

One of our Own ! Jimmie Allen Turned Boxes



Jimmie discovered woodturning during his semi-retirement as a finish carpenter. He joined the OP-CAAW club in 2003 and was instantly hooked - he went on to serve 7 years as the club's Vice President of Training.

After experimenting with various wood turning aspects, Jimmie was drawn to the challenge that wood boxes presented. Since then, he has concentrated his efforts on improving technique, wood selection, design/shape and proportion. Through this journey, Jimmie also found another creative outlet - the design and crafting of box making tools that helped him to create his signature style of boxes. He is also the owner of D-Way Tools.

Jimmie's philosophy is that we all start at the same place and it's important to keep it simple - "If you put in the time, you'll get there". He appreciates the opportunity to encourage and motivate people by sharing his experiences and techniques through demonstrations and sawdust sessions.

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This month's meeting is Jan. 26th at Kitsap Adventist School, 5088 NW Taylor Road, Bremerton.

In-person attendees must wear masks.

Virtual attendance is online via Zoom.

Other activities include

Featured Demonstration,

BYO Refreshments,

Show and Tell,

See our website at

OPCAAW.COM

Jimmy will be in person at the school and via ZOOM

President's Corner

Well, it's a new year and we are all hoping it will be a better year for all of us. I will always be known as "the OPCAOW Covid president" I started my tenure in January of 2020 just as Covid hit. I will say for many reasons thanks to our members we have had an extremely successful financial 2 years. Just dumb luck on my part and as a thank you to all the club members when we have our appreciation meeting (will not be this month) the board approved an additional \$1000.00 to purchase gifts that will be passed out during our appreciation event ... so we formed a committee to go out and purchase \$1700.00 worth of great things for wood turners. Brad Powers volunteered to head up that committee. Given what is going on with covid we are thinking that we will make this an annual spring/summer event so it can be held outdoors. As soon as we set a date, we will let you all know. Again, a big thanks from the board, our financial success is a direct result of the great members we have. Thanks...

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

Brad Stave, OPCAOW President

Take a look at Page 5, OPCAOW member Scott Overby is setting up a contest and the winner gets a \$150.00 gift certificate to D-Way Tools

Just a reminder about Dues

Individual member dues for 2022 will continue to be \$30 (Family member dues remain \$50).

Our membership process is based on our website this year, so you must log in to the website to renew your membership.. Your dues payment renews your membership through Feb. 28, 2023. If you don't pay your yearly dues before March 1, 2022, your membership will lapse and you will no longer receive member-only emails and membership perks.

If you are having issues logging in and renewing your membership, please contact Jeff Brody directly at Webmaster@OPCAOW.com

***January's meeting will
be held on the 26th***

January General meeting will be held at the school / via Zoom and there will be a wood auction, show and tell and Scott's challenge.

Mask are Required for all attendees
If you don't feel well, please stay at home and
ZOOM

To renew your membership by going to the **OPCAOW.COM** website, please log in and then and click on

**"Renew
Membership."**

WITH APOLOGIES TO JEFF FOXWORTHY:

You Know You're a Woodturner if....



Note: This article was originally published in 2015 but has “evolved” and we thought it might be fun to revisit the subject.

By Russell Neyman

MY CHAINSAW WAS out of gas,

Reaching for the nearby can marked, “2-Stroke Fuel,” I stopped in mid-motion, laughing out loud at what I saw: Stuck into the spout — where a missing plastic cap should have been— was a bottle stopper, complete with neoprene fitting, knurled edges, and beading.

Now, *who but a woodturner* would replace a gas can spout cap with a decorative wine stopper?! It occurred to me that other woodturners often chuckled at the unique woodshop circumstances and habits we encounter, so I began to survey others, talking with buddies and the guys at the club. I frequently join in on online discussions, and it occurred to me they might get a kick out of this, too.

Recalling Jeff Foxworthy’s comedy routine, “You Know You’re a Redneck If...,” my posts quickly became quite popular, drawing hun-

dreds of comments and thousands of viewers. So, with apologies to Foxworthy —and thanks to my friends at Sawmill Creek and elsewhere— here are some I thought up, with a few contributions from others:

- You know you’re a woodturner if....you clean your shop with a rake and leaf-blower!
- If your nickname was once “Woody” but now it’s “Chip,” you’ve certainly become a woodturner.
- If you can pronounce the word, “Cyanoacrylate” (and know what it means), you’re definitely a woodturner.
- If your boogers look like MDF, that’s a good clue you spend plenty of time in front of the lathe.
- And when there are more wood shavings than lint in the clothes dryer filter, you’re a confirmed woodturner.
- When a storm knocks the electricity out, and you say, “Oh, goody— a tree just fell and knocked down a power line and I’m going out to look for it,” everyone is convinced you’re a

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“Use sandpaper like somebody else is paying for it.”

