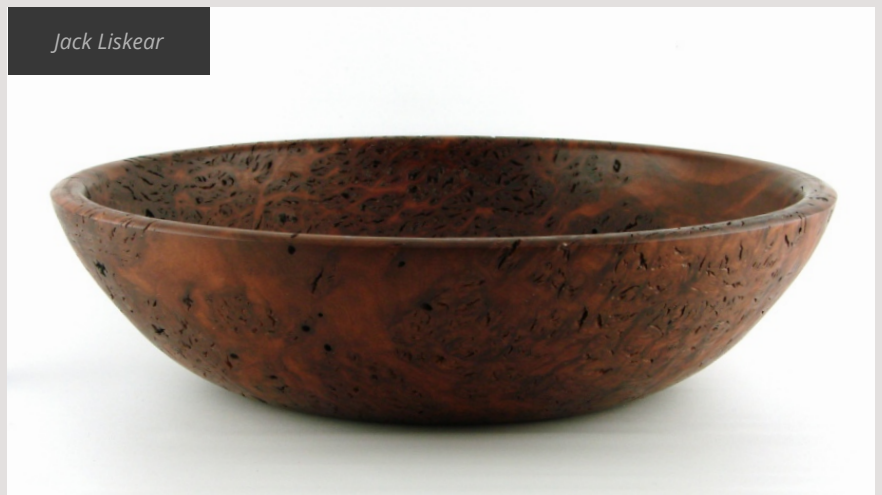
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Raymond Scesa



Jack Liskear



SHOW-N-TELL • (CONT.)

Jason Goodrich



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SHOW-N-TELL • (CONT.)

Mike Meredith



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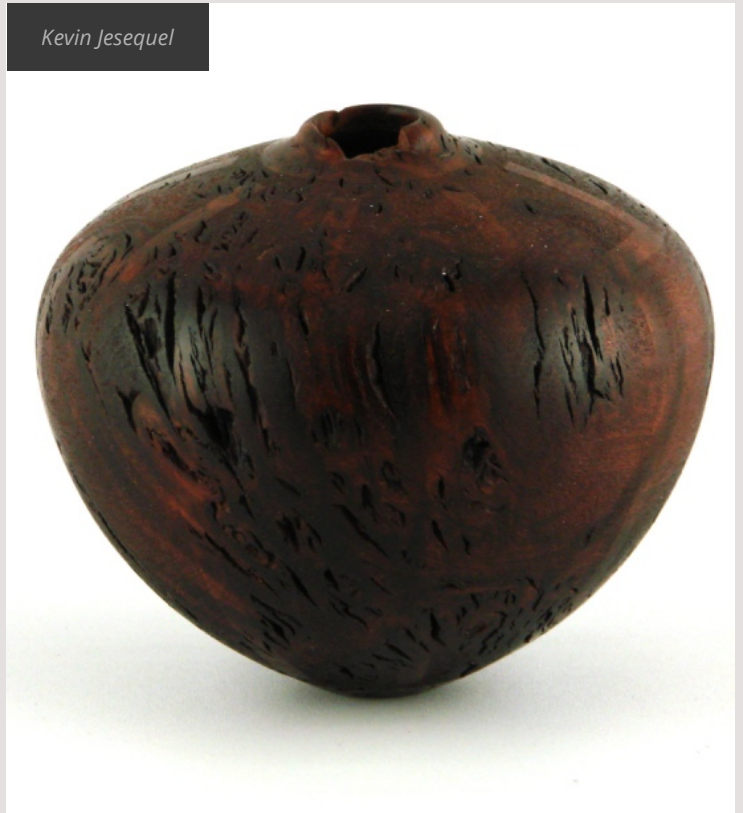


