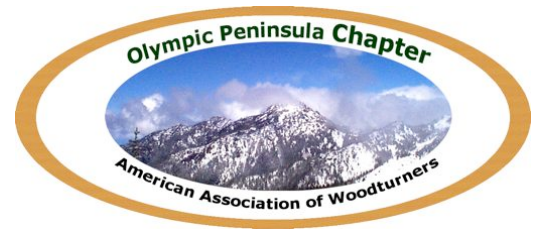




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MEETING DATE

Kitsap Adventist School –, 28 Jan 6:00 pm, 5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA

Notice: Christmas is coming and our Party was snowed to a new date

Remember to mark your calendar for our Christmas party on **January 28 at 6:00 pm**. We will begin set up at 5:00 pm. Bring your favorite desert, snack, salad, vegetable tray or other potluck item and celebrate the holiday season with other members of our turning club.

Members with last names starting with A thru L bring hors d'oeuvres or a potluck item and those with M thru Z bring a salad or dessert. The club will be providing the roast beast.

We will also have a table set up for members to bring in and display their work so other members and their families can see and admire the talents of our club.

We again have some great sponsors that have provided Gifts for the give-away, so when you the winners use your gift certificate or receive one of the other gifts be sure to thank the sponsor or donor for supporting our club

Tony

Note the time, it is different then most months

Membership

Membership dues **will not** be collected this meeting (January 28) due to the rescheduled Christmas party.

Dues will be collected at the February meeting. Please bring cash or check in the amount of \$25.00. Checks should be made out to OPCAOW.

We will need 3 or 4 members to help with the collection of dues at that meeting.

Please help if you can..

OPCAAW Christmas Party Drawing Guidelines

As many of you may recall, we changed the manner in which the Christmas Party Drawings are conducted. This change was necessary to assure fair treatment of all persons who perform tasks related to setting up and conducting our monthly meeting and various other functions.

Point Accumulation:

1. Each time a member wears their member crafted name tag (preferably wood) to a meeting it's worth one point.
2. "Show and Tell" or "Don't Tell" items and wood donations (maximum three of each per month) are worth one point each, for a total of 6 points per meeting.
3. New member referral is worth one point.
4. Each meeting attendance is worth one point.
5. Any club member that does a monthly program presentation or open shop for the OPCA AW will be awarded 4 points per presentation in lieu of other compensation.

Administration:

1. Each member's point sum determines his/her chances in the raffle, e.g. Pete has eight points and eight chances to win while Art has forty points and forty chances. The greater the participation, the greater the chances of winning.
2. Members must be present to win all items except the Grand Prizes.
3. The membership committee will record monthly participation and will compile the data for the Christmas raffle.
4. No member will be allowed to win more than three general items at the Christmas raffle.
5. In the case of multiple "grand prizes" no member may win more than one.

For the Grand Prize drawing(s) all tickets, including those previously drawn for the regular prizes will be combined with those remaining in the pool so that all members will have chances of winning a grand prize based on their total club participation.

President's Message

Here we are starting another year the same way we started 2008. The Christmas Party has been postponed due to inclement weather. We should be getting real good about rescheduling. The good part is that we start off with a party and if everything works out right we may even end the year with another.

I'm looking forward to working with the Board of Directors in a slightly different position. Rather than write down everything they say, I get a chance to say something once in a while. Norm as Past President will be available to assist us over any rough spots. We have a great bunch of guys on the board who are very ably supported by several wonderful ladies. Cindy Allen the past Sgt. At Arms is a great help and Linda Henderson is getting the feel of what is needed as Librarian. George Kromka drops in to visit for most meetings.

For those of you who are not aware of the Boards responsibilities let me give you a brief run down.

Jimmy Allen – Vice President - Education

Jimmy is in charge of training, he is the guy that goes out and finds all these very gifted demonstrators that come in each month to show us how easy turning really is. Jimmy also handles the Show and Tell with the able assistance of several members.

Scott Overby – Vice President of Membership

Scott is returning to the BOD this year. He is responsible for the processing of new members, maintenance of the membership roster, signing in all members, making sure that we all get the proper number of tickets for the next Christmas Party and making sure everyone has a badge.

Ralph Lindberg – Vice President of Public Relations

Ralph is the brain behind our Web Site. He updates and maintains everything in good working order.

