



# Northwest Washington Woodturners

A Local Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners  
Monthly Newsletter for November 2010



## Northwest Washington Woodturners....

meets every third Thursday of the month except April when 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 on 13th. The lodge is located in 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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## November Meeting

Thursday the 18th of November was our annual Christmas meeting. This meeting is traditionally a pot luck, with a bucket auction and a turned Christmas tree ornament contest. This years contest was designated to be something other than the traditional globe with a finial. We had some interesting entrants, some carved, some turned and some that were both. Peace on Earth on a grenade, peas on earth, and Ron Wehdes' incredible little turned and carved bird house. Kudos to all who entered the contest.

George opened the meeting with the introduction of guests and the present years officers and committee chairs. The term of office for Secretary, Treasurer and Members at-large Positions 2 and 4, expire at the end of the year. Nominated for office for the next two years were, Greg Anderson for the office of Treasurer, Richard Maybe for Secretary, Dennis Shinn for member-at-large position 2, and Bill Rawls for position 4. All were elected by acclamation as there were none running against them.

Shirley Butters was commended for her huge contribution to our organization, with her fine dinners. Ron Wehde, was recognized for his dedication in taking the pictures for the gallery. We truly appreciate all their efforts.

There were some incredible items contributed for the silent auction, some by our own club members, and some by our demonstrators, through the year. The most prized item would be Sherry McDuffy's pies, six in number, but a little bird told me it was actually 12. And the winner was Patty Anderson, who gave them to Rick for his birthday. Melanie took on the responsibility of organizing and setting up the bucket raffle, with many fine prized donated by members and merchants. Thanks Melanie.

The food was excellent and a good time was had by all.

*Laura Matthews*

# Coming Events

## Coming in March—John Jordan!

John will be presenting an all day demo Saturday March 19th, 2011. The all day demo will cost \$35.00 pre-paid or \$40.00 at the door and that includes lunch! You can't beat a deal like this.....this will be an opportunity to learn and see an amazing amount of material for minimal cost!



John Jordan is a woodturner from Cane Ridge (Nashville), Tennessee. Known primarily for his textured and carved hollow vessels, John has been featured in nearly every major turning exhibition the past twenty years. His work has received numerous awards, and is in the permanent collections of many museums and corporations. You can see John's work at [WWW.johnjordanwoodturning.com](http://WWW.johnjordanwoodturning.com)

**In the morning**, John will discuss the aesthetics and properties of wood that every woodturner needs to know.

- How to use grain & color for the best effect
  - The advantages of using fresh, green wood
  - Why wood cracks and how to prevent it simply
  - Dealing with wood movement & shrinkage
- The myths about using green wood

**In the Afternoon:** John will demonstrate & discuss how he makes his famous signature pieces using the hollowing, carving and texturing techniques he has developed during the creation of hundreds of pieces.

John will also be leading classes on Hollowing on Sunday March 20th and on Carving, Texturing and Finishing on Monday March 21st. Cost of the classes is \$100 per class. Bring your own lunch. The classes will be held at Gerrit Van Ness' shop in Bayview.

Greg Anderson, our treasurer, is handling registration. Please come prepared to sign up with Greg at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting please email your check and contact information to:

Greg Anderson  
23607 Hidden Valley Road  
Granite Falls, WA 98252

### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

[www.nwwwt.org/JohnJordanDemoPoster-1.pdf](http://www.nwwwt.org/JohnJordanDemoPoster-1.pdf)



# Coming Events

## Coming in October 2011—DOUGLAS FISHER!



Douglas Fisher, from Parksville, B.C. on Vancouver Island is one of the rising stars in woodturning with unique artistry and innovative techniques. After a career that ranges from ironworker to drilling and blasting in underground gold mines to delivering sailboats to the Caribbean and across the Atlantic he became a full time professional artist in 1992 and since 1997 has focused on wood sculptures, primarily made using the lathe. Doug collaborated with a British Columbia First Nation artist for several years and now, since his passing, continues to utilize that art for the visual designs in most of his pieces.

Doug did his very first demo at the AAW Symposium in June to

rave reviews. I recently attended his all day demo at the Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild and although this was only his third demonstration, his presentation was equal to or better than many demonstrators who have been doing demos for years. The day was very educational, focusing on his techniques which have the potential to be applied in many different ways to our own turning. His works make use of multi-center turning techniques while his unique finishing utilizes inks and stains applied in multiple layers to attain an “old wood” patina that is quite wonderful. In between the turning and finishing, he carves, textures and burns. His finished works are beautiful! Be sure to check out Doug’s work at

[www.douglasfisher.com](http://www.douglasfisher.com)



You can also see several pieces of Doug’s work on display at The Fairhaven Originals Gallery in the Fairhaven District of Bellingham.

Douglas has agreed to present an all day demo next October 22nd! On October 23<sup>rd</sup> Doug will lead a class on his techniques and is willing to lead a second class on October 24<sup>th</sup> if enough turners are interested. Complete details will be developed and presented within the next couple of months so set these dates aside!