—Every woodworker I’ve ever known.

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woodturner.

- When you have a woodpile outside your shop and you don't even have a fireplace, that's when you know for sure.

- You know you're a woodturner when the rosewood handle of your awl is prettier than the gearshift knob on your neighbor's classic car.

- You realize you're a woodturner when you're willing to invest enormous amounts of money and travel great distances to attend "demos" and "symposiums".

- When you find yourself no longer able to draw a straight line and you realize that the term "board feet" has lost all meaning for you, you know you're a woodturner.

- You have begun to wonder why you bought that "tape measure" thing.

- You actively seek out pieces of wood that you previously would have tossed in the fireplace. Or when you begin sorting through firewood looking for some unusual figure, then you know.

- The word "piercing" no longer makes you think of women's navels but of the oddly shaped holes in your "latest piece".

- If a "void" has become something to be desired, you've become a woodturner.

- Every horizontal surface in the house is covered with your "pieces" (some stacked 3 or 4 deep), and your license plate is LV2TURN....

- After two days at the water park in chlorinated water your kids tell you "Dad you still smell like Elm..."

- When an exciting time is seeing how far your gouge can shoot streamers of wood....

- You realize that your friends are looking at you with a somewhat quizzical expression as you expound on the importance of "proportion" and the "Fibonacci Principle."

- You're watching a movie like Avatar, see a computer-generated tree that's half a mile high, and think "I wonder if I could get a chunk of that on my lathe..."

- You know you are a woodturner if you have a hole in your elbow from forgetting to move the tailstock.

- When you go buy a used deep freezer just

to store green wood in or a microwave just to dry bowls.

- If you are prone to quoting the adage, "it's not thin enough" and the context has nothing to do with losing weight, you know you're a woodturner.

- When you tear out the bottom seam in your shop shirt pockets so they don't fill up with shavings you're absolutely a woodturner.



Am I the only one who has sharpened a pencil this way?

- If you keep a tree trimming service in your speed dial you know you're a woodturner. Come to think of it, if the tree service has *your* phone number in *their* speed dial, you're really a woodturner.

- You know you're a woodturner when you drink your coffee with wood chips in it.

- And you KNOW you're a *segmented woodturner* when you purchase your glue a gallon at a time!

- If your wife snaps at you, "What's THAT!?? Another round thing?! We have enough round things in this house! The next #@&% round thing you bring in here had better have a diamond on it." You're a woodturner!

- You might be a woodturner if you spend four or five hundred dollars for a chainsaw with extra chains, oil, fuel, put them in a 40-thousand dollar truck, drive many miles to a storm-downed tree, cut off a few pieces of the log, drive back home, seal it, wait five or six months for it to dry, pull it down off the shelf and brag that it's "free wood."

- It's clear you're a woodturner if you don't blink at wearing a Covid mask because you've been wearing them all along.

And finally, this one, which came up in my own shop not long ago: There is ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT that you're a woodturner if you've used a lathe to sharpen a pencil!



Russell Neyman is a former president of OPCAOW who resides in Port Orchard and teaches woodturning

"That's not a broken bowl; it's a lesson learned."

—Dick Raffan.

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 Holiday party (January 26th) 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 \$150.00 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



“He who works with his hands is a laborer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist.” — St. Francis of Assisi

Jan 25 1 pm – David Ellsworth, shared ZOOM meeting with Straight Turners

Upcoming Meeting Demos at School & ZOOM:

Jan 26	– Jimmie Allen	Turned Boxes
Feb 23	– Simon Begg	German Rings
Mar 30	– David Ellsworth	Hollow Forms
Apr 27	– Ed Pretty	Bow Ties
May 25	– Don Derry	Coloring
Jun 29	– John Ames	Flute
Jul 27	– Pat McCart	3 Foot Bowls

Club Website an Underused Resource

There's a wealth of information about our club and many resources that can improve your woodturning skills at OPCAAW.com. But it's often not the first place you look for that information.

This is the first in a series of monthly Chattermarks articles that will explore the club's website, explain how its content is organized and how it can be accessed, and will encourage a discussion about how to make it a more useful tool for you.

There are many ways to find out information about the Olympic Peninsula Woodturners, including the club's monthly newsletter, Chattermarks, which you are reading right now.

We have a Facebook page that allows and encourages members to show their work and allows members and non- members to raise woodturning topics and questions. We have mentors who, at a member's re-

quest, will help a member take on a new woodturning project, help plan a new shop or teach some skills. Many members focus on the social aspects of the club and have other members they are friendly with and can contact with woodturning questions. And members unsure about when the next meeting is or what it's about can always contact board members to find out.

