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Embellish Your Turnings with Brad Stave

Brad Started his career as a Wood Shop teacher in 1974 and in 1979 he taught woodshop at Bremerton High School. At the end of that school year Brad went in a different direction and moved to California, went into Aero Space and made enough money to buy a wood lathe. Brad has been active in the AAW since 1989 and started a local chapter in California. Since moving to Gig Harbor in 2004 and retiring in 2013 Brad has been active in local chapters joining OPCA AW in 2014. 2015/2016 Brad held the position of VP of Training at OPCA AW and from 2020 thru 2022 was the president of the club.

This months demonstration will be about ways to embellish your turnings using various tools and techniques.



This month's meeting is Jan 25th at Kitsap Adventist School, 5088 NW Taylor Road, Bremerton.

In-person meeting.

Masks optional.

Attend virtually via Zoom.

Activities Include:

Featured demonstration

Show and tell
See our website at

[OPCAAW.com](https://www.opcaaw.com)

On Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/opcaaw>

President's Corner

Along with the new year is a new board of directors for OPCA AW. I have some pretty big shoes to fill. Thank you Brad for your years of service to our club. There will be opportunities and challenges I have not foreseen, but with the guidance from the board as well as our membership at large, I believe we will have a great year.

One of my goals it to increase participation at the meetings, and to that end I'm bringing back the President's challenge. I would like to see everyone complete each of the challenges. If you cannot make a meeting or attending on zoom, feel free to email pictures of your turning to me and I will add them to a slide show.

Not every one has to be a success, if fact my first turning in over a month violated one of the cardinal rules... the outside diameter should not be smaller then the inside.

If you have ideas for a challenge in the upcoming months, please let me know.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone.

Tim Larson, OPCA AW President



*****Tops for the Kitsap County Fair*****

For anyone who might not know, we take spinning tops to the fair as give away items to attract people to watch our demos and talk to us about the club. It would be great if you would turn tops and drop them off at the meetings. We will store them at the school until time to go to the fair. It is not too early to start building our inventory.

If you have not turned a top let me know and I will get one of the fine top turners in our club to help you.

The Jan 25th 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

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President's Challenge

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My goal each month is to show an simple example of the current month's challenge as well as letting everyone know what the next month's challenge will be.

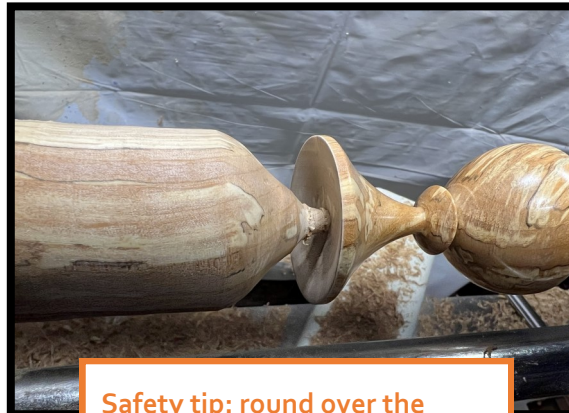
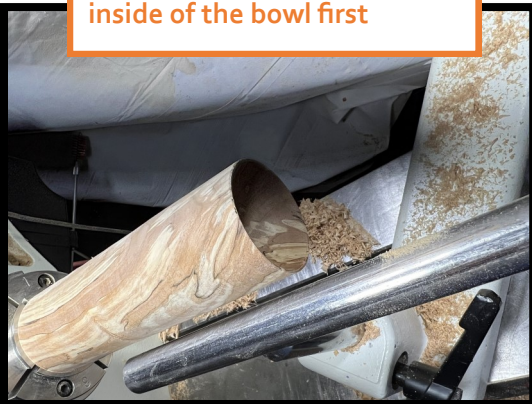
January's challenge will be an egg cup.

February will be a turning with two different species of wood... I'm thinking about a bird house.

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I found it easier to do the inside of the bowl first



Safety tip: round over the sharp edges, they can cut and/

Hello from your Public Relations

(Dan Holderman publicrelations@opcaaw.com)

I am pleased to be a member of this club and to support the club as a member of the Board of Directors. The biggest part of my duties is the monthly newsletter, the ChatterMarks. This club belongs to all the members. We all benefit when more of the club members participate. So, if you have anything woodturning and/or club related you would like to see in the newsletter please reach out to me.

I think it would be nice for members to share woodturning related stories with the rest of the club. Short and sweet, such as this. I was living in Shelton, WA when my wife saw a one-day intro to woodturning class in Olympia. So, I signed up, before the class date came around, we moved. But I took the class anyway. I am glad I did, the instructor advised us to find a club in my local area and I found OPCAOW. I have taken several classes taught by other members and have learned something in each one of them. I enjoy the monthly meetings because of the Show and Tell, wood auction, and the demonstrations. Always someone at the club willing to pass on tips.

I am going to try to get input from YouTube contributors that I think would be applicable to woodturning and therefore be of interest to club members. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. Dan Preece is the first to get back to me and so please enjoy what Dan has to say.

