

# Northwest Woodturners



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow woodturners! Well, as I write this column, it looks like summer has finally arrived — it is forecast to be 96 degrees today. Talk about a change in the weather! I hope that everyone is well and had a safe and relaxing Memorial day weekend.



Tom Helzer - Burl bowl

Many thanks to Jim McAllister for last month's rose engine lathe demo, really quite a fascinating machine with incredible results. For the month of June we will have our own Steve Newberry demonstrating how to turn a three sided box. I saw him demonstrate this technique several years ago and it is quite interesting, I'm sure that you will enjoy it.

It looks like we will schedule our July meeting a week later than usual on the **Thursday, July 10th**, so please make sure to mark it on your calendars. As I announced last meeting, please be certain to bring any tools or turning related items that you are no longer using for donation to the Hillsboro High School shop program. We have a few members helping with their program and they are in desperate need of tools, and if you are interested in volunteering there, please see me at the next meeting.

We are still putting the finishing touches on the club by-law revisions and should have them finished and available for general discussion within a month or two.

Keep collecting wood and other items for the auction and barbecue in August. Tom Reiman will be returning as our auctioneer, and it will be a fun time for all. We will post more information as the date draws nearer. Well, enjoy the nice weather and have fun turning.

See you all on June 5th.

Fred Kline

*Jim McAllister's Rose Engine*



## QUICK UPDATES

**Northwest Woodturners** meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. See [www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://www.northwestwoodturners.com) for details and map.

Next Meeting:

**June 5th**

**Steve Newberry**

Turning Challenge:

**Hidden Within**

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*Jim McAllister's Rose Engine Demonstration.... Making it look simple.*

## POACHERS SUSPECTED OF CUTTING DOWN OLD MAPLES IN WASHINGTON

Posted by The Associated Press May 22, 2008 21:45PM

BREMERTON -- Two old maple trees -- one nearly 4 feet across -- were cut down at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds and more than 20 other large maples were removed from the Bremerton watershed.

Officials suspect thieves who take the aged hardwood for use in making furniture or musical instruments.

One man arrested Monday at the fairgrounds and a second man arrested Tuesday in the watershed are facing felony charges.

Officials estimate the value of the fairgrounds trees at \$25,000 and the watershed trees at more than \$10,000.

Source: <http://blog.oregonlive.com>

## LIBRARY NEWS

The new addition to the Library for this month is "Making a Peppermill" with a focus on design by Ted Sokolowski. This is a complete one-hour and 50-minute course on making a peppermill and matching salt shaker of salt mill with a strong emphasis on design elements. Chapter titles are: Parts of the Peppermill, Design Your Mill, Find Visual Interest, Prepare the Blank, Bore the Cavities, Make a Jam Chuck, Shape the Mill, Sand & Finish, Assemble the Mill, and the Salt Shaker. Also included is a "goody box" with extras on the following: bandsaw jig, salt mill, underhand grip, rule of thirds, and parallelism. Ted is a woodturner with a visual arts background who brings a unique perspective and insight to his peppermills. This is a well done DVD with excellent camera shots and clear audio. Unfortunately I have not had the time to make a pepper mill as we have been using the lathe to true the wheels for a pinewood derby race.

As for printed items, I would like to bring to your attention two books that have not been checked out in about four years. "Practical Designs for Wood Turning" but Roland Seale was first published a year before I was born (1958), so it is very odd to read "modern turning" in such a text. However, the projects and designs are to some degree timeless and methods forgotten are bound to be re-invented. If you remember using "glasspaper" you have

been working with wood for a long time indeed. Oddly enough "Ideas for Woodturning" by Anders Thorlin lists Toland Seale's book in the bibliography. This book was originally published in Swedish and translated to English in the mid seventies. Both of these books are great to have on the coffee table or lower desk drawer to browse through for a brief woodturning mental break.

Happy Turning,

Chris Dix



*Jim Hall - Texturing*

JULY CLUB  
MEETING WILL  
BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY  
JULY 10TH.

MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!



*Jim Hall*

MAY SHOW AND TELL



*Owen Lowe*



*Kent Hays*



*Don Woodward*



*Dave Maguire*



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*Ronald Fox*



*Chris Nilluka*



*Lloyd Johnson*



*Tom Helzer*



*Jim Hall*

**CREATIVITY IN  
WOODTURNING  
SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2008  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**8:30 am until 5:00 pm**

**The American Legion Post #3  
3201 Eastbay Dr. NE.  
Olympia, WA 98507**



Come learn tips  
and tricks from  
world class  
woodturners in  
a relaxed and  
fun setting!

