



# INLAND NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting is Thursday, May 7, 2009 at the WoodCraft Store classroom, N.E. corner of Sprague and Sullivan (north side of the Fred Meyer parking lot).

## April Meeting 2009

**Thanks to Ben Carpenter** for sharing his time and talent for our April meeting. Ben’s “touch” at the lathe is the picture of control and finesse. Tools sharp, ease in, look at those beautiful fine maple shavings.



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**Next meeting, something different; the President’s Challenge. Bring your tools, this will be fun!**

The President’s Challenge!

Hi everyone. I have an idea for our next club meeting on 7 May. I have been thinking and talking about it for a while. Our May meeting will be a judged turning competition/play day with prizes. To make it fair to everyone we will have two categories. The first being “Beginner to Intermediate Turners” and the second “Intermediate to Advanced Turners”

There will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place prize for each categories of competition. The prizes will be:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$150.00 Gift Certificate from Woodcraft.

2<sup>ND</sup> Place = \$50.00 Gift Certificates from Woodcraft, 2 bottles of CA Glue, 1 bottle of Activator

3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 2 each \$10.00 Gift Certificates from Craft Supply, 1 bottle of CA Glue, 1 bottle of Activator

The competition will be as follows:

You will have a length of serial numbered Cherry limb and you will have a specific amount of time to turn a project.

The rules are very simple:

1. You must use a “traditional” lathe tool for the competition. Skew, gouges, scraper, parting tool, etc. (Bring your own tools. Ours are very limited and probably dull)
2. No sandpaper or sanding device will be used. (one of the grading areas will be the finishing cut with the tools used)“
3. You must stop at the 10 minute time limit. (finished or not)
4. There will be no more than 5 minutes between turners. When someone finishes his project the next turner should be ready to setup and start his turn at the lathe. The new turners 10 minutes will start no later than 5 minutes after the preceding turner has cleared the lathe.
5. The finished project will be immediately turned into the grading table after it is removed from the lathe.
6. You can bring your own mini lathe or use one of the lathes provided for us by Woodcraft. (note if you bring in your own lathe please bring an extension cord also, the ones in the classroom are limited)

The judges for this event will be: Nick & Rosemary Charles, Denny Carson and John Ferrell. (The judges have graciously accepted the responsibility of making the difficult decisions that will need to be made to choose the winners of my challenge)

Each project submitted is going to be judged on: form, final cut finish, and eye appeal.

Registration for the event will be in the Woodcraft classroom between 6:00 and 7:00 PM. This event is free.

<b>The President’s Challenge by Group</b>	
<b>Beginner to Intermediate Turners</b>	<b>Intermediate to Advanced Turners</b>
<p>From the serial numbered piece of Cherry limb you must turn a “Mushroom” within a 10 minute time frame.</p> <p>The time will start when you turn on the lathe or when 5 minutes has passed from the time the preceding turner finished with the lathe.</p> <p>The mushroom can be any shape or size from the piece of wood provided.</p> <p>The mushroom should be parted off from the scrap wood that is mounted to the chuck.</p> <p>The serial number of the Cherry limb must be written on the bottom of the mushroom prior to turning it in for judging.</p>	<p>From the serial numbered piece of Cherry limb you must turn an “Egg” and a “Mushroom” within a 10 minute time frame. (the Cherry limb for this competition will be longer than those used for the Beginner to Intermediate class.</p> <p>The time will start when you turn on the lathe or when 5 minutes has passed from the time the preceding turner finished with the lathe.</p> <p>The mushroom can be any shape or size from the piece of wood provided.</p> <p>The mushroom should be parted off from the scrap wood that is mounted to the chuck.</p> <p>The serial number of the Cherry limb must be written on the bottom of the mushroom and somewhere on the egg prior to turning it in for judging.</p>

So practice making mushrooms and eggs for the event.

I have been trying to think of a way for our members to benefit more from our annual dues, raffles and fund raisers for the club. The 1<sup>st</sup> place prize money is from the club fund. Please send me an email or give me a call if you are planning to participate in the President's Challenge so I can make sure I have enough Cherry wood. Also if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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**The Sharing Table** included Jim Christiansen's dragonfly platter and big Australian burl done by Carl Bodenstein. Shelley Hays (center) shows Dave Swanson's dyed & ebonized ash bowl. Always great work, keep bringing it in.



**Good Reading:**

A couple titles that are well worth having in your library, *Masters: Woodturning, Major Works by Leading Artists, Curated by Jim Christiansen* and *To Turn the Perfect Bowl, The Lifelong Quest of Bob Stockdale.* ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) , about \$16 each)

See you in May, KEEP TURNING!

Chad Gladhart  
Club Secretary