

Know How to Hold 'em, Know When to Fold

Every year we ask one of OP-CAAW's mentors to give a monthly demonstration. This month **Brad Stave**, our mentor who covers the Gig Harbor area, will be demonstrating how to hold your work on the lathe where it belongs.

Brad's demonstration will start with techniques to hold work between centers and will go all the way to using a vacuum chuck.



Here is an outline of what he will cover.

Between Centers
Screw chucks
Collets
Face Plates
4-jaw Chucks
Jam Chucks
Custom Live Centers
Steady Rests
Indexing Heads on Chucks
Cole Jaws
Longworth Chucks
Doughnut Chucks
Vacuum Chucks



The evening will be full of some new and old ideas ..

**November
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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Adventist
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Gymnasium
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Other
activities
include

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

See our
website at

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President's Corner

Welcome to the end of another year!

This is my *last letter* as **president**. The time has flown by. I have enjoyed serving as **President** of your **OPCAAW**.

There have been some challenges along the way but in the long term it has been very rewarding. Thinking about my time as President, there has been a large growth factor in the membership. We have improved our video equipment and replaced the main lathe with a Powermatic 3520B. The **wood wranglers** came about and have evolved. This was not just my doing. The **Board** has been very instrumental in all of the improvements and changes that have taken place. Now it is time for change and a new person at the helm.

Brad Stave has graciously submitted his name to replace me. He has been instrumental in many functions of this club as well as in others. I look forward to his leadership of the group.

As the new year unfolds you will find new faces behind the cameras, a new person at the Glue and Sandpaper table, a new person in the storeroom and snack bar area and different familiar faces at oth-

er positions.

I hope to see you all at the next two meetings. Remember that they are both on ***Tuesday Evenings November 19 and December 10.***

Larry Lemon

Outgoing **OPCAAW** President

THANK YOU LARRY!!

***** We are in need of someone to take over the **glue and sandpaper** sales. **Please** consider being the one who does the inventory, orders and sets up for sales during the first part of the meeting.*****

***** After years of being our cook for the turkey and ham at our annual Christmas party, **Tony DiCarlo** is retiring his chef smock. We still need more help to warm up and deliver the turkey and ham for the party this year (our club pays for all the meat). Contact **Cindy Allen** at 360.373.3041.*****

***** Do you have a donation for the holiday party and not know where to donate it? Contact **Cindy Allen** at 360.373.3041.*****

Looking for an easy way to update your annual dues?? We can now do that on our website!! Thanks to **Jeff Brody!**

There is no "cheating" in woodturning... just "creativity" and different ways to do things.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Many thanks to those who help set up and clean up! We **always** appreciate folks that can **come a little early** to help set up. If you are one that needs to slip out early for whatever reason, **please** consider coming early enough to help set up. To make this more predictable we may ask to set up committees to help share this load and involve more folks in supporting our events.

Have you finished your wig stand from the October sawdust session yet? Time is running out, so please wrap up this very worthwhile project and deliver to this month's meeting for John Elliott to collect up your generous work.

From the [STRAIT TURNERS](http://straitturners.org/)

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

The **Strait Turners** monthly meeting for November will feature demonstration by "**Larry Taylor & John Ames**" New turners welcome. \$5 door fee for non-members is no longer. ;o)

<http://straitturners.org/>

President's Challenges – 2019

November – Christmas Ornament/ Decoration

December – Merry Christmas – attend Christmas Party – no challenge (except possibly the weather)

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We have "so much opportunity to put a bad finish on our work"

Mike Mahoney

Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

November 19—Regular Meeting. **Brad Stave** "Know How to Hold 'Em and When to Fold 'Em"

December 10th — Christmas Party!!

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/>

Stay tuned for information on a possible day or two of "**Beyond ABC**" (anchor, bevel, cut) workshop in **March (26, 27)** in conjunction with our monthly presentation. **Ed Pretty** is the demonstrator and explains how the body is used for both anchoring and tool control (and actually to prevent catches). He also explains the distinct differences in jobs between the forward and back hands in turning and when to engage the tool rest with your hand (or not). Primarily aimed at **intermediate level** turners, but **novice** and even **experienced** turners have benefited from his sessions. It is basically a bowl turning session but in most cases people find they have to handle their tools in an entirely different way. The total cost per day is \$450 so if we can get 8 people a day this would be a very good value indeed! Standby for more news from Brad Stave and bring your questions to the meeting!

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Our **nominations committee**, charged with presenting a slate of candidates to serve as officers and board members of **OP-CAAW** next year, has presented a slate to the board that was discussed at the last meeting. If you are interested in becoming an officer or a member of the board at large, it is never too late! Please see or contact **Jeff Brody**, who is chair of the committee. Elections for officers and board members will be held during our **November** meeting. That's this one coming up!

Many thanks to **Jeff Brody** and the committee for assembling this year's slate.

This month I have some links to videos for you for the monthly **President's Challenge** this month; holiday ornaments (remember they are all intended to be skill-building or –honing)

*These videos may show practices that will not be safe for you. **OPCAAW** cannot determine whether your skills and equipment will allow you to safely do what you see in these videos. **You need to determine that yourself.***

Four different video links are presented, no endorsement for them other than an opportunity to learn or pick up a tip or two.

The first one is on AAW's site (may need current membership) and uses an off-center technique for a simple but elegant tree ornament:

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

Another makes a quick and easy snowman (2 parts; second comes up automatically):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=q0XgMO-m1-k>

How about making an Airstream trailer ornament??:

<https://youtu.be/5toXYVLKX8g>

And then there is the always entertaining **Cap'n Eddie**

<https://youtu.be/AGQ-yz--F0o>

If you are interested, **Russell Neyman** came in contact with a friend in **Port Orchard** who had to take down a large **Big Leaf Maple**. There was a small work party to tackle the primary project of making some blanks for a young turner at that address, but there was quite a bit of wood left and it has a fair amount of character and some figure. The wood that was harvested was at about 19% moisture content and is easily accessed. For information, contact **Russ Neyman** @ C: 360-813-4484



"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

Thomas Edison

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Christmas Feast

You, as a paid member, and your family are invited to join The **Olympic Peninsula Woodturners** at our **Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner, Tuesday, December 10th, 2019**, 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 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.



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“When the wood is pretty, keep it simple!”

Mike Mahoney



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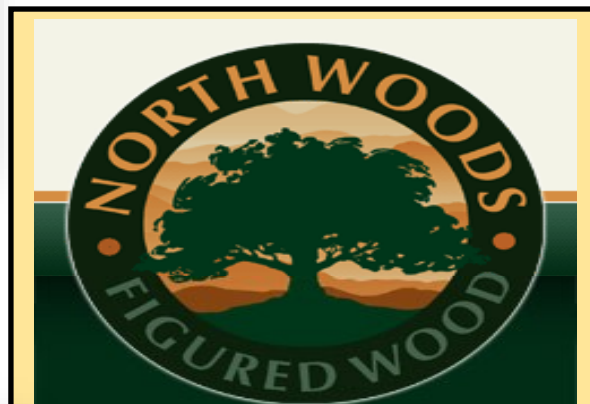


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While not actually a formal training program, meetings with mentors often become just that. In some cases, ad-

vanced 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:

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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We anticipate changes to President, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms and Training & Education with the results of this month's election. Stay tuned for news once the votes are tallied!

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