Featuring demonstrations by:

**Eric Lofstrom: Winged Bowls**

**Dan Ackerman: Fine Decorative Mini Boxes**

**Bonnie Klein: Turning a Cast Acrylic Threaded Box**

**Dave Schweitzer: Deep Hollowing**

**\$50 registration includes Meconi's catered sandwich lunch (\$65 after July 1st).**

**Several door prizes will be awarded at the end of the day's program!**

For information or to register online visit

[www.WoodturnersOfOlympia.org](http://www.WoodturnersOfOlympia.org) or

[www.wtooly.org](http://www.wtooly.org)

Or call Al Price 360-791-0396

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[www.wtooly.org](http://www.wtooly.org)



## CASA'S "ART WITH HEART" A HUGE SUCCESS

In our March meeting, Rachel Freeburg from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) visited us to ask for donations to the Art with Heart fundraiser. The membership responded with great success very quickly and the fundraiser was a great success. CASA has posted a thank you on their website <http://www.marioncountycasa.org>.

We will most likely see Rachel early next year again, so keep that in mind when you are turning this summer. Also feel free to become a volunteer for CASA. They can use all the help they can get for this worthy cause.

Scott Blackman

## INSIDE OUT TURNING BY AL MATHER



My candlesticks and ornaments are made using a method of wood turning known as "inside-out turning."

This method uses four pieces of wood of the same size. I cut the material to be used for inside-out turnings into rough square pieces of 18" - 48" in length. These pieces are squared on two sides, and then finished in a thickness planer to bring all the pieces to the same thickness.

Following the step of cutting all these squares to the lengths desired, I lay them on my worktable and match four pieces into a set.



These are held together temporarily while what will become the inside is shaped. One end of this set is glued to hold the pieces in place while turning.

Upon turning and finishing the inside shape, the set is cut apart on the glue lines, each piece is then rotated 180 degrees in place. The pieces are reassembled and permanently glued for the final turning.

After the pieces are permanently glued, the candlestick is placed in the lathe a second time in order that the outside shape may be formed. A hole is made for the insert at the top and the rest is shaped.



The inside and outside of each piece is sanded to a semi-glossy or even glossy finish with micro mesh<sup>®</sup>. Each piece is finished with Renaissance Wax<sup>®</sup>. On some pieces a walnut oil may be used before the wax is applied. All that is left to do is to turn and finish a base piece, mount the candlestick, and insert the metal candleholder in the top.

Al Mather



You can find more of Al's work at his website: <http://www.almather.com>



## LOCAL EVENTS, CLASSES, AND DEMO'S

Date	Class/Demo	Location	Instructor
6/7	Beginning Lathe Turning	Woodcraft	Bob Tuck
6/8	Intermediate Lathe Turning	Woodcraft	Bob Tuck
6/14	Pen Turning	Rockler	Staff
6/14	Serving Platter	Woodcrafters	Fred Kline
6/21	Bowl Turning	Rockler	Staff
6/24	NWWT invited to Demo	Rockler	You
6/28	Bottle Stoppers!	Woodcraft	Fred Kline
6/20	22nd Annual AAW Symposium	Richmond, VA	
For more information and many other fine classes available from these stores contact:		Woodcraft Store at (503) 684-1428 Email <a href="mailto:portlandretail@woodcraft.com">portlandretail@woodcraft.com</a>	
		Rockler Store at (503) 672-7266 Email <a href="mailto:store17@rockler.com">store17@rockler.com</a>	
		Woodcrafters Store at (503) 231-0226	

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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

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*Adam Karjalainen*

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Place your Ad here...clear out that extra stuff in your shop.**

**Club Discounts** - Show your NWWT Membership Card to receive a 10% discount of your purchase at Gilmer's, Lee's Cutting Edge Sharpening, Rockler, Woodcraft, Woodcrafters, and Crosscut Hardwoods. Membership has benefits.

**Guidelines for Classified Ads:** Ads will run for 3 (three) consecutive months. Please submit your ad by the 20th of the month. The Editor takes no responsibility for spelling or grammatical errors. All woodworking items, for sale or wanted, are welcome.



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