

Peppermills!



From this month's presenter and fellow club member, **Scott Overby**:

I was born in **Duluth, Minnesota** in 1963. I showed an early aptitude for engineering and, after finishing

high school, joined the **US Navy** as a **Nuclear Electronics Technician**. Retiring from the **Navy** after 20 years in 2002, I embarked on a new career as a **Certified Energy Manager** which led to my current position in **Advanced Metering** for **Navy Region Northwest**. And no, I do not glow in the dark. ☺

Wood working has been a part time hobby for many years. My interest turned to woodturning in 2005. Soon thereafter, I

joined **OPCAAW**. I mainly make bowls, boxes, pens and earring stands. My bowls are made mostly with native northwest woods: Pacific Yew, Madrone Burl, and Maple Burl. Where as in many smaller turnings I work with exotic woods:



Ebony, Amboyna Burl, Tulip Wood, Chechen Burl, etc.

I will be discussing the crafting of pepper grinders. We will touch on the fol-



lowing topics: *wood selection, pepper grinder mechanism selection, interpreting the instructions, construction, making it your own, other things to consider when designing and various finishes*. I will touch on the topics of wood dyeing, stabilization, epoxy and **Alumilite** resin. I like to push the envelope and think outside the box, so I will show a couple of designs I'm playing with.



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Regular meeting is the last Wednesday, of the month
THIS MONTH WE ARE Meeting VIRTUALLY

Members in good standing should watch for the link via email.

Other activities include

Featured Demonstration,

BYO Refreshments,

Show and Tell,

See our website at

OPCAAW.COM

President's Corner

Well **OPCAAW's Christmas Tree Ornament challenge** is in full swing! We have 35 entries, and they all are unique and different. Great job by everyone who submitted, and the voting is underway. All votes will be counted the morning of November 18th so we can announce the winners .. remember we will be giving away awards totaling \$100 in **Craft Supply gift certificates**. As a paid up member you should have received an email with a link to the gallery of entries and a link to the voting survey.

The **Fishline Empty Bowl Folks** were overwhelmed with all the bowls we donated to their fund raiser. A great big thank you to all of you that donated! A real Yeoman's job by the club members. Again, thanks a bunch; you all made us proud.

Now, so you do not all forget we need some volunteers ... As some of you know **OPCAAW** has been an organization for over 30 years now and that, I believe, is solely due to the folks that have volunteered for key positions that help the club function and maintain a service to its members. With that said we are in need of some new volunteers to help us on the **Board of Directors (BOD)**. An organization like ours relies on these volunteers and some level of turnover is healthy for the club. Rather than have the same folks steer the direction the club takes, fresh eyes and ears are welcome. This year we are in need of a **Secretary, Public Relations**, and a **Sargent at Arms**. In a nutshell, the **Secretary** takes notes at the board meeting and the board meets once a month all year, **Public Relations** is about the writing and publication of *Chattermarks*. A vast majority is written by other folks, but the

Public Relations person edits/produces *Chattermarks*. They also send out the notices about upcoming events. When we are back to physical meeting the **Sargent at Arms** organizes the setup and teardown of the meeting along with the kitchen. All of these positions can only be held for 3 years, hence the turnover. The 3 years is not mandatory but folks that join the board do really like the experience; it's a chance to get to know other folks and become a more active member of the club. So just contact me or **Larry Lemon** if you are interested in volunteering.

For a few reminders .. We will not have a club meeting in December and we will have our **Holiday give-away on January 27th** .. The session will be via **Zoom** and we will be giving away many items to those folks that attend the **Zoom** .. more on this later .. Take care and have a great Thanksgiving as best you can

Brad Stave, OPCA AW President

Let's get you into Show and Tell at the Zoom meeting!

It's time to submit photos of your recent work for the **OPCAAW Virtual Show & Tell for November**. All photos submitted by **5 p.m. on Monday, November 16th** will be included in the **Show & Tell** presentation during our **Zoom** meeting **Wednesday, November 18th**.

You can submit up to two photos each of two projects. Please place your items on a plain background and make sure to focus your camera on the part of the item you wish to emphasize.

Because **Jeff Brody** is literally (still) in the middle of a move, **Larry Lemon** will take your photos again this month. Send photos in .jpg format to training@opcaaw.com and should be saved as a large .jpg file. File size should be at least 1 mb. **Larry** will contact you if there is a problem with your submission.

"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)

Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

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November 19th—Last day to submit bowls for the *North Kitsap Fishline Empty Bowl Luncheon*

November 18th WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL Meeting; Scott Overby Demonstrates Pepper and Salt Mills

December — no meeting. Wishing all a safe and healthy holiday season.

January 2021 — Happy New Year! Our virtual holiday party will be held on 27 January 2021; standby for more details!

More to follow and you can *keep up to date at our club website* [calendar](#).

Thanks to the Wranglers and donors for another great wood sale!