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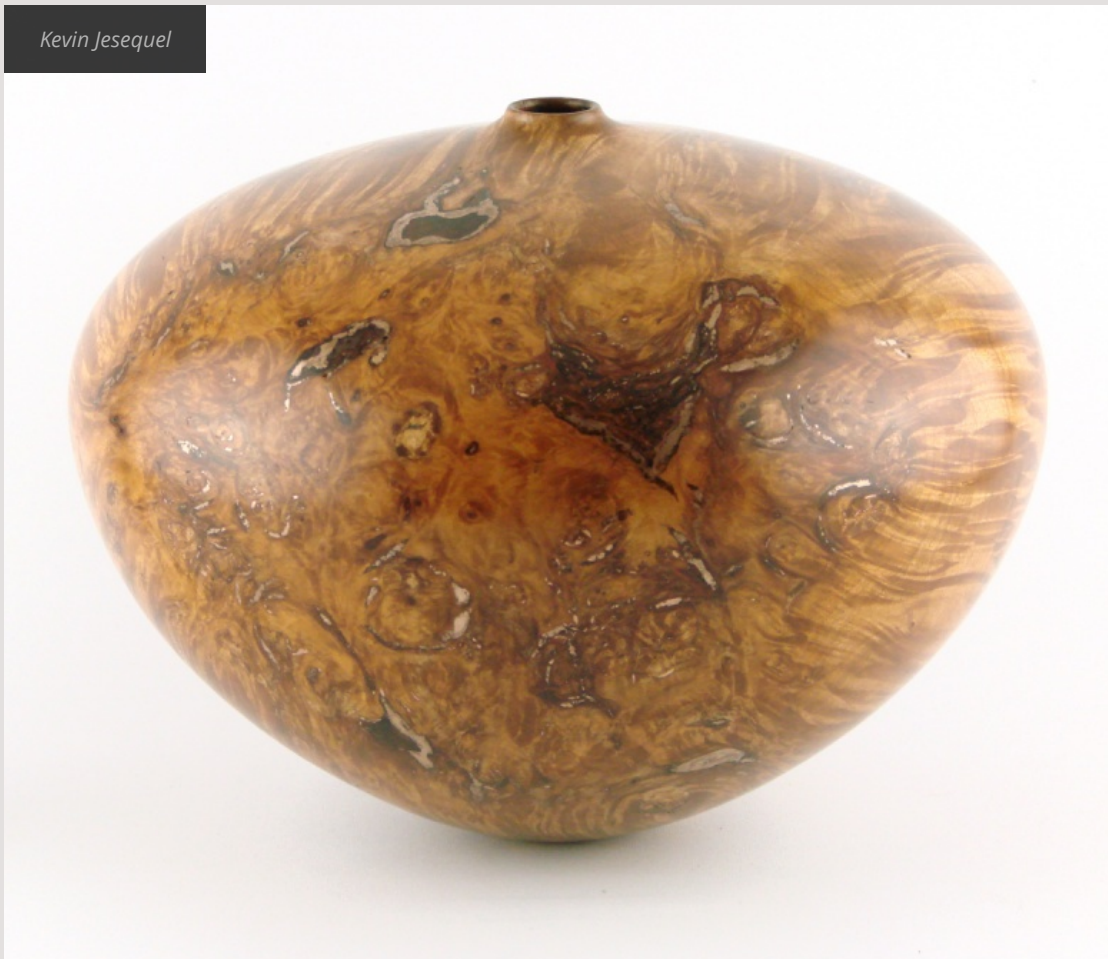
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SHOW-N-TELL • (CONT.)

Roger Crooks



Bill Karow



Roger Crooks



Bill Karow



John Sutter



John Sutter



NEW 3-CLUB BROCHURE

The new promotional brochure from three of the local woodturning clubs has been created and designed by Doug Pizac. It looks great! Keep an eye out for it at your next club meeting and at the local woodworking stores.



Three Woodturning Clubs

in the Portland, OR, and Vancouver, WA, areas are ready to welcome new members and those who are interested in our work.



Most of our woods are USA born renewables from downed trees to keep them from becoming firewood whereupon we turn them into useful objects, toys, works of fine art, etc. And because they are made locally, we are not subject to foreign supply chain issues.

Watch local, national and international woodturners demonstrate how they make their works of art in-person.

Basic and advanced classes on turning are available.



NWWT STORE • JOHN SUTTER

We recently put in a new supply of Anchorseal which will be available at monthly meetings and also at Dave Wood's shop during monthly Open Shops and Classes.



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.

