

Planning around the Grain

Sometimes when you pick up a block of wood, you can immediately 'see' what you want it to be. Sometimes you have to 'listen' to the wood intently to see the design that needs to evolve.

This month **Scott Overby** will be talking to us about using the grain of the wood or unusual flaws to determine what the final shape will be. From straight grain to burl, plain to figured each piece of wood offers multiple possibilities.

Sometimes this analysis and study of the piece of wood comes when it is mounted on the lathe and sometimes it comes when the round is being cut and shaped.

To be successful at our woodturning, the visualization and design of a piece is a dynamic evolving process.



May
2018

Regular
meeting is
the last
Wednesday,
of the month

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

Kitsap
Adventist
School
Gymnasium
5088 NW
Taylor Road
Bremerton.

Other
activities
include

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

See our
website at

OPCAAW.COM

President's Corner

Greetings

The Symposium is all but here! Summer is upon us. I am excited to go to Portland and experience my first National Symposium. I can't encourage all of you enough to attend for at least a day. Having the Symposium in Portland is like having it in our own back yard. Generally, it is held in the Midwest to east. If you are attending for several days, please consider volunteering for a shift. You get front row seating and contact with a presenter. I was just notified that there are t-shirts for the volunteers.

Empty bowl challenge— this is the last month to bring in turnings for the challenge. The goal was 100 bowls. We are about half way there. The name is "Empty Bowl Challenge" but other tunings are also welcome. Remember that the items will be sold at auction to raise funds for Meals on Wheels in the Portland area.

The Kitsap fair is also on the horizon it is a lot of fun. The sign up sheet will be out shortly for volunteering for shifts.

We are always looking for local woods to use. The board established the Wood Wranglers which is a group of members willing to go forth and glean wood. The list of volunteers is at the end of the membership list on the website. If you would like to be included please contact any board member or Jeff Brody to be added to the list.

Larry Lemon, President

Swayze to Rep at WIT

The AAW has been promoting the Women in Turning, WIT, and is asking each chapter to designate a Liaison to the WIT group.

Sandy Swayze has graciously agreed to represent the Olympic Peninsula Woodturners at the WIT.

The AAW 2018 Symposium

On Thursday June 14th ———

Registration from 2 pm to 7 pm.

Exhibitions will open with a Welcome Reception at 5 pm.

Opening Ceremonies are at 6:30 pm.

At 7:00 pm, Christian Burchard will speak at the opening on "A Life Made with These Hands."

On Friday June 15th ———

Everything starts at 8:20 am

- Exhibits and Gallery
- Trade Show
- Presentations 1 thru 4

On Saturday June 16th ———

Trade Show 7:30 am to 6:00 pm

Exhibitions 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Presentations 5 thru 8

Chapters Meeting 9:45 am

Silent Auction 3:30 pm—8:30 pm

Banquet 6:00 pm—7:30 pm

On Sunday June 17th ———

Presentations 9 thru 11

Trade Show 8:00 am to 2:15 pm

Exhibitions 9:00 to Noon

Members Meeting 9:45 am

From the STRAIT TURNERS

Our sister wood turning group from Sequim will be having their monthly meeting on May 29th from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the Gardiner Community Center. The address is 980 Old Gardiner Rd, and is located between Discovery and Sequim.

Presenter this month is Ralph Linberg and the topic is "Keeping your wood on the lathe." Ralph will go over a multitude of method to safely and securely hold you intended 'object d' Art' on your lathe instead of careening across the shop.

Turners of all levels are welcome.

For more information go to their [website](#) or call Ernie Kozun at 360-686-2560.



CHATTERMARKS



Gorsh!—If you have a shop full of sawdust and chunks of wood, do yuh think you'd need a fire extinguisher on hand "just in case"?

Demonstrators



Mark Baker
England



Mark Baker will be teaching a beginner's and intermediate class on turning a lidded box. You'll learn about types of boxes, proportion, lid styles and shape, tool selection and decorative techniques.

Mark has always been fascinated with timber. He loves experimenting with different woods, shapes, and surface enhancement in his work. Hints of classical and ancient forms, such as those from Rome, Greece, Asia, and the trade routes, are often featured in his Mark's works, but he always tries to develop and tweak things further. Mark is very conscious of the woods selected, going a long way to find specific woods and cuts to maximize both the form and the appearance, at times using color and texture to enhance his work.



Steve Gotschall
Colorado



Keith Gotschall will be teaching beginner to intermediate demonstrations on basic bowl turning, tool selection, design considerations and chucking options.

