

The Perfect Cut or Close to It



He's been at it for around 30 years; turning and teaching. With that track record, you will not be disappointed in this month's meeting as **Brad Stave** shows us the finer points of using various gouges in woodturning.

No matter how long we each have been at this craft, there is always room to learn just a little more that can save us time and effort in creating a pleasing piece of art. If you are on the beginning end of the scale, Brad's vast knowledge will give you more ideas than you can take in in an evening.

So come out to the next Olympic Peninsula Woodturners club meeting on April 25. Social time and check-in begins at 6:00 pm and the meeting proper starts at 6:30. If you can show up earlier than 6 to lend a hand at set-up, your help will be appreciated.

Before Brad begins his presentation around 7:30, we will have Show and Tell and a wood auction in addition to the president's announcements.

Come join us.



April
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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Greetings Woodturners,

It's that time again! It seems like the month has flown by. I have heard from people that they found the last demonstration on oval turning very interesting although the general consensus is that they are not going to run right out and buy the oval adaptor. I have been studying the plans to build a small unit out of wood and I may try that in the future.

What to do about Holly? This last month there was a lot of Holly distributed to produce items for display at the Port Orchard art gallery next year. There has been a lot of concern about how to keep it from going gray/green. Ralph Lindberg posted on the club's FaceBook page that according to Dave Switzer putting it in the freezer will stop the discoloration and the wood will slowly dry anyway (even frozen). In another posting, I think by Jeff Jackson, he has found boiling the wood keeps it white. Just the surface changes color in the boiling process. A recommendation from a pen turning site suggests that you boil for at least 1 hour/inch of thickness, for the thickest piece in the pot.

In researching on line, I find that the reason the wood turns color is from the **fungal stain** that starts as soon as the wood is cut. Commercially harvested Holly is kept white by cutting the wood in the winter and then kiln drying it soon after it is cut. It stands to reason that freezing would also slow down the fungus. I found references that claim the freezing process causes the cell walls to rupture and then allow the moisture to move more rapidly out of the wood. I tried freezing a rough turned natural edge bowl for a week. Small black spots were beginning to form on the wood. So I put it in a pot with a basket to hold the wood above the water. I covered the pot and boiled the water for two plus hours, which steamed the wood. Then I let it cool until just warm. At that point I put it in the microwave with a cup of water for 5

minutes. The result was that the bowl had some fine radial cracks but when I started to true it up, I found they are just on the surface. The wood was still white.

The bowl is now in a paper bag to complete drying prior to its final turning. I found this quite an interesting experiment. Next time I will fully submerge the wood in the boiling water, let it cool in the water which will cause a slower cooling time and then see what it looks like. I have had good success microwaving wood with a cup of water to fast dry both a turning and blocks. The process I use is 5 minutes on high and then let it cool in the microwave without opening the door. If still wet repeat the process. The ball in the Multi Axis chuck was dried with this method. The wood was Poplar from Ray Ewing and it took about 4 cycles of microwaving to completely dry it prior to turning.

I must emphasize that you DO NOT use the kitchen microwave for this process. I have an old one in the shop just for wood – NOT FOOD!! Or just don't do it when your wife is around.

I have been asked how the **Empty Bowls** will be sold. AAW just announced this month that they will be in the *Instant gallery area* and will be sold for \$25 per bowl. I am sure some of them will go quickly. So far, I think we have collected about 30 bowls from our members. The challenge is for 100. There are only 2 regular meetings left prior to the Symposium, so please, consider turning a bowl or three in that time period.

President's Challenge :

- **April** - Puzzle, Game, Fancy Top or item related to spring Gardening.
- **May** – Natural edge.
- **AND ALWAYS** - Tops for the Kitsap Fair.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Larry Lemon, President

At The AAW Symposium

Jon Magil—Ornamental Turning

You'll learn about the mysteries of ornamental turning and how it can be used to add decorative elements to your turnings. Jon will provide an overview of the various lathes, tools and accessories that are used to produce the wide array of patterns made possible through ornamental turning. Examples of both historical and modern tools will be highlighted.

See his work at Rougeturner.com.



Wayne Miller—Acrylic segmenting

Wayne's presentation will cover how acrylic is different from wood, as well as successful cutting, gluing, turning, sanding, and finishing techniques.

His website is [HERE](#)



Tom Lohman—Segmented Turning

Tom's demonstration will cover design techniques that allow you to go beyond simple patterns. You'll learn about jigs that can be constructed to aid you in the project build process and hear tips on how to build a closed segmented project using an open segmented jig.

Go [HERE](#) to view Tom's website and see his gallery.



Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

2018

April—	A comprehensive demonstration of improving your gouge techniques with Brad Stave.
April 29—	Sawdust Session ~9 am to 3 pm. Bring your own lunch.
May—	Scott Overby on “Create before you Cut” .
June 14-17	AAW 32nd Annual Symposium in Portland OR.
June —27	June Monthly Meeting. <u>Graeme Priddle</u> demonstrating his coloring and surface embellishments.
August	Kitsap County Fair. We'll have a booth. Make your tops! Volunteer!!
August 29—	August Monthly Meeting with a Round Robin multi-station demonstration of different techniques and styles of turning and finishing.

