
CHATTERMARKS

This month's Demo Stephanie Lane

Stephanie Lane will be taking us through the creative process - from design conception to completion. We will also explore the use of Woodburning techniques to add that extra embellishment that will turn a good piece into a great piece.



MEETING DATE

29 April 7:00 pm, Kitsap
Adventist School 5088 NW
Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA
With Social, Library, Show and
Tell Tables and wood auction
viewing before

Message from the President

April already, it is finally starting to warm up a little and stay light longer in the evening. There is no excuse for not getting out there and making piles of shavings. Most of us, well me especially, need some practice time on the lathe. As Dave Schweitzer so eloquently put it during his demonstration last meeting, "There is the sound and feel when those shavings come off so smoothly, it just feels good".

There are very few born artists; the vast majority of us have to work at it for a great deal of time to achieve a certain level of satisfaction. For those of you who were in the service, you may remember the good Sergeant diligently correcting your body position and breathing before squeezing off a shot on the rifle range. There was always practice, practice and more practice.

Woodturning is very similar, safety practices, reviewing the setup before turning the lathe on, proper sharpening of your tools and then using the tools properly. We all want to finish beautiful projects but all good things take time and lots of practice. If it wasn't a challenge most of us probably would not give turning another thought.

I like to think that proper practice begins with watching others, examination of their projects and tons of questions about how they did this or that. We are extremely fortunate in these respects because we have a great many members that are not only very proficient in what they do but they are very willing to share their experience with those who wish to learn.

The next step is hands on practice. You are not going to play violin in Carnegie Hall the first time out and you probably won't turn the perfect bowl on your first attempt but you will experience the desire and motivation to do better. Keep making shavings and practicing with each of your turning tools. Dave Schweitzer created a monster when he told me to make piles of shavings. My horses love me for the shavings I use for bedding, the pasture loves me for the shavings that end up there with the road apples and I am feeling a great deal more satisfaction with the projects that I make. I have a long way to go until I reach my goal but frustration is no longer part of it. I recently read in a book or magazine that a lathe was a tool use to create motivation, I heartily agree.

Don't just sit there at the boob tube, go make shavings!

Doug Henderson

Membership message

Membership dues will be collected at this months' meeting. Dues are still a good deal at \$25.00 (cash, check or money order).

If dues are not paid you cannot buy glue, sandpaper, etc. and not bid for wood at the wood auction.

Remember that membership dues are the club's main source of revenue.

Dues may also be sent to:

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Make checks payable to: OPCA AW

Announcements

Woodturners of Olympia Symposium

Saturday July 25, 2009 is the day to circle on your calendar. The Woodturners of Olympia are sponsoring their second "Creativity in Woodturning" symposium. It will be held at the Komachin Middle School on 3650 College Street SE, Lacey, Wa. 98503 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This is a world class seminar featuring some of the top woodturners. They are Eric Loftstrom and Jimmy Clewes.

Go to <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org> to register.

For information call Al Price 360-791-0396.

Announcements

OPCAAW Wood Turning and Wood Working Swap Meet

What: A "first annual" swap meet /rummage sale of wood, tools, books, videos and miscellany related to wood turning or wood working.

When: July 12, 2009. Set up 11 to 12, sales 12 to 3, clean-up 3 to 4.

Where: Seventh Day Adventist School (our regular meeting place). The address is: Kitsap Adventist School, 5088 NW Taylor Road, Bremerton, WA.

Who: Sellers must be members in good standing of OPCA AW. Shoppers may be members or friends of members. We will also invite the other local clubs. For this reason, there will be no outside advertising.

How:

10'x 10' floor spaces will be available to members for \$10 on a first come first served basis. You will have to set up your own space. There are a few tables, but you should bring your own to assure you have one. Sellers may include friends stuff with theirs, or split a space with another member. Contact Norm Hix to sign up: (normhix@comcast.net, 360-638-0420).

Please come to help set up at 11:00, and stay after to help clean up.

If you are willing to help the day of the event, laying out the floor, setting up tables, collecting money, etc. please let me know.

Norm Hix

normhix@comcast.net

360-638-0420

FOR SALE:

1 - Sears 6" Jointer 1960's? on stand \$350.00

1 - Sears 12" Bandsaw 1930-40? no stand or motor \$100.00

1 - Delta Wet/Dry grinder \$50.00

Call: 1-360-452-5673 John Elliott

John and Jackie's annual Shop and Ladies days have been set. These can be a great opportunity to learn or to introduce someone (like your wife) to our hobby

Shop Day August 1,2009

Ladies Day August 2,2009

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MENTORING PROGRAM

We are looking for some new mentors. The folks who are currently doing the great service have been doing it for a long time. George Kromka has stepped up to the plate but based on what I see every month at the show and tell table there could be a lot more. See any of the board officers if you are interested.

The mentoring programs has been set up to answer questions and give help to new members and those whom may be having a problem in a specific area. Although not intended to be free lessons in woodturning (many of those volunteering are professional turners and derive their income from turning and teaching), these are some friendly folks willing to give you a point in the right direction.

Dan Ackerman..... (360)796-4155

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George Kromka (360) 373-1028

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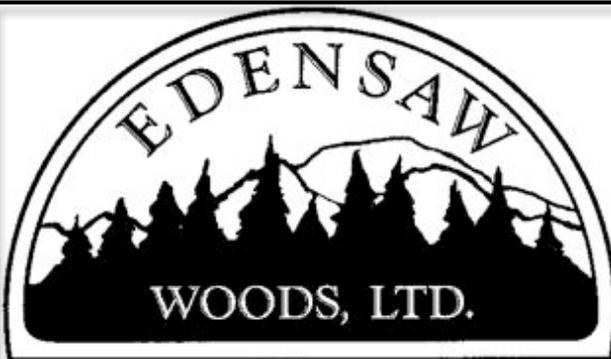
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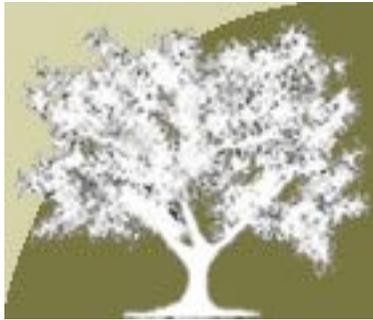
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