Tony DeCarlo – Sergeant-at-Arms

Tony is not really an arm-breaker as envisioned in some organizations – he is primarily responsible for the orderly manner in which the meetings are conducted, organizing the Christmas Party and the Summer Picnic. He brings all the refreshments to the monthly meetings.

Dennis Bringham – Secretary

Dennis is responsible for the minutes of the monthly BOD meetings, all correspondence to and from the club, maintenance of our P.O.Box and supervision of the Librarian.

George Willock – Treasurer

George is responsible for seeing that our bills get paid, the dues are collected and put in the bank and every penny balances. When the big decisions are made George is the one that tells us if we can afford to do it. George also keeps track of our budgets. Each BOD member is responsible for certain budget expenses so George keeps us on track.

Norm Hix – Past President

A great many of you remember Norm as being one of the first members to contact you when you attended your first meeting. He was there with the information you needed, introduced you to the members and saw to it that you were voted in by the general membership. Norm has been a guiding light in our club for a number of years. He has been a good leader and friend to all of us, now he will be there to assist when necessary.

Doug Henderson – Current President

I will be doing my best to serve the membership in any way I can. With the assistance of the BOD we will attempt to maintain what we have and maybe even try a few new ideas. If you ever have any questions or concerns that you feel should be brought to the board's attention please contact me, it takes all the members to make an organization that we can be proud of. Lets maintain that pride.

Doug Henderson
President

CLUB OPPORTUNITY!!

Our February demonstrator will be Art Liestman. In addition to the club meeting on the 25th, we will have an **All Day Event on Thursday the 26th at Dave's shop**. We estimate that will **only have room for 20 people, so sign up now**. This is a great opportunity to learn from a renowned artist and take your turning to a new level. We have included his bio in this newsletter in case you are not familiar with his work. Cindy and I thoroughly enjoyed his presentation at the Portland AAW symposium. Check him out at: www.artliestman.com

In the full day demo, Art will do several presentations. He will demonstrate methods for turning forms that are "beyond round". One such method is the multi-axis technique called "therming" or "barrel turning" that can be used to produce multi-sided turned objects. This technique was traditionally used for producing objects such as table legs, but it can also be used to produce interestingly shaped hollow vessels or sculptural forms.

A second presentation will be on designing and making wooden teapots. This demo includes methods of joining turned objects and creating and bending turned spindles.

He will also demonstrate surface enhancements using pyrographic techniques and coloring with acrylics.

You can **reserve your spot** by either sending a check to Jimmie Allen (PO Box 297, Silverdale, WA, 98383) or there will be a sign up sheet and money collected at the club's party in January. Cost is \$25 per person. If there are any openings left, we will take names and \$'s at the February membership meeting.

Jimmie Allen, VP Training

Art Liestman Bio:



Art is a part-time woodturner living in Coquitlam, B.C. (a suburb of Vancouver). Art has been involved with woodworking for 30 years. Originally, his interest was in designing and making experimental musical instruments. He stumbled into woodturning when he needed some turned parts for an automated programmable xylophone. As many others have, he quickly became passionate about woodturning. After a few years of making functional items, he turned to the artistic side of woodturning.

Known particularly for his puzzling illusion series of turnings that resemble jigsaw puzzles, his work often involves surface enhancements using pyrography and coloring. He is also interested in breaking the symmetry of traditional turned forms and exploring more sculptural work.

Art has demonstrated at several national and regional symposia, as well as for dozens of local clubs. He recently taught a week long course at the John C. Campbell Folk School and will be teaching at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts later this year. His work has been seen in numerous exhibitions and is available through several galleries across North America.

Announcements

Manzanita Burlwood intro

Hi, My name is Richard Dennis. Woodturner. I have been turning Manzanita Burls for many years. For those of you who are not familiar with this elegant wood. Northern CA is one of the few places where manzanita forms burls at the base, making it a very distinctive and rare hardwood. It is highly figured, displaying a wide spectrum of colors: crimson red, browns, golds.

Last year a forest fire ripped through our forest and in the process of fighting it, a lot of manzanita was uprooted. Through a special effort between the Forest Service and myself to make these rare burls available to woodturners and craftsmen, we would like to give you the opportunity to purchase some. The proceeds going toward reforestation efforts.

