

Oval Bowls- on Purpose

Many times have I turned a green wood bowl and left it to dry for a few weeks or months, coming back to find that it has warped so much I wondered if I had enough wall thickness to get it back to round. Then someone told me about turning oval bowls. Really? On purpose, even?

I gave it a shot, but found that I wasn't fast enough moving the gouge in and out to successfully turn an oval bowl. That's when someone else said that it was a special chuck that you had to use to get the oval effect. Oooohhhh! That was the problem. I needed a special chuck.

Dale Larson comes to our rescue this month as he will demonstrate an oval chuck from Vicmarc. Designed by a German, the Vicmarc oval chuck is made in Australia. It is adjustable to various offsets to make a bigger or smaller oval. My eyes



glazed over reading the directions of adjusting the offset, so better I should wait to see it all demonstrated.

Think this is a new fangled thing? Not so. Dale says that the oval chuck has been around for hundreds of years! It is what they used to make oval picture and mirror frames.



Who knew, eh?

Well, it should be interesting, so grab your hat and meet the rest of the group at this month's meeting on Wednesday, February 28. Details of where are on the right border.



February
2018

Regular
meeting is
the last
Wednesday,
of the month

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

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Greeting to all you turners,

I hope you are all having a good winter without too many power failures. Now with the cold weather and the Holiday's are over, it's a good time to get back to our favorite endeavor - turning. This year should be an exciting time for Olympic Woodturners as the various activities unfold.

This month starts out with our demonstration of offset turning using specialized equipment. Next month there is the Stuart Batty demo in Anacortes followed by the Jon Jordan demo locally at **BARN** and then the Jordan weekend classes at Ray Ewing's Shop. (See page 5) The big event is the **AAW Oregon Symposium** in Portland. Reminder: if you are going sign up with the group you must get your money to Jon Geisbush by this meeting or at the latest March 15 of next month.

This month the Challenge is a Winged Bowl I hope you are working on one and having fun with it. The on-going challenge is also as a club to produce 100+ bowls for the Empty Bowls program at the Symposium. I brought some blanks last month and gave them out for the challenge, you need some see me at the meeting. And don't forget the continuing drive to fill the bucket with spinning tops for the Kitsap County Fair. There is a new Facebook group, (Spinning Tops, Made With Wood), that focuses on making tops of many types. You might want to check it out.

Next month the challenge is "Beyond Round". This can take on many different aspects that do not require the use of the special equipment that will be demonstrated by Dale Larson in February. You could do offset spindle turning, lost wood turning (Art Liestman did a demonstration of this and the info is in our resources section on our web site), Medallions off set in a disk and then turned, or many other processes. Surprise Us!

The Board is also excited to present our new proposed Bylaws to the club at the February meeting. Please see the companion article with more information.

That's it for now..... I hope to see you all at the February meeting.

Larry Lemon, President



Like it? — Want it?

This Powermatic 3520C will be raffled off at the 2018 AAW Portland Symposium. Gotta be there to win it and you can't win it unless you buy a ticket. Guess where the tickets will be sold? Portland.



Lend a hand!

This from AAW—

The success of every symposium is due in part to the many men and women who volunteer for a variety of tasks before and during the event. As you're making your symposium plans, please consider volunteering a few hours of your time to help.

There are positions open to assist at live demonstrations, the Instant Gallery, Merchandise Booth, Raffle Desk, Registration, Tool Room, Videographers and video assistants and Vender Ambassadors. [Go here](#) to learn more and sign up.

Remember—going to an AAW symposium is like drinking from a fire hose. Best to position yourself to make the most of it, if you are going.

The AAW Symposium is a perfect opportunity for you to see internationally known woodturners demonstrate their innovative techniques, and hear them share their personal woodturning journeys, including their philosophies, inspirations. You'll be able to feel creativity permeating the room while enjoying the company of others who share your interests!

[AAW's 32nd International Symposium Portland, OR—June 14-17, 2018](#)



From The Strait Turners

Our 'sister' turning group from the Sequim area holds their meetings on the last Tuesday of the month from 9:30 am to 12 noon. This month that puts it on February 27th. Meeting place is the Gardiner Community Center, 980 Old Gardiner Rd, which is between Discovery Bay and Sequim, just off Highway 101.

This month the presenter will be the ever entertaining John Elliott on "Turning Green Wood." For this demo, he will be turning some green Madrone.

All are welcome. For more information go to straaitturners.org or call their president Ernie at 360-683-2560.

OPCAAW Board Approves Bylaws Revision; Membership Will Vote in March

by Jeff Brody, Club Webmaster

Your OPCA AW Board has unanimously approved a new version of the Club's Bylaws designed to support our non-profit status and make Board activities more transparent to the membership.

The proposed Bylaws are now posted on the OPCA AW website for your review. Look on the OPCA AW home page for the link.

The vote to present the proposed Bylaws revision to the general membership came at the Feb. 12 Board meeting after months of discussion and consideration by Board members.

The Club's Bylaws were last revised in 2004 and left many questions about proper operations of the organization unaddressed.

Bylaws are the equivalent of the organization's Constitution. They outline, in general, the mission of the club, how it will operate, how business will be conducted and the duties of the Board and Club officers.

Bylaws generally do not address details that can change on a regular basis; instead, they identify more lasting aspects of the organization's scope and purpose.

