

You'll like these Urchins

As opposed to common Urchins sometimes referred to as "Rug Rats", this month's presentation will be sure to teach more than we ever imagined about SEA Urchins.

David Lutrick will be giving a demonstration on making tree ornaments and earrings with

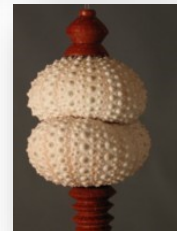
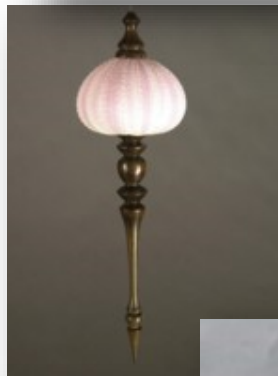


sea urchins and exotic hardwoods such as purpleheart, ironwood, padauk and others as finials to the urchin body.

What David works with is the hard shell of the urchin that is left behind after the sea creature's demise. Supplies are plentiful as we live next door the 'land' of these sea creatures.

David is originally from Texas, which puts him in the "good guy" category. (It's genetic, people) Although he started his schooling at UT-Austin in Chemical Engineering, he came to Seattle in 1970 to pursue a graduate degree in air pollution engineering. He currently lives with his family in Issaquah.

Join us on Wednesday for a fun evening of creative Christmas ornament making. Check-in at 6:00 pm with the meeting starting promptly at 6:30 pm.



Sept 2017

Regular
meeting is
the last
Wednesday,
of the month

Meet & Greet at
6 PM followed by
announcements
at 6:30.

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Other
activities
include

Featured
Demonstration,
Refreshments,
Show and Tell,
Wood Auction,
Sandpaper &
Glue sales.

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website at

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A special Greetings to all of you—

First I would like to congratulate all those that made this year's **Kitsap County Fair** such a great success. There was always such a positive energy in the booth and it attracted many people. As always, the tops were a big success! The bucket of tops that had been donated ahead of time lasted a little over two days. The range of items was demonstrated besides tops including pens, bowls, honey dippers, Harry Potter Wands, flowers and much more.

Over 200 people took our information card, and we have already seen some of them at the meeting following the fair. The response from the public was overwhelming from people just impressed with what was going on and wanted to learn more. There were at least two different requests for both individual instruction and instruction to groups including youngsters. Some wood has already been donated as well as a starter lathe.

I would also like to thank those that have been showing up early to help set up the room for the meeting and those that have been helping close it down. The efforts of many make the work easier for all. Getting out all the tables,

chairs, lathe, video equipment and putting them away, sweeping the floor, setting up the snack bar and cleaning it up is greatly appreciated. Social time starts at 6:00 and the goal has been to have things ready prior to that. The more people that show up prior to 6:00 (like 5:00) makes the likelihood of starting the meeting promptly at 6:30 more probable.

Thanks goes to those that generously **donate to the wood auction** and those that participate and purchase wood. Not only are we sharing our abundance, it also benefits the club. Another way of helping the club is that occasionally there are pieces of equipment donated that we then can resell. Prior to selling the equipment, it is cleaned and refurbished as needed. Currently there are **two Makita 15.5 inch planers and a Craftsman Pipe bed lathe** waiting for attention. If any of you would like to take on one of these projects individually or be part of a refurbishment group please contact any board member. The club will provide the necessary funds for the restorations.

The last meeting had many different aspects of turning presented

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Ask not what your club will do for you—Ask what you can do for your club (Paraphased from JFKennedy)

The life of any club is enhanced by the new and the young cycling in to lead when the old and the stale begin to fade. Your board of directors is growing long in the tooth and many are desperate for a break. It is now YOUR turn—YOUR chance to step up and help YOUR club stay vital and relevant.

Three positions are now or will be vacant at the end of this year -

- Sgt-at-Arms
- Secretary
- Membership VP

None of the positions are overly taxing or stressful. With many lending a hand, each job can be a breeze. Most of the time, the person filling the position will be working just one day a month, or a partial day.

Will this be the year that you stand up out of your chair in the audience and show you care enough to volunteer your time to help?

Don't think you have the time? Find someone to split the load with.



"Use sandpaper like somebody else is paying for it."

—Anon.



Round Robin Demos August 30, 2017

Bowl blank prep with
band saw and chain-
saw. (top 3) Larry
Lemon & Jamie Straw
Mini hollow forms (L)
Ellen Winnie
Using Trans-Tint col-
oring® George
Kromka
Turning green wood
(bottom)
John Elliott



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Valerie Henshel

Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

CHATTERMARKS

2017

- Sept 27— Monthly meeting-David Lutrick demonstrating Sea Urchin ornaments and ear rings.
- Oct 8— Sawdust Session—Holiday Gifts - Demonstrators on page 5
- Oct 25— Monthly Meeting—Molly Winton on design
- Nov 29— Monthly Meeting—Demonstrator TBA
- Dec 12— TUESDAY Christmas dinner and club party—Event is on a non-Wednesday due to scheduling conflicts with the school.

