



CHATTERMARKS

July 2014
Volume III Issue 7

Olympic Peninsula Woodturners
Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners
P.O. Box 623 Silverdale, WA. 98383
www.OPCAAW.com



BRING A PEN and a pad of paper to the July 30th Olympic Peninsula Woodturners meeting and be prepared to take lots of notes. Four club members - Tones Briggs, Ralph Lindberg, Brad Stave, and Russell Neyman - will be presenting Fifty Nifty Shop Tips, a collection of wonderful ideas for woodworkers. It promises to be an evening filled with tons of useful information.

This is a concept that began with an internet thread that has gone semi-viral, with contributions from dozens of veteran woodturners from throughout the United States, Canada, and England. About two years ago Neyman posted several tips on the SawmillCreek.org Woodturners Forum, and other craftspeople jumped on board to create one of the website's most popular features. Over 30-thousand people have viewed it.

The team of presenters will be sharing the best of these and adding their own, with visual aids and "live" examples of most of the concepts. Actually, there will undoubtedly be more than 50 tips. One aspect of this coming meeting is audience participation as OPCA AW members are encouraged to bring their own ideas and share them with the group.

Subjects are wide-ranging and include everything from abrasives to ziplock bags. It's likely that our club will videotape the program at a later date and distribute it as a DVD.

Candlelight.

By Russell Neyman.

*"There are two ways of spreading light:
to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."*

— Edith Wharton 1862 -1937

THE CREATIVITY OF THIS GROUP amazes me; you'd think that something as basic as an apparatus to hold candles would be pretty straightforward, but I'm already getting word that the entries in this month's candlestick turning contest are going to be quite remarkable. I expect the unexpected during the Show & Tell segment and can't wait to see what you guys come up with.

Candles are a symbol of hope and faith, as well as man's triumph over darkness. Nearly every religion uses them in some fashion to demonstrate enlightenment and spirituality. We light them when we are married, at holiday feasts, and at rites of passage. Even the Olympics use a flame to symbolize unity and competitive spirit. Lighting a flame is often seen as a new beginning.

There was a time in America when candle making was a task done in every household on a regular basis, and when books were read and lessons done under a flickering light. For me, the idea of candlelight conjures thoughts of Abraham Lincoln teaching himself to read in his dark bedroom after a long day of working on his father's farm.

It has often been noted that one candle in the distance is barely noticed, but a host of them together shine as brightly as a full moon. I can think of no better

statement our group can make than to collectively use our hands and minds to create these simple objects, assemble them for a good cause, and perhaps brighten someone who is in need of some encouragement.

So that's what we're going to do-- We'll all spin a stick or two, place a candle in it, and brighten up someone's day. I love what this sort of project says about the Olympic Peninsula Woodturners!



THE CANDLESTICK CONTEST will have two categories: Single units and matching pairs, with prizes awarded for both. Additional special awards might be given for unusual (carved braided twists or segmented designs, for example). All entries should include candles.

Donation of your entry to the group cause is optional and confidential.

* * *

THE KITSAP COUNTY FAIR is less than a month away and we hope to make quite a splash. Louie King and Russell Neyman have designed what we believe is a nice booth display, highlighting what our organization does and the benefits of becoming a member. The booth will feature one of our Jet Mini-Lathes as well as a 10-20 of objects done by our members. People who man the booth receive a free pass to the fair as well as free parking.

The Fair is August 20th through August 24th. We still need members to man the booth at critical hours – particularly on the weekend shifts -- and a signup sheet will be passed around at the upcoming meeting. You can also volunteer by sending an email to President@OPCAAW.com.

* * *

SPEAKING OF JOINING, if you have a friend who has been considering becoming a woodturner, this might be a good time to entice him/her to sit in on a meeting. Because we have a calendar year system of dues (memberships run from January to December) joining now will cost a new member only \$15 for the remaining six months of 2014. Heck, just the discounts you get through Rockler and Wood Craft Supply are worth that!

So the next time someone wanders in to your shop and says, “Hey, that woodturning really looks like fun; I’d like to try it,” tell them about our meeting on July 30th.

* * *



OUR ANNUAL SUMMER POTLUCK Picnic will take place on Saturday, August 9th, beginning at 1:00 pm, at South Kitsap Regional Park in Port Orchard (intersection of Jackson and Lund). The site is adjacent to the miniature steam train facility, which should provide quite a show. These are hand-made working locomotives and cars capable of hauling dozens of passengers on tracks installed at the park.

Awnings and tables will be set up, but everyone should bring chairs or blankets to sit on.

The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and colas and food assignments are as follows based on last names:

- A-G – Salads
- H-M – Casserole Main Dishes
- N-Z – Desserts or Finger Food
-

By the way, Vern says “South Kitsap Community Park, 3111 Marbeth Lane. Trains run 10AM thru 4PM. Entrance is off Jackson Ave, the gravel drive at 3101 Marbeth is for KLS members only.”

VERN’S SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

At our June meeting I was reminded that some members do not enjoy hearing about safety. I can relate to the “dislike safety meetings”. I also have never learned to enjoy funerals.

Vern West



Trent Bosch

Olympia's Symposium arrives July 26th: Reknown artist Trent Bosch featured.

This just could be your last chance to see this remarkable woodturner in our area. For more information, go to the Olympia Club's site at http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org/?page_id=1740.

