



SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON WOODTURNERS

NEWSLETTER – **APRIL 2020**

Visit our website at <http://www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com/>

Regular meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

APRIL MEETING – Canceled. Future meetings TBD based on COVID-19.

Event: N/A

April 2020 President's Message

Hello Wood Turner Pals,

Well what an exciting time to be alive. In my 70 years I have never had an experience like this. I am glad that I am not out of work or that I have kids home trying to do school online. I know some of you are facing extreme challenges under the current situation and I send my thoughts and prayers your way. I also know that some of have a lot of time on your hands and are looking for wood to turn.

As you all know by now, we are essentially shut down as a group meeting wise. We however are working on relocating our website and giving it a new look. We have worked on our email list and hope to have corrected some errors in addresses and have got the new members added to the list. We will use this note as our first group communication effort with the new email list. I know that we have some people on the list who are not paid members of the club and that is just fine with us. I know some of you just need to know our general news and you don't need to attend meetings and tours. Whenever you get to where you need full Club benefits you can decide if a membership is right for you.

We have been talking with Adam Luna about doing online presentations and demonstrations. As some of you may know Adam is an experienced presenter and has been doing this type thing for quite a while with associates in South America. He and I did a trial the other day using Zoom and it worked well. We will let everybody know when we are ready to give this a try. We will look into posting the demos on line for access after the live demonstrations. There is some interest in having online meetings and discussions during our down time and we are considering this. Our Wood guy Doug Pizac is very experienced with hosting, editing and posting events like this and he has offered his help. So, give us your best wishes on this and we will see where it goes.

Joe Hertz our vice-president and I have been working with Donny Reed on rebuilding our website. Donny is a new member and has done a bunch of this website construction and management activity. We hope to build a discussion group option, an online store, a show and tell for posting of club members creations, and links to other clubs and educational options.

I am sure you have all seen that the national meeting in Kentucky has been cancelled/postponed and that national is also trying to find additional ways to supplement the loss of this educational opportunity. In another national item, our national board has an initiative up for a membership vote which would enable the board to appoint one board member per year. It is important for you to cast your vote on this. I know they sent me an email about this opportunity and the voting was very easy. If you did not vote go ahead and dig up that old email or go to the national website and vote.

Now for the good stuff. Perhaps like you I have had more time in the shop/studio. I was good luck for me that in the last few weeks I had three folks in my immediate neighborhood taking down trees. A maple, a cherry, and a flowering plum. Both the maple and the cherry were like forty-year old trees with 30-inch bases. I have been processing rounds and turning green bowl blanks like crazy. I have some bowl blanks to share if there is interest. The Flowering plum is gorgeous but it wants to split very quickly. The learning is the fun part. I hope things at your shop are progressing to your satisfaction. Hang in there and we will all get through this.

Happy turning.

Blair Wolfley

AAW NEWS *(by Kathleen Duncan)*

As most of you know, out of concern for our members, AAW has cancelled the symposium in Louisville. However, we will try to have some sort of virtual symposium in the same time frame – June 4-7. I have also cancelled the WIT EXCHANGE at Arrowmont scheduled for September.

We do have an important ballot issue. The Board of Directors is asked you to approve a bylaw change. If enacted, we will change our elections from 3 elected board members to 2 elected and 1 appointed member. This is to ensure that, AAW has the expertise and skill sets needed to meet the needs of the organization long-term. For more information and to vote, the URL is <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Board-Elections---Other-Voting/Bylaws-Section-5.30--April-1-30--2020-.aspx?WebsiteKey=c9100f02-c77e-4177-a9bc-7d3eb0216238> PLEASE VOTE! THIS IS IMPORTANT! Voting ends April 30.

AAW has put together some resources to help chapters with virtual meetings during this pandemic when chapters can't meet in person. If Southwest Washington Woodturners moves to a virtual platform, there is information that can help you connect your computer to the meeting. Here is the link: <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Chapters/Chapter-Officers-Toolkit/Chapter-Remote-Demonstrations.aspx> It is also good information if your family or friends are setting up some online gatherings.

Kathleen

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LIBRARY UPDATE

BOOK OF THE MONTH

BOWL TURNERS----THIS IS FOR YOU

Most of us enjoy the challenges in turning a bowl---funnels don't count, though they present a learning opportunity (I speak from personal experience).

Our club library is blessed with a wide range of resources for the bowl turner, including:

Books

Ernie Conover—" Turn a Bowl"

Richard Raffan—"Turning Bowls"

DVDs

Stuart Batty and Mike Mahoney (#2) Two Guys, Two Lathes, Two Approaches—Two ways to Make a Bowl

Jay Brown (#11) Spalted Captive Ring Bowl

Eli Avisera (#39) A Masters Course in Woodturning DVD #3

Bill Grumbine (#56) Turned Bowls Made Easy

Bill Grumbine (#57) Beyond Basic Bowl

Mike Hyer (#61) Square Edge Bowl

Lyle Jamieson (#63) Bowl Basics the Easy Way

John Karchner (#67) Birds Mouth Bowl

Mike Mahoney (#75) Hawaiian Calabash Bowl

Mike Mahoney (#77) Nested Madrone Bowl Set

Mike Mahoney (#80) From Tree to Table

Del Stubbs (#101) Bowl Turning

Tim Yoder (#111) From Tree to Bowl

Are there wood turning books or DVDs that you have or have read/watched that you feel are outstanding teaching tools? If so, share this information with me and we will see if we can add them to our library.

