



Thinking Outside the Box

Our featured speaker for the September meeting: Gerrit VanNess.

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Northwest Washington Woodturners meets every third Thursday of the month except April with the meeting is held the fourth Thursday. There is no meeting in December.

We meet at Hillcrest Park Lodge in Mt. Vernon WA. Exit I-5 at Kincaid street, exit 226. Turn east up Kincaid to So. 13th, turn right on 13th. Hillcrest Park is approx. six blocks south of 13th. The lodge is located the Northwest corner of the parking lot beyond the tennis courts.

Meetings are open to anyone interested in wood turning. All skill levels from beginners to advanced turners are welcome.

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Deming Turner's Camp

Club Business:

Shirley Butters/Secretary

September 20th Meeting

Julian announced that the club has now grown to 105 members.

The Deming camp out had six turners/camping trailers and seven day visitors—a great time was had by all, especially at the potluck feast. We have reserved three camp out dates at Deming for next year – May 10 & 11th, (outdoor turning camping) July 11,12 & 13 (Hills to Mills) and September 13 & 14th, (outdoor turning camping).

One of our newest members, Harvey Windle, has a gallery in Port Townsend and would like members to exhibit turned pieces to sell. His phone number is 360 379 1713, website www.Forestgems.com.

Board Elections

George Way announced that nominations for officers so far are:

President—Ron Grant
Vice President—Marc Straight
Programs – Julian Lee.
Member at Large—Bob Doop

September Demonstrator—

Thank you Gerrit for a wonderful and interesting slide presentation of your work. We all enjoyed “Thinking Outside the Usual Box” and look forward to “Thinking Outside 2”. There are plenty of ideas in your work that spark more ideas in our minds. Thanks again.

October 18th meeting—

Christian Burchard will demonstrate turning madrone. Visit his web sight at www.burchardstudio.com. The two day classes to follow are already full.

No host supper \$6 at 5.30. Menu –Cabbage Rolls, Roast Baby Potatoes, steamed vegetables, Dill Bread, Salad, etc. *Please remember to make a reservation.*

November 15th meeting—

Potluck season’s celebration. The President’s Challenge is that we make Christmas Ornaments for judging. We will also auction pieces made by this year’s demonstrators, together with a silent auction tool sale. So bring any and all tools you don’t use that need a new home.

January 17th 2008—

Demonstrator is Bonnie Klein. Don’t miss this meeting, she is great. A class is available for Friday 18th. The class subject is expected to be a spinning top box with a screw thread lid. Class fee \$100. Class size is limited to 8 members. Send your check made out to NWW, to Melanie Mankamy, 3152 Pond Road, Bow, Wa 98232. We will have sign up sheets available at the October Meeting.

Note: The May/June issue of Woodworker West magazine (www.woodwest.com) featured Christian Burchard. You can also see more of his work at www.burchardstudio.com.

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Deadline for submitting info to the Newsletter:

The first of the month after the last meeting

Contact Dennis Shinn with your submission:

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!Raffle Wood!

Our wood raffle is an important source of income for the club. Please bring any surplus you can scrounge up but try to limit it to something you would enjoy turning yourself.

**Next Meeting
18 Oct!!**

Bihn Pho will be presenting an all day demonstration at Sapperton Pensioner’s Hall on 13Oct. John Novak sent out a notice earlier—Just a reminder if you wanted to attend but lost track of the date. Cost is \$25/person. Contact Julien Lee (360-299-2900) if you would like to carpool.

Shavings from the editor's floor

Summer '07 has been one of the most active turning seasons that I've had the pleasure of participating in since becoming a member of this club. Several opportunities to turn tops for youngsters at various outdoor festivals, art shows (see the Art Depot write up in last month's newsletter) and any number of local events.

The Sedro-Woolley board of directors, Carolyn Freeman president, extend their thanks for our participation in the Founder's Day celebration the first part of September. See the writeup on page 6 this issue. The Deming Turner's Campout was a great success from both a turning and gastronomical perspective. More on this on page 5.

Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend many of the other club functions myself so I invite anyone who has pictures of the top turning at Bellingham, the West Coast Roundup held up in BC., or other activities to submit them with some

program notes. We'd like to include as much club activity as possible in the newsletter.

Our "classified" page has yet another lathe for sale! As you can see, the ads are close to overflowing on the one page we've set aside for them. We want to keep all the ads alive to allow maximum exposure and assist club members in selling their tools and equipment but need to know when or if an item is sold so we can make room for other merchandise. Thus if you've sold an item that we've been listing, please let us know so we can remove the ad.

