

# Northwest Woodturners

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**Northwest Woodturners** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. See website for details and map.

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Next Meeting:  
**September 7th**  
Turning Challenge:

**Lidded Boxes**



## President's Corner

Thanks One and All for the donations of wood, projects, and tools to the Northwest Woodturners annual auction held in August. A great time was had by the 50 or so members who showed up to be persuaded (taken?) by our auctioneer, Frank Lynn.

We set a new sales record of \$2,498 before expenses! These funds will be used by the club to help bring in quality demonstrators and keep the cost affordable for those wishing to attend.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time in making this event special. Walt for cooking, Lloyd and Irv for tracking all the sales, and all the little elves for moving the *huge* pile of wood, tools, and projects that were donated.

A special "thanks" go out to Fred Kline and Jerry Keller for not only picking Frank up and bringing him to the meeting, but taking him home. Due to road work in the middle of the night, Fred and Jerry didn't get home until 2:30AM!

On other fronts: I will be meeting with Dale Larson this week to begin the planning process for the 2007 AAW National Symposium. There is plenty of work that will need to be planned and discussed, and we will need lots of help from our members in order to make this event one that everyone will remember forever.

Learn-2-Turn sessions on the Saturday after the monthly meetings will begin again on October 7th. If there is any special subject matter that you want covered talk with Owen Lowe.

Happy Turning...  
**Tom Reiman**

## Coring Systems Demo

This month we are going to have Mr. Reed Gray for our demonstrator. Reed, from Eugene, will demonstrate how to use a bowl-coring system, he will show us 3 different systems – the One-way, McNaughton and the Woodcut. These bowl-coring systems are a great way to save on wood while making a bowl, yet they can be a bit confusing as far as set up and application. Reed will go through all of the steps with us, show us some secrets, and answer any questions that you might have. It should be an informative evening – hope to see you all there.

Thank You,  
**Fred Kline**



## Library News

Well I had so much fun at our auction at last month's meeting that I almost forgot about adding something to our library. A last minute trip to Powell's bookstore proved to be worth the hunt for a parking place downtown. Three books were waiting for me on the

"Woodturning" shelf and now they have been added to our library. The first book we shall discuss is "The Woodturners Bible" by Percy Blandford. This 3rd edition was published around 1990. I read the Table of Contents but have yet to find out on which day of creation God created the lathe and declared "it is good." I know it was Eve who distracted Adam and caused the first catch but, that story is missing. There is no account of how Noah

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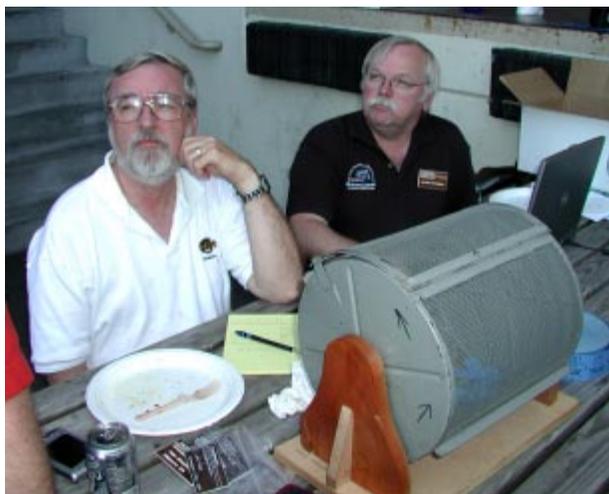
*Above: Frank and his "elves", Mike and Joe, on the way to setting a NWWT auction record.*

# BBQ & AUCTION '06



A blockbuster of an evening! What more could one ask for – great burgers & dogs; more wood to choose from than ever; and a record auction income for the chapter's treasury. Many thanks to Frank Lynn, and just as important, many thanks to our members for continuing their generous support. It is only through member support that we are able to afford our historically excellent roster of demonstrators, the first rate AV system, our top rate lathe, and all the other niceties that make Northwest such a fine chapter.

*Clockwise from above: Jerry Keller distracting our Grill chef, Walt Brown; Just a sampling of the donated turning stock; Scott Blackman does not go unnoticed by Frank Lynn; Irv Johnson and Lloyd Johnson manning the sales and door prize table; Auction activity goes well past nightfall.*



## Stuart Batty to conduct two classes, September 9 – 13th

First three days, Techniques class: This covers all the basic cuts, roughing down, beads, coves, ogees, cones, pommels, cones, half spheres, etc. Tools used include the roughing, spindle and bowl gouge, skew, beading tool, parting tool. The second half of the class is devoted to mastering bowl turning, combined with the correct chucking procedures. Reverse chucking, sharpening, grinding wheels and many other topics will be discussed.

Advanced class, two days: Prerequisite – you must have completed the Techniques Class. This involves a brief refresher of the techniques and then on to practice pieces for the following finished items: Square Bowl, Lidded Box and Round Bowl. Long Stemmed Goblets, Spheres or Sphere Boxes could be substituted.

Price: The Techniques class is \$330; the Advanced class is \$220. A 50% deposit is required to hold your spot with a limit of six or seven students per day. All practice wood is furnished. As this event is not sponsored by the Willamette Valley Woodturners, please contact Nick Stagg directly for further information, <ukstagg@teleport.com> or (503) 838-4817.

