



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

I was finally able to get another newsletter out! I'm hoping to keep up the pace into the future. For those that just give the letter a quick glance, should read this month's special announcement. We are going into a transitional period for the club and it goes over more details.

On top of this we still need help. Tops for the fair and people willing to help during meetings and classes are our biggest needs. Every little bit helps.

See you all at the meeting,

John Clark V

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JUNE 2024

**THIS MONTH'S
MEETING IS 6:30
PM WEDNESDAY,**

JUNE 26TH AT

**KITSAP
ADVENTIST
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL,**

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Adventist school (our home for nearly 35 years) must renovate the gym this summer and has to remove our storage area.

So.... the club needs to find a new home this fall. **Note that the June meeting will still be at the school and tentatively the July meeting as well.** There will **NOT** be a regular meeting in August but there will be our annual picnic at Larry's home on August 10, 12-4 pm. We, the Board, are asking for your help in finding a new OPCAAW regular meeting location. We are already investigating some options but ask **YOU** to also check and let us know of any possibilities like **churches, schools/colleges, heated warehouses, fraternal organizations & clubs or other meeting halls** you are aware of, that might work for our group. Vacant buildings and storefronts are not a good idea for us, as there is an increased risk of theft since no one is there on a regular basis.

Our requirements are:

- a meeting space for at least 65,
- approximately 150 square feet for storage, and
- availability for classes (power and space for 7 lathes).

If you have any suggestions, let us know and we will follow up with the venue. This move needs to happen this summer so please send to us your suggestions as soon as possible!

Please contact Larry Lemon, Tim Larson or Mika Sinanan with your suggestions. Thanks so much!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings and Welcome to summer.

We are having to move to a new facility this summer.

Please see the announcement in this news letter as well as on Facebook, our [website](#) and you should have received an e-mail announcement.

Wood Wranglers

I know that the pull is to be outside. I hope you find some time to get some turning in. This is also the time of year to collect some wood to stash for the winter months. The Wood Wranglers just harvested a large Poplar Tree that was about 2 feet in diameter. It was a windfall uprooted by the roots! If you are interested in participating in these events please contact [Ray Ewing](#). Also, if you know of trees that can be harvested for wood let Ray know.

Summer Picnic

The Picnic will be at my home on August 10 th . It is a pot luck with the club providing the dogs, burgers, and drinks.

The Fair is fast approaching!

August 23 rd thru the 27 th . There will be a shift sign-up sheet at the meeting. You can also sign up online. Go to the [calendar](#) and the shifts are set up like classes, so sign up for as many as you like. Of course **there is no charge**. You will also receive entrance tickets and parking for the days you sign up for. We will have a new location in Presidents Hall with more space. Please consider showing your work at the fair we have a display at our club location. Participation by the membership in running the booth is important for the club and part of our outreach purpose as a club. A fun time is had by all.

Larry Lemon
President

MONTHLY DEMO

Hollow Form with a Small Opening

Kevin Jesequel Portland, Oregon

Do you have a desire to create hollow forms on the lathe? Are you already making them, but struggling with any part of the process? Do you want to give freehand hollowing a try? I will show you my process for creating hollow forms with clean lines and small openings. Through a combination of hands-on turning and discussion, this demonstration will include everything from selecting the wood to mounting it on the lathe and shaping the form to hollowing and finishing. I will also cover tool selection and use, ergonomics and body mechanics. Hollow forms do not need to be complex or require expensive tooling.



MONTHLY DEMO

Kevin did not grow up knowing a woodturner, nor did he learn to use a lathe in high school. Rather, he happened upon woodturning while putting together a home woodworking shop in 2020 at the height of the Covid pandemic. For reasons still unknown, while searching for used equipment, he entered “lathe” in the search bar and has not created flatwork since. He stumbled through his first turnings, poking at the spinning piece of wood with questionably sharp tools. He quickly joined two local clubs and the AAW, but access to in-person instruction was non-existent due to the pandemic. Despite these early shortcomings, he knew he was in love with woodturning and dove headfirst into this new obsession. He studied everything he could about the craft. Much of the information he found was shared freely by numerous highly experienced and accomplished woodturners and made available by the AAW. When his mother suddenly passed away just a couple months after he began woodturning, Kevin took an interest in hollow forms, with the intention of making an urn. “I have now created many hollow forms, but I do not know if I will ever be ready to make that urn,” he says.

Once in-person meetings and classes resumed, Kevin took every opportunity to learn from others, attending classes with Graeme Priddle, Melissa Engler, Dale Larson, David Ellsworth, and numerous others. By taking the proven techniques of master woodturners and infusing them with his own aesthetic and affinity for the beauty of simplicity, Kevin has come a long way in just a few short years. Expressing his gratitude for the journey so far, Kevin says, “I consider myself a product of the AAW and feel fortunate that I have the opportunity to help others advance even more rapidly than I have. I won’t say that woodturning is easy, but it doesn’t have to be complicated. With a handful of basic tools and an understanding of best practices, much can be accomplished in a short period of time.”

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

Larry Lemon (Gig Harbor) 253-278-9058

Tim Larson (Poulsbo) 360-930-1064

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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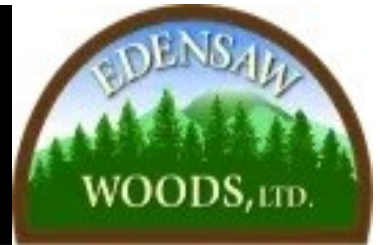
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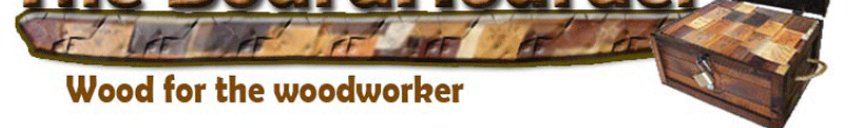
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