# The President's Message



The end of 2010 has arrived as our club wraps up an active November and looks forward to an active and fun filled 2011.

Arts Alive in LaConnor has been given mixed reviews. There certainly were good things and bad things that were experienced. Dave Blair and I thought we had the ideal location at the main intersection of town. It turns out, however, that most of the organized action was at the other end of the street. Between the lousy weather and being at the wrong end of the street, we didn't see as many people as we had hoped. The good news is that we saw many more people than we typically

had at the Garden Club. The bad news was most of the people were "lookers" so sales were not what we had hoped for. More bad news, the wind storm that came Saturday night blew apart two canopies. We'll regroup to decide what to do about next year. If you have any ideas, let us know

We had our usual fantastic display of food for our November "Holiday Party" meeting with all the festive table cloths, table treatments and creative tree ornaments. Melanie did her usual superb job of managing the "Bucket Auction" and some items in the Silent Auction. I did my best to recognize the people who have contributed a great deal to the smooth operation of all the various events and activities that we attempt. In particular, I singled out Shirley Butters (Outstanding Service Award) for the great meals she provides every month and Ron Wehde (President's Award) for his time and sacrifice with taking pictures and providing us the newsletter. I also gave out gift certificates to the winners of the ornament contest.

Our program chairman, Bob Doop, has put together an impressive slate of presenters for 2011. Two of the "stars" will be John Jordan and Doug Fisher. John Jordan will be presenting in March at a special all day Saturday workshop/presentation and Doug Fisher will be our guest in October. Both of these world class turners will do a general all day (Saturday) demo and also a "hands on" workshop for the first eight lucky people to sign up and pay the fees. Watch for the sign-up sheets at our next two meetings. Greg Anderson, our treasurer, will be glad to take your money. We will be looking for volunteers to provide cookies for both of these all day presentations.

Our January 21<sup>st</sup> general meeting will have (a) surprise guest(s) as your presenter(s). The meeting will offer various looks at techniques, tools, and philosophy by people you are familiar with. Then on January 29<sup>th</sup>, our Sawdust Saturday will be "Let's Get Started Turning" at Garrits shop. Check to see if there is room at our regular meeting.

That's it for 2010. Happy Holidays and we'll see you next year. GW

# Mentoring News

## **MENTORING NEWS**

Our Basic Mentoring program is now available for beginning turners.....or for those wanting to brush up on basic turning skills. Based around the *AAW Teaching Woodturning Basics* teaching guide, the program focuses on learning spindle turning basics as a way to master tool control which can then be applied to most other modes of turning. Our basic turning mentors are George Way, Lucinda Van Valkenburg, Bob Doop, Fred Holder, Dave Blair, Melanie Mankamy, Jim Short and Rick Anderson. Contact a mentor near you if you would like to be mentored in basic skills. A printed list of our mentors and their contact info is also available on the information table at our monthly meetings.

In addition to the basic mentoring program, we have developed a list of volunteer mentors with expertise in specialty subjects (such as hollowing, texturing, bowl turning, etc.) as well as more advanced turning skills. An email has been sent out with a list of our specialty mentors and their area of expertise. Printed copies of this list are also available at the information table at our monthly meetings. This is a great opportunity to advance your skills. Also, if you have skill and experience in a specialized area of woodturning, we encourage you to sign up and share your skills with your fellow members.

If you have any questions regarding mentoring or need assistance in being connected with an appropriate mentor please feel welcome to call or email me.

Rick Anderson  
360-319-7600  
rick@gardenarches.com

### **!! 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.

### **Useful Website Links**

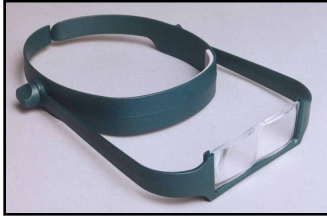
**Note:**  
**Web links have been provided on our website rather than included in the newsletter.**

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

# Turning Accessories / Library

## TURNING UP CLOSE

Do you ever wish you could zoom in on small items you are turning? Or when doing detail work on a turned piece? Now you can. MagEyes are here! They are comfortable, light weight and very effective.



We are stocking two styles. The Hobbyist which is open in back (the style that Bonnie Klein touted when she was here last winter).



The 360 which wraps completely around your head w/ Velcro adjustment. Both styles come with two high grade optical quality lenses that provide 1.6X or 2.0X magnification.

Two stronger power lenses ( 2.25X & 2.75X) are also available and we will be stocking a limited number of those. The

stronger the power the closer the focal length. The 1.6X has a focal length of 12-14" and is great for general turning use. The other lenses are more applicable for detail work. It's easy to change from one lens to another.

The MagEyes are very lightweight and comfortable and flip up out of the way in a second. One of the best features is that it is easy to look over them and under them for normal vision without having to move them out of the way. Check them out at [www.mageyes.com](http://www.mageyes.com)

We are able to buy the MagEyes directly at a significant savings to our members. Both styles are priced at \$23 including tax and shipping. Most mail order catalogs charge \$30 plus tax and shipping. The higher powered lenses are \$8 each. Be sure to check them out on the supplies table at the November meeting!