Thanks

We received the following email from Harvey Windle, proprietor of Forest Gems Gallery in Pt Townsend. Please feel free to contact him if you're interested in submitting your work:

Hello Julian-

I will be at your meeting at 5:30 on Thursday. We are looking for some natural edged bowls and vases as well as other functional

salad bowls for our gallery. Some of the artists I saw who had items of interest were-Lucinda Van Valkenburg, #57 carved birch vase as well as other pieces of hers, Julian's natural edge madrone bowls and others, some Jerry Holmes work, some of George Way's bowls which I discussed with him, Fred Pahler's natural madrone bowls and others, There may be other pieces by artists we can carry as well. We feature Northwest woods and artists at our gallery, and would like to expand our offering or turned pieces by Washington artists. I look forward to meeting and talking with your artists and hope to get some pieces to offer in our gallery on Thursday. We buy items we are sure of and consign new ideas until they prove themselves to work at our location with our customers. We are on the web at forestgems.com. Thanks.

Harvey Windle
Forest Gems Gallery
360 379 1713

Gallery Submission:

Name: _____

Wood: _____

Finish: _____

Size (wxh): _____

Comments: _____

Please print the above form to accompany your meeting gallery submission. One form for each item would be appreciated. Thanks!!



Deming Turner's Camp



Jerry (Holmes) assists wife Joanie in her first attempt at turning.



Take two days of great Northwest fall weather, add five mini lathes, over a half dozen families and plenty of nice turning wood. Stir in two fantastic pot luck dinners and you have another great club camping/turning/social event.



Julien & Bill Cowan under the big top.

These turning campouts serve several functions. Foremost is, of course, to provide an opportunity to practice and develop various techniques. After taking Bruce

Campbell's spindle turning class I gained a new appreciation for that aspect of turning. The camping weekend gave me an opportunity to work on skew chisel technique and other aspects of spindle work. John (Gruenwald) also practiced spindle work while Bill Cowan tried out his new chuck to produce some bottle stoppers.

If you weren't able to make this last session don't despair - we plan on making these a recurring event each year. Mark Straight also suggests we consider other venues as well. If you can't make it for an overnight campout plan for attending a day session. It's a chance for some great one-on-one instruction. And there's no cleanup!



John Gruenwald aside his classic GMC motor coach outfitted with lathe, lathe stand and custom tool box.



Evenings were, in a word, relaxing.



Left: John Gruenwald, below Laura Matthews. Both Laura and John helped demonstrate hand tool woodworking at this year's Sedro-Woolley Founder's Day festivities. Dennis Shinn demonstrated turning and we all got written up in both the Sedro-Woolley Courier Times and the Skagit Herald.

Sedro-Woolley Founder's Day

Dennis Shinn

Sedro-Woolley's Founder's Day is an annual celebration honoring the early families that settled and helped establish the town. It was initiated by the Sedro-Woolley Museum soon after it was opened around fifteen years ago.

In the past, the usual entertainment consisted of a reenactment of the great Sedro-Woolley bank robbery which always drew a large crowd. This year they weren't able to stage the gunfight since their source of black powder blank ammunition wasn't available. Thus the museum asked if anyone from the turner's group could help out with some outdoor demonstrations of woodworking, turning, etc.

Many thanks to both Laura and John for contributing their time in order to help make the event a success. Initially I had anticipated turning tops for youngsters however without the excitement of the



historic gunfight there were fewer younger families than in the past.

In addition to these activities I tuned up one of the old froes in the museum collection, turned a handle for it along with a totally impractical and unwieldy mallet

of black locust. We had a few shake bolts to let people try their hand at splitting shakes. The consensus was that this second growth cedar is a lot more difficult the work that the old stuff.

At least that's our excuse!

Feat



www.woodturner.org/sym2007/photos/a_g/doopbob.htm

www.nwfinewoodworking.com/archive/spotlight/woodturning.htm

Bob Doop, a life long wood worker, specializing in custom boat interiors, has always used a lathe in his work. About seven years ago he started to take woodturning more seriously.

A class taught by Richard Raffin introduced some tool concepts and the idea of turning a large number of similar items to analyze and develop a form.

He has taken a lot of other classes, several with

Christian Burchard, turning his favorite wood, madrone. Bob is attracted to the work of John Jordan



Some of Bob's current ovoid work is in this month's gallery. For more photos you can go to the 2007 symposium site at:

Bob's work is also featured in an article on the Northwest Fine Woodworking website.



and his sculptural use of a wood's features.

Recently turning seventy years of age, Bob is allowing himself to be bribed out of quitting his day job. Yet he is selling one or two pieces a month at Fine Woodworking in Seattle and several pieces at three other galleries.

Bob currently is developing a series of madrone hollowforms he calls ovoids and would like to study form with David Elsworth.

