

# Raffle-time in January

As many of you already know, there was a snafu at the Christmas Dinner Party. The tickets that you members have been so diligently filling out and placing in the raffle ticket bowl all year failed to make it to the party. So a last minute executive decision postponed the drawings to be in January at the monthly meeting.

The rules will be the same. You have to be there to receive a gift with a maximum of two per person, except for the grand prize drawing which will be open to everyone.

For those who are newbies, and wondering what I'm talking about, every time you sign in at a meeting, you get a raffle ticket. One for being there. One for your badge. One each for a Show and Tell item or wood auction item (maximum of 3 tkts).

## Tool rack by Russell Neyman



**A CBN Wheel**



## A Jimmie Allen negative rake scraper

You put your name on the back, throw it into the bowl and at the party we (usually) will draw tickets and award gifts that have been donated by our sponsors and other members.

It will make the meeting a lot of fun and we go home with some (hopefully) ideal prizes for our shops. Come early as the raffle will start off the evening, followed by our speaker, the wood auction and a static Show and Tell. If you bring a S&T item, you might want to stand by your piece to talk about it during the wood auction as we will not have our usual side show in order to fit everything into the evening.

Following the raffle will be **Steve Bartocci** from *The Board Hoarder*. Steve deals in all sorts of woods for the turner and will share some of his vast knowledge of woods. He's not fond of "Stump the Wood Guy" with you asking him to identify weird and bizarre woods. However, he has a wealth of knowledge about all sorts of woods that will be sure to entertain you.

Join us on the 31st for a fun evening of wood stuff.—JTC

January  
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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Gymnasium  
5088 NW  
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Other  
activities  
include

Featured  
Demonstration,  
Refreshments,  
Show and Tell,  
Wood Auction,  
Sandpaper &  
Glue sales.

See our  
website at

**OPCAAW.COM**

## President's Corner

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you all had a very good Holliday season and are ready to get back into Turning. I want to take this opportunity to welcome the new members to the Board of Directors. We have already had two meetings in January several interesting topics on the agenda.

- Completion of the New By-Laws,
- Active new year of presentations, and
- Completion of our 501 C3 application.

There are also exciting opportunities to enhance our skills with the upcoming John Jordan demonstration and classes (Read more elsewhere in this newsletter) as well as the regional Stuart Batty demo and the National Symposium in Portland. We also have the Kitsap Fair in August where we get to demonstrate our craft to the general public. One of the most popular aspects of the fair are the Tops that we make and give away. The Top bucket will be out at each club meeting. I challenge each of you to make 5 tops a month to put in the bucket. With many hands, we will fill the bucket to the rim.

We are excited to have our club registration online and through that we will be able to also complete a membership directory for the members with only the information that each member chooses to be included.

 Larry Lemon, President



## President's Challenge

### Presidents Challenge

This year I would like to present a challenge each month starting with the February meeting and ending with the November meeting. In addition, Jeff Brocket (AAW Board member and Tennessee club member) has challenged the nations clubs to donate bowls to the **Empty Bowl and Beads of courage project** at the Symposium this June. They are planning to bring 100 bowls to donate. The funds from this go to the Meals on Wheels program. This has been an ongoing activity at the Symposiums for the past 5 or 6 years. I challenge each of you to create one bowl to donate as part of each month's challenge prior to the Symposium. Bring the bowls to the meeting each month. If you do not have wood to do this send me a note [llemon@mail.com](mailto:llemon@mail.com) and I will provide dry wood for this purpose. The donated bowls can be of all sizes and styles as you feel motivated to do.

Soooo, here it is -

February – A winged bowl of your design. Heart shaped maybe? + Empty Bowl Challenge

March – A turning that is not round. Be it oval, offset, etc. (bowls, spindles etc.) + Empty Bowl Challenge

April – Puzzle, Game, Fancy Top, or item related to spring Gardening, Birdhouse etc. + Empty bowl challenge

May – Natural Edge Bowl + Empty Bowl challenge

June – Sphere,

July – Lidded Container of some type

August – Kitchen item – Mills – pepper or salt, spatulas, spoons, spurtle, etc

September – Halloween themed item

October – Christmas Decoration, Ornament etc.

November – Embellishment of your choice



## CHATTERMARKS



***Fingers and eyes. They don't grow back. Protect them.***

***AAW Empty Bowl Drive.  
—Proceeds go to Meals on Wheels.***

***The Golden Spurtle given to the Porridge making Champion in Scotland. And you thought we made that up.***

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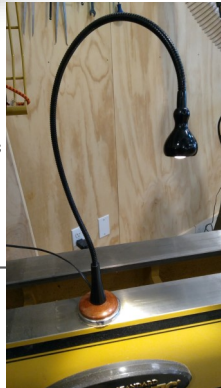
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**Turning wood  
from The Board  
Hoarder**

**A Way Cool Magnetic  
Base LED lamp by  
Larry Lemon**



Here are a couple more examples of the prizes that will be at the January monthly meeting. Be sure to attend. It's the only way you'll walk away with one of these fine prizes.