Major changes to the OPCA AW Bylaws contained in this proposal include:

- 1) References in several sections to the non-profit nature of the organization and its commitment to comply with state and federal laws and rules governing non-profits. The club intends to file this year for non-profit status, which will make OPCA AW eligible for a range of grants and awards that it has not been able to pursue in the past;
- 2) Combination of the Bylaws with what had been a separate document outlining the duties of each elected officer;
- 3) Updated language proposed by AAW expressing the relationship between the national organization and our club as an AAW chapter;
- 4) More specific procedures for how the club votes to elect officers or conduct other business;
- 5) A provision to allow up to three "at-large" Board members in addition to elected officers. At-large members would have no specific duties, as officers do, but would be added to the Board to broaden the perspectives presented at Board meetings and to encourage more members to become part of the Club's operation. It is believed this provision could help expand the number of people interested in serving as a Club officer;
- 6) The requirement that Board meeting minutes be posted and available for member review;
- 7) A process by which any member can offer a proposal for consideration by the Board;

Let's be honest. No one likes reading an organization's Bylaws. Board members do not expect Club members to be familiar with the provisions of the existing Bylaws. You, the member, expect the Board to fulfill its responsibility to operate the Club, to achieve the club's mission, to protect the organization's finances, and to make sure OPCA AW is sustainable.

It's the Board's belief that this update to our Bylaws was long overdue. We are asking you to get involved now; to review and consider the changes that have been proposed.

The existing Bylaws can be seen on the OPCA AW website. The Board encourages you to read the proposed new Bylaws and ask any questions you may have by emailing the Board.

A motion to approve the new Bylaws will be accepted during the regular February membership meeting, but the motion will be tabled until March 28 so all members will have sufficient time to review and consider the proposal.—JB

"Use sandpaper like somebody else is paying for it."

—Anon.

Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

CHATTERMARKS

2017

- Feb 28— February monthly meeting. Dale Larson demonstrating on oval—not round—bowls on a lathe and on purpose.
- March 9-12 John Jordan will demonstrate and hold workshops in our area. See flyer by separate email and article below.
- 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. Make your tops!
- August 29— August Monthly Meeting with a Round Robin multi-station demonstration of different techniques and styles of turning and finishing.

John Jordan to present locally

Board rolls out By-Laws

Long overdue to be revised and updated, the club's old By-Laws have gone through a complete overhaul and have been approved by the board during a special meeting in February. You can go to the club's website at OPCAAW.com and view the [proposed By-Laws](#) there. If you're of the mind, you can also find the [old By-Laws](#) and compare the two. Most will find that it is very useful on those insomniac nights when nothing else will work.

At the February meeting, the By-Laws will be "presented" to the club. You have a month to bone up on them. Then a vote of the membership will be at the **March** meeting.

President's Challenge for February

Refer back to January's newsletter and you'll find a list of the *President's Challenges* for the year. For this month of February, the challenge is a **winged bowl** (he adds "heart shaped, maybe").

And don't forget to make some **tops** and a **bowl** for the AAW empty bowl challenge. (our club will make as many bowls as we can (over 100?) to be sold by the AAW for charity. What a win-win. You get to contribute for a charity and at the same time practice your techniques!

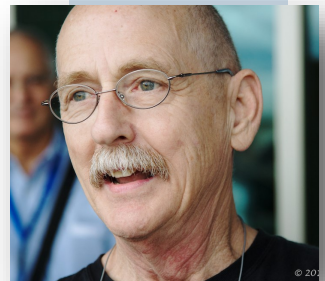
John Jordan, an internationally known turner, will present several demonstrations and workshops in this area in March. Jamie Straw, our VP of Training will be sponsoring a joint venture with BARN (**Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network**) to have a demonstration on March 9th from 3:30 to 8:00 pm at BARN. The cost is \$30 for the evening. For an extra \$10 they will serve you pizza and a veggie tray during a half hour dinner break. Or you can take your own dinner. This is strictly a demonstration, not a hands-on workshop.



That weekend, on March 10 and 11 from 9 am to 4 pm, Jordan will be teaching a workshop in Port Orchard. Each day is the same topic and theme and the cost is \$100 for each day.

THEN back to BARN on Monday, March 12 for another workshop. This one is limited to 5 participants and costs \$220 for the day. The workshop will be from 9 am to 5 pm.

Call Julie at BARN at 206-842-4475 ext. 221 to make reservations.



John Jordan specializes in textured and carved hollow forms.

"The pieces I make are simple, but finely detailed vessels.... Using different hand and small power tools."

Contact Jamie Straw at Training@OPCAAW.com to sign up for the workshops.

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Clean your shop space.
The results
will be a safer
environment
and a happier
turner.



Can you say “Obsessive / Compulsive personality?”

More from AAW—

To make the AAW Youth Program a success we need 12 adult woodturners with at least basic woodturning experience to assist the instructor for each youth class. There are 9 classes which means we need 108 volunteers to cover the three days of the symposium. The volunteers are assigned to 1 or 2 youth turners and provide assistance to them as needed to complete their assigned project. The primary function is to make certain the youth participant works safely and follows the method and directions of the instructor. - Larry Miller

I would add that by helping to teach others how to turn wood, you will become a better turner. I encourage everyone to sign up for at least one session in the Youth Room. It is a very rewarding experience.

And we are still looking for help with the **Spouse Craft room**. If your spouse has a hobby like sewing, quilting, jewelry or any other craft they would like to share with other spouses attending the symposium, let me know. This room gives the spouses a place to meet and socialize while their better halves watch demonstrations or spend money in the tool show. - Dale Larson

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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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