Due to some fairly significant family challenges I need relief from the duties here as editor of **CHATTERMARKS** and the **Public Relations** tasks to distribute notices. If interested in helping out, please reply to me at publicrelations@opcaaw.com. After this newsletter Brad Stave has graciously offered to pick up these duties until we have another volunteer. Thanks, and happy turning!
Rob

"...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)

From the [STRAIT TURNERS](#)



Strait Turners are inviting **OPCAAW** members to join their virtual demonstration this month. The demonstrator is **Craig Timmerman** (<http://www.armadillowoodworks.com/>) and the topic is "*Torus Vase*."

Invitation details were sent to **OPCAAW** members in good standing via email 23 October; ***please make sure we have your current email address***. Send any up-

It's never too late to pay your dues. Dues paid after 31 October of each year will be applied to the following year unless otherwise specified. Looking for an easy way to update your annual dues?? You can do that on our website! If you update your dues via **PayPal**, you will get an email confirmation. **Keep** yourself current and our club solvent! Dues were about half our budget before we went to virtual meetings and now represent a ***much*** greater percentage of our budget.

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AGENDA for 18 November Meeting on Zoom (login details by separate email):

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SHOW AND TELL WILL BE HOSTED BY LARRY LEMON AGIN THIS MONTH Info IS LINKED HERE

5:30 PM — meeting starts; **Zoom** meeting “opened” by **Scott Overby** (our presenter and fellow club member); quick social time for members signing on to **Zoom** Only members can login until 6:00 please.

6:15 PM — Announcements from **Brad Stave** our current *President*

About 6:30 PM — Commence **Show and Tell** (virtual, using photos submitted to [training](#)), led by our *guest presenter*, **Larry Lemon**. (NOTE: this month we will work in announcing the results of the President’s Challenge). **SUBMIT IN-FOCUS PHOTOS WITH A SIMPLE BACKGROUND of up to 2 pieces (up to 2 photos of each piece) TO training@OPCAAW.com no later than 5 PM on Monday 26 October.**

About 7:00 PM — Commence roughly **2 hour demonstration**; **all microphones will be muted** for the demonstration to allow uninterrupted presentation, and our presenter will give us instructions on asking questions as he goes (he may take a while to see the ones posted in chat). You will be able to unmute to ask questions or use the “*raise hand*” feature on **Zoom**. BYOC: Bring Your Own Cookies

2020 OPCA AW Christmas Ornament Presidents Challenge

\$\$\$ Prizes!!!

As the year draws to an end, I thought it would be great to have a **President’s Challenge**. On **October 17th** our own **Jim Leary** put on a terrific demonstration via **Zoom** (our monthly Sawdust Session) and it was a lot of great information Last month’s demonstration featuring **Carl Jacobsen** on one way to make an ornament was great.

We have **\$100** worth of **Craft Supply Gift Certificates** up for grabs .. **Club Favorite \$50**, **Most creative/unique \$30** and **best embellishment \$20**.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT OUR MEETING ON THE **18th!**

We are also encouraging members (but not required) to submit their ornament to the **National**

Christmas Ornament Challenge hosted by **Allan Stanton** and this will be the 9th annual challenge. If you are looking for ideas for an ornament even now that the submission window is closed, go to the website www.AsWoodTurns.com/challenges there are 9 years’ worth of pictures and also videos!



“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*)

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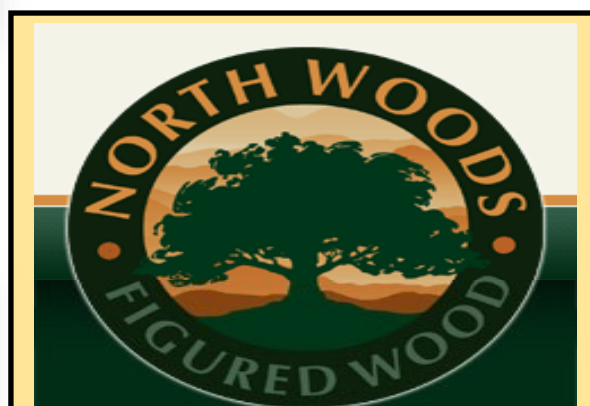


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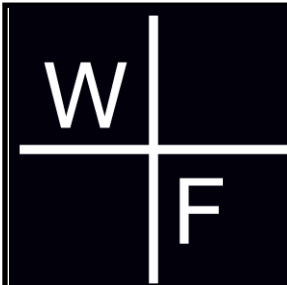
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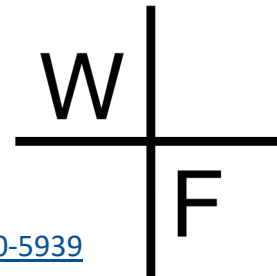
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While not actually a formal training program, meetings with mentors often become just that. In some cases, ad-

vanced formal instruction is available at an hourly rate.

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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