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## ENGINEERED BEAUTY



Tangerine fruit box by Norm Hix

### My name is Norm Hix, and I am a woodaholic!

I have been a wood worker since I was six. My Grandfather was a wooden shipwright in Dockton on Vashon Island, and my Dad was a carpenter. They started me out with a coping saw, a jackknife, broken glass, bee's wax, and a pile of shingle scraps. My specialty was swords. I first turned wood in seventh grade shop class. My Mom kept those projects, and god they were ugly.

After a 47 year sabbatical building boats, sheds, furniture, boxes, toys, etc. I tried turning again. I was completing a rocking horse for my Granddaughter and needed a handle. One small project and I was hooked! Since then, the only flat work I've done has been on commission. But I had a bunch of tools I couldn't stand to see go unused. I also had little patience with waiting for wood to dry.

So...I turned to segmenting, and laminating to give me turning stock of adequate size. After gluing up a piece, segmented turning is pretty much like other turning, except for a few aspects I'll warn you about as we go along. Unfortunately, this won't be the chip slinging demo I know you all love. My wood allergies cause me to work in a cocoon, and it's hard to do a demo with no audience contact.

Also, bringing all my tools to a meeting isn't in the cards either. However, I'll try to give you enough show-and-tell to allow you to know if you want to try this other side of the turning world.



The real Norm, dressed for turning.

# Countdown to our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

By Russell Neyman.

**E**XACTLY ONE YEAR from now, at the October 2015 General Meeting, our chapter of the American Association of Woodturners will celebrate our *twenty-fifth anniversary*, making us one of the oldest chapters in AAW. That fact, combined with the fact that we have a very large and talented roster of members, places us in the stratosphere among North American woodturning organizations.

We're already making plans to have that gathering one to remember, with special guests and, perhaps, a special demonstrator. It's a sure bet that we'll be getting our fair share of publicity, too.

I bring that up now because our annual elections will take place at our November 19<sup>th</sup> General Meeting and the officers you elect will be carrying us through that countdown. Serving as an officer for OPCA AW is both a pleasure and an honor, and I highly recommend it if you have leadership skills or want to develop them.

If you wish to serve on the Board, or want to nominate someone else for a position, please forward a note of nomination to that effect. Nominations for all of the offices can be delivered in person to the meeting sign-in desk or by email to [Feedback@OPCAAW.com](mailto:Feedback@OPCAAW.com).

The elected positions are:

- **President**, responsible for chairing all meetings and appointing various staff positions;
- **Vice President of Education and Training**, in charge of the

various speakers and demonstrations;

- **Vice President of Public Relations**, handles the newsletter, website, and overall publicity;
- **Vice President of Membership**, responsible for tracking enrollment in the club and maintaining the roster;
- **Treasurer**, handling our financial affairs;
- **Secretary**, responsible for keeping a record of our affairs and sending correspondence; and
- **Sergeant-at-Arms**, marshalling the setup of the meeting venue and maintaining decorum.

It should be noted that most of the current officers are running for re-election, but all are open to nominations. A Past President will conduct the proceedings, with a deadline for nominations of November 12<sup>th</sup>.

And while we're at it, we also have two staff positions that need filling. One, we need a librarian and, two, we'd like to have a third member of the video crew. Contact me if you're interested at [President@OPCAAW.com](mailto:President@OPCAAW.com).

Needless to say, 2015 will be an extremely fun and eventful year to be an officer of our guild.

*Note: Articles recounting the history of the Olympic Peninsula Woodturners will be published in CHATTERMARKS during the coming months.*

► **\*THE NOVEMBER MEETING** will be held on the THIRD Wednesday of the month (November 19) to avoid a conflict with everyone's Thanksgiving

plans. Likewise, the Annual Holiday party will take place earlier in the month on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please make a note of these dates!!!

