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CAPTAIN JACK COMES TO KITSAP

Jack Wayne has been a Rancher, Paratrooper, Fireman, Teacher, Boat builder and Stockbroker. He has enjoyed hobbies like mineralogy, photography, fishing, racing (cars, boats and motorcycles) and finally building furniture. This last led to the addiction, Woodturning.

Jack has served two terms as President and Vice-President of the Seattle Woodturners, two terms as President of South Puget Sound Woodturners, and has taught woodturning at Seattle Woodcraft for 10 years. His philosophy is to learn as much as possible, and realize that you don't necessarily have to practice or use all you learn to pass on that knowledge to others and help them develop skills to further the craft.



The picture shows Captain Jack demonstrating one of his more popular presentations, making a round bowl from a square board. This month Jack will be showing us a different project; how to make a three-legged stool. This involves both of the major types of wood-turning, spindle and face, and joining them together for something very practical. Visit [his home page](#) to see some of his artistic creations, or to catch up on his activities and schedule.

JANUARY MEETING

29 January 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 starts.

Turning Out

By Russell Neyman

I F YOU'RE ONE of those woodturners who has been simply “hanging around” for the last few months waiting to decide if you want to give in to the lure of woodturning, now's the time to take the leap—*JOIN THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA WOODTURNERS*. The holiday season spun by with a blur, the New Year turned, and now it's time for our annual membership drive. Our unique system works on a January-through-December basis, so we ask participants to pay their dues in the first few weeks of the year.

Fees are \$30, a pretty modest sum when you consider that card-carrying OPCA AW members enjoy these privileges:

- Access to the extensive club lending library containing a wealth of books and DVDs with turning techniques and inspirational ideas.
- Shared buying power through our glue, sandpaper, and supplies program.
- Discounts at Woodcraft and other retail outlets.
- Participation in our monthly wood auction, where woodturners can purchase donated materials at a fraction of a retail store's pricing.
- Use of our monthly Tool Exchange Table, as well as the access to postings in our newsletter, CHATTERMARKS.
- Eligibility for our end-of-year raffle, when tons of tools, gifts, and certificates are given out.

One of the reasons we prefer that dues be paid now (as opposed to any time during the year) is because they account for about 40 percent of our annual budget -- the other primary source of revenue is the wood auction -- and with money in the bank we can to plan our Speakers Program accordingly. It goes without saying that some of the best speakers travel great distances, and that translates to travel, housing, and other expenses. In that way, OPCA AW members should think of their dues as an investment.

To be honest, we don't beat people over the head and demand a membership card at the door. We take it on faith that every person will carry their own weight and contribute what they can even if they aren't official paid members. We're aware that some people find it difficult to attend regularly, and that there is a percentage of the monthly participants who don't make use of the benefits noted above; they show up simply for the demonstration and camaraderie, and really don't do much else. We understand that some individuals are still mulling over whether or not they want to become fully dedicated to the craft, so they're staying on the sidelines, observing.

But to be clear: *We do need all members to pay their dues!* And if you have a friend who is a budding turner, enlist him or her, too.

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MEMBERSHIP POSTSCRIPT: It's not unheard of for a member to pay several years' worth of dues in advance, giving us additional “seed” money to book quality speakers and host better programs. If you're in a position to be a benefactor, please do so. There are other ways you can have a lasting impact on the future of woodturning throughout the Olympic Peninsula putting OPCA AW in your will or setting aside funds for a scholarship, for example, would be useful to everyone. If you want more information, contact the club president.

Rest assured every dollar will be put toward enriching the woodturning experience for craftspeople in our region.

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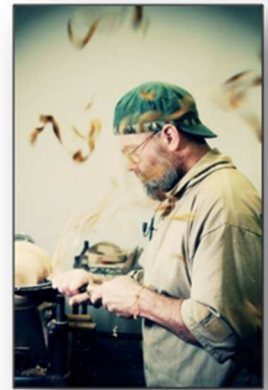
COMMUNICATION is absolutely essential for the success of any organization, and we need your help in that effort. How do you keep track of OPCA AW goings-on? Through this e-newsletter, CHATTERMARKS? Do you check in through our Facebook Page? Or the website? Are you one of those who prefers notices to be delivered by regular US Postal Service? Or, do you simply use word of mouth with friends who always seem to know what's going on? When you renew your membership in the coming weeks, please be sure to tell the new Vice President of Membership, Schyuler Beaver, what works best for you.