## NEW DVDS IN OUR LIBRARY

We have recently added several new DVDs to our club library. Several will be of particular benefit to our beginning turners while others will be a resource for both beginning and experienced turners. In most cases we ordered 2 copies in order to make these DVDs available to more turners.

Richard Raffan\_\_\_\_\_ **TURNING WOOD** (2 copies)

The ideal companion to Raffan's book of the same name. One of the most complete guides to basic turning.

Bonnie Klein\_\_\_\_\_ **BASIC TECHNIQUES** (2 copies)

A great guide to basic techniques and their application to some fun projects.

Alan Lacer\_\_\_\_\_ **WOODTURNING-GETTING STARTED** (2 copies)

This book talks about all the equipment and tools involved in basic turning. A highly recommended view before starting turning.

Gary Rance\_\_\_\_\_ **WOODTURNING TECHNIQUES** (1 copy)

Very well done guide to the basics of woodturning from the perspective of a professional British turner trained in the classical tradition.

Mike Mahoney\_\_\_\_\_ **BOWL TURNING BASICS** (2 copies)

Everything you need to know (after mastering basic techniques) to turn beautiful bowls.

AAW's\_\_\_\_\_ **FUNDAMENTALS OF SHARPENING** (2 copies)

Features Bonnie Klein, Alan Lacer, John Jordan & Bill Johnston teaching their favorite sharpening techniques.

John Jordan\_\_\_\_\_ **AESTHETICS & PROPERTIES OF WOOD** (2 copies)

A 2 DVD set covering properties of wood, preparing wood for the lathe, wood orientation on the lathe and much more. This DVD will be of help to turners at all levels.

Curt Theobald\_\_\_\_\_ **INTRODUCTION TO SEGMENTED TURNING**

The title says it all, presented by one of the foremost segmented turners.

Be sure to check these out at our next meeting!

*Les Books*

# Classified Ads

This space is set aside for members to advertise free of charge to sell or purchase tools, wood, etc. Please submit your ad to Ron Wehde (rmwehde@comcast.net) by the last Thursday of the month or submit it to him at the meeting for inclusion in the next months newsletter.

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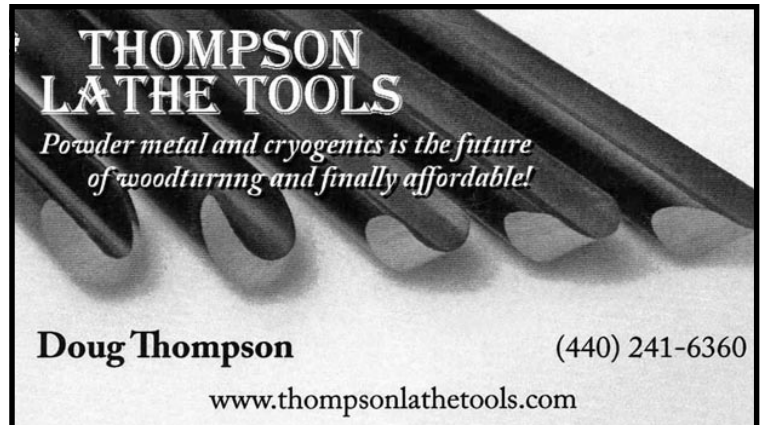
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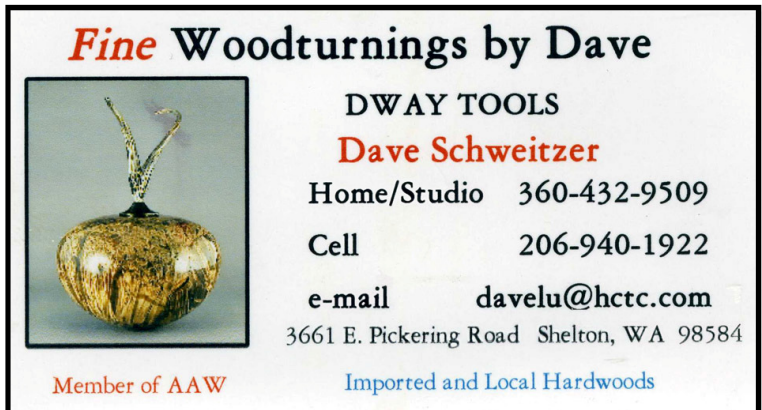
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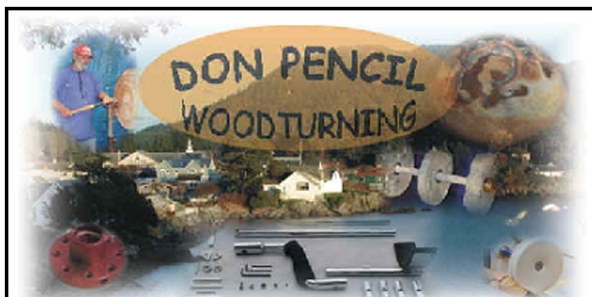
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