

"50 Nifty" Shop Tips, Redux...

Have pencil and paper at the ready to make some notes on nifty ways to make your turning more enjoyable.

Most, if not all of you, are already familiar with **Russell Neyman** from our regular meetings and as our immediate past president (2013-16).

In order on his calling card: **Writer; Woodworker; Historian**. His lifelong passion for journalism has shaped his process and delivery for demonstrations where he researches a complex or complicated topic, narrows it to the basic facts, then puts out the essentials in an easy-to-consume format.



His woodturning passion is a large subset of his woodworking passion that is part of

his DNA, having been inherited through fond recollections of time with **father** building bookshelves and tables, and still has many of his **grandfather's** (who happens to be the founder of the U.S. Naval



Chaplain Corps) tools in his shop today.

He is a wildly creative turner and nothing is out of bounds for his creative works, whether that is custom made furniture, gift boxes, cabinets, funerary urns and hollow forms, of-

ten adorned with a sweeping finial or decorative feather. He conducts **one-on-one** sessions for would-be turners through a program he calls "**The Woodturning Experience.**"

This session is an update to work originally pulled together by **Tones Briggs, Ralph Lindberg, Brad Stave** and **Russell**, along with a host of others from **SawmillCreek.org Turners Forum**. **Russell** has taken the best of the ever-growing list on the blog and will be joined by some of these folks as well during the presentation.



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February
2019

Regular
meeting is
the last
Wednesday,
of the month

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

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Other
activities
include

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

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Greetings!

I hope you survived the 2019 **Snowmageddon!** I know that as of this writing some of you are still digging out. If your power stayed on it was an excellent time to spend in the shop, provided you have heat! I am sure we all have stories to tell of our experiences. Because of all the bad weather it affords us an opportunity to harvest damaged and down trees. Keep a watchful eye. Possibly a neighbor's tree or large shrub was damaged and needs removal. You never know!



Looking forward, please check the monthly **President's Challenge** list. Remember that there are no monthly prizes and your description **tag should be checked** as President's Challenge. *Those tags become the tickets for the special drawing at the Christmas Party.*

I am sure that both new turners as well as the experienced turn-

ers will find something of interest in this month's Demo 50 Nifty tricks.

Next month there are two events happening: First is the **Oregon Symposium** in Albany, Oregon **March 15 - 17**. This is a great opportunity for learning. There will be an exhibit sales floor as well as the individual demonstrations by world class turners including our own **Dave Schweitzer**. Then, the next weekend is the **Mike Mahoney Demo** in Anacortes Washington, a one day event on **March 23**. This makes for a busy spring.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Larry Lemon — President

Moderator Needed — Is it you?

Most of you know we have a Facebook site for our club.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/opcaaw/about/>

It may be joined by **invitation only**, and that requires that we have a **moderator** to ensure only legitimate members are granted access. This function is currently performed by our president, **Larry Lemon**, and should be delegated to a qualified individual to properly share the club duties. If interested, contact **Larry** or any of the **Board Members**.

"A bowl is nothing more than a large bead with a cove in it."
(Anon)

On our website:

Have you been on *YOUR* website for the club lately? Jeff Brody has been busy updating the content and links. You can find all kinds of resources there, including all of the 2018 demo videos now. Thanks Jeff!

Give it a test drive if you haven't been there lately:

<http://opcaaw.com/>

From the American Association Of Woodturners:

The AAW website posted another warning about the dangers of fractal or "**Lichtenberg**" burning. Since that posting this month, there has been yet another death. Of the **14 known deaths**, 4 are in Washington state. The AAW policy is clear:

It is the policy of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) that the process known as Fractal Burning is prohibited from being used in any AAW-sponsored events, including regional and national symposia, and that AAW-chartered chapters are strongly urged to refrain from demonstrating or featuring the process in chapter events. Further, the process of Fractal Burning shall not be featured in any written or online AAW publication, except for within articles that warn against its use. AAW publications will not accept advertisements for any products or supplies directly related to the process.

<https://www.woodturner.org/page/>

President's Challenges – 2019

February – Lidded Bowl/Box for **Beads of Courage** Project

March – Turn an item using only **one tool (besides the lathe...)**.

