

# August Round Robin

It's becoming traditional to have a Round Robin Demonstration following the Kitsap County Fair. Makes sense. This gives any prospective member a chance to visit our meeting and see what it is that we all do. Essentially, there will be several demonstrations set up around the room instead of just one principal one. Members and guests are able to roam from one to another as their interest inspires them.

In the lineup this year are the following cast of turners—

**Colored Glazes and "Dirty Pours"** presented by **Russell Neyman**. Russell has been experimenting with his "Dirty Pour" technique for some time and will show us new inventive ways of decorating a bowl when you want to take it beyond "brown and round".

**Tones Briggs** will be demonstrating **Fine Finials**. If you have a hankering to make Christmas ornaments for the upcoming season, the finial is an essential part of the ornament. And Tones does a fine finial.

Making the full circle of forest-to-shop and then back-to-nature in your garden, **Jim Leary** will be demonstrating "Turnings

for your Garden."

**Jeff Brody** will be demonstrating **Bowl Turning Techniques** that will give you an idea of different ways to approach your project.

The ubiquitous **John Elliott** will present

**"Tool Control for Beginners."** The term 'for beginners' may be mis-leading as seasoned turners can always pick up a point or two from John.

Our President, **Larry Lemon** will be

showing his **Vacuum Chucking System**. Always a challenge to reverse a bowl or hold an odd shaped turning, there are many solutions to the problem. Larry will give us one of those solutions.

Training VP, **Jamie Straw**, will be

demonstrating sharpening techniques using the **Wolverine Sharpening System**. Maintaining a good grind on your gouges is essential to successful turning. Getting a consistent and repeat-

able grind is a challenge to all turners. Jamie will be showing us how we can conquer those challenges.



August  
2018

Regular  
meeting is  
the last  
Wednesday,  
of the month

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

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***Join your fellow woodturning members—work a shift at the Kitsap County Fair.***

***Bring something you've turned to display at the Fair.***



***Demonstrate a turning—like a top.***

***Talk to the public who stop to see what's happening at our booth.***

***Have a fun time and enjoy the Fair.***



***Parking passes and entrance fee provide for those working a shift.***

***A special raffle for those who work the fair.***





The President—This photo is a mosaic of 142 photos that capture the size and majesty of this old giant sequoia tree in California's Sequoia National Park. It is 247 feet tall and is 3200 years old. If and when this tree ever succumbs, think of the number of bowls that could be made!!

Note the man at the bottom of the tree for size contrast.



*Climbing the President—Three men scaling this massive tree for National Geographic to photograph it in its entirety.*



*A long way up—*



*And a long way down—*



*Where's Waldo?*

# Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

CHATTERMARKS

2018

- August 22-26 Kitsap County Fair. We'll have a booth. Make your tops! Sign up for a slot
- August 29— August Monthly Meeting with a Round Robin multi-station demonstration of different techniques and styles of turning and finishing.
- Sept 26— Rick Rich on creating a four legged stool.
- Oct 7— Sawdust Session—Demonstrators TBA  
different techniques and styles of turning and finishing.
- Oct 31— Jim Leary on Christmas ornaments
- Nov 28— Bruce Claiborne on "Eggs!" How to hold them, how to turn them.
- Dec 11— Christmas Potluck Dinner

## *From the Strait Turners*

At their monthly meeting at 12:30 pm on August 28, The Strait Turners will have two presenters—

**Crystal Abbott** will demonstrate "**Resin Casting**" to include the casting process, polishing, etc and a DIY conversion for a pot.

**Mark Nebel** will be showing **3-D Modeling**. This is a demonstration of a free computer program containing a lathe feature that will help you design a project and show it in 3-D.



Time to think about turning ornaments for the Holidays. See page 5 for an interesting and challenging style of inside-out ornament.

## Kitsap County Fair

Last call for volunteers at the County Fair! Don't be shy. Everyone who works the Fair comes back for more. It's always a hoot to spend at least one shift greeting the public, talking about your craft and the club and what we can offer a new initiate.

A bonus is time spent with other members, getting to know them, swapping tales and ideas that you can take back to your own shop.

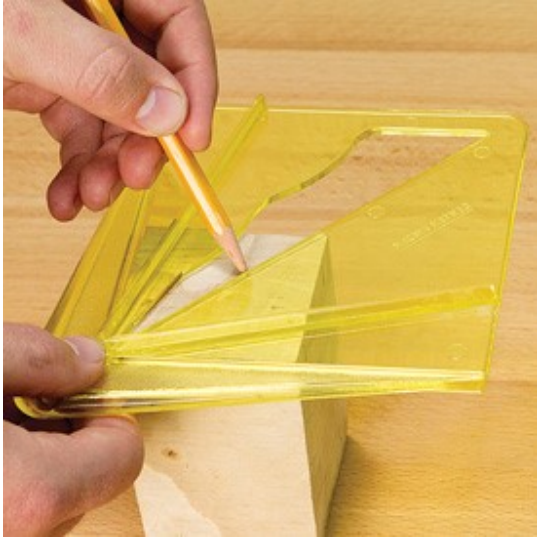
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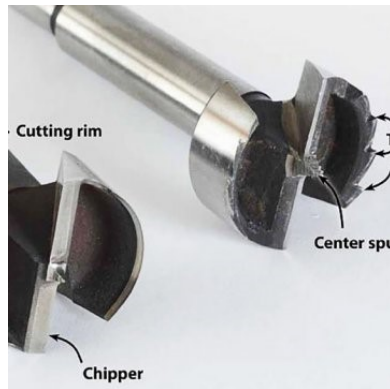
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## Didja know about this?



Having trouble fining the center of a round, square, or other shaped piece of wood. This little tool will lower the stress in your shop. Called a "Center Finder", [Craft Supply](#) is one source for it.



Forstner Bits are a great tool to have in your wood shop. They easily cut large flat bottomed holes in your work—until they don't. When you reach the point where you are expending too much force to get them to cut and/or there is too much heat build-up in the wood, it's time to make the decision: Toss'm or Sharpen them.

The cost of some of larger sized Forstner Bits is such that tossing is not an option unless you're Bill Gates, so go to this article on [Sharpening Forstner Bits](#) for a step by step guide to getting the cutting edge back in your Forstner Bits.



**Jimmie Clewes** is big on coloring things. In one video, he said "Instead of trying to hide a crack, put some *colour*\* in it and accentuate it."

He sells a new product call "**Synthetic Sand**" through [WoodWorld of Texas](#). Of course, it's Texas.

The product is non-silica so that it won't dull your tools, and comes in a variety of *colours*\*. \$8.99 for 1 oz jar.

*\*British for 'color'.*



## Christmas Ornament, Anyone?

Got a lot of extra time? Want to spend it making an impressive and detailed ornament?

Find the directions for this [Diamond Ornament](#) by David Reed Smith. It should be right up the alley of all the segment-turners.



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# The Mentoring Program

**CONSIDER A MENTOR**—The OPCA AW 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.

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

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