HAVE FUN----- BE SAFE----- AND KEEP TURNING

Bill Brookes

2020 SW Washington Woodturners Club schedule

If you have requests for certain turning projects, procedures or know of a local or regional turner that you believe would be of interest to the rest of the club, please let me know during a meeting.

Your cordial demonstration scheduler,

R. Rich

DATE	VENUE	EVENT	WHO	SUBJECT
3/25/20	SWWWT	CLUB MEETING – 7-9PM		Canceled due to COVID-19.
4/22/20	SWWWT	CLUB MEETING – 7-9PM		Canceled due to COVID-19.

SW WASHINGTON WOODTURNERS

R.E. Vaughn Woodturning School

1600 W. 20th St, Vancouver, WA 9866

NOTE:

SWWT is now planning Club demonstrations and other activities for calendar year 2020. If you have a topic that you would be interested in seeing demonstrated, or would like to demonstrate, please contact Club President, Blair Wolfley.

OTHER AREA EVENTS – GENERAL

‘Form and Surface’

Graeme Priddle and Melissa Engler

www.graemepiddle.com

www.melissaengler.com



Where - Dale Larson's spacious and well equipped workshop at:

5010 SE Regner Rd

Gresham OR 97080

When – dates: 12/13/14/15th August 2020 **time:** 9am – 5pm (bring your own lunch)

What –We will be running four one-day classes with a maximum of 10 students per day. You can sign up for 1 or more classes depending on your budget and how much you want to achieve.

Fee –

1 day - \$100

2 days - \$190

3 days - \$280

4 days - \$370

Class Description –

You will be lead through the fundamentals of spindle and faceplate turning and a wide variety of surface embellishment possibilities.

You will be able to determine your own projects, with guidance if needed from Graeme & Melissa on possibilities to suit individual skill levels.

Graeme will start the days getting the less experienced turners going with simple spindle turned forms (spheres & eggs to practice tool skills) and simple bowls. Your turnings will then become canvases to explore a range a surface treatments, carving/texturing with rotary and hand tools, texturing with wood burners, colouring and finishing techniques.

More experienced turners who can produce a form quickly, or who may prefer to bring pre-turned pieces or test boards, can go straight into surface embellishment with Melissa. As the days progress Graeme will cross over to surface techniques as well as assisting on turning where needed and Melissa will continue with surface techniques and helping those whose projects are ready for coloring/finishing.

This class will cover design and influences, how to come up with ideas to decorate and personalize your turnings, wood selection, preparation and drying, turning/embellishment/finishing techniques, tool selection, sharpening and safety.

There will be early morning and early afternoon demonstration sessions each day leaving plenty of time to allow students to practice what they learn, as well as short demonstrations as requested by students throughout the days.

A lot of the techniques we have to share take time, patience to practice and complete so the more days you can sign up for the more chance you'll have of going home with finished pieces. Or you may just be happy to try a little of a lot of different ideas that you can practice and complete at your leisure at home.

For Inquiries and bookings-Please contact Graeme at graemepiddle@xtra.co.nz

MERCHANDISE

The following items are available for purchase at the meeting:

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	PRICE
Thompson Lathe Tools – 5/8" Bottom Bowl Gouge (10V steel, no handles).	EA	\$95.00
1/2" V Bowl Gouge (3 in stock)	EA	\$70.00
3/8" Spindle Gouge (5 in stock)	EA	\$55.00
1/2" Spindle Gouge (2 in stock)	EA	\$65.00
Abranet Sanding Sheets <small>Pack of (7) 3 x 9 sheets (80, 100, 120, 180, 240, 320 & 400)</small>	PK	\$5.00
CA Glues (Thin, Med, Thick) 2 oz. Bottles	EA	\$7.00
CA Glue, Black, Thick 2 oz. Bottles	EA	\$12.00
CA Accelerator 8 oz. Can	EA	\$9.00
End Grain Sealer – 1 Gallon Jug	EA	\$15.00
End Grain Sealer – ½ Gallon Jug	EA	\$8.00

CLUB MISCELLANEOUS

Shop and save at these businesses with your SWWWT membership card.

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware – Beaverton, OR
Woodcraft – Tigard, OR
Cross Cut Hardwoods – Portland, OR

Refer a friend!

Ask them to join and become a member of the Southwest Washington Woodturners. It's low-priced easy fun

RESOURCES

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