

**SEP 2022**

## Tree to Bowl with Dale Larson

*Live and in person demo this month!*

Join us for an informative session with the incomparable Dale Larson who will demonstrate the best way to cut a bowl from a tree!



He will show you everything you need to know from beginning to end of the cutting process.



Dale Larson has been turning wood for over 30 years.

Located in Gresham, Oregon, Dale primarily turns bowls from local hardwoods such as Pacific Madrone and Big Leaf Maple. His work is both functional and beautiful and much admired by collectors and wood workers alike. His bowls can be found in private collections all over the world.

This month's meeting is July 27th at Kitsap Adventist School, 5088 NW Taylor Road, Bremerton.

**In-person meeting.**

**Masks optional.**

**Attend virtually via Zoom.**

**Other activities include**

**Featured Demonstration,**

**BYO Refreshments,**

**Show and Tell,**

**See our website at**

**OPCAAW.COM**

## *President's Corner*

There is a chill in the air and we are winding down a great summer. OPCA AW held a bunch of classes during the summer and all had a great time... if you get a chance talk to some of the folks at the meeting that took a class or 2 and see what they thought.

Well I have been dubbed " the COVID President " my tenure is just about up so I thought that I would start out this month by catching covid. First couple of days were a bit rough but by the fourth day I was getting better. After about 10 days I was back in the shop cranking away so life is back on track.

As we finish the year just a couple of heads up. This month we will be having Dale Larson, Live, in house and Dale is a very talented turner and very involved in the national AAW. Should be a real treat to see his demo.

The last Sunday in October OPCA AW will be offering a class on Sunday OCT. 30th on how to turn x-mas bulbs. George Kromka and Larry Lemon will be teaching this class. It will be our last class of the year due to the holidays. Look for the email blast just after our general meeting

**Brad Stave, OPCA AW President**

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

**"Renew Membership."**

**The Sep 28th general meeting will in-person at the school and via Zoom and there will be a wood auction, show and tell.**

**Mask are optional for all attendees**

**If you don't feel well, please stay at home and ZOOM**

OPCAAW is in process of scheduling classes at the 7<sup>th</sup> day Adventist school every last Sunday of the month. OPCA AW has contracted with the school to rent the space. So the price of the classes will be minimal so we can cover the cost of renting the school and each class will have a material fee and will be different for each class based on the material required.

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/>

## Save the Dates!

### 2022 AAW Virtual Symposium



**Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16, 2022**

Whether you are woodturning as a hobby or plan to become a pro, the projects, techniques, and tips from this event will help you build foundational woodturning skills. Learn beginner and intermediate skills through projects by some of the best woodturning instructors from around the world: Helen Bailey, Ernie Conover, Keith Gotschall, Rudolph Lopez, Jim Rodgers, and Malcolm Tibbetts.



### 2023 AAW Symposium in Louisville, KY

Kentucky Exposition Center

June 1 - 4

**More info coming soon!**

**“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**



## OREGON WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM

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**Is now planned for  
 March 17-19, 2023 in  
 Albany, Oregon**

## Do You Practice at Woodturning?

Today during the woodturning class I got asked about if I still turn late at night? It got me thinking about my routine. I am fortunate in that I have a dedicated space for turning. I don't have to worry about others moving my tools around or anyone complaining (too often) about the mess of chips building up.

Often I do a little bit of turning after everyone else has gone to bed. I started reflecting on what it is I do during these sessions, am I always trying to make something or am I just playing around and experimenting with some new technique or an object I haven't made before.

It turns out, this is my time to practice my craft. Rarely do I have a project in mind but rather I work on getting better at some aspect of turning. I have bunches of started projects waiting to have a little more work done, or even to have finish applied.



*After woodturning class, a quick unload of the truck... leaving a mess for another day.*

A long time ago, I was taught the Japanese learning method of **Kiazen**. A quick Google, gave a brief description of **Kiazen** as: *“an approach to creating continuous improvement based on the idea that small, ongoing positive changes can reap significant improvements.”*

Focusing on improving one small skill, and not worrying about what I had worked on before. Over time, these small improvements add up. This is how I got to be able to do very fine and delicate work.

How do you practice, do you try to improve everything you can at once? Or are you willing to take the small victories as they come. Please let me know,

Tim Larson,

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**CONSIDER A MENTOR**—The OP-CAAW **Mentors** are a select group of artisans and professionals who we have designated to promote, encourage, and guide novice and intermediate woodturners within our organization. Mentors provide counsel on subjects like shop setup, equipment purchase, safety, wood preparation and specialized skills. These are some friendly folks willing to give you a point in the right direction.

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.

OPCAAW Mentoring is **available only to members**. Please bring your current badge with you to the first session.

The current Mentors are:

<b>George Kromka</b> (Bremerton)	360-373-1028
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<b>Brad Stave</b> (Gig Harbor)	206-910-5459
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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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