Other prizes include gift certificates, wood samples from Edensaw, and tools from D-Way Tools.



## By-Law Review by BoD

It has been years since the By-Laws of the club have had a review. In the past couple of years, situations have arisen that were not addressed in the By-Laws. Therefore, the Board is taking the draft presented by past-president Russell Neyman and reviewing it in detail to make sure that the By-Laws are serving the club as it should.

One big change is that **we are pursuing non-profit status** this year and the By-Laws need to reflect that. As soon as the document has been approved by the Board, it will be posted on the website for all members to view.

At a meeting in the near future, a vote by the membership will be taken to approve the By-Laws. In order to educate yourself, please read all the By-Laws after they are published and decide if you will support the changes.

## FaceBook postings

**Jamie Straw**, who monitors the club's FB page is asking members to consider posting some of their more recent turnings—or old turnings that you want to share—in order to show other FB members what we can do in our group!

Don't be shy. Just take a couple of photos and contact Jamie either at her email address posted on the last page of the newsletter or through the FB page.

It's fun. You'll like what you see. And you'll like what you see others post.



## Snack 'Tip' jar reminder

We've been doing pretty well this year with receipts at the snack stand. The snacks are provide to the members at the general meeting for your pleasure and refreshment. However, they are not free. The supplies cost money and so as to not burden the general membership with its cost, we ask that you throw some change or a buck into the 'Tip' jar if you are going to enjoy the snacks provided.—JTC



## Dues, Dues everywhere

It's that time of the year when all of your favorite organizations are reminding you to renew so that they can continue to bring you the services that you have come to expect. Not only the Olympic Peninsula Woodturners, but also the AAW is reminding you to re-up. Once again AAW has a promo to encourage first time joiners to sign up at a discount.

And don't forget about the Strait Turners over in Sequim. If you're a member there, too, they are collecting for annual dues.

## Shop Sale

Anne Vukovich is selling woodturning tools (including a Powermatic Lathe) and wood on Feb 2,3 & 4 from 9am to 3pm. Her address is 5373 Turnberry PISW, Port Orchard, WA. 206-310-0255



# Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

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- Jan 31— January monthly meeting. Christmas Dinner raffle was postponed to this month. Also speaking will be Steve Bartocci from the Board Hoarder.
- Feb 28— February monthly meeting. Dale Larson demonstrating on oval—not round—bowls on a lathe and on purpose.
- June 14-17 AAW 32nd Annual Symposium in Portland OR.
- June —27 June Monthly Meeting. Graeme Priddle demonstrating his stuff.
- August Kitsap County Fair. We'll have a booth.
- August 29— August Monthly Meeting with a Round Robin multi-station demonstration of

## Stuart Batty to be in Anacortes

The Northwest Washington Woodturners will be presenting world renown woodturner **Stuart Batty** at an all day workshop on March 17th. Batty has been turning for about 40 years and has taught professional and amateur alike all over the world. He is considered one of the elite in the world of turning.

He is a purist. He does no carving or surface texturing. Just lathe work. The negative rake scraper has been attributed to Batty as well as other techniques.



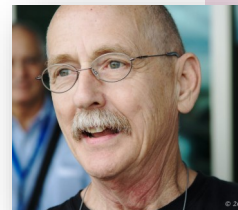
Some topics he plans to touch on are: Bowl turning with a 40-40 grind. The Art of cutting with no torn grain. Using the negative rake scraper.

Go to the website for [NWWW.T](http://NWWW.T) to get more information. Early registration is until Feb 15 for \$45 per person which includes lunch, or after Feb 15 for \$55, and they'll still feed you.



## John Jordan Comes To Bremerton

Another world class turner will be in our area giving workshops and demonstrations. He is **John Jordan** from the Cane Ridge area of Tennessee near Nashville.



Jordan specializes in textured and carved hollow forms, and he carries a line of hollowing tools and handles.

He says "The pieces I make are simple but finely detailed vessels." The texturing process is very labor intensive and can take several days to accomplish using different hand and small power tools.

Jordan will be in Oregon giving classes and demonstrations and has agreed to detour from his trip home with a visit to the Puget Sound. He will be doing a demonstration at several workshops where you, depending upon your skill level, will be able to *learn* to turn a hollow form or *improve* your hollow form turning. Jordan will then show us how to improve the beauty of our vessel with his embellishments.

On Bainbridge Island is a place called BARN—**B**ainbridge **A**rtisan **R**esource **N**etwork.



