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AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

Have some extra stuff you want to donate for the Club auction? Bring it to the September meeting.

Have a project you really want to show off? Bring it to the Sept meeting!

Have some wood, tools, equipment, or something you want to sell? Bring it to the Sept meeting and put it out on a table and try to sell or swap it.

Besides that we will have two mini-programs from club members:

One on using Food Coloring for your turnings.

One on using Enviro Tex two-part coating, to finish the inside of drinking vessels.

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.

SEPT MEETING

25 September 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.

As The Wood Turns

9/16/13

Growing up, my parents and teachers would frequently tell me “you get out of life what you put into it.” I never fully understood this expression until the summer of my senior year in high school.

That summer, I began working as a bagger at the Sheppard AFB commissary. Unlike my previous minimum wage jobs, as a bagger, my earnings were entirely dependent on tips. As I bagged groceries, I began to notice that the harder I worked, the more money I made. While other baggers took off for smoke breaks or lunch breaks (spending the money they had just made on cigarettes and burgers), I would fill their spots, often jogging back in order to get back in line to bag again. Although it was a mindless job, I found it completely enthralling. For the first time in my life, I felt like I was truly in control of my future. If I wanted to make more money, all I had to do was work a little harder.

The lessons I learned that summer carried me through college, grad school, and into my career as a teacher. Here in the club, I’ve found my parents’ and teachers’ advice once again ringing true—with a noticeable difference. As the president of the OPCAOW for the past two years, I’ve received far more from the club than I ever expected. I’ve made new friendships, learned new skills, and have benefited from the generosity of several mentors. While there have been challenges along the way, I’ve truly enjoyed working with such an amazing group of turners.

All of these amazing benefits and people have made this a truly difficult choice—but it’s time for me to step down as president of the club. With the start of this school year, my normally busy schedule has become downright frantic: I’m teaching new classes with more students than I ever have before. My own children have started a new school a couple of towns away. My wife needs me to step up more at home to help with running the household. Finally I need to start taking better care of my health. With these new challenges, something has to give. I don’t think I can balance these new responsibilities and be an effective president for the club as well.

Being president has been an amazing experience—one that I would strongly encourage you to consider. If you have the time and inclination, you will find that it’s a position that pays you back a hundredfold what you put into it.

I am still planning on remaining an active member of the club and look forward to learning with you in years to come.

Keep on turning!

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OLYMPIA PRESENTS.....

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.

Plan to Attend
2014 Creativity in Woodturning Symposium
FEATURING RICHARD RAFFAN
July 26, 2014 with Workshops July 27-30, 2014

Richard Raffan has been a professional turner since the early 1970s. Well-known for his impeccable sense of shape and form, and his mastery of the craft of woodturning, he was inspired by the influence of the English Arts & Crafts movement. Although he has worked with what might be considered more 'artistic' forms, Raffan is best known for his functional work, and prefers to be referred to as a craftsman.

Richard has noted that 'he is drifting into his retirement years' (Raffan website) and has told us that he will not be coming to the 'States' much anymore. Could our 2014 Creativity in Woodturning Symposium be one of your last chances to see Richard Raffan in person? Don't miss this opportunity."

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VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We need a volunteer to handle glue and sandpaper sales during the meetings. This is a chance to provide a valuable service to the other members, while giving something back to the club.

Look us up on Facebook!

Look up OPCA AW on Facebook to see what other members have been doing and what they are up to now. Join the group and join the conversations.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The November program will be Alan Carter (<http://alancarterstudio.com/>) on Nov 20th (note the date, a week BEFORE Thanksgiving). While he is here 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 anyplace in the region, as we are actively looking for possibilities.

The costs for these would be carried strictly by the participants.

Please contact Ralph Lindberg if you are interested.

SAFETY TIP

Rags are one of the most useful items in the shop. Old T-shirts are especially useful: soft, color-fast, almost lint-free, usually in plentiful supply, and incredibly strong. They also have a tendency to grab hold of rapidly rotating wood rather than gliding smoothly and evenly over it. Paper towels are an excellent substitute for items still on the lathe, especially when using them to apply or wipe off finishes. They are even more combustible than rags, however, so be sure to spread them out to dry thoroughly before disposal.

A DATE TO REMEMBER

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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