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2014 Planner

RALPH LINDBERG, OUR VP in charge of training and speakers, has outlined the presentations for the coming months. Here are a few highlights:

- The popular and talented “**Captain**” **Jack Wayne** will kick off our year with a fun and practical session on turning a three-legged stool. There's a bit more to it than meets the eye, as Jack will explain. We expect every turner on the peninsula to have one of these in their shop or kitchen in the coming months!
- In February, **Larry Miller** will come up from Olympia to fill us in on threaded turning systems, especially useful for those of us who enjoy lidded vessels and shop-made tools.
- Our friend **Eric Lofstrom** will be back in early March to teach a class on “Tern-Turned Fish.” This will not be part of a regular meeting, but is a special OPCA AW event.
- The actual meeting in March will feature the colorful personality of **Reed Gray**, aka “Robo Hippy,” (*pictured, right*). His presentation is titled “the finish cut” but who knows where it will go? Reed is known for clever and practical solutions as well as shop-made turning apparatuses. If you want a bit of woodturning entertainment, simply Google his name for a wealth of YouTube clips featuring his tools and techniques.



News of other presentations and training events are forthcoming.

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Got Wood?

ALL OF US ARE CONSTANTLY on the prowl for good wood at bargain prices, and we have several opportunities for members to stock up.

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THE JANUARY WOOD auction should be a good one. Dennis “Tones” Briggs, our Auctioneer Emeritus, will be swinging the gavel, so we are guaranteed to have a lively, fast moving segment. And since we haven't had one since our record-breaking auction in October, we can expect an abundant amount of donated wood and members who want to replenish their inventory.

So, if you are looking for interesting and unusual bowl blanks for bargain prices, *bring your wallet or checkbook!* And if you have wood or tools to spare, *donate them to the cause!* The wood auction is a win-win for everyone.

By the way, in addition to the wood auction, our usual **TOOL EXCHANGE TABLE** will be set up at the January meeting, so if you have something you want to sell, place it there.



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A FEW DAYS PRIOR to our meeting, on January 25th, two wood dealers who specialize in bowl blanks will be staging a sale at Dave Schweitzer's shop for the benefit of woodturners in our area. The sale will be cash-and-carry, and take place between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm.

For those who signed up for the special madrone and maple burl wood at our November meeting, Jay Parmenter will be bringing the figured wood members requested. He will also provide custom cuts and sizes for OPCA AW members. If you didn't sign up there may be a few extra pieces of madrone and maple available, but you'll just have to show up and take your chances.

However, a second wood dealer from Idaho, Bob Weaver, is planning to bring with a variety of species of burl ranging from buckeye, walnut, red gum, and box elder. Between the two, turners who are looking for decorative material are guaranteed to leave happy.

Dave's address is 3661 Pickering Road in Shelton. He can be reached at 360-432-9509.

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Woodturners' Christmas



WHERE WOULD BE the least likely place for a woodturner to sell his wares...? At a turners' event, of course! But as a testament to his skills, Dennis "Tones" Briggs brought an assortment of beautiful Christmas tree ornaments (*shown on Chattermarks page 2 and left*) to the December potluck, and sold quite a few of them. To our way of thinking, that's like selling ice cubes to Eskimos, and quite a testimony to his skill level.

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A SPECIAL SHOUTOUT goes out to Cindy Allen (*shown below, left, with Ralph Lindberg*) for organizing the Woodturners' Christmas Potluck. As usual, she and her crew did a tremendous job, and scores of members collected trunkloads of prizes during the proceedings. More than a dozen sponsors – Woodcraft Supply, Rockler, D-Way Tools, Craft Supply, Cooks Woods, and others – contributed valuable items and gift certificates that made it a happy holiday season. And as if that bonanza didn't make the evening worth a night out on a cold winter's night, the food was superb!

Thanks to Louie King for providing most of these images. -- RN



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.

WOODTURNING SAFETY

Run an internet search on "woodturning safety" and you will get a wealth of information. A lot of the information is good, sound advice, but some is excessive and some is contradictory. High school wood shop class safety principles from forty years are seriously deficient in today's world, but are all that many of us rely on. A dust removal system is an allergy- and fire-preventive necessity for any indoor turner, but we used brooms in shop class. Many of us are self-taught, or learn through lore, without any formal safety instruction whatsoever. Some people will do their turning without face and eye protection, and some will turn in open-toed shoes. There is no rigid set of rules that work for everyone in every situation, so take care in selecting the rules that work for *you* in *your* shop.

Wood toxicity tables like these found at [The Wood Database](#) or [University of Rochester](#) are good references, but be aware that there are many tables, and most are at least a little contradictory.

Woodturning is best enjoyed with all five senses – do what it takes to keep them safe!

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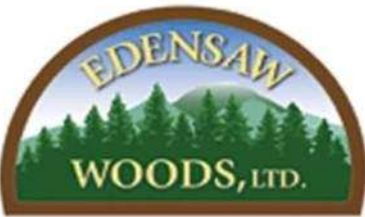
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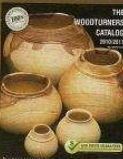
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