NO Sandpaper or Finish

April – Scoops, Spatulas, Wooden utensil other than bowls

May – Pens or Eggs

June – Laminate and Turn must be from glued stock

July – **Tops for Fair (always needed!)**

August – Collaboration of 2 or more members

September – Long stemmed Goblet – Warbler??

October – Napkin Rings

November – Christmas Ornament/ Decoration

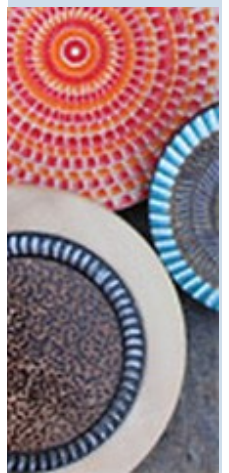
December – **Merry Christmas** – attend Christmas Party – no challenge

From the STRAIT TURNERS

Join us for our next meeting February 26th, 12:00 PM at the Gardiner Community Center.

The Strait Turners monthly meeting for February will feature demonstration of several systems and techniques for **sharpening woodturning tools**. Sharp tools are the key to successful woodturning. We will also have a wood auction. It's a great chance to pick up a unique specimen for that interesting project.

Please come join us. New turners welcome. \$5 door fee for non-members.



Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

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February 27 — Regular meeting. Russel Neyman — updated “Nifty Fifty” shop tips.

March 15-17 — Oregon Woodturning Symposium in Albany. Registration is \$50 per person. See their website: [2019 Oregon Woodturning Symposium](#)

March 23—Mike Mahoney in Anacortes, WA (See below on next page)

March 27 — Regular Meeting. Jay Shephard demonstrating finishing, buffing & more

March 30,31 — Drop off your work for the OPCAOW Wood Turning Show at Sydney Gallery

Date TBD — The Board Hoarder will be at Russel Neyman’s shop

April 2-28 — OPCAOW Woodturning show at the Sydney Gallery, Port Orchard

April 24 — Regular Meeting. George Dale and resin casting, turning and finishing

April 27-28 — Pick up artwork from Sydney Gallery

May 29 — Stephen Hatcher. “Demo — How Do You Do That?” See his site at: <http://stephenhatcher.com/>

June 26 — Regular Meeting. Demo TBD

July 31 — Regular Meeting. Art Lietsman

August 28 — Regular Meeting

September 25 — Regular Meeting and Sawdust Session with the Board Hoarder; Steve Bartucci will also be onsite selling wood and will be a stop on the sawdust session. This meeting will also feature a tool sale! Stay tuned for news...

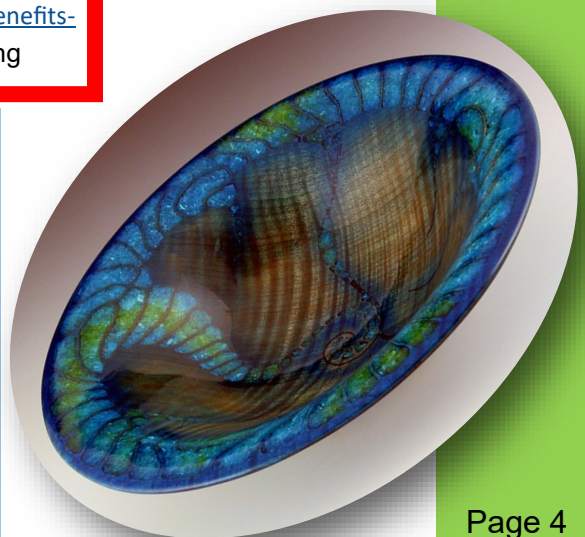
October 30 — Regular Meeting. Brad Stave “How to hold most everything”

More to follow and you can **keep up to date at our club website** [calendar](http://opcaaw.com/my-calendar/):
<http://opcaaw.com/my-calendar/>

To remain a **member in good standing**, **dues** must be paid **No Later Than 15 March 2019!** Pay [here](http://opcaaw.com/about/benefits-of-membership/membership-renewal/): <http://opcaaw.com/about/benefits-of-membership/membership-renewal/> or when you get to the meeting

Stephen Hatcher hands on 2-day Workshop!

