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MAR MEETING THE FIRST EVER “LET’S MAKE SOME SHAVINGS”

This month we are going to try
something NEW.

MAR. MEETING

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

With Social, Library, Show
and Tell Tables and wood
auction viewing before

We will have 4 Stations set up with different topics.

Dave Schweitzer -- Sharpening
George Kromka – Turning with a SKEW
Jim Leary – Spindle Turning
Jimmie Allen – Turning Boxes

Each Turner will have a topic and will take questions from his group. You can move around anytime you wish. They are open to everyone getting a chance to make some shavings and learn something by ACTUALLY HANDLING AND TURNING.

Bring your tools and bring your questions.....

A Word from our President

This past summer, when I was trying to convince my wife that I “needed” a lathe, I showed her a copy of an old Shopsmith ad that read “Woodworking-It’s the *unselfish* hobby.” Lisa quickly saw through my ruse (she’s good at that), but ultimately acquiesced—with one condition: I had to make all of the Christmas gifts that year.

Several bowls, pens, egg-o-scopes, tool handles, and bottle stoppers later, I find myself reflecting on that Shopsmith ad. Woodturning has been a great hobby so far. It’s introduced me to dozens of new friends, provided me with hours of entertainment, and has allowed me to surprise friends and family with hand crafted gifts. While pleasing family and friends has been its own reward, I am delighted to find opportunities to use woodturning to help others.

For example, this past fall, Seattle’s Woodcraft store hosted pen-turning events for Breast Cancer Awareness month and the Pens for Troops programs. There’s no need to travel all the way to Seattle, however, if you too are interested in helping others by woodturning. Our very own John Elliot coordinates our club’s Pens for the Troops program.

A couple other opportunities have come to my attention recently:

- 1) The Peninsula Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has been coordinating with the Gig Harbor Potters Guild on a fund-raising project called “Empty Bowls” for local food-banks. Last year, they sold 200 bowls (filled with strawberry shortcake) and raised over \$1,200 for the South Kitsap Helpline food bank. They are interested in collaborating with us this year to put on a similar fund-raiser.
- 2) The Big Brother, Big Sister of the Alleghenies program coordinates with local woodturners and woodworkers to raise money for their program through a website called Turning For Charity <http://www.turningforcharity.org/>
As a teacher and a father with three young kids in childcare, I can personally attest that local youth support groups are in need of contributions from the community. The program my kids attend, The Boys and Girls Club of Bainbridge Island, has had to raise their tuition from \$40 a month in 2007 to a nearly unsubsidized \$250 a month in 2012. Unfortunately the families who need these services the most are often the ones most hard pressed to afford them.

If you would be interested in participating in the Empty Bowls project or helping form a Turning for Charity group for a program in our area, please call or e-mail me.

Noah



DATES TO REMEMBER

28 MAR – Monthly Meeting “Let’s make some Shavings”

25 APR – Monthly Meeting with John Beaver

17-19 MAY – UTAH WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM for info go to <http://www.utahwoodturning.com/>

30 MAY – Monthly Meeting with Stuart Mortimer

8-10 JUN – AAW ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM in San Jose, Ca. for info go to <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2012/>

27 JUN – Monthly Meeting—ANNUAL WOOD AUCTION

25 JULY— During JULY we will have ELI EVISERA for the monthly meeting an all day turning event and he will teach all day individual turning classes... More info will follow...

29 JULY – 2012 Symposium with David Ellsworth and James Leary in Olympia, Wa.

2012 ANNUAL DUES

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“CREATIVITY IN WOODTURNING”
featuring David Ellsworth and James Leary. Cost is \$90 before May 1st (\$100 after). For more information [click on this link](#).

NEW MEMBERSHIP

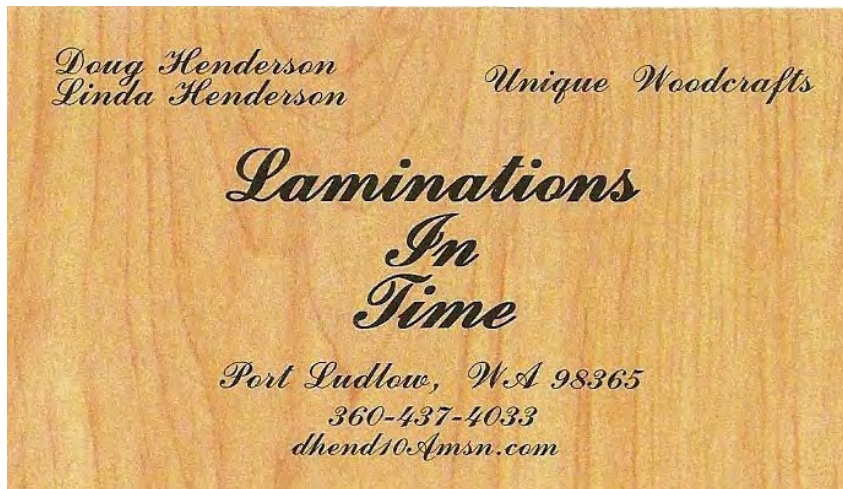
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**(THIS IS THE CORRECT NUMBER... AND IT IS CORRECTLY POSTED ON THE
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We are looking for some new mentors. The folks who are currently doing the great service have been doing it for a long time. See 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

"Tones" Briggs..... (360)871-7607

George Kromka (360) 373-1028

Jim Leary..... (360) 297-5872

Bob(Hicke)Hinkernell.....(360) 479-5501

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