

# Hole-y Thin-wall, Batman!

July 2017

This month, **Kathleen Duncan** will be coming from Ridgefield Washington, on the banks of the Columbia River north of Portland, to talk to us about a variety of topics that will all come together in the form of her *pierced, thin-walled vessels*.

Not only is Ms. Duncan an accomplished turner in our state, she also is Chair of the AAW WIT committee, or Women in Turning.

To begin her process, she turns her wood to a wall thickness of 2mm. Grain orientation is important, so she will touch on that in addition to discussing the tools she uses and whether she turns 'dry' or 'wet'.

After she gets her project to the thickness she needs, then she starts poking holes in it, using a micro motor and an air driven dental drill. She'll show various ways of de-fuzzing the holes, removing the 'burn', sanding and then finishing the project.

Random poking holes into wood doesn't work unless you have a *plan*. In this case, Kathleen calls the plan "design". She'll show us how to lay out our design and where to gain the inspiration for the proportion and curves in the layout. Different styles, shape and placement of the holes will all be part of the design. She even plans on revisiting high school geometry which will aid in the overall design. (Note: Calculus will not be required here.)

Her demonstration will also include a short video about the IWCS—International



Wood Culture Society, which will give us an appreciation for the extent to which our craft is demonstrated all over the world.

Perhaps drilling holes into your project or burning designs on the outside of it seems sacrilegious to the purist woodturner, however, these techniques in design and embellishment all further the craft into the next dimension which is more art than craft.

Knowing that Kathleen started with a Shop Smith inherited from her father will bring a knowing smile to many faces in the audience, mine included.

Social time begins at 6:00 on Wednesday July 26—JTC

Regular  
meeting is  
the last  
Wednesday,  
of the month

Meet & Greet at  
6 PM followed by  
announcements  
at 6:30.

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# President's Message

Greetings Members:

July is flying by. Congratulations those who brought items for the Show and Tell table last month. It's a joy to see the variety of items each month. For those that ventured forth to make a **sphere**; well done!

The Annual Picnic is fast approaching and it should be a fun time to get together with each other and the Strait Turners chapter. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more details.

The Kitsap fair is also rapidly approaching. So far there are 15 people signed up to participate. There are three shifts a day for the five days of Fair. I have talked with the powers that be and we should be able to set up a second small lathe to demo Pen Turning. I hope some of our pen turners would be willing to demo pen turning during their shift. This could be done on a random time frame or we could post certain times when we would be doing Pens. I have a number of kits that I can contribute for the effort. If you're interested in the pen turning, check with me to see if my kits are compatible with your bushings. You'll need to bring your own Mandrels and other tools.

Working the fair is not really *work*; it is a lot of fun. Please consider coming out. You can take your turn behind the lathe or just talk to the public and explain what we do. I will have the sign up sheets there again at the July meeting and will have one for individual times. I will not be able to get the actual passes until August 5, 2017. I will have them for you at the Picnic (August 12), I can mail them to you.

On another note, we have received a donation of two Makita 2040 Planers. These are 15" width and 8" depth. There is also a Delta Model 1460 12x36 heavy cast iron lathe with the original cast iron legs. There is also a horizontal boring machine for edge drilling, this is a commercial floor model. All the equipment will be re-

furbished and then sold for the club's benefit in the next few months. If you are interested in buying any of them let me know.

The AAW National Symposium was a great success. I am including some comments from **Phil McDonald**, the President of AAW, which you may find interesting.

**"FINAL RESULTS: NEW GEN 50% DUES DISCOUNT PROGRAM—**

**THANK YOU! As of June 30 (the end of the promotion period), more than 300 chapters recruited 900 new AAW members.**

**Regardless of whether your Chapter was one of the top twenty or recruited fewer new AAW members, we applaud your Chapter's efforts for making this special promotion a success.** For more than 30 years, AAW and its Chapters have partnered to share, support, and deliver a shared educational mission to those interested in turning wood. The most well-rounded woodturning learning experience can be achieved through both a local Chapter membership and AAW membership - for the 'total experience.' "