FYI Meets Guinness Believe It Or Not

There is a test called the **Janka Hardness Test** which will give you the relative hardness of different woods. It was designed to test the suitability of different woods for flooring. The result of the Janka is always in force, whether it be in pound force, kilogram force or Newtons.

If you're not into the physics of it, just use the numbers to find the relative hardness of each wood. Examples are—(in pound force)

Lignum Vitae—4500
 Ebony—3220
 Cocobolo—2960
 Bloodwood—2900
 Mesquite—2345
 Bocote—2200
 Purpleheart—1860
 Black Locust—1700
 Sapele—1510
 Sugar Maple—1450
 Black Walnut—1010
 Eastern Red Cedar—900
 Alder—590
 Balsa—70

Now you know why you like certain woods to turn.



Volunteer for KCF

The Kitsap County Fair is coming. Claim your slot during the fair. Volunteer. Have fun.

AAW still looking for volunteers

There are only a handful of full-time paid employees in the AAW (American Association of Woodturners) Whenever they have a national or regional symposium they rely heavily on volunteers. Many of the Olympic Peninsula Woodturners have already signed up to help at the Portland OR Symposium, June 14—17, 2018.

You, too can enjoy helping your national organization, meeting new people, and learning new things that you won't see from the audience.

Sign up now! Go [HERE](#) to see what's happening in Portland and go [HERE](#) to volunteer.

Volunteers Needed for Youth Program

If you are interested in volunteering at the Symposium and want to work directly with youth and visually impaired students, you can go [HERE](#) to sign up.

By-Laws Voted in

At last month's meeting in March the members voted affirmatively to accept the new By-Laws as presented. There was only one correction requested from the floor to have the language of the document to be consistent. Good spotting on that.

The By-Laws are posted on the website. Click [HERE](#).

Attending the AAW Portland Symposium will be like drinking water from a firehose!

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Donald Hein has some equipment that he would like to sell due to downsizing and a change in priorities.

- Jet-14" Bandsaw with 4 Blades—\$600
- Jet 1014 Mini-lathe—\$450
- Craftsman arc welder—\$100
- Tabletop drill press—\$125
- Craftsman 20 gal compressor—\$50
- Dust collector, new in the box—\$750
- Mortising machine—\$325
- Coleman generator, new—\$300

You can contact Don at
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360 328-2093
Poulsbo area



How many extension cords, vacuum hoses, tools, blocks of wood or dog toys do you step over moving around in your shop.

Is that really what you want to be doing?

Really?

Holly tree cut— pieces Hoovered up

A Holly tree outside of a Port Orchard Art Gallery was recently felled and cut up in 6"x6" blocks. The pieces were offered to the membership at the March meeting and disappeared as though passing through a black hole.

The challenge here is that each recipient of the Holly will make something that will be displayed at the Gallery.



Wood Wranglers Wanted

Say that 5 times really fast.

At any rate, from time to time the club is alerted to a tree that has been felled or needs to be and then cut up and carted off. If you have an interest in being on the list to be called up if a tree becomes available, please write to me at OP-CAAW@gmail.com. Your phone number and an email will be needed.

Usually the tree is cut into rounds and the team will take part of the tree as their bounty with the rest going to the club's auction table. The land owner gets the tree cleared off without straining his back.

Call it a win-win-win.

From the STRAIT TURNERS

Olympic Peninsula's sister turning group in Sequim will be having their monthly meeting on Tuesday April 24, 2018 at the Gardiner Community Center at 980 Old Gardiner Rd at 12:30 pm. Jamie Straw will be presenting "Beyond Bottle Stoppers".

Jamie will be the first presenter to be using the newly purchased Jet 1221 VS lathe.

The old lathe will be auctioned off in a silent auction at the meeting. This will be a fund raiser for them. It is a Jet 1014, 5 speed (not variable speed). Starting bid for the 1014 will be \$150.

For more information call Ernie at 360-683-2560.

Webmaster's Corner

At this point in the year, only those who have paid their 2018 dues are members in good standing. A directory listing of all members in good standing will be posted on the club website. It will be password protected. Members who are paid up will be receiving an email with the password to get you into the directory. The password will not be published in the newsletter as it goes to non-members as well. Watch for the email coming soon.



A sample of bowls contributed for the Bowl Challenge of AAW. Add yours to the table.



Members sharing and learning at the last Round Robin on March 28, 2018.



Upcoming Sawdust Session April 29, 2018

On Sunday April 29 Olympic Peninsula Woodturners will host a Sawdust Session at the Kitsap Adventist School (normal meeting place). This is where the attendee gets to have hands-on experience with the demonstrator. Choose your topic. Move around the room. Your schedule is up to you. Your learning experience is also a function of your participation.

Demonstrators will be—**Jeff Jackson**, Bowls; **Brad Powers**, Pens; **Brad Stave**, Milkpaint; **Jimmie Allen**, Boxes; **Tones Briggs**, Hollowing Tools; **George Kromka**, Skew work; and **Jamie Straw**, Sharpening techniques.

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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.

The current Mentors are:

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