An avid rock climber, one woodturning insight Keith has gleaned from rock climbing is the importance of total body movement. He observes that "Any good climber knows it's mostly about footwork -- a dance to make the most of the steps available -- and less about the upper body. At the lathe, I often think about the shifting of weight when I am trying to make that final cut in one go around a curve. It's the coordinated action of arms, legs, and core that makes the cut succeed."

You'll learn about platter turning, considerations for going off center safely, using a screw chuck, turning beads on side grain with spindle gouge, use of four-jaw chuck in expansion mode, and simple decoration.

Drinking from a Firehose -

Something you'll feel like you're doing when you attend the AAW Symposium in Portland.

Don't forget the Empty Bowl fund raiser.

100% of the proceeds go to Meals on Wheels OR



AAW Needs Volunteers

The AAW is in need of volunteers in almost all areas of the symposium. If you would like to volunteer to help and get to know the people of AAW better as well as some of the premier turners of the craft, go to [HERE](#) and choose an area to help out.

You'll be glad you did.

Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

2017

May 30—	Scott Overby demonstrating Analyzing the wood you turn.
June 14-17	AAW 32nd Annual Symposium in Portland OR.
June —27	June Meeting. Graeme Priddle—Coloring, inlays and finishing techniques
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.
Sept 26—	Rick Rich on creating a four legged stool.
Oct 7—	Sawdust Session—Demonstrators TBA

AAW Symposium News Empty Bowls

JET-Powermatic is the official lathe sponsor and supplier for the Portland Symposium. This year they will be selling demonstrator-floor model lathes at a 20% discount at the end of the show. They will also have tradeshow equipment from their booth at 20% off.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the equipment in advance, contact **Tobias Bridges** at tbridges@jpwindustries.com or call him at 870-275-1705.

Donate turned bowls will be sold at the Portland Symposium with the proceeds going to support **Meals on Wheels**.

For more information on the program, go to [Meals on Wheels in Portland](#).

For more information of the **Beads of Courage**, go to their website [HERE](#), and [HERE](#).

"Sand-paper is just another cutting tool."

- Dick Raffan

Beads of Courage



Beads of Courage, Inc. a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organization dedicated to helping children with serious illness record, tell and own their stories of survival.

We have been working diligently to transform the treatment experience for children coping with chronic, life threatening illness through our arts-in-medicine programs.

Pack and Ship

During the Symposium, FedEx will have a booth (820 & 822) to package items you may purchase at the exhibits and ship them home for you. There will be a \$5 Handling Fee plus the cost of shipping. The booth will be open Saturday 1pm to 6pm and Sunday 11am to 5pm.

Preliminary Schedule

If you're planning on attending the Portland Symposium, you probably have already received pertinent information. If not, an alphabetical listing of the demonstrators and their topics can be found [HERE](#).

For a spreadsheet of the presentations and their times and locations, go [HERE](#). Don't bother printing it unless you have a very good magnifying glass or Super Vision. Best to view it on your computer where you can enlarge it.

Shop Sale

Mati Walters Estate Shop Sale—June 2 10:00 to 4:00

7849 E. Main Port Orchard ~ Manchester

Best parking by shop door on 2nd Ave.

Coordinated by Eric Swenson

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Planer, Delta model 22-580 with base \$280 +(extra blades—\$30)

Band Saw, Delta 14" 22-276 (made in USA) with Kreg precision fence, stand, and (3 extra blades) \$425

Drill Press, floor model Hitachi B16RM \$425 (w/ vise & smaller /black set of Forstner bits)

Jessem Router table \$1,000 includes

Router: Bosch 1619 EVS (\$275)

Jessem Fence & sled (\$120)

Woodpeckers Plunge plate (\$100)

box of accessories (& some router bits)

Delta Disk Sander model 31-695 w/ stand-6" belt & 9" wheel & some paper \$200

Air Compressor - Ridgid 1.8 hp 4.5 gal tank 4.9 SCFM & 175 psi max \$250 (w/ hose)

Spindle Sander - Triton Oscillating TSPS 450 \$110

Pneumatic Staplers

Bostich SB125 BN \$25

Bostich 18 ga crown stapler \$25

Bostich sb 1664fn nailer \$65

Plunge Routers

Bosch 1617? EVSPK w/ 2 bases \$100

Bosch Colt palm PR20 EVS w. 2 bases \$55

Porter Cable 7301 \$70

Reciprocating Saw - Bosch RS5 \$60

Rockler Dovetail Jig -complete w/ 3 templates \$125

Forstner bit sets: Two sets—Large set \$50 Small black set \$25

Router Bits

Large box of about 70 1/2" Shaft bits -including 26 Rockler (blue), 33 Woodcraft (green), 7 Freud (red) & 5 Bosch (black) \$1,200 (individual items not sold at this time. Sold w/ Jessem table \$2,000)

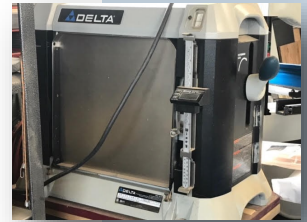
Box of 1/4" shaft bits -includes 15 Skill (black), Rockler (blue), 2 Woodtek (yellow), & Vermont American—average \$15 ea.

