

# Results of the September 2006 Woodturners of Olympia Membership Survey

Survey developed and results compiled by Katy Murray, Secretary of the Board

*Thirty two members responded to our survey, or approximately half of our membership.*

**Number of years turning:** *The median WoO member woodturning experience is two years.*

<i>Under one year:</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>Four years:</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>One year:</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>Five years:</i>	<i>16%</i>
<i>Two years:</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>Over five years:</i>	<i>13%</i>
<i>Three years:</i>	<i>10%</i>		

**AAW Membership:** *17 respondents (53%) are current members of AAW.*

**Woodturning interests:**

<i>Bowls (97%)</i>	<i>Vases (50%)</i>
<i>Boxes (81%)</i>	<i>Tool making (47%)</i>
<i>Sharpening (69%)</i>	<i>Segmented turning (44%)</i>
<i>Spindles (66%)</i>	<i>Hollow forms (35%)</i>
<i>Platters (66%)</i>	<i>Added interests: pens, small scale turning, spin tops, chessmen, and sanding.</i>

**Please rate the value and usefulness of each of the following components of WoO:**

**4 = very valuable    3 = valuable    2 = somewhat valuable    1 = not valuable**

	<u>Average Rating</u>
The program presentation/demo	3.8
Meeting/talking with other turners	3.8
Seeing other's work – "show and tell"	3.6
Lending Library	3.6
Email notices	3.5
WoO Website:	3.4
Store discounts available to members	3.4
Notices of wood available in the area	3.4
Wood raffle at each meeting	2.7

**How would you rate the quality of the following programs offered by WoO in the last year?**

	<u>Average Rating</u>	<u>% no response or didn't attend</u>
Turning Boxes by Michael Plotkin	3.9	75%
From Tree to Table – Bowl Turning Basics by Larry Miller	3.9	72%
Turning Pens by Mike and Barb Hays	3.7	69%
Photographing Naked Wood by Jim McDermott	3.5	75%
Turning Natural Edge Bowls by Larry Miller	3.7	56%
Alcohol Drying Method by Dave Smith	3.5	44%
Color and Inlay Techniques by Kim Hoover	3.8	59%
Turning and Constructing Kaleidoscopes by Earle McNeil	3.6	38%
Off Center Turning by Bob Sievers	3.6	44%
Business of Crafts by Pamela Corwin	2.8	50%
Hollowing and Fluting by Dave Schweitzer	3.7	41%
Wood Auction with Demo's (July)	3.9	56%
Turning Square Bowls by Jack Wayne	3.7	31%

## What else would you like from Woodturners of Olympia?

- 66% Day long woodturning demonstrations by "big name" turners for \$25 to \$50
- 56% Printed (or "downloadable") articles of interest to Woodturners
- 56% Opportunities to visit other members' shops
- 47% Woodturning classes (for fee)
- 31% Mentoring program
- Other: *One response: "How to improve/upgrade lathes and other equipment"*

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## Other suggestions to improve Woodturners of Olympia:

*One response: "Have show and tell persons get up and speak from show and tell table instead of from their chairs."*

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## I'd like to get more involved in WoO by:

### *The number of members that indicated interest, with names (just those who chose to sign their survey)*

- 4 Serving on the Board of Directors  
*(M. Bailey, B. Cogswell, K. Murray, A. Price)*
- 4 Hospitality (welcoming visitors and new members)  
*(M. Bailey, B. Bowen-Bennett, A. Price, D. Thoma)*
- 2 Programs (help get demonstrators)  
*(A. Price, W. Tate)*
- 3 Membership (help recruit new members and increase benefits)  
*(M. Bailey, B. Bowen-Bennett, A. Price)*
- 4 Fund raising (help improve club finances to cover expenses and allow for expansion of programs and benefits)  
*(M. Bailey, B. Bowen-Bennett, A. Price, W. Tate)*
- 2 Mentoring (providing mentoring to members)  
*(J. Hegseth, E. McNeil)*
- 7 Wood collection (finding sources of wood, notifying and organizing members to collect wood)  
*(B. Bowen-Bennett, M. Hunter, P. Pease, A. Price, J. Rebman)*
- 4 Community outreach/service (finding ways WoO can contribute to the community through education, demonstrations, or service)  
*(C. Cavin, D. Matthews, E. McNeil, A. Price)*
- 2 Newsletter (developing a club newsletter)  
*(M. Hunter, S. Strait)*
- 12 Helping on specific projects  
*(M. Bailey, B. Bowen-Bennett, M. Hunter, D. Matthews, L. Murphy, E. McNeil, P. Pease, A. Price, P. Ritter)*
- 3 Giving a demo at a club meeting  
*(A. Price, W. Tate)*
- 10 Assisting with booth and/or demo at community events (County Fair, etc)  
*(C. Cavin, E. McNeil, M. Oakley, A. Price, J. Rebman, W. Tate, D. Thoma)*
- 11 Helping with setup/cleanup at regular club meetings  
*(M. Bailey, B. Bower, J. Hegseth, M. Oakley, A. Price, J. Rebman, S. Strait, D. Thoma)*
- 4 Providing rides to WoO members who need transportation  
*(M. Bailey, J. Hegseth, P. Pease, A. Price)*
- 6 Helping with snacks and coffee  
*(M. Bailey, E. McNeil, M. Oakley, A. Price, S. Strait, D. Thoma)*
- 7 Helping with the club lending library  
*(M. Bailey, B. Bowen-Bennett, M. Hunter, M. Oakley, A. Price, J. Rebman, S. Strait)*
- 3 Assisting with the WoO website *(C. Cavin, A. Price)*
- 1 Assisting with "vendor relations" (assisting vendors with their advertising to club members and requesting donations from vendors)  
*(D. Matthews)*
- 11 Assisting with a future wood auction  
*(M. Bailey, B. Bowen-Bennett, B. Bower, J. Hegseth, L. Murphy, E. McNeil, P. Pease, A. Price, W. Tate)*
- 3 Developing resources (pdf or printed) of information and instruction for woodturners (safety, how-to's, equipment selection, tips and techniques) *(B. Bowen-Bennett, A. Price)*
- 2 Other *(C. Cavin: "I am a programmer by trade, so any computer related assistance I can give, you're welcome." L. Kiehl: "Finish lathe stand")*

### **Full names of members expressing a willingness to help with WoO (those who chose to sign their surveys):**

*Marian Bailey, Beverly Bowen-Bennett, Bob Bower, Colby Cavin, Bill Cogswell, Jack Hegseth, Mark A. Hunter, Larry Kiehl, Dayna Matthews, Les Murphy, Katy Murray, Earle McNeil, Michael Oakley ("not yet a member"), Pete Pease, Al Price, John Rebman, Paul Ritter, Skip Strait, William L. Tate, Dave Thoma ("This is my first visit").*