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CHAIN SAW SAFETY highlights February meeting

J. D. Fernstrom of STIHL Northwest will be discussing and demonstrating Chain Saw Safety.

ABOUT J. D.: I have worked in the industry for 32 yrs and started my career with the US Forest Service. After leaving the Forest Service I worked at several Outdoor Power Equipment dealerships. I have worked for STIHL the last 16yrs. My responsibilities are service advice to dealers and end-users of our product, warranty processing, customer satisfaction, and training.

His presentation comes in two parts. **Safety** – discuss thinking safety, safety features built into modern chain saws, and proper safety apparel. **Maintenance** – discuss daily periodic maintenance including air filter, fuel filter, starter assembly, as well as bar & chain maintenance.

FEB MEETING

27 FEB 6:30 pm,
Kitsap Adventist School
5088 NW Taylor Rd.
Bremerton, WA

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

A word from OPCA AW President Noah Barfield

As The Wood Turns

February 2013

At the last meeting, I thanked the outgoing officers for their years of service. Their impact on the club has been enormous—from scheduling high quality demonstrators, to putting out a monthly newsletter, to keeping membership running smoothly. When I started my first term as president, these guys helped me learn the ropes. As the year continued on, they became more than fellow officers—they became friends. I visited their garages where we spent hours turning wood, chatting about the club, and enjoying each other's company

Being new to both the presidency and woodturning, I found their mentorship and friendship to be invaluable. In addition to Jimmie and Jeff, other club members have invited me over to their garages and given of their time and knowledge. Someday, when I have more experience and skill, I hope to host a new turner in my own garage and share what others have so generously shared with me. If there is a neighbor, friend, or relative who is showing a bit of interest in your hobby, please consider inviting them over to your workshop and introducing them to the world of woodturning.

Perhaps your shop space is limited (believe me, as someone who turns in the corner of a one-car garage, I understand) or you feel shy about having folks over. If so, please consider writing an article for our monthly newsletter. With over 100 members, we have a wealth of knowledge and experience in this club. It would be great if we could feature a shop-tip, an article, or a lesson from a club member in each newsletter.

On a different note—there are several woodturning opportunities heading our way. On March 23rd, the Anacortes club is hosting David Ellsworth for a day-long demo. If you missed him last summer in Olympia, you have another chance to see this legendary turner in action. This year's demonstrators for the Olympia symposium are John Jordan and Jack Wayne. The Olympia club puts on a great symposium—well worth your time and \$\$.

Speaking of \$\$, OPCA AW dues are due. Dues are \$30 per individual until the May meeting. After May, they increase to \$35.

Go forth and make some shavings!

Noah

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 27 – Monthly meeting with JD Fernstrom from Stihl Northwest demonstrating Chain Saw Safety.

March 23 – Northwest Washington Woodturners will be presenting A DAY WITH DAVID ELLSWORTH IN Anacortes. Check it out at <http://www.nwwwt.org/david-ellsworth-demo-2013/>

March 27 – Monthly meeting featuring Dan Marler. Dan will be demonstrating photographic techniques to get the most out of displaying our art (or work).

ODD AND ENDS

Do you have too much or too many of something? Old tools you don't use any more? Too much of a good deal you got on wood? Why not drop an email to PublicRelations@opcaaw.com, and we will try getting a classified ad into the newsletter. It should be woodworking related and private business only, not commercial.

Check out the primitive wood turning artisan at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnv0DAR_gWA.

This guy has some seriously talented limbs.

Is there a DVD or book that you would like to see added to the Club Library? Catch Barb Davis or Bob Flynn during one of our meetings and make a request. They are looking for material to expand our library.

PBS Create is re-running the Woodturning Workshop with Tim Yoder. You can check stations and time for your area and provider at <http://www.createtv.com/CreateProgram.nsf/vProgramsbyNOLA/WDWK>

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