

Junes Demonstrator Dennis Belcher



All woodturners have limitations. We might be constrained by our equipment or our own bodies. Here is a project that does not require a chain saw, heavy lifting, an extensive shop, deep hollowing tools, a truck, or a strong back. To prepare turning blanks for these vases, I use a table saw and chop saw, but you could also use a portable circular saw if need be. Clamps and some wood glue complete the list of necessary tools, other than a lathe and a basic set of turning tools. The idea is to glue up a vase blank from just one board, rather than turning it from a solid block of wood. A glass tube insert, which can be purchased online from woodturning supply outlets, allows you to use the vase with water. No hollowing necessary. A wide range of woods can be used. When carving or texturing the vase, cherry and maple are my favorites. Glue lines vanish when the vase is textured. Figured woods also work well, but when showcasing the natural beauty of wood, glue lines will be more visible. Take a look at the article Dennis wrote and was published in the AAW journal. This is what Dennis will be demonstrating.

https://opcaaw.com/wp-content/uploads/board_to_a_vase_article.pdf



**June
2021**

**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**

OPCAAW.COM

President's Corner

Our July 28th club meeting will be at the school . It will be a virtual presentation , it was already scheduled , but we will have our typically meeting . Announcements, Show and Tell, Wood Auction, and the demonstration. Following is our current policy on COVID safety precautions .

Based on reports that the governor on June 30 will remove COVID restrictions on indoor gatherings, the OPCA AW Board of Directors has decided that the club will begin meeting in-person at the school starting with our July 28 meeting.

As in the past, we will follow state guidance. Any rules governing the July meeting will be based on the state's announcement.

As a member you are responsible for your own health, but it is the Board's responsibility to create a safe environment for our meetings.

OPCA AW also has a couple more announcement that will be explained in a little more detail on the following page .

1. We have ordered 5 Midi Jet Lathes.
2. We will have a Jet 16/42 for sale next month .
3. We will have a new store room at the school.
4. Some time in the fall we will be holding woodturning classes .

We have made it through COVID and the future looks bright for OPCA AW . Looking forward to seeing all of you that come to the meeting on July 28th. For those of you that can not make the meeting we are planning on broadcasting the meeting via Zoom .. So take care and be safe .. Thanks

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 **OPCA AW Virtual Show & Tell for June** All photos submitted by **8 p.m. on Monday, June 28th** will be included in the **Show & Tell** presentation during our **Zoom** meeting **Wednesday, June 30th**

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.

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.

Take a look at Page 5, OPCA AW member Scott Overby is setting up a contest and the winner gets a \$50.00 gift certificate to D-Way Tools

If you have not paid your membership dues yet .. Not to worry you can do it by going to the OPCA AW Website and clicking on "Renew Membership "

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OPCAAW has ordered 5 of these Midi Lathes that will be used at our sawdust sessions. We are also planning on holding classes taught by our members and by guest wood turners . We are looking for a volunteers that would work with our VP of Training , Larry Lemon , to schedule and assist in the preparation of these classes. We are purchasing the lathes from one of our sponsors, Sumner Woodworking, and due to Covid there is a 2-3 month waiting period for the lathes. So we have plenty of time to get ready



JET 1221 Variable speed

OPCAAW is getting a new store room. The school is growing in size and is turning our old store room into another use. Construction has started and the plan is to have us moved into the new store room by the time we meet on July 28th . We will be asking for some help to configure and build some storage shelves when the store room is completed .



This Jet 1642VS lathe that has been donated to the club and OPCA AW will be selling this or maybe an auction , we shall see. It needs a little bit of work on the electronics and as usual our team of smart guys will get it in to top notch working order. If you are interested let one of your board members know . This picture does not show the 3rd leg and the second 58" extension. This lathe will turn appx 100" between center

More OPCA AW Announcements

OPCA AW will be having their annual picnic on Saturday August 21st at Larry Lemons house . The picnic will be outdoors and more info will be provided at the July 28th meeting and the July Chatter Marks

Kitsap County will be having an almost complete fair at the end of August. Final details are being worked out but we do know that OPCA AW will be demonstrating and making tops for the kids. As usual it will take a bunch of club members to pull this off. Larry Lemon will be heading up the clubs booth and will be sending around a shift schedule signup sheet. The fair will be free but you will have to pay for parking—UNLESS , if you volunteer to help in the booth you will get a free parking pass

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Have you registered for the AAW



Registration is open for the 2021 AAW Virtual Symposium, July 17-18!

You've been waiting for it and it's finally here!

Schedule of Featured Rotations

Visit AAW website for details

Register today and you'll have front row seats to these live woodturning demonstrations and panel tracks.

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Scott Overby's Challenge

Okay everyone, here is my challenge (Scott Overby) to you. I would like you to pick out a shape that interest you. Be it inspired from a Greek amphora, Delft pottery, a Ming vase, etc. It doesn't even have to be pottery, it can be a fellow woodturner's piece. The sky is the limit. I would like you to turn it between now and Christmas. I would like you to bring your finished turning and a picture or even the real inspiration to the Christmas party for all of us to enjoy. The best in show as determined by my wife (that way no one can say the judging was biased) will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to D-Way Tools. Embellish as you see fit based on your inspiration. Shown are some examples of what I may turn and decorate. Unfortunately, I am not eligible to win, but I will bring a turning and what inspired me.

Thanks Scott Overby



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Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

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June 28th —5:30—9:00pm ZOOM Demonstration Dennis Belcher
July 3rd — 10:00 am – Tech Talk with Coffee -- Talk Shop Online
July 14th—7:00 to 9:00pm Board Meeting
July 17th — 10:00 am – Tech Talk with Coffee -- Talk Shop Online
July 28th 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm – MEETING IS AT THE SCHOOL ! - Demonstration is John Beaver Turning a Wave Bowl
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/>

Wood Wranglers Update

No Wrangle events scheduled for this month.

Do you need a Project this summer ?—Jim Conway has one for you.

Jim is one of our members and has been packing this antique around for many years . He says its time to pass it on to some one that wants to refurbish it . Its yours if you want to pick it up in Port Townsend. Just contact Jim at jtconway6@aol.com for mor pictures and info

"...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)



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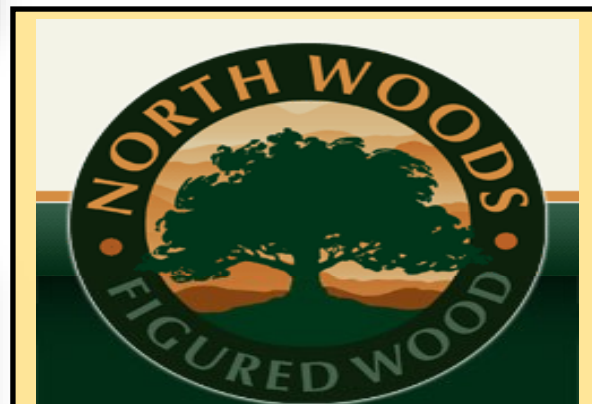
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While not actually a formal training program, meetings with mentors often become just that. In some cases, ad-

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

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