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SEPT MEETING DON DERRY ON COLORING

Donald has been a woodworker for 35 years and has made everything from fine furniture and cabinetry to rock and roll guitars. In 1993 Don and his wife Kathy adopted a baby girl and made the decision for Donald to change his job status from cabinetmaker to full time stay at home dad. Fatherhood gave Donald time to reconsider his career and go into Woodturning. Donald states, "Turning appealed to me because it isn't dependent on the cutting, fitting and endless measuring that my cabinetmaking required." So in 1993 He began in earnest to teach himself the craft of Woodturning . His interest in color was initiated do to an observation which he made at an American Association of Woodturners symposium in '94. A highlight of the symposium was an instant gallery containing several hundred turnings by amateurs and professionals alike. When he viewed the gallery he asked one question." What do I not see represented in this exhibition?" Donald noticed that vibrant color and optical quality finishing were two attributes being neglected by modern woodturners and he set out to exploit both to the highest standard of optical brilliance possible. So successful was his quest that his work is, more often than not, thought to be Fine Art Glass rather than finely crafted wood.

Presently, Donald is working in Chinese elm because the open grain structure and neutral wood tone lends well to the coloring process he is developing. The colors are pigments from an industrial paint supplier and aniline dyes . The pigments are hand rubbed into the unfinished wood, sanded to the appropriate contrast, blended with solvent and sometimes enhanced by air brushing. Each hollow form is then sprayed with 7 to 10 coats of water white lacquer followed by a 6 step and very intense hand polishing routine until the surface is optically perfect. To give a perspective on the whole process Donald states that, "Coloring, finishing and polishing easily takes more time than the woodturning."

Visit his website www.donaldderry.com

SEPT MEETING

28 Sept 6:30 pm,
Kitsap Adventist School
5088 NW Taylor Rd.
Bremerton, WA

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and Tell Tables and wood
auction viewing before

A Word from our President September 2011

The Festival By the Bay in Port Ludlow the last weekend of July was a tremendous success. The event has recently been changed to a charitable type event and now comes under new organizational management. Nuff said about that!

There were over one hundred vendors spread over three parking lots all in a quest to attract a lot of attention and make lots of money, isn't that what it is all about? According to Linda Karp who located and organized all the vendors, there was one booth that attracted far more than its share of interest. Just so happened that was the demonstration booth set up and manned by the Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners.

During the two day event seven of our members: Ellen Winnie, Barbara Davis, Jackie LeDoux, Ralph Lindberg, Scott Overby, John Elliott and Dick Bird took turns demonstrating the art of turning to a great many interested people. Ralph brought his treadle lathe and Dick Bird had a very large piece of Spalted Maple trucked in for the event. This piece was finally presented to a young lady in the form of a single very small box. The word is that next year Dick is going to import a giant redwood and turn it into a single "Toothpick".

The demonstration booth participants were allowed to not only demonstrate their turning abilities but also sell their wares. Scott Overby did very well.

Linda Karp has indicated that she would definitely like to see our chapter return next year. We should be very proud of all the members that participated. Hopefully we will realize some new members because of this demonstration.

Our August Picnic at the Ackerman's was also a great success. When I walked into the Ackerman's back yard I felt like I was in the Imperial Valley of Southern CA. I have not seen that much produce growing in one spot since leaving California. I understand that the citizens of Port Townsend are the beneficiary's at their local farmer's market. Chef George (Kromka) did wonders again this year with the bar-b-que and all the lady's outdid themselves with all the side dishes. Next year we should consider Alka-Seltzer, there were several of us that outdid each other and ourselves as the all-time greatest consumer's.

For those that brought a 4" turned ball there was a great golf course set up. I'm not really sure who won "Officially" but there was this guy from next door to down under with a white beard making claims that he won. Who ever heard of a golfer from New Zealand?

Doug Henderson, President

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DATES TO REMEMBER

28 Sept – Monthly meeting featuring Don Derry on coloring

26 Oct – Monthly meeting- demonstrator to be announced

30 Nov – Montly Meeting - demonstrator to be announced

14 Dec – Annual Christmas Party –Potluck Dinner with a visit from Santa Claus, (Ok it is Cindy, but she should have plenty of prizes.)

Eric Fehrmann
OPCAAW
Sergeant At Arms

As many of you are aware, Eric Fehrmann had major heart surgery several months ago. His intent was to recover rapidly and return to his position with the board and possibly serve another term next year. I spoke with Eric on the phone recently and learned that although he is progressing quite well it is not quite what he expected. He has decided to leave the OPCAOW Board of Directors at this time and does not plan to run for the board next year.

