

# EGGS

## HOW TO HOLD'EM

## HOW TO TURN'EM

**Bruce Claiborne** is an *egg-ceptional* turner who did it the right way. Most of us try to teach ourselves how to turn wood, but Bruce decided to take a 5 day class in Provo, Utah because his attempts at teaching himself to play golf didn't work out so well.

Bruce's first encounter with a wood lathe was in his high school wood shop when he needed legs for a table. Later when his brother upgraded his lathe, he made a deal Bruce couldn't refuse—to take his old lathe, a repowered Austrian lathe.

With his brother's help, Bruce began turning a few bowls and pens. Although his brother's skill was better, they both realized that they could use some help. So they signed up for a 5 day course at Craft Supply in Provo, Utah.

"It was time and money well spent," says Bruce. "Turning was more fun, safer and more productive."

It took him a few years before he discovered the Olympic Peninsula Woodturners Club. Like many, he was hesitant to commit to the almost hour drive to the meetings, but has since changed his view. "I have benefitted from



many fine woodturners who put on workshops and lectures." He even spent his 70th birthday at the AAW Symposium in Portland.

At the 5-Day class that Bruce took in Provo, one of the projects was to turn an egg. He has continued to turn eggs over the years and enjoys the challenges that eggs provide to him.

At the demonstration, Bruce will be showing us different ways to turn an egg and how to hold them in a jam chuck for the final stages. In the spirit of the President's monthly challenge, Bruce will demonstrate a few ways to embellish the eggs.

Come join us on November 28 for what promises to be an *egg-citing* demonstration.



November  
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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Refreshments,  
Show and Tell,  
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Welcome to the last regular meeting of the Year. It seems like two years as your President has just flown by. The Christmas Party will soon be upon us as well as the New Year.

With the new year, changes are happening on the Board. At the November meeting there will be an election for three Board positions, Vice Presidents of Education, VP of Public Relations—Newsletter Editor, and VP of Membership. The slate of candidates was presented to the membership in October. **Brad Stave** -- Education, **Rob Parker** -- VP of Public Relations, **Michael Block** -- VP of Membership. There is a bio on each one on the OPCAOW website (and elsewhere in this letter). I want to thank Jamie Straw, Jim Conway, and Jeff Varady for their dedication and hard work during their time on the board. The monthly meetings and all that keep this club running cannot happen without a dedicated group of individuals willing to put a little extra time into the behind the scenes work. I look forward to working the with new Board members as we move forward into 2019.

We are a Chapter of the National organization **American Association of Woodturners—AAW**. Although they do not require our members to join the national organization, other than the Board, they offer a lot of benefits to us. As a member you receive a semi-monthly printed magazine, *American Wood Turner*, as well as access to their *Turning fundamentals* publication which is aimed at the newer turners. You also have access to all the back issues on line. There is also an insurance policy that covers members while participating in AAW sponsored events. There are specifics and limitations to the insurance that I am not going into. If you want to

know, it is best to contact AAW regarding the specifics. Everyone that is a member of AAW in December is entered into a drawing for a new lathe and also lathes for their club! They provide grants for various club programs and support a sub group Women In Turning (WIT) with special incentives for those members.

There are two upcoming events that are of special interest that should be noted. The **Regional Symposium** in Albany Oregon will be held March 15-17 2019. The demonstrators that are presenting are Richard Raffan, Glenn Lucas, Michael Hosaluk, Jimmy Clews, Sam Angelo, and our own Dave Schweitzer. It is well worth the time and investment to attend. The following weekend (March 23rd) **Northwest Washington Woodturners** is having Mike Mahoney for an all-day seminar. The price of registration includes Lunch. There should be more information in this newsletter as well as on our website. Both programs are currently open for registration.

**The presidents Challenge this month is “Embellishment of Any Kind”**. This leaves the door open to any form of enhancing your turning from coloring, burning wires or more, carving, you name it, it counts! The whole idea of the challenge as well as the Show and Tell is for you to share what you have been doing. Each month the tags from the Presidents Challenge have been collected and put into an envelope. At the Christmas party there will be a drawing for special prizes. I will be donating a Magnetic work lamp as one prize and there will be gift certificates from Craft supply as well. As was the case last year, you do not need to be present to win the Presidents Challenge.

I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting

**Larry Lemon - President**

*To all who served in our military, we give thanks to you for your service to our country.*



# Christmas Feast

**Y**ou, as a paid member, and your family are invited to join The Olympic Peninsula Woodturners at our Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner, Tuesday, **December 11th, 2018**, starting at 6 pm, at the Kitsap Adventist School Gymnasium. There will be plenty of good food, interesting conversation, and dozens of prizes given away. For additional details and updates, see our newsletter or club website—OPCAAW.com.

OPCAAW will provide ham and turkey, and club members whose last name begins with **A-I** should bring a Dessert; **J-Q** Side Dish; **R-Z** Salads. If you have a “specialty dish” that you would prefer to bring, the choice is yours.

