



Portneuf Valley Woodturners Association

June 2018

Welcome to the Portneuf Valley Woodturners Association (PVWA) newsletter, and what we expect to be the first of many issues.

The club is officially up and running! We held our first meeting June 7 with 15 attendees ranging from beginner to advanced. We spent some time getting to know each other, discussed some club business, viewed turnings members had brought, and enjoyed a short demo by Dick Anderson. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we are looking forward to the next meeting which will be Wednesday, July 18 in Bob Smith's workshop. Plan to be there and bring something to share with the other members. We will send out more information as we get closer to the meeting.

After some discussion, the club meeting times were decided to be the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM. This may be adjusted as needed for months with conflicts (holidays, etc).

It was decided at the meeting to set the club dues at \$25 annually. To help cover start-up costs (which include filing fees for non-profit status, insurance, etc.), we decided to assess full dues (\$25) for the remainder of this year then collect dues again in January and annually thereafter. Dues for the remainder of 2018 will be collected at the July meeting. There is a discount for families (\$35), and those 18 and under will not pay dues.

Dick circulated a survey of desired demo topics at the meeting and compiled the results. Each attendee could choose three topics. The areas with the most interest were Design & Form (6), Hollow Forms (5), Sharpening (4), Bowls (4), Spindles (3), Lidded Boxes (3), Segmenting (3), and Safety (3). We will work on incorporating the top topics into upcoming meetings. We will also include a demo on Christmas ornaments – which was not on the topic list, but we think makes sense - probably in November.

This club came together primarily through the efforts of Dick Anderson, Bob Smith, Kelly Jensen, and Tracy Casselman - who are the initial officers of the club. Dick is the President, Tracy is Vice President, Bob is the Secretary and Kelly is the Treasurer. Subsequent officer elections will be conducted annually.

Dick is spearheading the effort to become an AAW chapter and is working on the Bylaws. Bob has filed with the State of Idaho to become a non-profit corporation, and as soon as that is in place he will start the effort to become a 501(c)(3) federal non-profit organization.

We will try to remember to take pictures at the next club meeting and expand the newsletter. Let us know if there is something you would like to see included.