Mark your calendars

Note above that the **Christmas dinner and party** will be on TUESDAY, DEC 12. The school has a scheduled conflict on every Wednesday except the last one of the month, so we have to move our party to another day. It's just to get you out of your rut, really.



Close-out Sale

Craft Supply currently has CBN Wheels for sale on a close-out. Grit is 180. Price is \$136. See woodturnerscatalog.org for details.



Ron Brown's Best Website

Ron Brown is an old time turner and inventor of new and improved turning tools. He currently has calipers based on the Golden Mean that you can either buy or download the instructions to build your own. The set of three is \$50 and you can see them at Golden Mean Calipers. The

three sized are 5", 8" and 12". Or you can go to [HERE](#) and download the instructions to build your own.



Don't forget them

The news is all about *Jose* and *Maria* and more lined up to crash into the Caribbean and maybe the U.S.

Although out of the news loop, Houston and the state of Florida are in desperate need of help to recover from the floods and storms that hit earlier this month.

Please consider donating to their relief.

Popular and secure donation sites are with the [Red Cross](#) and the [Salvation Army](#).

"Sandpaper is just another cutting tool."

- Dick Raffan

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and I hope all of you found a nugget of new knowledge or had their memory jogged in some way. I would like to see a resurgence of the Open Shop where these kinds of things go on more often in individual shops. This is a good way to get to know each other in a less formal setting than the club meeting. Talk to a board member about setting up an Open Shop in your shop.

This month's meeting topic is on Christmas ornaments of a specific type. **The President's Challenge for the October meeting is to create a Christmas ornament** or turning for the season. You do not have to try to duplicate the demonstration, just create a holiday themed item. Remember that all the information tickets for the President's Challenge will be put into a drawing for prizes to be drawn at the Christmas Party. These will be separate from the normal ticket prizes.

The **Christmas party will be** here before we know it. It will be **on a Tuesday** this year instead of Wednesday. I hope all of you will come. The party is always a lot of fun and great prizes are given away each year. Remember the prizes are drawn from the monthly tickets that you put in the bowl. You get them for attendance, items for the auction, items in Show and Tell, tops for the Fair and occasionally other special things.

Elections – Now is the time to help. The By Laws call for annual elections to be held in November. Leading up the election in November a proposed slate of officers are submitted to the membership at the October meeting. It is very healthy for an organization to have rotation in office so that it may continue to grow and evolve to meet the needs of all. The commitment to a Board position is an opportunity for you to have direct input into the planning and function of this great club. The requirements are not huge and normally only requires one extra meeting a month. We work together and support each other so that no one has a great burden. Contact a Board member to volunteer or suggest someone for a position.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

— Larry Lemon, President

Definition of **Panic**. When you spend the entire weekend working on writing a newsletter only to open it on Wednesday for final review and find large sections of text have disappeared. If parts of this letter don't make sense, blame it on the gremlins.

Sawdust Session October 8, 2017 9 am to 3-ish pm

The Sunday after our September meeting, we will be having a Sawdust Session. This is an opportunity to come, see, and participate. Demonstrators will show you how it's done and then hand you the tool. Don't pass up the chance to increase your skills or hone one that is dormant.

The following are the demonstrators and topics—

- **Jimmie Allen**—Boxes. Step by step how to make a lidded box that you will be proud of.
- **John Elliott**—Honey Dippers. This fits right in with John's usual topic of tool control. He'll be showing you all of his tricks.
- **Brad Powers**—Pens. It's a fun aspect of turning that will impress all who see your end product.
- **John Clauson**—All-wood coffee scoop. If you're a tea drinker, don't bother. It would be wasted on you.
- **Jamie Straw**—An assortment of kitchen stuff, like a French rolling pen, and a display of Ruth Niles new line of bottle stoppers and bottle openers.
- **Ralph Linberg and Ellen Winnie**—seam rippers, irons, and pin cushions. Note: Seam rippers are different from Bodice ripper novels of the romantic type.



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The Mentoring Program

CONSIDER A MENTOR—The OPCAOW Mentors are a select group of artisans and professionals who we have designated to promote, encourage, and guide novice and intermediate woodturners within our organization. Mentors provide counsel on subjects like shop setup, equipment purchase, safety, wood preparation and specialized skills. These are some friendly folks willing to give you a point in the right direction.

While not actually a formal training program, meetings with mentors often become just that. In some cases, advanced formal instruction is available at

an hourly rate.

OPCAOW Mentoring is available only to members. Please bring your current badge with you to the first session.

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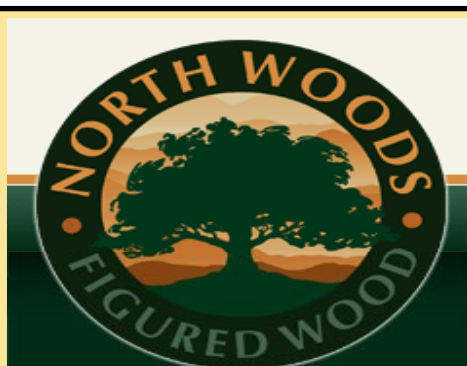
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