Eric has served for several years now and done an outstanding job. He has worked diligently with Cindy Allen in the planning of our Christmas dinners and picnics as well as handling the responsibility of our "Concession Stand" during meetings. He has been an interested and effective member of the board. We will miss him at the board meetings but I'm sure that he will make the regular meetings when he recovers a little more.

Ralph Lindberg has volunteered to fill in at the Sergeant At Arms position for the rest of Eric's term. This will require a vote of the membership, which will occur at the next regular meeting on September 28th.

Election of Officers will occur at the regular meeting in November.

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HELP WANTED.....

THIS EMAIL WAS RECEIVED FROM A TURNER WITH THE OLYMPIA WOODTURNERS IF INTERESTED IN HELPING CONTACT AL.

I'm looking for some help to locate anyone or a group that has an interest in preserving Antique woodturning lathes. Maybe you or some one you know may be able to help.

I was contacted by a local resident about an Oliver Wood Lathe Model 159A that belonged to his grandfather 60 - 70 yr's ago. It had been used in a High School woodshop at the time his grandfather acquired the lathe. He's not sure as to the age of the lathe.

I'm trying to fine out if there is any interest in this lathe and if there is any groups that can rebuild the lathe as it's in parts now.

He may want to sell it. I'm will looking at it today and will take pictures. (Update ; Lathe looked better than I thought it would. It will need some work on it and replacement of a few parts on the tail stock that are missing. The head drive / motor & controls are one unit. Main frame appears to be in good cond. for the age. It just needs the right person or group to bring it back to life.)

Any help you can provide is welcomed.
Thanks;

Al Price
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CONDOLENCES NEEDED...

Ron Rawlinson lost his wife recently to pancreatic cancer. Please keep Ron in your thought and prayers as he adjusts to his life without her.

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You heard it here..... This is an interesting article that helps remind us to never stop thinking about SAFETY..... Thanks to Dave S. for submitting it...

CARVING ACCIDENT

Post by Chris Ramsey on World of Woodturners

The purpose of this post is to help prevent others from having an accident while carving legs on a bowl. I have posted several pictures of natural edge bowls with carved legs and feel a sense of responsibility to warn others of the dangers of using a King Arthur's Lancelot carving disk. The 4 "disk is made with a small piece of chain saw chain with 22 teeth that circle the disk. The disk is mounted on a 4 ½" grinder and is extremely aggressive and dangerous and runs at 40,000 RPM's. WoW member and friend Dennis Doebler had seen several of my 3 leg bowls and wanted to turn and carve a bowl with legs. I had offered to show Dennis how I carve the legs so he would have a total and complete understanding of how to safely carve the legs. I made absolutely sure that Dennis understood how dangerous the Lancelot tool can be.

All of the carving I do is performed between centers on the lathe. The piece is jam chucked and the tail stock is brought up to secure the piece so that it cannot move. The headstock locking pin is engaged and the pressure between centers is very strong to insure that the piece to be carved will not move. TWO HANDS AT ALL TIMES is the only way I ever use the Lancelot.

Dennis decided to carve the legs in his shop with no direction or supervision. Dennis will tell you that this was a huge mistake. The bowl was turned and ready to carve. Dennis removed the bowl from the lathe, set it on the work bench, plugged in the grinder with the Lancelot carving disk and was ready to begin carving. He sat at his stool, picked up the grinder, turned it on and held the grinder with one hand and the bowl with the other. The instant that Dennis touched the grinder to the bowl, the grinder violently jumped out of his right hand striking his left hand then surged upward striking him under the chin then powered around his neck to just below his right ear. He was air lifted by Life Flight to the University of Kentucky Hospital. His little finger, ring finger and middle finger were badly injured requiring 2 hours of initial surgery to close the wounds and an additional 3 hours of surgery yesterday to reconnect the tendons and ligaments.

The knuckles and bone were ground into powder by the Lancelot and no useable bone fragments existed. The Lancelot cut into Dennis' neck more than two inches deep, missed his jugular vein by 2 millimeters, miraculously skipped over his carotid artery, dug back in and continued cutting around his neck to just below the right ear. It took well over 100 stitches to close the injuries to his neck. Dennis said the doctors quit counting when they reached 100 stitches then continued sewing him up for over one additional hour.

Dennis called this evening, assisted in the writing of this and asked me to post this information for him. He is

facing several months of healing and physical therapy before he can get back to turning.

Dennis insisted on posting this information in an attempt to help keep others safe from doing the same thing.

If you are going to use the Lancelot, please make sure the piece you intend to carve is mounted solid so that it can not move and use both hands when carving with the grinder and the Lancelot.



**LET THIS REMIND ALL OF THAT YOU ALWAYS
HAVE TO THINK SAFETY... NOT JUST WITH USING
A GRINDER BUT ANY TIME YOU ENTER YOUR
SHOP...**

MENTORING PROGRAM

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.

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