## Ray Keys Demonstrates October 14th & 15th

Ray Keys from England will be in Portland October 14th and 15th doing all day demonstrations. Ray is one of the best know woodturners in the world and puts on a good show. He is the author of several books and many articles and is well-known for his beautiful bowls and Pagoda boxes. He will demonstrate bowls and boxes, as well as other topics. Ray is very skilled in the use of the square end bowl gouge.

The demonstrations will be at Dale Larson's shop in Gresham and will start about 9:30AM and go to about 4:00PM. The cost is \$30 each day. Call Dale at 503-661-7793 and reserve a seat for this great class.

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turned Gopher wood into decorative support beams for the Ark. I cannot find the chapter where Moses tuned a waking-stick out of snake-wood so he could approach the Pharaoh. You would think that the stories of King David and his many, mighty woodturners would be in such a book - but no. Or what about how Gideon selected the men for battle by how they turned coves and beads? Not to be found! The proverb "turners who live by the skew shall surely have catches" was miss-quoted implying that beads could be turned using a skew! I thought Ezekiel saw a lathe way up in the middle of the sky - turning and turning - apparently prophets are missing in this bible because, John the Baptist is not mentioned where he ate locusts and turned honey dippers. While the 18 chapters in this bible are not powerful enough to save one's soul - there is enough information to get one started turning in the right direction. To see what is in this 260 page bible you will have to check it out at the next meeting.

The second book "Intermediate Woodturning Projects" is a compilation of some 29 projects from the best of "Woodturning" magazine and was

published in 1997. Projects include: Lampholder; String Tidy; Jewelry Box with Hidden Compartment; Laminated Vase; Cruet Set; Square Edged, Lidded Container; Persian Drum; Wine Table and Wine Waiter; Miniature Goblets; Shaker Stool; Book Ends; Toilet Roll Holder; and Towel Rail. Color photographs and short biographies about the authors of each project make for an enjoyable read. One small tidbit of advice mentioned in the section on measurements bears repeating here "A mixture of metric and imperial measurements should NEVER be used - always use either one or the other." See it applies to woodturning as well as rocket science.

The third book to be added is "Fabulous Turned-Wood Projects" by John Hiebert, Harm Hazeu, Tim Bergen & Henery Bergen. It was published in 2005 and is just under 100 pages long. Several fantastic projects by each author are presented in color photos with descriptive text that is sure to inspire most of us to better turnings. Several projects are segmented or stacked to contrast different woods and display pleasing patterns. Projects range from the

practical rolling pin, pens, pencils, candlestick, salt and pepper shakers to the decorative boxes, bowls and platters.

The last book is not a book at all - rather it is a CD-ROM that can be viewed on a PC computer (ed. - or a Mac if you're running Windows). If you click on the "Escoulen.exe" icon you can view a slide show that is set to some very pleasing music - it is like walking through an off-center woodturning museum. It was given to the club by Jean-François Escoulen at his last demonstration - Thank you very much. Each photo depicts a work of "eccentric wood art" that defies conventional woodturning by leaps and bounds. First you wonder at the multi-axis then you start to question the feasibility. The artwork shown in this CD-ROM is truly first rate craftsmanship all the way around. If you were unable to make the seminar - please check this CD-ROM out. It takes less than half an hour to view it.

Well, I've got to get back to sorting through all the firewood - errr - good turning stock that I bought at our auction last month.

Happy Turning -  
Chris Dix

## Classified Ads

**Guidelines for Classified Ads:** If you sell or find your item please notify the editor. Ads will only run for 3 (three) consecutive months. Please submit your ad to the editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Editor makes no apologies or guarantees for spelling or grammatical errors. All woodworking items, for sale or wanted, are welcome.

**DEWALT DW746XB** 10" table saw. Brand new, still in carton, never unpacked. \$675.

**CRAFTSMAN 6" Jointer** Model 113.20680 w/stand. \$99. **ShopSmith Model 10ER**, Make Offer. **Contact Doug Smith, 503-472-5616, peavinedoug@hughes.net.** (6/06)

**Wanted:** A production lathe person to produce spindles for a rocking chair I build. This probably needs to be someone with a copy attachment; the spindles are 14 5/16" including tenon. **Contact Richard Benham, 503-922-3263.** (9/06)

## Woodcraft® Classes with Bob Tuck, Fred Kline & Jerry Keller

### Basic Bowl Turning

Saturday, September 16, 10am - 4pm  
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate  
Instructor: Bob Tuck

### Bottle Stoppers!

Saturday, September 23, 10am - 2pm  
Skill Level: Beginner  
Instructor: Fred Kline

### Make Your Own Pen

Saturday, September 30, 1pm - 5pm  
Skill Level: Beginner  
Instructor: Jerry Keller

### Gift & Specialty Items on the Lath

Saturday, October 7, 10am - 4pm  
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate  
Instructor: Bob Tuck

For more information and to register, contact the Tigard Woodcraft store. Call **(503) 684-1428** or email [portland-retail@woodcraft.com](mailto:portland-retail@woodcraft.com).



## Editor's Note:

Submissions to the newsletter are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Articles, tips, web links, classified ads, or other items pertaining to woodturning are welcome.

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## Challenge Schedule for 2006

**September** - Lidded boxes; slip fit or threaded

**October** - Jewelry & personal accessories: perfume containers, key fobs, etc.

**November** - Christmas ornaments

**December** - No challenge – Christmas party & gift exchange

*Left: A few of the tools and other "hardware" donated to the auction.*



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