



# CHATTERMARKS

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## EXPERTISE ON TAP AT JULY MEETING

Dave Schweitzer and Dan Ackerman, two of our more renowned members, will present "Tips in Woodturning". They will cover a wide range of woodturning-related topics, such as mounting, sanding, finishing, cutting, tool and turning techniques, sharpening, etc. They have a lot of experience to draw from; both have turned professionally and have about 60 years turning history. Dan and Dave are looking for a lot of audience participation, to get some discussion going. Be prepared to share some of your tips, shortcuts, questions, and woodturning secrets. This should be a great educational experience, and could be a very entertaining one.

### JULY MEETING

31 July, 6:30 pm,  
Kitsap Adventist School  
5088 NW Taylor Rd.  
Bremerton, WA

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With Social, Library, Show  
and Tell Tables and wood  
auction viewing before

### DAN ACKERMAN

Dan has been turning for 35 years, 10 years as a production turner doing a rosewood gift item business which was represented nationally. During the last 15 years the emphasis has been on one of a kind boxes sold at shows and galleries. The boxes are seen in many private collections and shows. Carving has also been emphasized in later years in combination with the boxes, making them even more unique.

## DAVE SCHWEITZER

Dave has taken his talents, fabricated his own lathe and tools which he uses on his turnings. He does one of a kind pieces as no two pieces of wood are the same. He shows particular attention to form, detail and finishes which best show the fine grain and beauty of the natural woods. Dave is a member in good standing with the American Association of Woodturners, and is affiliated with the Olympic Peninsula Chapter and the South Puget Sound Chapter. Dave has demonstrated throughout the Pacific Northwest and has been acknowledged in several publications. You can learn a lot more about him and view his turnings at his web site, <http://www.d-waytools.com/index.html>.

## EMPTY BOWLS

We are requesting that the Wood Turners donate bowls or other items made of wood to be sold at the Olalla Bluegrass Festival on Saturday August 17. We plan to sell the bowls with soup or strawberry short cake. 100% of the money will be donated to the food banks in South Kitsap and the Peninsula Area. Items other than bowls will be sold at silent auction. Last year Wood Turners donated 36 bowls and helped us raise \$2,700 which was given to the South Kitsap Helpline, Key Center Community Services and Gig Harbor Fish.

We appreciate your support in this worthwhile effort. Hobie Denny

*Editor's Note: This will likely be your last chance to donate before the August 17 event. This could be an excellent to free up some counter or storage space while lending a hand to a genuine humanitarian effort. **Bring in a Bowl!***

## Look us up on Facebook!

Since you should never open Facebook by clicking on a link, search for OPCAAW from your Facebook page. See what other members are doing and see some of their work there. Join the group and join the conversations. You might even be able to get some good advice there, if you ask the right questions.

## DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR CHATTERMARKS?

Do you have a favorite web page or video related to woodturning that you might like to share with the group? Do you have some extra tools, wood, or materials that you might like to sell or see put to good use? Get hold of me at a meeting, or send an email to [PublicRelations@opcaaw.com](mailto:PublicRelations@opcaaw.com), and we will try to get it in. If you submit a tip that's accepted in Chattermarks, you will earn five free tickets for the Christmas party drawings.

# ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

**Saturday, August 10 at the Ackerman's**

Dan Ackerman (who coincidentally, is co-speaker of this month's meeting) has invited all OPCAAW members to his place for our annual picnic.

He's setting up the lawn bowling course. Bring your lawn darts, or badminton set. You can even bring your own bucket, rake, and boots, and harvest shellfish from the beach (tide permitting). It is a good idea to bring your outdoor chairs, too, because seating is a little limited.

Arrive at 1:00 for fun and games and get together. Eats start at 2:00. The club is providing the burgers, polish dogs, sodas, and condiments, and there may even be some salmon patties. We will be having potluck for side dishes and desserts, bring your own serving utensils, and your own beverage alternatives. More information will be available at the meeting.

The address is 163 Sylopash Lane, in Brinnon. Cross the Hood Canal Bridge and go 11 miles (per Google maps). Turn right onto the Center Rd loop, and turn right and the end of the ramp onto Center Rd (South). After 8 miles, turn left onto 101 S. Sylopash Lane is about 12 miles down the road on the left, at the Brinnon General Store. Third place on the left, gray house and big gray barn.

This is a good opportunity for newer members especially. It's a lot more relaxed and informal than the meetings, great people in a beautiful waterfront setting. Come on over and have a great time.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## OLYMPIA CHAPTER PRESENTS SYMPOSIUM

July 27, 2013

The Woodturners of Olympia, a chapter of the AAW, is presenting its sixth annual symposium, "Creativity in Woodturning" featuring John Jordan, on July 27, 2013 from 7:50a.m. until 5:15 p.m. It will be held at the Komachin Middle School in Lacey, Washington State. Price is \$90 until May 31 after which it increases to \$100. Price for youth under the age of 18 attending with an adult is \$10. All prices include lunch and the chance to win several door prizes. The day starts with Jack Wayne demonstrating his methods for turning thin. Jack is a popular Northwest woodturning instructor and demonstrator. He is followed for the rest of the day by John Jordan who will be conducting several demonstrations, including: aesthetics and properties of wood, turning & hollowing green wood and carving & texturing techniques. John was honored in 2011 with a lifetime membership to the AAW for his extraordinary contribution to the advancement of woodturning. More information on his technique and work can be seen at his web site:

[http://www.johnjordanwoodturning.com/John\\_Jordan\\_Woodturning/Home.html](http://www.johnjordanwoodturning.com/John_Jordan_Woodturning/Home.html).

John will also lead four hands-on workshops limited to 8 participants per day. Workshops schedule & topics are: Sunday, July 28, bowl turning; Monday, July 29, carving & texturing; Tuesday, July 30, Tea Pot; and Wednesday, July 31, student's choice of either bowl turning or hollow forms. Cost for each of the workshops is \$150. For more information or to register for the symposium you can go to our web site: <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org>. You can also register by calling Al Price on 360-791-0396 or e-mail him at [aprice44@aol.com](mailto:aprice44@aol.com). You can also contact Al to register for the classes.

## 7th ANNUAL FOREST FESTIVAL

September 28, 2013

This is an annual festival in historic Port Gamble, featuring forest related activities, including lumberjack competitions and chain-saw carving. Our club has previously had a booth at this festival, demonstrating woodturning and selling some craft. If we decide to participate again this year, volunteers may be needed for logistics, demonstrating, and displaying their wares. Additional information, although a little sketchy at present, can be found at <http://www.orm.com/Timberlands/ForestFestival.aspx>

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We are looking for some new mentors. The folks who are currently doing the great service have been doing it for a long time. 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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