We have choice turning burls, round or pear shaped, tall for candlesticks, short, fat, all shapes and sizes. If you have a special request, let me know, if I don't have it I'll probably run into it in the woods. I am always running across spectacular pieces of wood that I just know someone would be able to transform into a piece of art.

If you would like to see pictures and a pricelist let me know via e-mail (rickdennis7@yahoo.com) or call me at 530-949-5202

If you are interested in buying in larger quantity we have a wholesale price list. We also have special prices for less than perfect turning burls, which some turners prefer to get a more characteristic, sculpted look. We also have many unusual pieces for bases and displays. We accept credit cards through pay pal, or personal checks. We have a special rate through UPS, but often ship common carrier whichever is cheapest. Your order will arrive within a week.

Thank you, Rick Dennis

Health Insurance Coverage for AAW Members

Association Health Programs (AHP) from Overland Park, Kansas is offering Health Insurance coverage to AAW members, for more information see <http://www.associationpros.com/assoc/aaw/>

Malcolm Tibbets to visit Fife Club

On February 19th famed segmented turner (and AAW Vice President) will do an all day session and also will be the regular meeting presenter. For more info contact the South Puget Sound Woodturners (Fife club) at <http://www.spswt.org>

A Woodturners Christmas Carol

By Ron Williams.

"Grandpa's gone!", shouted Pat, as he ran down the hall.

"He's missing, he's vanished. He's nowhere at all!

Pat rifled the kitchen, he opened each cupboard,
He looked in the oven, and finally he blubbered,

"I've searched this whole place, from bottom to top.
I looked in the attic, the outhouse, the shop."

"He's missing, I tell you, the signs are all there.
His coffee cup's cold, and there's dust on his chair."

"The paper's still folded up neat in its wrapper,
and there's no sign he's even been close to the
...bathroom."

"He's vanished, he's history. Oh, who should we
call?

The sheriff? His posse, with bloodhounds and all?"

"Calm down", whispered Gran, "You're making me
dizzy."

"You're running around with your head in a tizzy!"

"Sit down at the table, breathe deeply, relax,
then tell me what's happened, but please, just the
facts."

Pat took a deep breath, and then started his tale,
How he'd hunted for Grandpa, to go get the mail.
But Gramps wasn't handy, nowhere in sight,
and Pat hadn't seen him since supper last night!

So he started his search, in each nook in cranny,
but ended up empty, and crying to Granny.

Gran nodded her head, said, "I know what to do."

She got up from the table, set coffee to brew.

She got out a sweet roll, and heated it up,
then poured out some coffee in a battered old cup.
She led Patrick down to the door of the shop,
but Pat said, "I looked there, from bottom to top."

"It's empty, I tell you, he's not in this place.

Aliens took him, and left not a trace!"

Gran smiled and said, "He's a turner, you know.
And this time of year he just seems to glow."

"He's out in this place for hours each day,
with nary a thought as to go or to stay."

She opened the door, but they heard not a sound.
Empty indeed, but for chips on the ground.

But she held up the plate with the coffee and
sweets,
and room quickly filled with the smells of the treats.
Then up from the heap, where the chips were all
piled,
a face slowly rose, it blinked, and it smiled.

"Grandpa!" yelled Pat, "You were here all the
while!"

and Gran slipped away with a wink and a smile.

So if, in this season of gifts and of wishing,
you find that your turner is gone, vanished, missing,
Before you give in to fear and despair,
go sift through the chips, they're most likely still
there.

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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.

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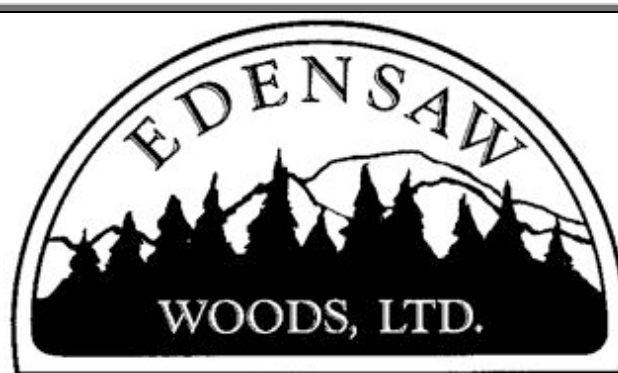
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