

Salvaged Wood and Preparation

This month's presenter will be **Brett Johnson** from **Wane + Flitch LLC** in Tacoma, one of our club sponsors. **Brett** and his partner will be talking about salvaging lumber from urban trees and their preparation for furniture and other uses.



commercial clients alike. From the name of their shop to their team of skilled crafts-

men, their work is their passion.

Working with local trees that are always salvaged and never poached, they pride themselves in growing their business within their community. Because of this, their clients have the chance to learn about each tree's origin, life and reasons why it was felled, highlighting the personality of each piece.

Wane+Flitch has worked with hundreds of private homeowners - in and out of state -- in addition to local companies including The Pine Room; Original House of Donuts; 7 Seas Brewery; 1st Security Bank; and the Tacoma Fire Department.



Wane+Flitch is a live edge wood furniture company and they love what they do. Since opening their doors in **January 2015**, they have completed hundreds of custom projects for residential and com-



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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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President's Corner

Welcome to a new decade!

2020 should be a great year for the club. As your new president I want to give a **big thank you** to **Larry Lemon**, for the last 3 years **Larry** has done a terrific job leading the club. I only hope I can serve the club half as well as **Larry** has.

If you did not make it to the Christmas Party, you missed a great time. **Cindy Allen** and company did a terrific job with the meal and the donations. This year we seemed to have some real terrific gifts to pass out. I think everybody went home with something. Great job by all!

With that said I have just a few items to cover. Over the next 2 months the board will be solidifying the **budget for 2020** and I encourage all of you to pass along ideas about potential demonstrators (send those to **Larry Lemon**) and potential acquisitions to help with our overall goal of educating our members in the pursuit of woodturning.

Towards the end of last year, the board started talking about experimenting with the monthly meeting agenda by introducing a longer demonstration when we are paying big bucks for some of the demon-

strators we bring in. So, if you have thoughts about our monthly agenda, please pass those along to board members.

As we progress through the year, I will try to keep you all informed of special events that are coming up here in the Northwest. On March 21st the **NORTHWEST WASHINGTON WOODTURNERS**, Mount Vernon will be presenting "**A day with Nick Agar**". **Nick** is originally from **Devon England** and has been around for many years and it should be a great day -- check out some of his YouTube videos on page 5 of this newsletter as well as a link to the poster for this demonstration. This would be good one to start organizing some carpools for ... keep an eye out for more information in *Chattermarks* as we get closer.

Thanks, Brad

Brad Stave

OPCAAW President

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

"In all object making, that aspect which relates to conceptual interpretation is Art, that which relates the object to an intended purpose is Design, and the quality of its execution is Craft." (Hella Basu)

President's Challenges – 2020

January — No Challenge this month (beyond recovery from holidays), Maybe bring in a whole bunch of tops for the bucket!

February through November — TBD

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

From the **STRAIT TURNERS**

Join us for our next meeting January 28th, 12:00 PM at the Gardiner Community Center.

The **Strait Turners** monthly meeting for January will feature demonstration on turning natural edge bowls by "**Larry Miller**". New turners welcome. \$5 door fee for non-members is no longer. ;o)

Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

January 29th — Regular Meeting.

February 26th — Regular Meeting. Ray Ewing; The Hope Hollowing System

March 7th — Burl Buy at Dave Schweitzer's in Shelton, WA

March 25th — Regular Meeting. Ed Pretty; ABC (Anchor, Bevel, Cut) & Beyond

April 29th — Regular Meeting. Demonstration TBD

May 27th — Regular Meeting. Demonstration TBD

June 24th — Regular Meeting. Demonstration TBD

July 29th — Regular Meeting. Demonstration TBD

August 26th — Regular Meeting. Demonstration TBD

September 30th — Regular Meeting. Demonstration TBD

October 28th — Regular Meeting. Demonstration TBD

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

"...craft is about making things well...art is about manipulating and arranging materials to visually articulate an idea." (from Studio Craft as Career by Paul Stankard)



Great to see so many of you at the Christmas Party for 2019! If the company and the bountiful prizes don't bring you out, check out the great meal and desserts!

We hope to see you all at the 2020 party!



"The impatient desire to make masterpieces can prove to be a stumbling block to progress because it is perseverance with simple work, until every tool movement becomes confident, that gives the ability to tackle complex things." (Bill Jones, Further Notes from the Turning Shop)

THANK YOU to **Jeff Brody** and the **nominating committee** for assembling this year's slate of officers. The updated list of officers is listed on the last page.

Welcome **new members**:

Dale McDaniels, Sargeant at Arms

Brad Powers, At-Large Member

Nancy O'Guin, At-Large Member

Thanks also to our new team members in the audio and video department that continually improve our capture of the demonstrations and our experience in the audience.

Norwegian [Sunset Bowl](#)

Another shows his process at a woodturning show for this same bowl:

[Demonstration of Sunset Bowl](#)

Here is his demonstration of the Robert Sorby embellishing tools:

[Embellishing tools](#)

And here is one from the Dictum Tutorial series on bowl gouge use and sharpening:

[Bowl Gouges - Form, use and sharpening - with Nick Agar - DICTUM tutorial video](#)

Coming March 21, 2020, 9am to 4pm
Northwest Washington Woodturners
 11th annual All Day Demo will feature **Nick Agar**.

Enjoy a full day exploring **Nick's** techniques refined over his lifetime as a professional wood artist & instructor.

- Bowl Turning from basic to embellished
- Platter Turning
- Texturing Techniques
- Coloring & Gilding
- Plus MUCH more & time for your questions too!

• Register early and save! Through February 21 registration is **\$45**. After February 21 registration is **\$55**. Registration fee includes a delicious deli lunch, snacks and beverages.

Location: Anacortes First Baptist Church, 2717 J Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221.

See the [poster](#) for more information, or email info@nwwwt.org.

This month I have some links to videos for Nick Agar's work as mentioned in Brad's opening remarks since we have a hiatus from the monthly **President's Challenge**.

*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 from a woodturning cruise where he discusses his signature "Norwegian sunset bowl":

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

Mike Mahoney



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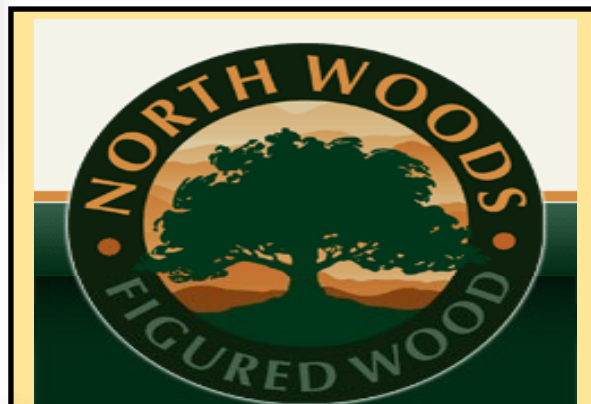


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The Mentoring Program

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, ad-

vanced 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:

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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