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ALAN CARTER BRINGS ARTISTRY TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING

Alan Carter is an accomplished artist, and wood is just one of his mediums. You can see some of his creations at his website, <http://alancarterstudio.com/>. Be sure to look at his multi-piece, thin-stemmed goblets at <http://alancarterstudio.com/portfolio/small-pieces>, because thin-stemmed goblets are going to be the focus of this month's presentation. There is an article from Woodturning Design magazine that can give you some insight into how he does his work at <http://alancarterstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Woodturning-Design-thin-stem-article1.pdf>.

November MEETING

20 November 6:30 pm,
Kitsap Adventist School 5088
NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton,
WA

Socialize, browse the library, buy
glue and sandpaper and view the
show-and-tell tables before the
meeting starts.

Special Note: The November meeting will be on Nov 20th, one week BEFORE our normal meeting date, because of Thanksgiving. While Alan Carter is in our area, he will also be putting on programs at the Fife, Olympia, and Victoria clubs, in addition to Woodcraft in Seattle.

At the present time there are no teaching or demonstration programs planned for him on Nov 18th or 19th and the possibility exists for special sessions either in your own shop, or the shop of someone in the region. These may be private lessons, semi-private lessons or demonstrations. They may be almost any place in the region, as we are actively looking for possibilities.

The costs for these would be carried strictly by the participants, and could be a bit spendy, but it is a rare opportunity for personal instruction by a renowned artist.

Please contact Ralph Lindberg if you are interested.

WHAT LIGHTS YOUR FIRE?

By Russell Neyman.

The concept is remarkably simple. Our chapter of the American Association of Woodturners strives to promote the craft through:

- Inspiration
- Education
- Resources

Personally, I find that the Show-and-Tell at our meetings is humbling, but inspiring,



too. The level of work is simply breathtaking, and I doubt another club anywhere puts on a monthly “showcase” like we do. There isn’t a time when I come to that table that I don’t say, “How in the heck did that woodturner do that...?” Thanks to all of you who push everyone else to achieve at a higher level.

In October, Eric Lofstrom spent an hour demystifying the skew. A tool of that shape was probably the very first sharp edge placed against a spinning piece of wood centuries ago, but somehow in this age of bowl gouges, bullnose scrapers, and articulated arm hollowing tools we strayed from the basics. Presentations like Eric’s help us re-think what we are doing and allay our fears. Now that’s pure education!

OPCAAW also educates through a group of mentors who meet with novice turners in hands on sessions. It is, after all, an extremely physical activity.

We also gather to trade, barter, and benefit from the economics of scale. It’s noteworthy that our last wood auction was the most successful indoor sale of wood and tools we’ve had in many years. (A special THANK YOU goes to all who donated material!) Sure, we put \$550 in our club’s treasury that will help us bring in more quality speakers, but more importantly dozens of our members left with quality wood at bargain prices. When you add the sandpaper, glue, member discounts, and tool vendors you realize that we our members rely on OPCA AW for much of their material needs.

And that lending library is pretty darn useful, too!

It all adds up to a dynamic organization that has something for everyone, and each and every one of us are better for it. I’d be interested to hear from you – which of aspect of our multi-faceted monthly meetings helps you the most?



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Professional photographer Louie King will be taking photographs of member work, beginning this month. Bring some of your bowls that you'd like to have photographed (it doesn't matter if they aren't part of Show-and-Tell) along with a flash drive or CD to store the photos and he'll get to as many as is practical. These will also be posted on our website.

Louie, who specializes in automotive photography, can be reached at 206-714-2324.

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Tools and other items that you'd like to sell are always welcome at our meetings, and there will be a TOOL EXCHANGE bulletin board table added for the November gathering. The club sees this as a service beneficial to everyone involved; you can get a few bucks for your old lathe, band saw, or four-jaw-chuck so that you can upgrade, and another member gets an item he or she needs. We understand perfectly if you have a piece of expensive burl that cost you several hundred dollars and you'd rather sell it than donate it to the wood auction. It's all good!