1. Minnesota Woodturners Association: 23
2. Woodturners of North Texas: 16
3. Grand River Woodturners Guild: 15
4. Des Moines Woodturners: 12
5. Edmonton Woodturners Guild: 12
6. Seattle Chapter: 12
7. Utah Association of Woodturners: 11
8. Mid-Columbia Woodturners: 10
9. Southwest Idaho Woodturners Assoc.: 10
10. Arizona Woodturners Association: 9
11. Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild: 9
12. [Olympic Peninsula Chapter: 9](#)
13. San Diego Woodturners, Inc.: 9
14. Sun City Woodturners: 9
15. Woodturners of Southwest Missouri: 9
16. Cascade Woodturners Association: 8
17. Glendale Woodturners Guild: 8
18. Hub City Turners: 8
19. Kansas City Woodturners: 8

Way to go OPCAAW we were tied for 7th in the top twenty clubs in the country with 9 new AAW members! - LL



# Olympic Peninsula Woodturners & Strait Turners Joint Summer Picnic

**When?**

**August 12**

**Noon-ish to 5-ish**

**Where?**

**Dan Ackerman's  
Home**

**163 Sylopash  
Brinnon, WA**



*If you last name begins with—*

*A-I : Desserts*

*J-Q : Salads*

*R-Z : Side Dishes*

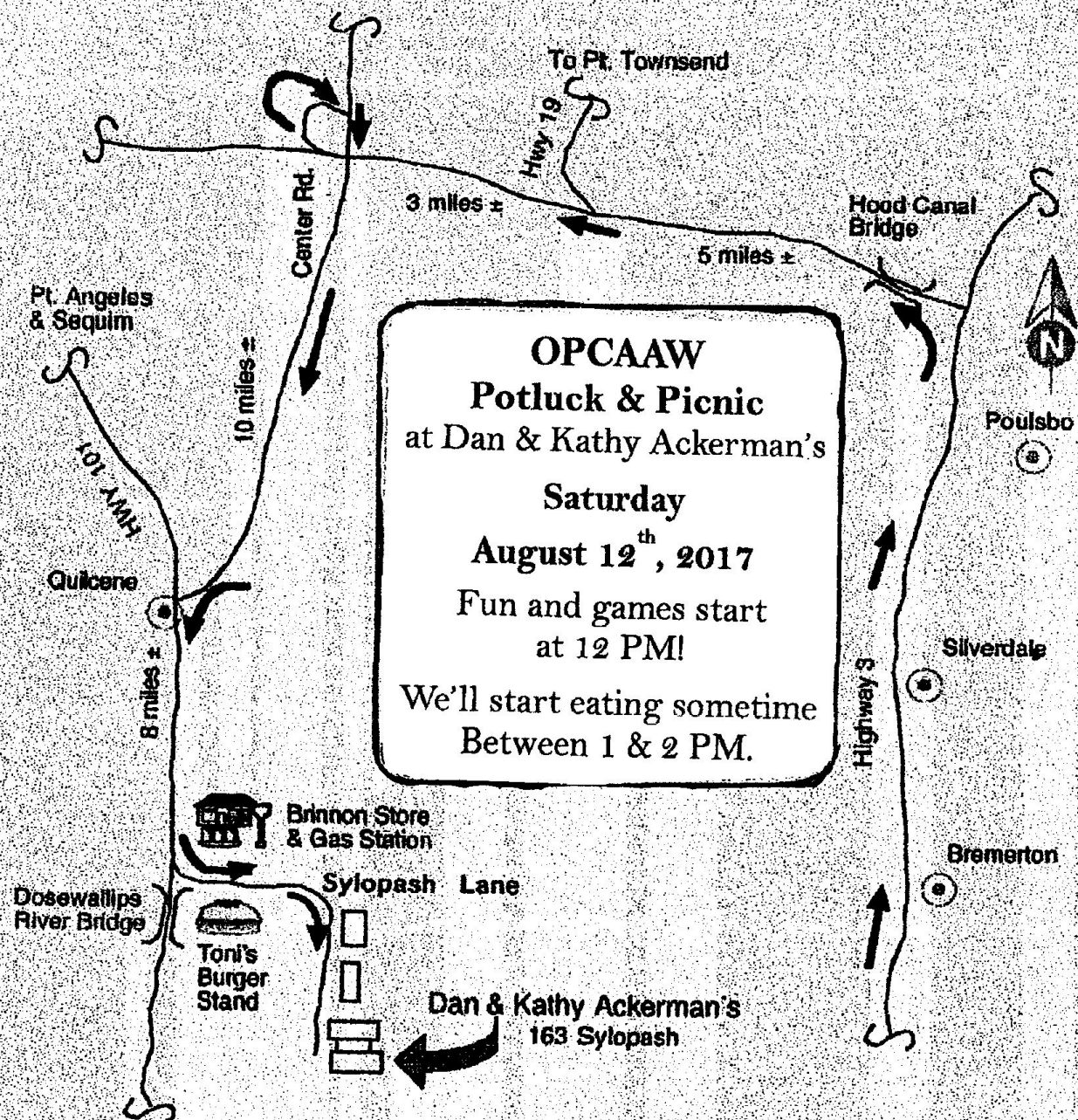
*The club will furnish main  
course meats and drinks.*

