

One of our Own ! Brad Powers Pen Turning 101

Welcome to the wonderful world of pen turning! This session will teach you everything you need to know to make pens and other similar useful items like letter openers, bottle stoppers, Christmas ornaments and more. We'll start with what you need to get going and then talk about different kinds of kits that are available, including where to find them. You need something to put on the lathe so we'll discuss what you can use to make pens from traditional materials like wood and acrylic plus some less common choices like Corian and animal bones.

This session will be targeted primarily at beginners but I'll throw in a few tips and techniques for more advanced turners. I'll start with how to turn pens using common turning tools and basic finishes. Then we'll talk about different options to consider for both. I think most will be surprised what tools I use on a regular basis. I'll make sure to cover the key differences between working with wood and acrylic blanks.

If everyone is still awake after all that, I'll talk about how to assemble the pens and what common mistakes to look out for so you don't ruin all the hard work you invested in making, turning and assembling the blanks. If there is time left, I'll touch on how to make other items using the same tools and techniques.



**Brad will be in person at the
school and via ZOOM**

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Regular
Meeting is
the last
Wednesday
of every
month. This
month we
will be
meeting at
the school
and virtually
**Face Masks
will be re-
quired for in-
person
meeting**

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**Other
activities
include**

**Featured
Demonstration,**

**BYO
Refreshments,
Show and Tell,**

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President's Corner

Summer is on its way out and with the wind and rain coming we can all hunker down in the shop and have some fun.

This would be a good time to take a closer look at the challenge Scott Overby has setup, details are on Page 5.

As OPCA AW transitions to fall we will be focusing in on getting some classes going with our new lathes and hopefully a few more sawdust sessions . Larry Lemon will be heading up the class sessions and has a few volunteers helping. Larry is looking for some input on what type of classes he should schedule and if you want to pass along some of your own skills, Larry can arrange a class or two for you. It would be nice to get more club members involved in teaching.

Due to state and local mandates masks will be required in the building when we hold our general meeting.

Also take a look at Page 4 with the results of the Survey OPCA AW took last month.

Brad Stave, OPCA AW President

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

OPCA AW needs some volunteers
Help with the ...

snack bar

Video setup

Storage room upgrades

Meeting setup and teardown

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 "

Septembers General meeting will be held at the school and via Zoom

Mask are Required for all attendees

Peter Gerstel –

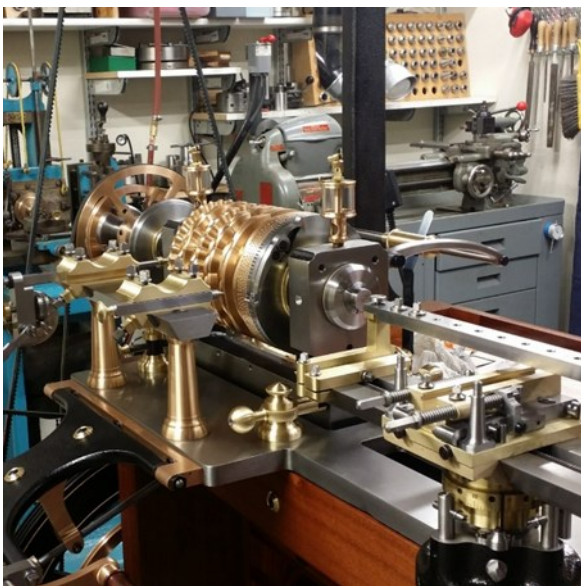
It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Peter Gerstel on Sept. 12, 2021. OPCAOW has lost a great friend and talented wood turner. Peter was a very active member of OPCAOW for many years. He held several posts on the club's board of directors and was always willing to help.

When I started coming to club meetings around 2006, I would arrive early to help out and would find that Peter had already put all the chairs out and set up the room for the meeting. Peter usually got to the school about 3:30 to get everything ready. By the time I got there at 4:30, he would be sitting at a table eating a hamburger and fries.

The time we shared then was a chance to talk about what Peter loved most about turning -- his Rose Engines. Peter was one of the best traditional wood turners, but his Rose Engine work pushed the traditional turning to the back burner. You may not be aware that Peter was an acknowledged expert on the Rose Engine and was a guest speaker about that tool at many national conferences.

Peter could act a little gruff around the edges, especially if you didn't know him. But those of us who made the effort to talk to him found that gruffness was only skin deep. Inside, Peter was a kind and gentle soul. He will be missed.

This is a picture of Peter's Rose Engine



This is some of Peters amazing work



OPCAAW Survey Regarding COVID

We had 44 people respond to the survey out of 120 members in good standing (based on the member directory), a response rate of about one-third

25 percent of our respondents have never attended a meeting via Zoom; 36 percent occasionally attended our Zoom meetings; and 38 percent (17) said they regularly attended.