*Volunteers* wishing to lend a hand with preparations please contact Cindy Allen at 360-373-3041.





## Order your Christmas Wreath

The Kitsap Adventist School (where we have our meetings) is selling wreaths for the holidays again this year. They are \$16, and will be available at the meeting on Nov 28th.

It would be helpful if you called the school ahead of time 360-377-4542, by Monday (the 26th), to make certain they have enough. If no one answers, please leave a message, and they will get your name on the list.



*My guess at what it might look like.*

It might also be possible to have them available at the party. If you order ahead, or want to buy the night of the meeting, Barb Davis is your contact person. Call her at 360-373-1858.—BD



## While you have your check-book out—

It's that time of the year—again. Time for me to nag you about **paying your dues for 2019**. Remember that of the club's income, about half comes from member's dues. Without that income, there would be no money for quality guest demonstrators, which is the biggest reason for the club's existence.

**Only \$30 per year** (\$50 for family), that works out to be \$2.50 per month and we throw in two great parties. One in the summer and one at Christmas. It's a great deal folks!

Bring your cash, check or credit card to the meeting and pay for next year's exciting line-up of demonstrations OR go onto the website (OPCAAW.com) and pay there. Go [HERE](#) and you'll be done in a couple of minutes.

There's even a place to renew or sign up for your AAW membership. Could we make it any easier for ya?!?!?



## Remember and Appreciate

This month is all about appreciating and being thankful for the bounty that we have in our lives. Maybe you would think your life would be sooo much better if you'd won that \$1.6 Billion PowerBall drawing. But be honest. You have a lot going for you. You have opportunities in this country that so many around the world would give their first born to have. Well, maybe not that...and then again.

When I look around, there are so many little things that make my life worth so much to me. Just living here in the Pacific Northwest is huge. As a wood turner, I have so much wood available to me for my hobby. I just need my chainsaw and a little time—or I can buy great wood at the club's wood auction for pennies on the dollar, and someone else did all the cutting and hauling for me.

I hear a lot of whining about the winter weather being so depressing here. REAL-LY!?! Try living in Michigan, or Buffalo, NY, or Florida during hurricane season. To me, our Goldilocks seasons are a blessing. Not too hot, not too cold. Jus' right.

Personally, I am especially thankful for a wife that rearranged her life to be with me during a period of personal challenge this past year. I'm also grateful for modern medical science and what it can do today.

We **all** should be thankful for the freedoms this nation gives us and the people that are responsible for them—like our military. Active duty or veteran, these people have given to each of us a precious gift. Some have given with their life or health. We each need to be thankful for what they all have done.—JTC

**"Don't ever promise more than you can deliver, but always deliver more than you promise."**

**Lou Holtz**

**"When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around"—**

**Willie Nelson**

# Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

CHATTERMARKS

2018

Novemeber Meeting—Voting on the slate of board officers for 2019

Nov 28— Bruce Claiborne on "Eggs!" How to hold them, how to turn them.

Dec 11— Christmas Potluck Dinner! Yay! And a raffle for cool things.

2019

January 30— January Meeting with new officers of the Board

February 27— Short month February

March 15-17 Oregon Woodturners Symposium, Albany OR

March 23 A Day with Mike Mahoney. Anacortes WA

## The month of Voting

And you just thought you were done with voting after the Congressional mid-terms. NOW it's time to vote for your Board of Directors for the coming year.

Ralph Lindberg, chairman of the nomination committee, will be presenting the slate of officer nominees.

Anyone can, from the floor, nominate someone to be considered by the membership (of course you should ask that person previously so you won't embarrass yourself as he/she goes running from the meeting screaming obscenities at you).

Here are the nominees for 2019—

President—**Larry Lemon**

VP of Training—**Brad Stave\***

VP of Public Relations—**Rob Parker\***

VP of Membership—**Michael Block\***

Treasurer—**Jon Geisbush**

Secretary—**Ellen Winnie**

Sgt-at-Arms—**Ray Ewing**

\*See page 7 for bios on the new board member nominees.

## From the STRAIT TURNERS

From our sister woodturning group, The Strait Turners, we have this—

**Scott Overby** will be presenting a demonstration on turning various styles of salt and pepper grinders. He will present a selection of different types of mechanisms and talk about the pros and cons of each.

Their meeting starts at 12:30 pm on the last Tuesday of the month (Nov 27) at the Gardiner Community Center just off Highway 101. The meeting will feature Show and Tell and a wood auction after the announcements. Attendees are encouraged to bring something they have turned for the Show and Tell—Good, Bad or Ugly. They also encourage bringing a surplus piece of wood for the auction.

The meeting will end around 3:30 pm after the demonstration.

Call Ernie for more info-360-683-2560.



**"There is no such thing as a bad tool. Just tools we don't use as often."  
- David Ellsworth**

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## For the Novice

1) You'll learn more by turning several smaller, shallow bowls than by turning two larger, deeper bowls.