► **SHOW & TELL IS**, without a doubt, the most popular and inspiring regular feature of our meetings and “well worth the price of admission” for most of us. Last month I commented that the table “looked a little sparse.” Well, it turns out that was my fault. In my request for members to bring in gift project ideas (bottle stoppers, pizza cutters, pens, refrigerator magnets, candleholders, etc.) I gave many people the impression that “regular” turnings (bowls, etc.) should not be shown. Sorry for the confusion.

To be clear, anything you think worth sharing with the group is a welcome addition to Show & Tell, even if it isn't a recent turning and even if you didn't do it yourself. So if you come across a great idea, technique, tool, or concept, please bring it to share with the group. And – especially – bring things you've done. We all want to see what you've accomplished, the challenges you faced, and the lessons you learned in doing it.

► **AS NOTED ABOVE**, our annual Christmas Party is just around the corner, and we've begun the process of soliciting raffle and door prizes to be given away.

As you probably know, members who contribute to our monthly meetings receive raffle tickets which are collected throughout the year. At the December event, these are drawn from a bowl and redeemed for prizes, tools, and gift certificates.

The party, which will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>, will be a potluck event

held in our regular meeting place, with the club providing the main dish.

We need more prizes! If you know a restaurant, manufacturer, retailer, or other organization that might be interested in donating something to the raffle, please inquire about it.

► **FORMER MEMBER** George Lusik of Port Orchard has generously donated a Rockwell 46-111 lathe and some tools to the club to do with as we wish. We contemplated adding it to our collection of demonstration lathes – we currently have four – but since our storeroom is full, the Board of Directors has decided to auction it off the highest bidder during our Christmas Party, with the funds earmarked for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

This way, it will benefit the overall organization and also help a woodturner to upgrade equipment. It would be a great present or a welcome addition to anyone's shop.

It features Rockwell's unique “gapped bed” design, which means that it is capable of holding objects 11 inches in diameter by 36 inches long over the standard bed, except adjacent to the drive end, where a bowl as large as 14 inches can be turned.

The machine probably dates back to the 1970's but is remarkably well kept and in great condition. It is a four-speed, belt driven unit with a 110-volt ½ horsepower motor.

If it were sold on Craigslist, I imagine it would go for \$250-300. We will be previewing it at the November meeting. Details of the auction will be announced next month.

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## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT ACCESSORIES

Last month, Tones taught us how to make those beautiful Christmas ornaments. He will be at the October meeting and will have ornament hollowing tools and chucks for sale.

This would probably be a good chance to ask him all those questions you forgot during his presentation.

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### Old Maple is turners' trove

In 2012 Patrick Fischer heard about an old and dying maple tree that had been felled. At the time he was turning wood and talked the owner, Annie, into letting him have what he could salvage of the tree. Rather than let it go to firewood, Annie and her husband wanted to see it become art that would honor the years and decades the tree had served for swings and treehouses.

Patrick and a friend spent many hours and much effort with a small trailer transporting the rounds to his property. Fast forward two years and Patrick's life is changing. He has retired; sold his shop; is selling his house; and wants Annie's maple to go on to greater things. So he's offering it to anyone in the area that would like some maple to turn. Some of it is rotted. A lot of it is sound, and figured and burlled.

The trunk of the tree was a good 6' across, so the rounds are substantial. If you want to harvest portions of the tree, bring your chain saw, a bar and blocks for maneuvering the rounds.

While Pat still owns his house, the wood will be available. As soon as the house sells, however, he will be off with his chocolate lab, George, to see the country in his RV.

The attached photos give you a hint to what's available and what its potential is. Pat signs his pieces and calls the wood 'Annie's Maple'.



