

# Northwest Washington Woodturners

Monthly Newsletter

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We've begun adding photos of member items for sale in the classified. Feel free to include a digital snapshot of your item when you email it to the newsletter editor, Dennis Shinn:

*woodnut@anatechsys.com*



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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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Check our web site frequently for updated schedule of events and useful web links:

**[www.northwestwashingtonwoodturners.org](http://www.northwestwashingtonwoodturners.org)**

# Club Business:

Shirley Butters/Secretary

## October 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting

We had a very good turnout this month, including three members from Canada, one new member from Snohomish and one prospective member.

Remember **Arts Alive in November** at The Garden Club in La Conner. Set up will be Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8-9 and the exhibit is the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. This is another of the annual events we participate in and is enjoyed by all. Exhibits still needed, together with booth help. **Please contact Ron Grant at [narg12@msn.com](mailto:narg12@msn.com) 360 658 2621**

The November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a potluck feast and silent auction of tools so bring a dish to share and tools for the auction. The demonstrators' pieces turned during meetings will also be auctioned. This is a great chance to purchase some famous work at famously reasonable prices while benefiting the club treasury so that we can continue to afford to bring these wonderful teachers to our meetings. Items by Stuart Mortimer, Jim Christensen, Bonnie Klein, Bruce Campbell, Terry Tynen and Christian Burchard. The President has challenged us to bring our finest Christmas ornaments for show.

Fred Pahler was kind enough to show slides he took this summer when he got to spend a week at the Anderson Ranch learning from Bonnie Klein. What a wonderful opportunity to learn from a very fine teacher and see the other types of art classes offered.

If you are missing our meetings you need to know that they are getting better and more informative

every month.

Christian Burchard was the demonstrator this month. He started as a furniture maker 25 years ago and has been turning for 20 years, mostly self taught. He turned a piece of green Madrone burl into a thin walled "basket form" and we microwaved it to dry, and watched it move. He demonstrated CA gluing to a waste block which worked beautifully. (That hasn't worked out quite as well for me as I didn't get it flat, oh well try again). This was an interesting demo; clear, understandable presentation and techniques.

As usual there will be no meeting in December – Merry Christmas to all.

January 17<sup>th</sup> 2008 meeting will be a Bonnie Klein Demonstration with a class to follow. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00am — 5.00pm, fee is \$100. Class will be limited to 8 people — send your money to:

Melanie Mankamyer  
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Bow, Wa  
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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:*

360-854-9909

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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  
15 Nov

Meeting agenda

**Annual pot  
luck dinner  
and silent  
auction.**

# President's Message



*As anyone who knew Ron can testify, he was an enthusiastic and prolific turner. Above is a set of nested bowls displayed at this month's gallery which we include here as a tribute to his work.*

*[ed.]*

My turning friend and mentor, Ron Scrimsher passed away Monday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2007. Ron was a long time member of our club and mentor to many of us. There will be

no funeral service as such but the family has organized an "open house and shop" at Ron's home. 5881 Central Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221. Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 12.00 – 3.00. All members that knew Ron may wish to attend.

Like most of us, Ron has a significant stash of turning lumber. The family has asked for my assistance with the disposal and distribution. November 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> are the weekends I have nominated to achieve this. Come with your pickups and chain saws. I will have my excavator available on site to load, between 9.00 – 12.00 and 1.00 to 5.00. Donations to NWW are expected for the lumber, with which we will purchase something in Ron's memory. I will be available to load Sundays 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> by appointment – call 299.2900 to fix a time.

*Julian Lee*



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## Gallery Submission:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wood:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Finish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Size (wxh):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

# November Meeting: Pot Luck Dinner and Silent Auction

The November meeting will once again feature a silent auction of pieces produced by those who have given demonstrations at our club meetings during the past year. As you all know, these folks are well published world class turners. This is your chance to own a piece of turned work by one of these masters.

Also, don't forget the Christmas ornament/President's challenge.



Bonnie Klein

*Bonnie Klien's signature top*



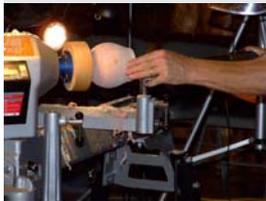
*Spiral turnings by Stuart Mortimer.*



*Hand spun brass hurricane lamp by Terry Tynan, right.*

Just a few of the items that will be available during the auction. Be sure to bring any tools you'd like to sell!

## Christian Burchard: Turning Madrone



about what went on at the meeting.

We are indeed fortunate to have such accomplished artisans sharing their expertise with demonstrations of technique and style. Among the several important tips Christian

See Shirley's writeup on page two for more about Christian's background and more

provided: Always wear a face shield. Check out Mark Straight's flying wood chip in the gallery! Mark's indeed glad he had his shield on when that piece came flying off the blank.