2) Don't pay for practice wood. There is plenty of wood available for free or near free. Check out the club's wood auction.

3) Green wood is a lot easier to work with than older dry wood. Don't build up a large inventory of wood because it will dry before you can get to work on it.

4) On your practice pieces, use a screw chuck or faceplate and practice on shaping the outside of the bowl to get a pleasant shape with a tenon. Then after a lot of practice, turn the piece around and practice on hollowing out the inside of the bowl.

5) Get into the habit of turning the lathe speed down before you finish for the day. Then check the speed setting before you turn it on again. Reduce the speed if the piece of wood is causing a vibration in the lathe.



10) Stand to one side of the piece when you turn the lathe on. Never stand where the wood can hit you if it decides to come off the lathe.

11) Become very familiar with your tools before you begin using them. Know what they are for and how to sharpen them. Especially learn to sharpen before you learn to use them. Then you'll know what a sharp tool feels and works like.

12) Keep the tool rest close to the wood. Anything over 1" away from the wood is too far and will cause vibration problems.

13) Turn the lathe off before you move the

tool rest. You'll only forget once. Maybe twice.

14) On the **outside** of a bowl, cut from the bottom to the top of the bowl. On the **inside** of the bowl, cut from the rim to the bottom.

15) Work with your body, not your arms. Shift your weight as you cut and keep the tool anchored to your body.

16) If you find yourself pushing too hard on your tool, stop the lathe and go sharpen your tool. Then notice the difference.

17) Use sheet metal screws on a faceplate. Never use sheet rock screws.

—Adapted from an article by Nick Cook for AAW



*We should all have this sign in our shop.*



## New Nominees for the Board

For VP of Training—

### Brad Stave—

Brad has been involved with wood most all of his life. After college, he wanted to share his love for wood through teaching. He taught Graphic Arts in Mukilteo, WA and then moved to Wyoming where he taught woodworking to Arapaho and Shoshone Native American Children (grades 3-8).

In 1985 he moved to California where he went in a new direction in the Aero Space industry. Sensing his need to continue working with wood, his wife, Sylvia, bought him a lathe. At that point, he found his niche. He says "Of all the creative endeavors I've pursued, wood turning has been the most rewarding."

You currently see Brad as wood auctioneer. He has been the VP of Training in the past and is running again for that position.

"When Rude Osolnik was asked,

"Rude, how do I become a good turner?"

Rude replied,

"Stand at the lathe."

For VP of Public Relations—

### Rob Parker—

Rob has been a casual hobby woodworker most of his adult life and took up turning several years ago when he retired from the US Coast Guard after 39 years. He and his wife Tracey settled in Gig Harbor with their rescue dog, Salty.

He continues to work, both paid and unpaid, in service to our country. Rob is the son of a retired US Air Force fighter pilot who saw action in WW II in the Pacific theatre.

His turning interests are focused on learning something new with every project and developing his techniques. Other interests include playing music on guitar, dobro, Lap Steel guitar and other instruments. Rounding out his hobbies, Rob enjoys golf, cycling, boating and other outdoor activities.

For VP of Membership—

### Michael Block—

Michael, who is a WA homie, grew up in Wilkeson WA and currently lives in Belfair. He is retired from the Army, having served in places like Ft Lewis, Fort Knox, Iraq and Kuwait. After the Army, Michael was in Civil Service in power generation at Ft Lewis WA, where he also served as union president.

Michael started turning in high school, back when they taught shop, but let the hobby go inactive until recently. He's married with two children, 12 and 15.

He found our club online, which is nice to hear that our web presence is productive. He enjoys turning bowls and boxes. Michael will probably be the first person you see as you come to a meeting, as he will be signing you in.

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**Oregon Woodturning  
Symposium  
March 15—17, 2019  
Linn County Expo**

The Oregon Woodturning Symposium returns to the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, OR on March 15, 16 and 17, 2019.

Featured demonstrators are—

- **Richard Raffan,**
- **Glenn Lucas,**
- **Michael Hosaluk,**
- **Jimmy Clewes,**
- **Sam Angelo,**
- **Cynthia Gibson,**
- **Art Leistman,**
- **Jim Rodgers,**
- **Seri Robinson,**
- **Curtis Seebeck and**
- **Dave Schweitzer.**

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Jim Conway,  
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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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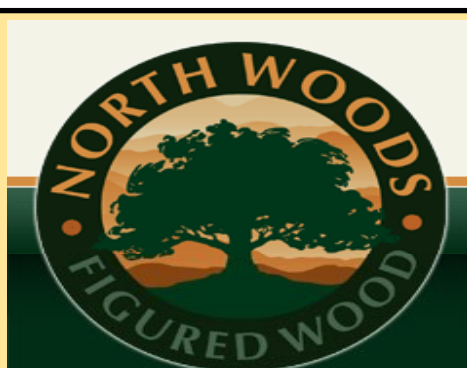
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