Our VP Training—Brad Stave— has secured Stephen for **May’s** meeting and is also soliciting interest in a hands-on **2-day workshop** on inlaid platter accents; one day at his shop and another day at one of our locations that can take up to 12 students. Cost is dependent on number of students. We have about 7 who have indicated interest so far and are looking for additional interest at this point. Brad will have more information at our next meeting. An example of Stephen’s work is to the right



Feb



**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.**

For more information and to register, go to www.oregonwoodturningsymposium.com

Or contact us at

oregonwoodturningsymposium@gmail.com.

The *always outstanding* **Instant Gallery** and **Vendor Show** are open to the public.



Presents

A Day with Mike Mahoney

Enjoy a full day with Mike, exploring his techniques as a professional woodturner and instructor. He will share his knowledge in topics such as—

- Bowl turning
- Bowl coring
- Hollow form turning with threaded lid
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Saturday, March 23

**Anacortes First Baptist Church
2717 'J' Street
Anacortes WA
9 am to 4 pm**

**Cost—\$45 until Feb 21,
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NWW-2019-mahoney-demo.bpt.me

A small fee will be charged. Or Download, print and mail the online registration form at www.nwwwt.org/demo-tickets.pdf

For additional information, email

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OPCAAW Wood Turning Show at the Sydney Gallery – Port Orchard

Key Dates (also in Calendar above)

The **show** will run from **April 2nd to April 24th**.

Drop off member turnings will be at the **March 27th** Club Meeting

Show will be set up April 1st

The **reception** date is Sunday **April 14th – Meet the Wood Turners**

Member turnings can be picked up at the **April 24th** Club Meeting

There will be the following **categories** that work can be submitted:

Pen Turning

Spindle Turning

Bowls

Hollow Forms

Segmented Turnings

Out of the 5 categories a “Best of Show” will be selected and awarded **\$150.00**

In addition, there will be a second prize (**\$75.00**) and a 3rd prize (**\$50.00**)

The awards will be decided by a non-OPCAAW wood turner.

Each piece entered will have a **\$5.00 entry fee** and each **first piece entered by the member will be covered by the Board of Directors**. So, if you enter 3 pieces the members cost will be \$10.00.

This money will be used by the club to help cover the cost of the awards and food.

The Sydney Gallery will allow the member turnings to be sold with **33% commission** going to the Gallery. They do not have to be for sale.

Make sure your piece is **signed** and a tag will be provided at check in as well so that your piece can be identified.. The **tag** will need the following information.

- * **Name of Turner**
- * **Description of the piece, Wood Type , size, price (if selling)**
- * **Address (so if there is a sale a check can be sent)**
- * **Phone Number**



NEW FROM WOODWORKER'S JOURNAL:

Are you interested in receiving a new, **FREE** email newsletter that features techniques, projects and news specifically for woodturners? Follow this link:

<http://www.woodworkersjournal.com/>

FOR SALE:

Used **propane burner & 50-quart pot** for boiling madrone. It is owned by one of our members **Bob Hickernell**. He's asking \$50 for each item. See **Bob** or **Larry Lemon** at the meeting if interested.

"Sand-paper is just another cutting tool."

- Dick Raffan

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RAFFLE OPPORTUNITY at February 27 Meeting!!

We will be raffling off an 8" **180 grit D-Way CBN grinding wheel**. It has safe square edges (no grit on the sides), and includes the mounting bushing. Come & buy a chance or 3!



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A town craft show usually lower prices than juried craft shows where customers pay to get in.

Want more tips like this? Visit Ruth's tips on her website (and she has a sale ongoing!)

www.nilesbottlestoppers.com



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In case you missed it - **BoxMaster Tools** is now officially a part of **D-Way Tools!!**

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Rob Parker,
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The Mentoring Program

CONSIDER A MENTOR—The OP-CAAW **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.

OPCAAW Mentoring is **available only to members**. Please bring your current badge with you to the first session.

The current Mentors are:

George Kromka (Bremerton) 360-373-1028

Jim Leary (Kingston) 360-297-5872

Brad Stave (Gig Harbor) 206-910-5459

Go to this [link](#) on our [website](#) for an updated article on the Mentor Program what it takes to be a good mentor!

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