



## Its Time for the Great Holiday Give-Away

### Jan 31th

Every year, the OPCAOW Board of Directors hosts an annual holiday party as a Thank You to the membership and your participation in the club. This year the club will provide cake and beverages. All are welcome.

Every year sponsors donate items for the Party. In addition the club purchases additional gifts to give away. The gifts this year are mostly tools with some gift certificates as well.

Here is how it will work this year at our regular meeting January 31, 2024

You must be present to win except for one prize reserved for all members present or not.

1. When you arrive at the meeting those who paid membership dues for 2023 or 2024 will get a slip to enter into the drawing.
2. When the drawing begins a value category will be announced and a name drawn. That person will be able to choose a gift from that category of gifts.
3. The next name will be drawn following the same procedure.
4. This process will continue until the gifts are gone except for the grand prizes.
5. All names will be then placed in the drawing pool for the grand prizes.

### *President's Corner*

Greetings to all. This looks like an exciting year. A new President (me), a full schedule of training classes, equipment auctions, Live demonstrations,

For those of you who don't know me this is my second time holding the office of president. I have been involved in the club for over 10 years, Taught Highschool shop classes for 32 years and started wood turning when I was in elementary school. Electronics was the main shop class I taught as well as Wood, Drafting, Plastics, and Auto-motives, and advanced Math (Algebra I & II, and Geometry)

Just a few house keeping items ... Dues are due. As all of you know this January meeting, all paid up 2023 & 2024 members will participate in the drawing. So please take the time to either log into the website and pay your dues or you can send it via "Snail Mail" to **OPCAOW PO Box 623, Silverdale, WA 98383**

**Larry Lemon, OPCAOW President**

**JAN 2024**

This month's meeting is Jan 31st at Kitsap Adventist School, 5088 NW Taylor Road, Bremerton.

**In-person meeting.**

**HELP, HELP, HELP...**

We desperately need some folks to step up and help in different capacities.

They are:

1. Video
2. Audio
3. Zoom
4. Wood Wrangler

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

***"Renew Membership."***

#### Organization Items

Calendar – Check for new classes

Presidents Challenge every other month with prize

**AGENDA for January 31st Meeting email): [This is our Holiday Give-Away so this a modified agenda](#)**

**5:30 PM** — Steup.

**6:00 PM** — Social – Table to display show work not tell comentary

**About 6:30 PM** — Announcements – Larry Lemon President

**About 7:00 PM** — Commence roughly **OPCAAW's Holiday Give Away**

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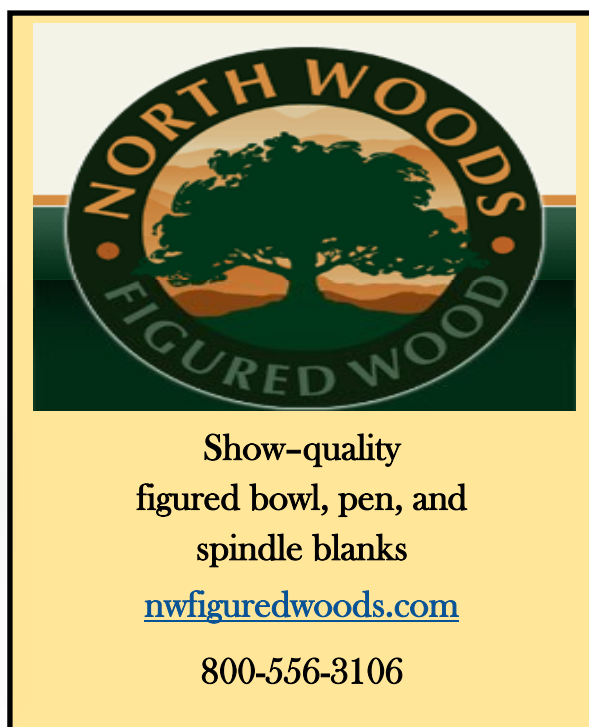
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"The impatient desire to make masterpieces can prove to be a stumbling block to progress because it is perseverance with simple work, until every tool movement becomes confident, that gives the ability to tackle complex things." (Bill Jones, Further Notes from the Turning Shop)



# The Mentoring Program

**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
<b>Jim Leary</b> (Kingston)	360-913-8073
<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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