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BARN will be co-hosting with OP-CAAW a demonstration by Jordan at its location on Friday March 9, 2018. The address of BARN is 8890 Three Tree Ln NE, Bainbridge Island, **206-842-4475**.

The event will be from 3:30 to 8:00 PM with a half hour break for dinner. BARN will furnish pizza and veggies for \$10 per person or you can bring your own.

Cost of the demonstration will be \$30 per person. Check out [BARN's](#) website. Secrets to the topic of the demonstration can be found on the second paragraph on page 3, col 2. Emails will be sent later as details develop.

**Workshops**—OPCAAW will then host two separate workshops entitled "Hollow Form Turning and Artistry" at Ray Ewing's shop in Port Orchard. These will be 6 hour + workshops. You will be able to *learn* or *enhance* your hollow form turning skills and learn Jordan's methods of enhancing the piece to its highest art form. The workshops will be on Saturday and Sunday, **March 10 and 11**, and are separate.

Each workshop is limited to 8 participants and will cost \$100 for the day. Hollowing tools will be available for those who do not have their own, but basic turning skills (handling a bowl gouge) will be required.

**THEN** on Monday, March 12, BARN will host another 6 hour workshop. If you are a member of OPCA AW or BARN the cost will be \$220. If you are NOT a member, the cost will be \$265. Only 5 slots are open for this workshop. You will have to call BARN to register at the reduced rate.

Helpful links—

[Gallery of John Jordan's work](#) ,  
[Articles by John Jordan](#) ,  
[Article on John Jordan demo](#)  
[John Jordan Bio](#)

Contact Jamie Straw at [training@opcaaw.com](mailto:training@opcaaw.com) to sign up for the Saturday and Sunday workshops or for more detailed information as needed. She will have a date when payment will be needed.

*Editor's Note—For some, the prices of these workshops may seem daunting. However, I can attest to the huge value of what you will walk away with. There is nothing quite as valuable as being able to hold the tool while the instructor stands over you and guides your work.*



## Meet The New Officers

You voted for them in November. Have you met them yet? New members to the Board of Directors are **Jeff Varady**, VP of Membership; **Ellen Winnie**, Secretary; and **Ray Ewing**, Sgt-At-Arms. A list of all officers is posted on the last page of this newsletter, along with staff and mentors.

**Jeff Varady** grew up in the Chicago area and retired from the Navy in 2006. He's lived in the Puget Sound area for 15 years and has been turning for only a year. Only a year and he has the moxie to volunteer to be on the club's board. I like that.

Jeff is married and has 2 grown children, one grandchild and one in the oven. He currently works at an undisclosed location in the Keyport area at an undisclosed job. Don't ask.

**Ellen Winnie** has been around the Kitsap area for about 30 years. Originally from Everett, she is a retired bookkeeper and has been turning since 2011.

For a while, she was treasurer for the Olympic Woodturners and has consented to return to the board as secretary. She is married to Ralph Lindberg, another woodturner.

**Ray Ewing** originally from Pittsburg has been in the Kitsap area for 18 years. Married to Hisako with two girls, he retired from the Navy and began turning wood 4 years ago. When he took down an old maple tree in his back yard, he began turning some of the most gorgeous platters. His wife has them all and won't part with them.

## AAW Offers 3 Month Trial Membership

Last year's discounted membership for NEW AAW members was such a success that they have been encouraged to offer a trial membership to turners who want to try it out before they commit.

Rules are spelled out at their [Trial Membership](#) page of their website. It gives you the opportunity to try it out and then if you don't cancel, they will charge your credit card for the balance of the annual membership. Be sure to read the restrictions at the above link.

More information can be found at [this website](#).

## Portland Symposium Discounts

AAW is offering a \$25 discount to each member of a turning club that signs up as a group of at least 10 to attend the Symposium in Portland on June 14, 2018.

Our club has given notice that we will participate in that offer.

In order for YOU to join your fellow turners at the symposium, AND claim a discount, talk to Jon Geisbush, our treasurer. He is taking **checks and cash only** for \$300 (registration for the four day event less your \$25 discount).



Past President **Russell Neyman** has been teaching small classes in his workshop in Port Orchard. Lately he and his students have been making Acorn Boxes. At one session one of the turners challenged another to something to do with acorns. Before you know it Russell is sponsoring an Acorn Box contest this month among his group, with entries being judged by him at the January 31st general meeting.

"It's a rather impromptu challenge," he explains. "Several people came to my shop and the idea of creating hollow acorns started... so we decided to simply make it a contest."

If you want to, you, too, can participate in his little side contest. All boxes must be hollow and made from two species of wood. There are no size limitations except as allowed by your lathe.

Prizes will be awarded by Neyman.



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Jim Conway,  
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# The Mentoring Program

**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.

The current Mentors are:

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