56 percent did not attend our first in-person meeting, either in person or online; 27 percent (12 people) said they attended in person; another 16 percent (7 people) said they attended via Zoom. Keep in mind that prior to COVID we regularly had 70-75 people in attendance for our meetings. Our estimates were that about 50 people attended the July meeting either in person or via Zoom, and that's almost exactly the number that would be represented if 43 percent (27 plus 16) of our members attended as the survey results suggest.

32 people responded regarding why they did not attend the July meeting in person:

44 percent had a conflict and could not attend

22 percent attended via Zoom, feeling that was safer

15.6 percent (5 people) attended via Zoom because it was more convenient

15.6 percent (5 people) gave other reasons. 2 cited health issues; 1 cited a conflict, but said he would have attended via Zoom as a more convenient option; 2 said they have not fully engaged with OPCA

1 person said they had no conflict but weren't interested in the program

Of the 44 who took the survey, 5 people felt that our COVID precautions were unnecessary; 24 people felt they were necessary and sufficient to protect attendees. Fifteen people felt more precautions were necessary to protect attendees. That means 11 percent of our members felt we are over-reacting to COVID, while 89 percent felt we had responded correctly or that we should have been more cautious. Many of the 15 who felt we were not protective enough said we should have mandated masks for attendees; others suggested that we shouldn't meet in person and meet only via Zoom until the pandemic is more under control.

Only 6 people said future meetings should only be via Zoom, but 27 wanted to be able to choose Zoom meetings or meeting in person. Eight people were satisfied with future meetings in-person only.

The responses showed no particular preference for in-person demonstrations versus remote demonstrations. Seven people preferred remote demonstrations; 8 people preferred live. Twenty-nine people (66 percent) did not have a preference.

Fifteen people added thoughts. They were pretty much all over the place, but we received several comments giving us kudos for our approach to keeping people safe and our efforts to communicate with our members about how we're negotiating the pandemic.

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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Sept 25th — 10:00 am – Tech Talk with Coffee -- Talk Shop Online
Sept 29th 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm – Brad Powers Turning a Pen School & ZOOM
Oct 9th —10:00 am Tech Talk with Coffee
Oct 13th Next Board Meeting
Oct 27th Meeting at School & ZOOM Demo is TBD

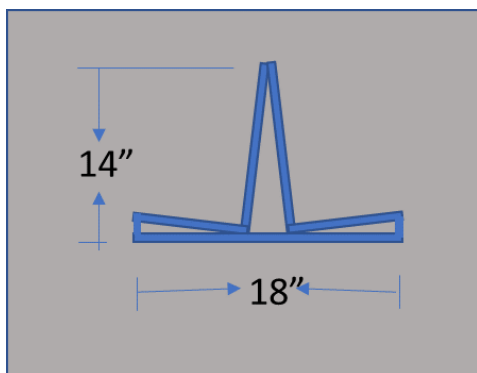
More to follow and you can *keep up to date at our club website* [calendar](http://opcaaw.com/my-calendar/):
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Wood Wranglers Update

This Pin Oak is coming down soon
Watch for a WW notice .

"...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)



Looking for a volunteer

So what is this drawing .. If you can guess what it is how about making 2 of these for the club. Actually we now have rolling shelves and we need to make these dividers to hold all of our library books and CD's. The club has the plywood, they are appx. 40" long and before you get started probably should take some measurements .. Remember measure twice and cut once.

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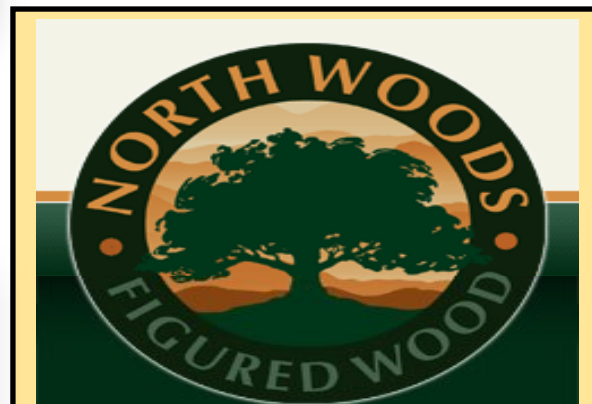
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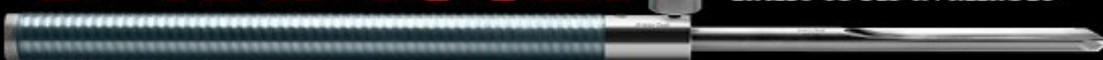
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wood is
pretty,
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simple!”**

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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:

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