But how many members think first about checking the club's website to accomplish many of these tasks and even more? I really don't know, and I'm the webmaster for OPCA AW. My sense is that our website gets a little traffic, but that most of our members don't see the site as a "go-to" online resource.

This series of articles is designed first to explain what is on our site and how to find it and then to encourage you to ask me questions and make suggestions about how our website can work better for you and what additional features would you like to see that would make you visit the site more often.

This first article is about our home page, the information you can find there and how most of our pages are structured.

"...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)

What's Under the Hood?

How websites are built and maintained can get into some nerdy details. We're not going to delve too deeply, but there are a few things you should know about op-caaw.com.

As a non-profit, the club pays a discounted rate to the company DreamHost for space on one of their web servers. This service gives us a secure home where our content resides. It is backed up regularly and protected from power outages and computer downtime.

The host server contains a series of files that dictate how our site is displayed and acts when people land here and navigate around. The content of the site is managed by WordPress, a free, open-source software package that is written, improved and maintained by a com-

The home page is generally the first page people see when they come to the site, either because they know the URL (web address) – opcaaw.com – or because they are using a search engine such as Google, Bing or Yahoo to find out about wood turning or a wood turning club locally.

Our home page offers both up-to-date information about the club and also an easy way to get to other resources or pages that we think are important.

Almost all pages on our site have the same basic structure as the home page. Our name and the fact we are a chapter of AAW is displayed at the top. There is a menu bar just below the name that offers access to almost every page on the site. There is a main content area that takes up the left-hand two thirds of the page. And there is a column of “widgets” on the right-hand side of the page that we'll talk about in a moment.

The home page features a slide show of club images, both of turning and of turned items. Every other page on the site displays its page title in a green box across the page just below the menu bar.

Also appearing in that green box on each page is the “breadcrumb” navigation of the site. If the breadcrumb navigation says “Olympic Peninsula Woodturners > About > Benefits of Membership > **Join Us**” that means you are on the “Join Us” page, which is a sub page of the “Benefits of Membership” page, which is a subpage of the “About” page, which is a subpage of our home page. Clicking on any word in the breadcrumb trail takes you back to that page in the hierarchy.

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OPCAAW
Membership Renewal Process for 2022

Because of our conversion to website based membership management, the process for renewing your OPCAaw membership for 2022 will not be the same as it has been in the past.

Some members who have already renewed had no trouble with the process. Others have had issues caused by their web browsers loading cached pages after they logged in. So it's very important that before you log in to the site and renew your membership that you clear your browser history and cache.

A step-by-step instruction sheet has been prepared to guide you through the log in and membership renewal. You are strongly encouraged to open this guide in a separate web page so you can keep it open and refer back to it while you go through the log in and renewal process.

January Meeting Plans Have Changed

Because of the unchecked spread of the Omicron COVID variant, the member appreciation dinner/pot luck originally set for Jan. 26 has been postponed. Instead, the club will conduct a regular meeting featuring a demonstration of lidded box making by Jimmie Allen. See our event listing for more information.

Our Organization

Our chapter of the American Association of Woodturners comprises more than 130 members of all skill levels and serves mainly woodturners who live in Kitsap, Mason, Jefferson and Clallam counties in Washington State.

Our more experienced members place a high priority on helping novice turners in a variety of ways including an official mentoring program, casual advice, and hands-on workshops.

Top regional turners such as Molly Winton, Stephen Hatcher, Art Lietzman and Don McIvor and accomplished club members such as Tones Briggs, Norm Hix, Dan Marler and Brad Stave have conducted demonstrations at club meetings in the past few years.

The purpose of OPCAaw, as stated in our bylaws, is to:

- Promote the art and craft of woodturning in our community
- Conduct regular membership meetings with suitable programs, activities and demonstrations related to the woodturning craft
- Engage in other activities such as turning instruction or cooperative acquisition and use of the materials and tools for woodturning, and
- Maintain a lending library for members.

LOG IN / LOG OUT
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION
It's time for 2021 members to renew your membership for 2022. Please log in first. You cannot follow the link to renew your membership unless you are logged in.

If you wish to join OPCAaw for the first time, apply here.

Dues are \$30 per year for an individual; \$50 for a family.

MEETINGS
Our club normally meets monthly at the Seventh Day Adventist School, 1088 NW Taylor Road, Bremerton, WA. Check the upcoming events section below for specific meeting information.

LATEST NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm, January 25, 2022 - Special Demo - David Ellsworth: Natural Edge Bowls
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, January 26, 2022 - Regular Meeting via Zoom - Jimmie Allen: Lidded Boxes
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, February 9, 2022 - Board

The main menu bar on every page is kept pretty simple, but it can be added to if a need arises. For now, the menu bar items are (from left to right): Home | Calendar | Newsletter | Gallery | Resources | About | Contact Us | Search Icon.