Member's Gallery

A monthly showcase of members' work



Bob Doop:

Ovoids & bowl. Madrona

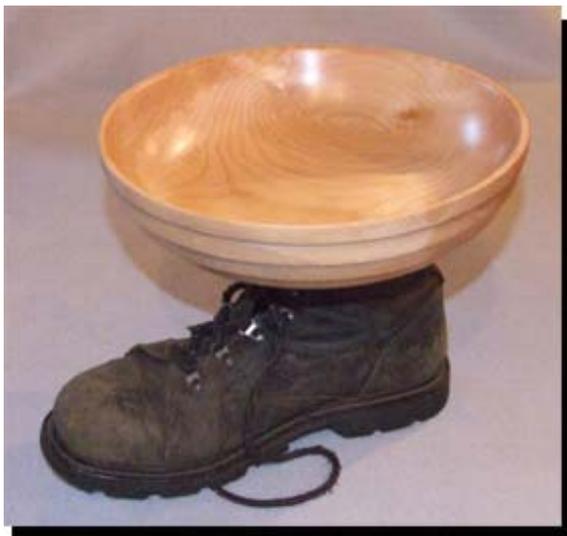
Dick Jacobsen (right)

Feathered maple 8", 10" & 14". Profin



Dave Balyeat

ground this tool from a 1/4" square HSS blank, mounted it in a handle and made an interesting looking scraper style tool. I borrowed it for a few weeks to give it a try. I'll provide Dave with some feedback next meeting.



Big leaf maple. 10" x 4", beeswax
Chick wanted to avoid any chance of criticism for not having a foot on his bowl!

Chick Murray



Old growth Douglas Fir; beeswax. 6" x 6"

We don't see much fir in our gallery. Chick provided an example of how great this wood can be for simple elegant forms.



Two small pieces done at the last Deming turner's campout. Acorn has a yew wood cap & maple nut. Small unlidded box is also yew wood.

Dennis Shinn

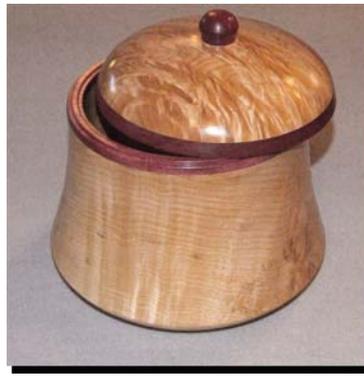
Member's Gallery

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Fred Pahler:

Spalted maple, buffed and waxed.



Maple cookie jar with purple heart accent.
10 x 10 – Profin



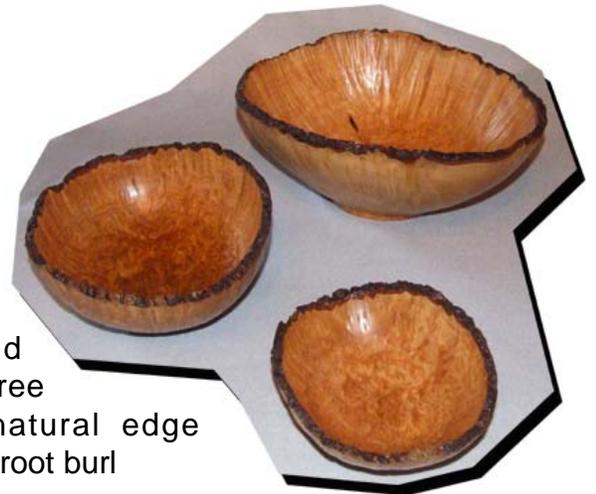
Hollow form jar: Redwood burl w/ebony rim accent. 9" x 7".
Profin

Mike Young



Julien Lee

Natural edge maple burl



Nested set of three bowls: natural edge madrona root burl



Madrona Pod
Lacquer



Mesquite

Jerry Holmes



Madrona

Member's Gallery

cont.



Paul Anderson:

Collection of bottle stoppers for craft sales including several with WA state quarters as top end inlays.

Assorted hardwoods w/ Shell wax finish.



Cherry & madrona natural edge bowls. Profin finish

Rick Erb

We should point out that Rick began turning only year ago. Congratulations, Rick, on your progress!
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Ron Grant

Figured maple burl/pyrography detailed rim

9 1/2" x 6"

Lacquer finish



During last months metal spinning class Terry Tynan, the instructor, demonstrated spinning techniques using mandrels of various designs. This acorn project was spun on two separate forms, one consisting of what's called a plug mandrel. Made in two pieces at the waist of the form it allows spinning reentrant shapes such as the base of the acorn.

Classified

This space is set aside for members to advertise free of charge to sell or purchase Tools, wood, etc. Please submit your ad to Dennis Shinn (hdshinn@eskimo.com) by the last Thursday of the month or submit it to me at the meeting for inclusion in the next months newsletter.

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Laura Matthews
360-757-7730



A good source of myrtle, maple burl and other figured turning burls

Dunlap 9" x 32" (bench top) lathe that I have for sale. It has a 1/2 hp motor, live and dead centers, three face plates, and a four jaw wood chuck. The 1725 RPM motor is coupled via (4) step pullies (V-belt) in the head and on the motor. It is also capable of out board turning, and the tail stock is adjustable for off center turning. This lathe is in perfect (like new) condition, and needs a new home now that I have ordered a bigger one that will cause this one be moved out of my small shop.

I am asking \$250 for the the package as described above. I would be willing to bring it to the next club meeting or it can be seen here at my home in anacortes. Once discovered I'm sure it won't last long though. Also, I have a 1HP 3450 like new motor (110-220 v) that I would take \$50 for. It has a standard mounting base.

If a general E-mailing is in order that would be great.

Dave Balyeat
360-420-4942

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