## WHAT ELSE TO BRING?

- Folding Chairs
- Tents or Shades
- Outdoor Family Games
- A 3"-4" Ball, turned, to play Dan's "Throw Golf" game
- Your name tag (memories don't improve with a party.)
- Your clam or oyster digging tools, if you're interested.

This is a "Members Only" function. If you would like to bring a guest and are a paid-up member, great! If you are NOT a paid-up member and would like to attend, just bring a check and pay your annual dues. It's only \$30.





From Bremerton/Silverdale go north to Hood Canal Bridge, cross the bridge and go about 8 miles (west) on HWY 104 to the Quilcene junction.

Turn right (south, the road loops around to point you in the correct direction) onto Center Road at the junction stop sign. Go about 10 miles to Quilcene. At the junction with Hwy 101 turn left (still south) and go about 8 miles to Brinnon.

Just before the Dosewallups river on the left is the Brinnon Store. As you face the Brinnon Store.... on the right side of the store is Sylopash Lane, a one lane dirt/gravel road. Go down that lane, we are the third house. Its got a big gray barn and gray house. Thats it!!

# Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

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July 26—	Kathleen Duncan of AAW demonstrating “Thin Walled Turnings.” Duncan will also discuss the national organization of AAW.
August 12—	Olympic Peninsula Woodturners Summer Potluck Picnic—Open to members and their families (children, too) Saturday in Brinnon. Starts at Noon.
August 24-27	Kitsap County Fair—OPW to have a booth to demo and educate. Sign up for a shift.
August 30—	August monthly meeting—Round Robin Demos with 3 focusing on chainsawing and bandsawing wood into turning blanks.
Sept 27	Monthly meeting-David Lutrick demonstrating Sea Urchin ornaments and ear rings.
Oct 8	Sawdust Session—Holiday Gifts - Demonstrators TBA

## Looking for Sgt-at-Arms

Due to health issues, George Otter-son has had to drop out as our club Sgt-at-Arms. We are down one board member and need someone to step forward to fill the position.

**Duties:** Basically the S-A-A works one day a month and attends the Board of Directors meeting two weeks prior to the general meeting.

On the day of the meeting, the S-A-A would be responsible for purchasing snacks for the meeting and arriving at the school around 4:30 PM to begin set-up of the chairs and tables. The S-A-A will also set up or delegate someone to set up the snack stand and make coffee.

There are usually many members arriving early that will and can help with the set-up.

After the meeting, the S-A-A is responsible for putting up all of the chairs and tables into storage. Again there are many members that will be there to help.

A final sweep of the floor is made and the S-A-A locks up the school and leaves.

If the time involved is beyond what one person can perform, the Board can see spreading the duties over two people.

Speak to Larry Lemon if you would be interested in helping your club.