Future articles in this series will explore what information can be found by following each of these main menu links.

The main content area contains information separated into articles, each with its own headline.

If the club needs to make an announcement, you may receive an email, but you will definitely find the news on the home page of the website.

As I write this, the home page has an article about how to renew your annual membership, an article about the revised plan for the meeting on Jan. 26 and an article about the club and its purpose.

Time to return to the column of “widgets” on the right side of the page (see image to the right).

With the exception of the photo galleries and the member directory, all pages on the site display this right-hand column. Each of these widgets either has navigation for specific purposes or information about the club.

Currently, our widget column is set up as follows:

Log In / Log Out: Links to our member log in page and to the join now page for people who are not members. Once you are logged in to the site as a member, this widget displays your user name and links to your user profile and to log out.

Membership Renewal / Application: This has a link for current members to renew their membership for 2022 and a link for people interested in joining for the first time. It also lists the dues for individual and family memberships.

Meetings: This lists the normal meeting time and location for the club’s in-person meetings.

Latest Newsletter: This widget is a photo of the front page of the most recent edition of Chattermarks. It’s also a link. Click on the photo and it will open that edition of the newsletter.

Upcoming Events: This is a list of the next seven events on our calendar. It’s always up to date. If an event is added it will appear in this list when you reload the page. If an event has passed, it will be deleted from the list and the next event tacked on the bottom. If you click on the name of each event, it will open up the full event listing.

Participate in Our Auction: This gives information about our online auction and how to register to participate if you are not a member.

OPCAAW Auctions: If there’s an active auction, this will list what’s up for sale and what the bid is. If there’s no active auction, it states: “There is no auction at this time.”

OPCAAW on Facebook: This has information about our Facebook page and a link to go there.

Support Our Sponsors: Lists the businesses who sponsor our club.

Contact the Club: Link to our board email as well as our regular mailing address.

We’ll explore other sections of the website in the coming months.

I hope you’ve learned something you didn’t already know about the club’s website.

More important, I hope this has prompted you to think about what should be on the site that isn’t there. I’m always interested in hearing from you about things that aren’t working on the website or other functions you’d like to see.

Please contact me at webmaster@opcaaw.com with your thoughts and ideas.

Jeff Brody

(Jeff Brody is a board member and webmaster for OPCA AW. He’s retired from a career in journalism and communications and has been turning since 2012.)

munity of software developers.

Those developers create software called “themes” that govern how pages are displayed and the styles that dictate the colors, fonts, type sizes and other aspects of the website design. opcaaw.com uses a theme called “Ambition Pro,”

Software developers also create additional code, called plug-ins, that make WordPress sites function in a number of different ways. For example, we use plug-ins to create our events calendar, to display our Show & Tell gallery, for online auctions of items, to create member surveys, and most recently, to manage our membership process.

Prior to creating our site in WordPress, the webmaster had to create each page using HTML code. It was time consuming to create the site and also time consuming to make changes. WordPress streamlines that quite a bit.

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6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, February 23, 2022 - Regular Meeting - Program TBA
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, March 16, 2022 - Board Meeting
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, March 30, 2022 - Regular Meeting - David Ellsworth: Hollow Forms
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, April 13, 2022 - Board Meeting

PARTICIPATE IN OUR AUCTION

To participate in one of our auctions, you have to log in to our site as a club member or as a customer.

Club members should log in to the website to bid.

Non members who wish to bid must **register as a customer**. Registration is free. You must create a customer account with your email address and choose a password.

OPCA AW AUCTIONS

There is no auction at this time

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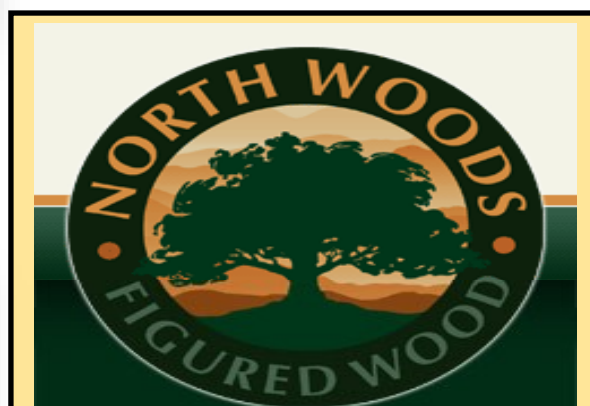
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While not actually a formal training program, meetings with mentors often become just that. In some cases, ad-

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

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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Brad Stave, Editor

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