Call or text him at 253-279-1808, or email him at [patrick.fischer@gmx.us](mailto:patrick.fischer@gmx.us)



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## VERN'S SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

**When working with woods with known health risks, upgrade your safety gear to include an air supplied shield or hood. Enjoy your woodturning; avoid health care providers.**  
Vern West

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## October MEETING

29 October, 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 the  
meeting starts.

## Estate Sale

A fellow woodturner from the Fife group, Vic Bennett, has passed away, and the following estate items are for sale:

Powermatic Lathe w/extension - model 3520B, 2  
extra tool rests, multiple live centers, multiple  
spur centers \$3,200

Hold Fast vacuum system, small chuck, medium chuck	\$200
Jet 1 hp vacuum, stand, hood, hose	\$200
Jet air filtration unit w/remote switch - model AFS 1000B	\$250
Stihl chain saw mod MS391, extra chains	\$450
Porter Cable pancake compressor	\$70
8" double-speed grinder	\$100
OneWay/Wolverine grinding guide system + Vari-grind attachment	\$80
Sorby 3/8" bowl gouge	\$35
Sorby 3/4" roughing gouge	\$35
Pinnacle parting too	\$30
D-way 1/2" bowl gouge w/ fingernail grind (includes handle)	\$90
D-way 1/2" bowl gouge w/ bottom feeder grind (includes handle)	\$90
Crabtree hollowing tool	\$120
Shopsmith five-piece turning tool set	\$30
double-ended caliper	\$15
Stay-Put work lamp w/ bench-mount base	\$40
New Masters Woodturning book	\$10
Alan Lacer diamond slip stone	\$30
Sorby angle sander w/multiple disks	\$30

Contact Alan York  
253-925-9177  
alan.york@libertymutual.com

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## UPCOMING

**October 29** Next meeting,: Norm Hix presents segmented turning overview, processes, and insights.

**November 19** (unusual date because of Thanksgiving) a shortened version of a symposium, featuring sharpening and tool control, at minimum.

**December 17** is our annual Christmas party. No regular meeting this month.

**January 28**, the Pacific North West wood artist, Steven Hatcher, will be presenting forms and finishes.

**March 25** is when Molly Winton will demonstrate Introduction to Surface Enhancements, Pyrography: Effective Use of Home-Made Brands and

Commercial Pyrography Pens, or Making Mini Vessels and Carving Textures. Any one of the three is good stuff, coming from a world-recognized artist.

Our Training Chairman, Ralph Lindberg, is always looking for ideas and suggestions for future presentations, and sometimes even volunteers. You can catch Ralph at a meeting, or email Training@opcaaw.com.

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## From the Seattle Chapter

We are fortunate to have arranged to have a unique woodturner, sculpture, artist, Derek Weidman, visit our club in January 2015. On January 8 he will be the featured demonstrator at our monthly club meeting at the VFW Hall in Redmond, 7 pm. On January 10, there will be an all-day demo at AJ Mearns Custom Sawmilling shop in Bothell. The fee for the all-day is \$50, payable at sign-up. For a taste of the type of work Derek does, see his website at <http://weidmanwoodsculpture.com>. Pretty amazing, isn't it? Please share this information with your club-members. We would welcome them to either demo.

David Lutrick  
Program Chair  
Seattle AAW  
425 557 9571

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## TRUE VALUE

*Quotation submitted by Ellen Winnie.*

“When you buy from an independent artist you are buying more than just a painting or a novel or a song. You are buying hundreds of hours of experimentation and thousands of failures. You are buying days, weeks, months, years of frustration and moments of pure joy. You are buying nights of worry about paying the rent, having enough money to eat, having enough money to feed the children, the birds, the dog. You aren't just buying a thing. You are buying a piece of heart, part of a soul, a private moment in someone's life. Most importantly, you are buying that artist more time to do something they are truly passionate about; something that makes all of the above worth the fear and the doubt; something that puts the life into the living.”

-Rebekah Joy Plett

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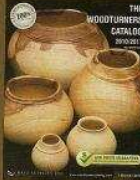
Aunt Edna's birthday was last week, Homer!  
Couldn't we just **buy** her a candlestick?

*The image is borrowed, the caption is ours - Editor*

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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	Brinnon	(360)796-4155
"Tones" Briggs	Port Orchard	(360)271-6448
George Kromka	Bremerton	(360) 373-1028
Jim Leary	Kingston	(360) 297-5872
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