YouTuber Column

Dan Preece

Several years ago, when my nephew Hyrum was living in our home, he had received a hundred bucks from a birthday gift and wanted to buy a lathe with me for my pathetic wood shop, so he could play around with it. I said yes, and several thousand dollars later, we were all set up... :) I started with simple bowls and small vessels and quickly became interested in resin and its possibilities. I have developed slowly over the last year or so a technique where I can achieve almost perfectly clear resin using a combination of deep pour Fathom resin from TotalBoat.com, a vacuum chamber treatment followed by curing in a pressure pot for several days at a low temperature. This process has allowed me to create pretty much whatever design I can dream up without the worry of cracking, bubbling etc. I love creating resin/wood creations often with windows cut or carved to showcase different subjects or patterns.



“There are two men inside the artist, the poet and the craftsman. One is born a poet. One becomes a craftsman.”

Emile Zola

I have been using my hobby to raise money for Operation Underground Railroad by way of a website: [ArtForOUR.org](https://www.artforour.org) and my YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/artforour>). I would love to invite anyone who reads this to donate their projects on the website ArtForOUR.org to help me fight child trafficking around the world. If you have an interest in partnering with me on my YouTube channel of 30k subs, I'd love to feature your work as well. Just let me know at DanPreeceDPM@gmail.com.

Club Classes

George Kromka

A little note on the plan for 2023 classes.

Before we can get started, we need to update and maintain the lathes and purchase some new equipment. We need to get all the instructors together to discuss the scheduling of those classes. We must contact school to schedule room for classes and see if rental price has increased.

The current plan is to hold some of the classes that we did last years and add more.

Possible classes that will be offered:

- Pen Turning
- Tool making: point tool, awl, elf texturing tool
- Coloring (dye and paint)
- Goblets
- Sphere turning
- Bowl turning
- Small winged bowls (skilled turners)
- Natural edge bowls
- Bottle stopper and mandrel
- Hollow forms
- Skew and basic tool use
- Box making
- Ways of holding item on lathe for turning
- Tool handles
- Small platter or plate (may include coloring rim)
- Xmas ornaments (sphere, bird house and snowmen)
- Thread chasing for wood (if I can beg, borrow, or steal enough thread tools)

The first class probably won't be before March unless everything falls in place correctly.

We will also need a list of helpers to assist the instructors, consisting of helping to setup and teardown, providing assistance to students when needed, helping to change chuck jaws, tools and as safety watch.

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

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“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.”

Abraham Lincoln

Save the Dates!

[AAW Virtual Events \(click here\)](#)



Follow this link to the AAW (American Association of Woodturners) webpage for Virtual Events. They have an upcoming events schedule tab and a tab for past virtual events. You must be an AAW member to view the past events.



[2023 AAW Symposium in Louisville, KY \(click here\)](#)

Kentucky Exposition Center

June 1 - 4

2023 Featured Demonstrators: Pat Carroll, Ireland; Lynne Hull, US; Ulf Jansson, Sweden; Mauricio Kolenc, Uruguay; Joss Naigeon, France; Seri Robinson, US; Curt Theobald, US; Jacques Vesery, US; and Derek Weidman, US

Registration is open!



OREGON WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM



[THE OREGON WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM \(click here\)](#)

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The Mentoring Program

CONSIDER A MENTOR—The OPCA AW **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, advanced 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:

George Kromka (Bremerton)	360-373-1028
Jim Leary (Kingston)	360-913-8073
Brad Stave (Gig Harbor)	206-910-5459
Scott Overby (Port Orchard)	360-535-3203

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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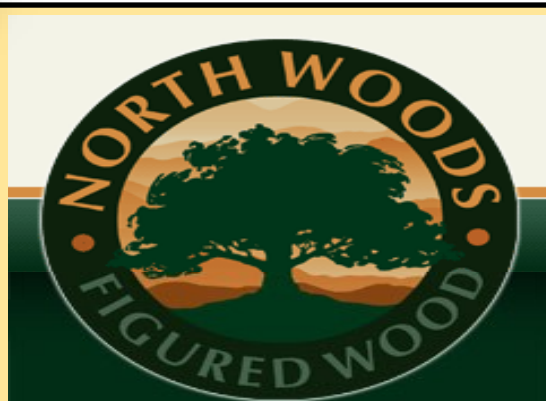


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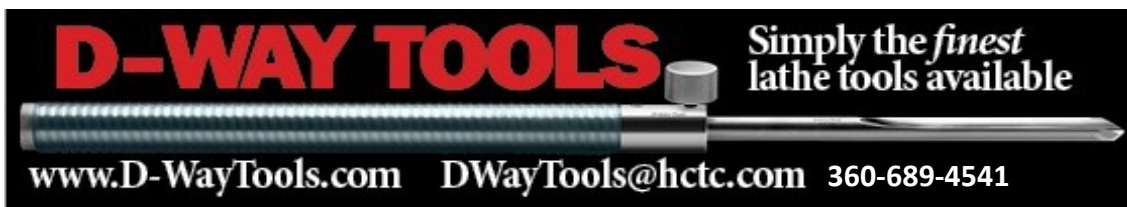
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