Christian also stressed the importance of keeping the tool rest hand well anchored on the tool rest for maximum control. By using a series of arcing cuts from the center to the



perimeter, inside hollowing goes much faster. For roughing down the exterior work from the outer perimeter towards the center.

Below are a few pieces Christian brought along for display. They exemplify the variety of forms that result in turning wet wood, especially madrona.



# Member's Gallery

A monthly showcase of members' work



Maple Burl/Deft



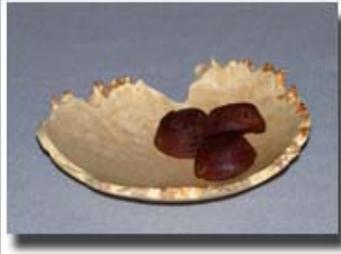
Black walnut/Danish oil  
Rick Erb



Jan Garlington  
Lidded pedestal  
box, Maple with  
pyrography  
textured lid.



John Gruenwald  
Honey locust vase w/pine  
flower & small bowl also  
from honey locust.



Maple burl



Maple/Profin

Dick Jacobsen  
*"My first feeble attempt at humor"*



Maple 6 x 13/walnut oil



Madrone burl/Deft  
Jerry Holmes



Birch 3 x 10

# Member's Gallery



Maple burl & walnut  
compwood 9 x 6 x 3 1/2  
Polyurethane



Maple burl  
7 x 6 1/2

**Art Liestman**



**Chick Murray**

Quilted maple 9 x 3  
Beeswax



Maple/Profin  
5 x 5

**Mike Young**



Maple/Profin  
9 1/2 x 8 x 1 1/2

*Note: This piece was actually turned oval on a special eccentric chuck. Perhaps we can get Mike to demo this at a future meeting?*



Maple 6 x 9 1/2  
Buffed & waxed

**Fred Pahler**



Scrap wood birdhouse -  
*note: stand by Mark Straight*



**Jack Northey**  
Maple/turner oil

# Member's Gallery



Lilac/Tried & True



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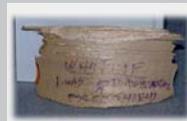


Locust/  
Tried & True



Madrone/Tried & True

**Bill Rawls**



Mark's  
testimonial for  
the wisdom of  
wearing a face  
shield! This chip  
is about 3" long  
1 1/2" wide  
and 3/8" thick.



Birdhouse: Camealua  
with maple base

**Mark Straight**



Maple/walnut oil  
14 x 5



Maple  
10 x 5



Maple/walnut oil  
14 x 4  
*"First bowl I have done any  
carving on"*

**Vern Tator**

## 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.*

### MORE WOODTURNING

The newspaper for turners. Published 10 times a year by Fred Holder. One year: \$30.00; Two years: \$50.00; Three years \$70.00.

More Woodturning online at:

[www.fholder.com/woodturning/woodturn.htm](http://www.fholder.com/woodturning/woodturn.htm)

Lots of great information for our browsing pleasure.

**More Woodturning**

**PO Box 2168**

**Snohomish WA 98291-2168**

**Phone: 360-668-0976**

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### Club Discounts Available:

Show your Club Membership card and get 10% off at Rockler's and Crosscut Hardwoods.

## Targo Woods

**1104 C Street Bldg. B  
Bellingham, WA**

*Just three blocks south of the old site.*

[www.targowoods.com](http://www.targowoods.com) [or  
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Local Bellingham wood source for your projects. Hard woods, Burls, Veneers. Wood to replace a leg on a chair, make a whole dining room set or turn a bowl, you will find it at Targo.

Oby says: [NWWoodturner Club members will get 10% off on their purchases.](#)

**Save on gas buy local.**



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

### **BONNIE KLEIN MINIATURE LATHE**



- DC variable speed drive.
- With Threading attachment.

- Two additional chucks.
- Collet set.
- Two faceplates.
- Collapsible Stand
- Set of miniature tools and much more

If you are interested in miniature turning, this is the lathe designed by one of the best miniature turners, Bonnie Klein.

Give this to your self or another interested in miniatures for Christmas.

\$600

Mike Jackets, (360) 293-0530

### **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.

**Dave Balyeat  
360-420-4942**

For Sale: **Nichols custom built bowl lathe.** 3HP variable speed. Tailstock, 1-1/4" x 8TPI spindle thread. Turn up to 38" diameter.

\$US2,000.00

Contact Julian Lee

*Tell 'em you read about it in the Northwest Washington Woodturner's newsletter!*