Bringing the machine or tool itself is usually best, but photographs with captions work well, too.

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Our undying gratitude goes out to Richard Bird for running our video cameras for the last ten- of small objects and recording the through our lending library. Never during Eric Loftstrom's turning and fine detail work with forced to step down due to health



out to Richard Bird for running our plus years, providing close-up views demonstrations for future viewing were his skills needed more than demonstration of small object a skew. Unfortunately, Richard is reasons but he has agreed to train

our new view crew at the November meeting. It will be nice to see the shows on big screen again. Thanks, Richard!

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The Holiday Season is practically here. If you're the type who drops hints, you might make mention of a gift certificate for one of our sponsors, most of whom are noted on the pages of CHATTERMARKS.



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One of the only big stage annual exhibitions for woodworkers, The Annual Woodworking Show will be held November 15-17 at the Portland Expo Center. Now, while it might seem to be a long way to go to see several hundred manufacturers and distributors hawk their products, there are plenty of woodturning specialists that will be shown. There will be dozens of specialized seminars, too. We suggest

that OPCA AW members carpool together to save on gas.

Tickets can be purchased at discount on line at TheWoodworkingShows.com.

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MEETING AGENDA AND BUSINESS STUFF

ELECTIONS: Our annual election of officers occurs in the November meeting. President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and Vice Presidents of Training, Membership, and Public Relations are all annual elected offices, and will be voted. Most of the incumbents are willing to return, but at least two offices need someone new to step up. The club does a lot for us, taking an office here is a chance to give something back.

DUES: Membership dues for 2014 can be paid at the November meeting, but not the December meeting, because we will be too busy enjoying our Annual Christmas party then. Annual dues are \$30 each, or \$50 for a family membership. You must be a member to receive prizes at the Christmas Party.

NO WOOD AUCTION: No auction this month because of the long program we have planned. No wood auction at the December Christmas party, either.

REMEMBER: The meeting is a week early this month.

Remember to mark your calendars for the Olympic Wood Turner's annual Potluck Holiday Party on December 11th at 6:00 pm.

It will be held at the same location as our monthly club meetings for the paid membership. Anyone wishing to help with setup the night of the party please arrive about 5:00 pm. If a member or their spouse would like to decorate a table or would like to participate in the planning, please email me.

As in years past, the club will be providing ham and turkey. We'll be asking that members with the last name starting with A - P, please bring hors d'oeuvres or your favorite potluck dishes. Members with last name starting with Q - Z, please bring desserts. As in years past, sliced ham and turkey will be provided. We will also have tables set up for a special display at the party so that members and their families can see and admire the talents and growth of the club. Encouraging all members to bring in some of your work - if something is for sale, feel free to put a price on it (may help some of us do our Christmas shopping!).

For members who have items or gift certificates to donate for the December party's drawing, I will be accepting them at the November OPCA AW club meeting. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

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, 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.

LATHE FOR SALE

This lathe has not sold yet. Tony really wants to sell it, and has said he will come down from \$350 to \$300, and maybe even more. Call 360-779-3638 to make an offer, or email: antoniodec@comcast.net.



RICHARD RAFFAN TO VISIT OLYMPIA

Congratulations to the Woodturners of Olympia for getting the word out so early. Richard Raffan is extremely popular, and this symposium is likely to be a sellout. Click on www.woodturnersofolympia.org for updates, prices, and more info, or contact Al Price, Symposium Director, 360-791-0396, or aprice44@aol.com.

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A black and white photograph of the front of a classic car, showing the grille and headlights. The car is parked on a dark surface. The license plate reads "1BAD46".

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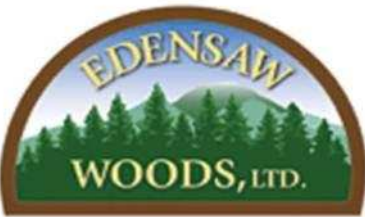
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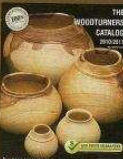
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Dan Ackerman	(360)796-4155
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