



# Inland Northwest Wood Turners

## Monthly Newsletter



**January - 2021**

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# President's Message

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The INW Woodturners opened 2021 by welcoming Kirk DeHeer as our first Zoom demonstrator of the year (40 plus members including several from the Mendocino Guild and 6-8 from the SW Idaho Woodturners). Kirk is a nationally recognized turner with a wealth of knowledge that includes tool sharpening as well as turning. Kirk's demonstration exceeded our expectations covering sharpening from the varied grinding wheels and their specific purposes, different types of grinders and actual sharpening. Kirk fielded many questions from both beginning and experienced turners alike. Kirk's demo reinforced the value of instruction from many sources.

On January 16, we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (Riverview substitute) Zoom forum, with 14 members from INW W, the MG and the SWIWT participating. Marianne set the tone for the meeting by asking a question about a specific finishing problem on a platter of hers. Several members contributed their thoughts, questions and suggestions to the conversation. The consensus takeaway was that a demo on sanding and finishing was again in order. An unanswered question arose, several months ago in a 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday forum, a member spoke and identified himself as a museum refinisher. Neither I nor other participants recall who he is. If anyone can remember, please call me or Carl.

On January 21 we held our first Board meeting (Zoom) of 2021 with 10 members present. The Mendocino Woodturning Guild continues to be active, and Damon recommended 'adopting' the SW Idaho Woodturners to assist in their ability to provide content for their membership.

Carl reported that we currently have 121 members with 10 from SWIWT and 19 from Mendocino. Club member Tom Freeborn was approved as an Emeritus member. Carl also confirmed that as of 12/31/2020, the club has maintained a positive cash flow for the year.

Riverview, Fairchild AFB and Ferris High School remain closed to outside participation and mentoring. Woodcraft is open for business but continues to not be available for mass meetings. The Vet's Garage will allow as many as 5 people to be in the turning area of the shop. So far the most we have had is 4.

Ron V. will be demonstrating his fluting jig and technique at our February 4 meeting. Ron has a good feel for this process and has had several conversations with other turners who have been doing this for years.

Don B. has just informed us that he has arranged for Eric Loftstrom to demonstrate for us on June 3. Don will be sending out a survey to all members in an effort to identify what program Eric should demonstrate. Eric is rising artist on the national level. He is a primary (grade school) teacher, and his presentations are at the very top tier available nationwide. Checkout his website [EricLoftstrom.com](http://EricLoftstrom.com).

Doug, INW President    [dougeaton@mac.com](mailto:dougeaton@mac.com)

# Website Changes

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Some updates from the Wonderful World of the Wide Web! I appreciate all 3 of you who are checking the club website occasionally <https://inwoodturners.com/> and just want to encourage you to keep at it while we make this slightly unpredictable transition in webmasters.

One thing you will notice over time is that there is more clicking and less scrolling. This will be an advantage for those of you whose mouse wheel, like mine, is clogged with cat hair and doesn't work. Additionally, those whose membership dues are up-to-date will be delighted to know that they, and only they, can access the password protected pages (Member Resources, Membership List, Photo Album, User, Forum, and Account).

Finally, you may notice that the "Logout" button is gone. Not to worry: this is in our best interest. In future, when you Login, a friendly little "Howdy" message pops up in the upper right corner of the page. When you are ready to leave the website, just click on that Howdy, and the "Logout" button will appear. Click on it. You'll then be free to get back to your lathe.

Thanks for your patience; more news next month! --Marianne

# Announcements

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**Show and Tell / Exhibit Table:** Please bring your current work. We anticipate having a table for critique for those that want constructive appraisal, as well as a table for those that just want to show their work without critique. We encourage learning and getting new ideas from evaluation, but some work needs none, and some artists prefer not to participate in that fashion. The choice is always yours !  
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**Raffle Table:** Please feel free to bring extra wood, new or used tools, or other items for the raffle table. The money raised from the raffle helps us maintain day to day operations of the club.  
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**Treasurer’s Message:**

Dues are per annum, beginning at each New Year, January 1, 2019. Renewal dues are \$35.00, including family memberships, with students registered as members for free.

We prorate annual dues for NEW MEMBERS ONLY till June 30th, after which a minimum dues for the remainder of the year is \$20.00. Current new members pay \$32.50 for sign ups in February and March. Make checks out to Inland Northwest Woodturners or INW for short. Or see Treasurer Carl at a meeting. Please remember membership dues for INW have no relation to membership or dues for AAW, which is encouraged.

Also note that we have a limited supply of gouges left from our sub-wholesale purchase from Serious Toolworks. Please go to the Store page on the INW Website for details and prices. Excellent gouges at a great price !  
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**WEBSITE UPDATE:** our website is up and running and getting better all the time. Members and visitors are encouraged to view the new features at: <http://inwoodturners.com/>  
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**FUNDAMENTALS AT RIVERVIEW:** On the third Saturday of each month there are demonstrations and opportunities for hands-on experience under the mentoring of more experienced club members starting at 9:00 am until ????? Riverview Retirement Community is located at 1801 E Upriver Dr, Spokane, WA 99207 and the workshop is located just south of the main entrance on Ross Ct.

2021 Board of Directors	
President	Doug Eaton
Vice President	Ron Valley
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Secretary	Tammy Wilson
Meeting Demo Coordinator	Ron Valley
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Webmaster	Marianne Patton
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**General Meeting**  
**February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**

**Zoom Meeting**  
**Members Only**

Any comments or suggestions or additional content would be very much appreciated. Email to: [dalecscott@gmail.com](mailto:dalecscott@gmail.com). Please put “WoodTurner” in the subject line.

# Volunteer Opportunities

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## The Inland Northwest Woodturners is a volunteer organization

Meaning that everything is performed by members who give of their time to conduct the business and activities of the organization. Besides helping to promote woodturning, volunteers also develop friendships by working alongside their fellow woodturners and you can learn new skills as well.

**Volunteering is not time consuming.** Board members spend 6-10 hours a month on their duties but most volunteers only contribute at meetings or special events. For example, the video assistant is responsible for setting up and operating the video equipment during our regular monthly meetings. It usually takes less than a half hour to set up before the meeting and 15 minutes to take down after the meeting - and the rest of the time is during the meeting - and you're already at the meeting!

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**Give of yourself - help your fellow woodturners (and yourself) and have fun while you're doing it! Training will be provided!**

# Wanted / For Sale Items

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## Wanted

Hello fellow woodturners. I am a beginning turner and I joined one year ago.

I have been mentored by club member Ray Aguirre at his shop, and Doug Eaton at the VetsGarage since September. I am loving it.

I just got my own midi-lathe and I am setting up a shop in my garage to start turning when the weather gets warmer. I have a face shield and a set of carbide tools.

I would like to ask group members what they recommend for me to have; basic tools, equipment, supplies, and finishes.

Do you have specific teachers or YouTube videos that teach beginner skills?

Can you send your ideas to me at: [Computerprincess75@comcast.net](mailto:Computerprincess75@comcast.net)

Thank you,

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PS if you have any slightly used items that I could purchase, that would be appreciated too.