## More Slots to Open

Some of the members of the Board are getting a little long in the tooth as they have been sitting on the Board in one capacity or another for many years. At the end of 2017, we expect to see several Board members leave their positions for a change in duties or a well-deserved break.

If you have been enjoying the benefits of the club, perhaps it is time for you to consider stepping forward and help manage the functions of the club.

The rewards are many and the satisfaction is great. Talk to Larry Lemon, your president, or any member of the board if you would be interested in helping.

With many hands, the work is light.



## Joint Picnic Affair

This year our annual summer picnic will be a joint gathering between us and the **Strait Turners**. There is some overlap in membership, but it should be fun getting to know those guys further out on the peninsula.

Be sure to stick your hand out and introduce yourself.



**“There is no turning so bad it cannot be burned .”**

**-Dale Nish**

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## Plan Ahead

Next year the AAW Annual Symposium will be held in Portland, OR. It's never too early to start thinking about how that will effect YOU.

Are you going? Where will you stay? How many days will you attend? Who will be demonstrating? What do you want to get out of the demonstrations?

Some discussion was made at the last Board meeting about the availability and cost of hotel rooms near the Symposium. In Portland. There is a light rail system which allows you to have a room in some more remote area and only be a few minutes away from the meeting.

Think about it.



## Snowbirds—Are you back?

For those of you that abandon the rest of us for those warm climes to the south, are you back, yet? If you are, don't forget to pay your dues! Only \$30 for the year and it brings you so much in support of your addict....uh passion of turning.



## Hear, Hear!

Did you notice that you might have been able to hear better at the last meeting? The audio speakers have been installed on stands which gets them off the floor and up where they will do more good.

If you are still having a problem with understanding the person with the mic? Talk to the sound guy or Larry Lemon and

let them know. You might also try moving to a different part of the room. If you do this and are able to hear better, let the sound guy know.



## AAW Announces Winners

The promotion to get new members in the AAW netted around 900 new sign-ups in 300 clubs. YOUR club, the Olympic Peninsula Woodturners was tied for 7th in the nation with 9 new members from our club. Way to go!

## Festivals, Festivals

It's summer and the festivals abound. The Olympic Peninsula Woodturners will have a booth at both the Kitsap County Fair and the Olalla Music Festival, and we need volunteers.

We plan "live turning" to give the public an idea of what we do and how we can create something from a block of wood. We need people to do the turning demonstrations and people to "work" the crowd. That is to talk to them and explore their interest in wood turning. If they ARE interested, get them to sign up for a newsletter and invite them to a meeting.

If you are shy about turning in a public setting, be the crowd guy; and talk about your passion.

Talk to Larry Lemon if you want to be part of the fun. KCF is August 23-27 and the Olalla Music festival is one day only, August 19.



**Where are your fingers?**

**When approaching your work on a lathe, table saw, band saw, or anything that can hurt you, be sure you know where your hands and fingers are and where they would be if something slips.**

**Proceed if you feel good about the answer.**



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**CONSIDER A MENTOR**—The OPCAOW Mentors are a select group of artisans and professionals who we have designated to promote, encourage, and guide novice and intermediate woodturners within our organization. Mentors provide counsel on subjects like shop setup, equipment purchase, safety, wood preparation and specialized skills. These are some friendly folks willing to give you a point in the right direction.

While not actually a formal training program, meetings with mentors often become just that. In some cases, advanced formal instruction is available at

an hourly rate.

OPCAOW Mentoring is available only to members. Please bring your current badge with you to the first session.

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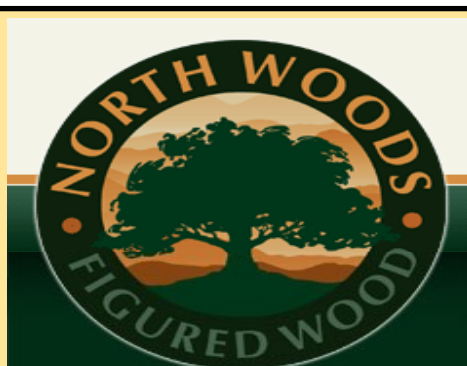
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