FOR SALE

Chattermarks will publish classifieds as a service to our members, provided it is woodturning related, not a commercial enterprise, and space is available in the issue, subject to editing. We have a couple of good ones this month.

DUST COLLECTOR: Bob Flynn is leaving the area at the end of July, and is hoping for a really quick turnaround on this dust collector. Asking price is \$2500.00. It's a Donaldson Torit 24" fan, 7.5hp 3phase with a four bag filter system. Anyone interested contact Bob Flynn, 757-839-5270.



We don't have room for all of the photos, but here are a couple more...



Industrial Planer



Here is the Planer. I purchased it new in 1985, I believe. It was damaged in shipping 25 years ago, repaired and works perfectly and has new knives in it (I still have the old ones that need sharpening).

I am asking \$1,000 for this but that is negotiable. The buyer would pick up the machine at my shop and be responsible for the move.

It is a heck of a Planer but I have not used it in several years so I guess it is time to sell it. I no longer make furniture.

Stephen Sweeney
Port Orchard, WA. 98366
[360-271-1125](tel:360-271-1125)



Broken and brazed 25 years ago



25 year old scratch in bed

ROBOHIPPY EMBRACES THE INTERNET!

Actually, Reed Gray just got a new web site, <http://www.robohippy.net/>. He has all of his videos there, along with a nice gallery of his work, and of course, the tool that has been a big hit for our club members, the Robo Rest.

MEETING PLANS IN THE WORKS

On August 27, Don McIvor will be filling us in on finishes for woodturning. There is a chance that water-based finishes will be spotlighted.

The September 24 meeting is when Tones Briggs shows us how he makes those exquisite Christmas ornaments of his.

For those interested in segmented turning as the next step, Norm Hix will be showing us on October 29.

November 19 (unusual date because of Thanksgiving) a mini-symposium, featuring sharpening.

January 28 looks like the PNW wood artist, Steven Hatcher, will be joining us.

These plans are a little bit fluid always subject to change, of course. A speaker can cancel, or we can come up with a better or timelier topic. Our Training Chairman, Ralph Lindberg, is always looking for ideas and suggestions, and sometimes even volunteers. You can email Ralph at. Training@opcaaw.com.

CLUB SPONSORS

CRAFT SUPPLIES USA
THE WOODTURNERS CATALOG

- Low Price Guarantee
- Largest Selection
- Quality Products
- Superb Customer Service
- Fast, Low Cost Shipping
- Family Owned Since 1982

LOW PRICE GUARANTEE
We shop our competitors so you don't have to!
woodturnerscatalog.com/PriceGuarantee

We constantly compare our prices to other companies to make sure we offer you the best possible price. If you find a lower price elsewhere, we'll match or beat the price!

1-800-551-8876 • woodturnerscatalog.com

TURN TO
PACKARD
FOR QUALITY
TURNING TOOLS
AND SUPPLIES

Packard
WOODWORKS
INC.

The Woodturner's Source

www.packardwoodworks.com
1-800-683-8876

www.edensaw.com
Port Townsend: 211 Seton Road
Port Townsend, WA 98368
(360)-385-7878
Fax: (360) 385-5215
Toll-Free: (800) 745-3336

EDENSAW
WOODS, LTD.

Now with a full line of
Rockler Supplies

Create with Confidence

ROCKLER
WOODWORKING AND HARDWARE

www.rockler.com
345 Tukwila Parkway
Tukwila, WA 98188
206-244-9161

COOK
WOODS

877-672-5275
<https://www.cookwoods.com/>

Doug Henderson
Linda Henderson

Unique Woodcrafts

**Laminations
In
Time**

Port Ludlow, WA 98365
360-437-4033
dhend10@msn.com

J LOUIS KING
PHOTOGRAPHY

206-714-2324 JLouisKing@Gmail.com

D-WAY TOOLS Simply the finest
lathe tools available

www.D-WayTools.com DWayTools@hctc.com 360/432-9509

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.

Dan Ackerman	Brinnon	(360)796-4155
"Tones" Briggs	Port Orchard	(360)271-6448
George Kromka	Bremerton	(360) 373-1028
Jim Leary	Kingston	(360) 297-5872
Bob Hickernell	Bremerton	(360) 479-5501
Brad Stave	Gig Harbor	(253) 514-8562 bstave@comcast.net

Chapter Officers

President	Russell Neyman	(360)813-4484	President@opcaaw.com
Vice President of Education and Training	Ralph Lindberg	(360)779-5979	Training@opcaaw.com
Vice President of Public Relations	Larry Matkins	(360)551-1044	PublicRelations@opcaaw.com
Vice President of Membership	Schuyler Beaver	(360)698-4108	Membership@opcaaw.com
Secretary	Peter Gerstel	(360)697-6150	Secretary@opcaaw.com
Treasurer	Ellen Winnie	(360)779-5979	Treasurer@opcaaw.com
Sergeant at Arms	Vern West	(360)479-8634	SargeantAtArms@opcaaw.com
Vice President of Special Events	Cindy Allen	(360)373-3041	SpecialEvents@opcaaw.com

OPCAAW Staff Positions

Librarian	Barb Davis	(360)373-1858
Librarian		
Video Director	Jeff Childs	(360)765-3954
Cameraman	Tex Lewis	(360)698-3893
Audio Engineer	Stan Stumbo	(206)842-1458
Photographer	Dan Marler	(360)638-2939
Sand Paper and Glue Sales	Bob Flynn	(757)839-5270