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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CHAIN SAW PARTY BIG SUCCESS! Big sale to follow!

On Saturday March 13th, fourteen Strait Turners gathered at President Tracy McCallum's house to cut up the Madrone wood from the "Ted Tree" acquisition into usable chunks and seal the lot with Anchorseal. Snacks and drinks were provided and the air was filled with sawdust, shavings, and the redolent scent of freshly cut wood with a hint of chainsaw oil. At one time there were 6 chainsaws running and a half dozen people slathering Anchorseal on wood. The job was finished in about 3 hours. Most folks chose to wear masks but it was an outdoor event so nobody seemed to be worried about COVID-19. Besides which, most of the members were Seniors who had already gotten both shots. Now the wood is curing under tarps and will be offered up for sale to paid members at 11 AM, and to the larger public at 1PM, on Saturday, March 27th at 1115 South D. Street, in Port Angeles.

Tracy McCallum, President, Strait Turners

URGENT NEED MET!

A member has graciously stepped forward to take on the webmaster responsibilities. We are indebted to DJ Dimick for agreeing to do this. Despite having a full-time job, a small farm to run, and no time to turn, he has taken this on. He is now well into updating and improving our website. You may have noted that some portions of the site have been down temporarily during the upgrade.

Keith Koehler will continue to provide assistance through the transition. He has resigned from the ST Board, to devote more attention to his responsibilities with CERT and supporting the drive-up vaccination site in Sequim. We thank Keith for his time and dedication over the past few years.

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS AND OTHER NEEDS

Due to the resignations of Keith Koehler and Tony Duarte, the Board is seeking volunteers to fill their unexpired terms. Tony felt his residence in Arizona for much of the year was impeding his ability to benefit the club enough. The Board is currently meeting monthly, on the second Tuesday, at 1:00, via Zoom. These Board members will help to shape the policies and activities of Strait Turners. Their responsibilities will be, primarily, to come to the Board meetings with ideas and a willingness to compromise, for the good of the club. These Board members will also be asked to assist the Executive Officers with specific tasks as needed.

The Auctions Committee has identified a need to have a Wood Wrangler. The "Wood Wrangler" position is the person who is to be contacted when the club receives notice of wood donations that require processing (not already cut into blanks). That person then contacts club members who are willing to help process the wood and arranges for the wood to be acquired and processed. Assistant wranglers help cut the wood, label, seal, and transport it. Assistant wranglers usually get a share of the wood for their efforts, with the rest of the wood going to the club for future sale.

There is also a need for a volunteer to help with publicity, coordinating communication with the public and other clubs.

We are encouraging experienced members to do Zoom demonstrations from their own shops. We have the equipment and expertise available to get your demo out to the members. Please contact Lynn Taylor or another Board member if you are interested.

MARCH WOOD SALE

Instead of an auction, we will have an out-door, in-person wood sale on March 27. It will be open to paid members at 11:00 and to non-members at 1:00, at Tracy McCollum's place, 1115 D Street in Port Angeles. A large volume of Madrone from Ted's Tree and a variety of other woods will be available. Dues payments will be accepted on site. Please wear a mask and practice appropriate social distancing.

Anyone having a pop-up canopy, for use there if it looks like rain, is encouraged to bring it around 10:00, to get it set up. Four helpers are needed for the wood sale, two to assist with any requests for chainsaw cutting of wood and two to handle parking. Please let Valerie Henschel know if you can assist in either capacity. Contact Valerie at 360-808-7743 or vmhenschel@gmail.com to assist or make a donation. Any donations of tools or additional wood for this sale should be made by Wednesday this week. Donations for future sales are needed.

SPCUG DONATED A COMPUTER TO STRAIT TURNERS

The Sequim PC Users Group donated a laptop computer for us to use in connecting our cameras and microphones to the internet, for Zoom demonstrations by members. This was the last piece of that puzzle and makes the whole system portable.

SPCUG promotes learning, understanding, and use of personal computers and provides current information regarding changing technology and internet security. It also encourages the exchange of knowledge and skills among its members. SPCUG is a 501c3 organization and is a Certified Microsoft Refurbisher. In the past few years SPCUG has refurbished and donated over 1000 computers to local social service organizations for distribution to those in need of them. If you know of any organization or person with a need and desire for a computer and lack of funds to buy one, or an organization serving such individuals, contact SPCUG at 360-797-5771 or spcug1@gmail.com.

SHOP TOOLS FOR SALE

Jim Money, a long-time area woodworker, has had to give up his hobby, due to declining health. He is selling his tools. Call 360-406-4078 and leave a message.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING



We will meet via Zoom at noon on Tuesday, March 30. Our March demonstration will be by our President, Tracy McCallum who will, in his own shop, show how to turn a small bowl using carbide-tipped tools, and will also demonstrate how to sharpen the carbide tips. He uses Easy Wood Tools but gets some of the carbide tips from the Byrd Tool Co., which makes carbide tips for planers and other industrial tools which fit on the Easy Wood Tools at a greatly reduced price.

SAFETY TIPS

Woodturning safety is YOUR responsibility

Safe, effective use of a wood lathe requires study and knowledge of procedures for using this tool. Read, thoroughly understand, and follow the label warnings on the lathe and in the owner-operator's manual. Safety guidelines from an experienced instructor, video, or books are good sources of important safety procedures. Please work safely.

PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

- **Use a full-face shield** for all woodturning operations, any time the lathe is turned on.
- **Wear safety glasses** when doing operations other than on a running Lathe.
- **Use a dust mask**, filtering respirator, or a powered air filtration respirator in conjunction with a dust collection system and proper ventilation. Fine particles from a grinder and wood dust are harmful to your respiratory system. Be especially mindful of dust from many exotic woods, spalted woods, or any wood that gives you a skin or respiratory reaction.
- **Wear hearing protection** during noisy procedures. If a procedure is even moderately noisy and you are doing it for an extended period of time, wear hearing protection.
- **Wear shoes or boots** to protect your feet from falling objects.



This is the beginning of a comprehensive list of safety tips copied from the AAW website. The full article can be found at [20200730Safety is Your Responsibility replacement Final.pdf \(woodturner.org\)](#)

BOARD MEETING

The Board met on March 9. The minutes of that meeting follow:

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Tracy McCallum at 1:06pm. Additional Board members in attendance were Jeff Foro, Jon Geisbush, Lynn Taylor, Tony Duarte, and Ted Lund. A quorum was thus present. Also attending were Jackie LeDoux, Valerie Henschel, Mark Nebel, and DJ Dimick.

❖ Reports:

- Treasurer's Report.
 - Jon reported that our bank balance is \$3455.74.
 - His report is appended.
- Minutes.
 - The minutes of the Board meetings of January 12 and February 9, and the regular meeting of February 23, were approved.
 - Those minutes are stored on the Google Drive.
- Website.

- DJ Dimick has agreed to take on the role of webmaster.
- He has gotten access to the GoDaddy account and recommends moving to a different web hosting service.
- He found a partial set-up of Wordpress and will delete that and start over.
- New website will include a means of paying dues through the web.
- Some parts of the website will be down as they are upgraded.
- Some non-monetary compensation may be needed to offset his time and expenses to complete the complex task of rebuilding the website.
- Membership.
 - Jackie plans to submit an article to the local newspapers about our Club.
 - We now have 33 paid members.
 - Jackie is making ST business cards.
 - Tony volunteered to assist in writing a welcome letter for new members. He said it could include flyers, coupons, or gift cards from places like Edensaw and D Way Tools. Jon said that could be considered in the plans to take care of new members.
 - Personal contact with new members to be emphasized.
- Auctions.
 - March 27 Sale.
 - Valerie reported that the next sale will be in-person at 1115 D St. In Port Angeles on Saturday, March 27.
 - Start time is 11:00 for paid members and 1:00 for non-members.
 - Some canopies are needed in case of rain.
 - Chainsaw party to prep and seal wood planned for the same location, at 1:00 on Saturday, March 13.
 - Club-to-Club wood exchange planned for Pasco in September.
 - We need a Wood Wrangler to procure, pick up, and handle wood donations.
 - Tony suggested including a note in Jackie's newspaper article, saying that the Club accepts donations of hardwoods.
- March 30 Demonstration.
 - Tracy will present via Zoom from his shop.
 - He will show how to turn a small bowl using carbide-tipped tools. He will also demonstrate how to sharpen the carbide tips. He uses Easy Wood Tools but gets some of the carbide tips from the Byrd Tool Co., which makes carbide tips for planers and other industrial tools which fit on the Easy Wood Tools at a greatly reduced price.
- Zoom Accounts.
 - Jeff owns the Zoom account we are using.
 - He expressed concern about the access to the account if he is absent.
 - Mark also has an account that can be used if needed.
- ❖ Other notes.
 - Discussion of a possible change of meeting time.
 - Those who work generally can't attend during the day on weekdays.
 - Some who now attend may have conflicts for other times.
 - Discussion to continue.
 - Discussion of the need to have a social component to keep members engaged.

- Outdoor socials.
- Sawdust sessions.
- Mentoring.
- Coffee hour via Zoom.
- Newsletter.
 - Deadline for the next issue is March 20.
 - Members are encouraged to submit content.
- Resignation.
 - Tony Duarte announced that he is submitting his resignation from the Board due to his residence in Arizona much of the year.
 - Anyone interested in being appointed to the open position on the Board should contact Tracy.

AAW

We are a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Members are encouraged to join AAW to access the huge selection of resources there for turners. Free trial memberships are available at [Membership Landing Page \(woodturner.org\)](http://woodturner.org).

To contribute content for the next Newsletter, e-mail Ted Lund, tedlund@wavecable.com

The deadline for submissions is ten days before our meeting date on the last Tuesday of the month.

Treasurer's Report for Mar 2021			
	Bank Assets		
			Checking
2/1/21			\$3,730.74
2/28/21			\$3,455.74
	February Income		
Zoom wood sale	205.00		
Donation	30.00		
Membership	270.00		
	Total	505.00	Will Deposit in Mar
February Expences	275.00		Feb Demo
March Expected Expenses:			
	\$75 to reactivate ST Corpnnonprofit		I used my CC
	\$100 to pay for Jan demo		
	I will expense these in March		