Exotic Woods

Purple Heart 3" x 3" x 12" \$19

Purple Heart 3/4" x 5" x 48" \$30

Too many to list—hand and "machinest" tools (tap & die sets, sandpaper, etc)



KITSAP COUNTY FAIR—Is coming in August. Be sure to sign up for a slot to staff the booth that Olympic Peninsula Woodturners will have. It's a lot of fun and an opportunity to interact with your fellow members as well as potential members that will visit the booth.

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Is your Turning Tool Not Sliding Smoothly?

You would think that your tool rest should be resistant to dents and nicks because you are using hardened steel tools to do your work..... And you'd be wrong. Many tool rests are made from relatively soft metals and tend to nick quite easily.

If you run your finger along the top edge of your tool rest to feel for bumps and nicks. Even small imperfections can make it difficult to smoothly slide a tool along the tool rest. This distracts you and the progress of the tool along the surface of the wood, resulting in an unsatisfactory cut.

To maintain the top edge of a tool rest, use a fine machinist's file. Using long, smooth strokes, file from one end of the rest to the other. Check the edge with a straightedge to ensure that the top edge remains flat and not dipped in the center.

Once the dents have been filed smooth, wrap a piece of 220-grit paper around a block of wood and use the same long smooth strokes to further smooth the surface. Finally, rub a light coat of wax on top edge. The wax not only helps tools slide more smoothly when making cuts, but it also helps seal and protect the edge. The wax will eventually wear off, so frequent reapplications will be needed.

~Adapted from a Penn State Industries article, May 2018.

Penn State has [tool rests](#) with a hardened steel rod for the top of the rest which will resist nicks and gouges. This is not an endorsement, rather a starting point in your search ~ Editor



Open Staff Position

Barbara Davis has decided that it's time to retire from her duties as **Glue and Sandpaper Sales**. The Board and the Club greatly appreciate the time and effort that she has put in over the past years.

That leaves us with an open position and a chance for you to serve your club and at the same time be in a position to meet more club members.

See the President if you are interested.

Library seeks old books and videos

The new Librarian, Vern West, has inventoried the books, magazines and videos on woodturning and is asking that each of us go through our 'stuff' to see if we have borrowed something from the library in the past and have not quite gotten around to returning it.

As new beginning members join the group, we need to make these materials available to them as they learn the craft. So check around and see if you have something to return OR if you have something that you would like to donate to the club in the way of videos or books.

Wood and Washington Law

By *Ralph Linberg*

Yes, there are actually laws in Washington State about wood types. They basically fall into two areas: "**Specialty Forest Products**" (RCW 76.48) and "**fire wood**" (wood with the bark still on it).

The first (Specialty Forest Products) is concerned mostly about timber theft. These generally include two woods we turners work with, Red Alder and Big Leaf Maple.

What the law requires is that the person transporting the wood have proper "documentation" that the wood was legally obtained.

Law Officers are generally trained to ignore loads of "firewood", since we generally cut any wood we are going to burn into "firewood" lengths. Haulers of firewood are generally safe, but not always. The Specialty Wood will be in log lengths, not rounds, like the firewood.

The moral of this is if you are moving "logs" and not "firewood", make certain you have a bill of sale or other documentation to protect you.

The transport of wood with the bark on (i.e. "firewood") from outside the Pacific Northwest is forbidden due to the transportation of insects or disease. Actually Washington, Oregon and Idaho are more flexible than some states. Several states forbid the movement of firewood *inside* the state.

More information can be found concerning the transport of firewood and insects that creating a problem [HERE](#).

Greg O'Guin's Passing

It is with great sadness that we reflect on the death of one of our turners

A long time turner and member of the Olympic Peninsula Woodturners, Greg passed away on the morning of May 4, 2018. He had been in a long battle with cancer.

Rather than a service, donations or flowers, Greg requested that each of us gather up our families and head to our favorite restaurant, watering-hole or outdoor spot to reconnect and enjoy each other.

For him, family was most important.

The Board of Directors extends its deepest condolences to Greg's family and wishes them the best as they recover from this tragedy.

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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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