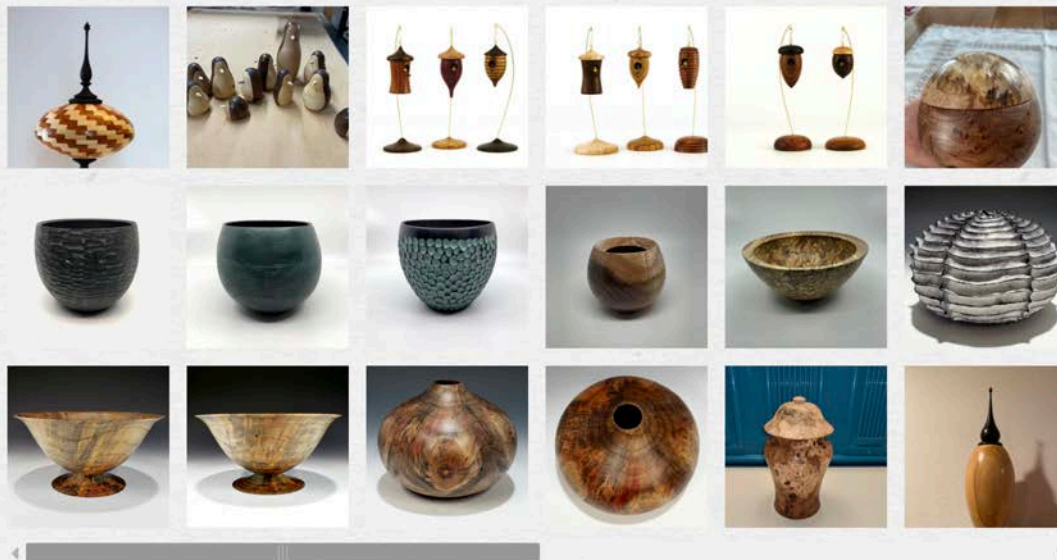
Thanks,

—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 & 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
Saturday, August 5	BBQ Picnic & Auction	Enjoy the Auction!
Thursday, September 7	John Sutter – Offset Box Lids	Teapots
Thursday, October 5	TBD	Offset Box Lids
Thursday, November 2	TBD	TBD
Thursday, December 7	No Meeting This Month	Happy Holidays!

OTHER WOODTURNING CLUBS • MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

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

**WOODTURNERS OF OLYMPIA**

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

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

2nd WEDNESDAY of every month @ 7:00pm

MWA Architects
70 NW Couch St, Portland, OR [\[map\]](#)

**SW WASHINGTON WOODTURNERS**

southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com

2nd Thursday of every month @ 7:00pm

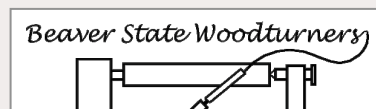
Friends of the Carpenter's Center
1600 W 20th St, Vancouver, WA 98660 [\[map\]](#)

**WILLAMETTE VALLEY WOODTURNERS**

willamettevalleywoodturners.com

2nd THURSDAY of every month @ 6:30pm

Center 50+ Senior Center
2615 Portland Rd, NE Salem, OR 97303 [\[map\]](#)

**BEAVER STATE WOODTURNERS**

beaverstatewoodturners.com

4th THURSDAY of every month @ 6:00pm

Coburg Community Charter School
91274 N Coburg Rd, Coburg, OR 97408 [\[map\]](#)

FOR SALE

Carl Asch's family is selling the bowl lathe that he made. It appears to be designed after the John Nichols / Denver Ulery lathes. Carl was a millwright before he retired and took up woodturning. And he built a solid lathe!

Here's some specs: 35" swing, 1.5hp DC motor with reversable variable speed control combined with 5 pully positions for low speed torque. 1½" x 8 TPI spindle thread, #2 MT. No tailstock. Comes with a drawer full of faceplates and misc. accessories.

Not sure how much it weighs, but I couldn't budge it when I tried. It does have wheels that engage when the feet are cranked up, so it should move into your shop relatively easily. Located in Ridgefield, WA. Only \$500! If interested, contact Carl's son, Jeff at (206) 552-1721.

—Kevin Jesequel



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.

Click on each logo to go to their website



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