



It's Holiday Time

The Board of Directors would like to wish all of you and your families a Happy Holiday Season during these difficult times... may your holiday gifts be plentiful of all those tools we need to make our turnings better ... thanks for bearing with us as we navigated 2020. We all hope that going virtual has been beneficial to you and we are all looking forward to when we can get back to the physical meetings ... take care and be safe .

Here is a brief explanation of what to expect the next 2 months ;

1. There will be no planned events in December—enjoy the Holidays
2. Mid January a Chattermarks will be sent out describing how our Holiday Zoom Party will be executed
3. The week of Jan. 18 a Zoom invitation will be sent to all members that were in good standing in 2020.
4. On Wednesday , January 27th we will hold our Holiday Zoom Party
5. The February 26th Zoom invite will go out to all members in Good Standing for 2021

This is a great time to browse through our sponsors and make a purchase from them .. We are getting some great gifts for our Holiday Give Away from our sponsors . This years Grand Prize will be donated from D-Way Tools .

Also on the last page check out the deal from one of our members Ray Ewing on a Trend Air-Shield Pro

**December
2020**

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.

Remain in
Good Stand-
ing Pay your
Dues online

Other
activities
include

Featured
Demonstration,

BYO
Refreshments,

Show and Tell,

See our
website at

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President's Corner

You may notice that Chattermarks looks a bit different this month . There are 2 reasons , the first one is that we have no meeting and I have taken over the creating and publishing of Chattermarks. Hence the brevity. This will continue until we get a new person that takes this on as a dedicated resource.

I also want to say that Chattermarks has been a terrific publication over the last years because of the dedication and time Rob Parker put into Chattermarks . We will miss Rob's dedication and we will be looking forward to a new person taking the lead on OPCAOW Publicity task. Please let me know if you would like to take this on so Chattermarks can once again get back to the newsletter it should be . Thanks

Brad Stave, OPCAOW President

HELP, HELP, HELP...

We desperately need some folks to step forward and join the Board ... we need a

Secretary

Vice President of Public Relations

Sergeant at Arms (once we start meeting again)

HELP, HELP, HELP, HELP

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

It's time to submit photos of your recent work for the **OPCAOW Virtual Show & Tell** for **January** . All photos submitted by **5 p.m. on Monday, January 25th** will be included in the **Show & Tell** presentation during our **Zoom** meeting **Wednesday, January 27th**

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.

Jeff Brody is back on line and **Jeff** will take your photos this month. Send photos in .jpg format to;

webmaster@opcaaw.com

and should be saved as a large .jpg file. File size should be at least 1 mb.

Jeff will contact you if there is a problem with your submission.

"It is time to Pay 2021 Dues . Go to the OPCAOW Website and click on "Renew Membership"

Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

CHATTERMARKS

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

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

More to follow and you can **keep up to date at our club website [calendar](http://opcaaw.com/my-calendar/)**.
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Thanks to the Wood Wranglers this year and with our 3 special wood sales the Wranglers brought in \$1186 that was greatly needed to get through this year. We also had some great donations from members at our special wood events that helped as well .. So thanks to all

"...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 also taking the month of December off and will return with great demonstrations in 2021—Stay Tuned

Invitation details will be sent to **OPCAAW** members in good standing for 2021 via email. ; **please make sure we have your current email address**. Send any updates to webmaster@opcaaw.com



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.

Wood Turning “Coffee Klatch” or Around the Water Cooler

Larry Lemon our VP of Training is always looking for ways to help educate and inform our members . Larry is looking for some folks to have a Saturday Morning Zoom “Coffee Klatch” and talk about wood turning .. Great place to ask questions and discuss issues at hand . If you are interested send Larry an e-mail at Training.OPVAAW.com

December
2020

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AGENDA for January 27th Meeting on Zoom (login details by separate email): This is our Holiday Give-Away so this a modified agenda

5:30 PM — meeting starts; **Zoom** meeting “opened” for a quick social time for members signing on to **Zoom** Only members can login before 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 our Webmaster), led by Jeff Brody. **SUBMIT IN-FOCUS PHOTOS WITH A SIMPLE BACKGROUND of up to 2 pieces (up to 2 photos of each piece) TO webmaster@OPCAAW.com no later than 5 PM on Monday January 25th.**

About 7:00 PM — Commence roughly **OPCAAW’s Holiday Give Away** ; **all microphones will be muted** 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 Winners

\$\$\$ Prizes!!!



Ornament #20

Club Favorite—Larry Lemon— \$50.00 Gift Certificate

Most Creative—Jim Leary— \$ 30.00 Gift Certificate



Best Embellishment—Tony Duarte— \$30.00 Gift certificate



“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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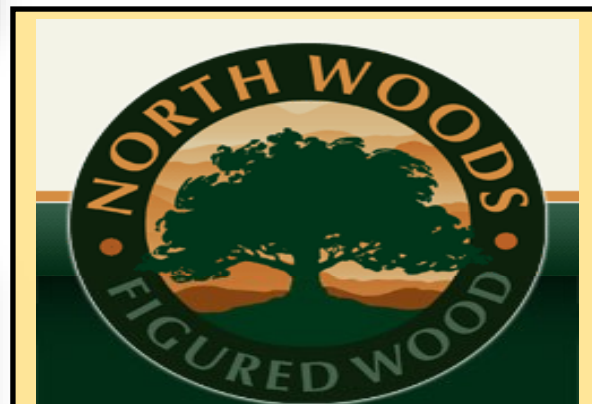
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The Mentoring Program

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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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Rob Parker, Editor

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