



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

NOV 2024

Thank you to George Kromka for making my job easier! Most of the information that will be in this edition, George has sent an email out already. I also got it wrong in last month's edition, as elections will be held during this meeting. Oops! As the last meeting of this year, I Hope to see you all there!

John Clark V

PS

D-Way Tools will be at the meeting. Jimmie is doing a sale just for the club members. **Everything will be 10% off**, for one day only!

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**THIS MONTH'S
MEETING IS 6:30
PM MONDAY, NOV
18TH AT WEST
SIDE
IMPROVEMENT
CLUB,**

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings

As the weather turns cold it is time to turn to the shop for holiday gifts and peace and quiet. I hope your shop is in a heated space to you can use it all winter.

This is my last newsletter as prescient since **elections will be held this month** and there will **not be a meeting in December**. I it has been a privilege to serve as your president over the years. This last year was planned as a one year term and a lot has happened this year. Our classes have flourished, we move locations, we are finally In a bigger location at the Fair, we are doing demos for STEM nights at the schools in the area. Our membership has continued to grow with both beginners thru professional level turners.

I look forward to continuing membership and participation in the club.
See you at the meeting November 18th.

Larry Lemon
President

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before the meeting on the 18th, there will be a **clean up and maintenance starting at 1 pm**. If there are **items in the storage area under your jurisdiction please attend!** Not much information about this **month's demonstrations**, however there will be **multiple mini demonstrations** by various turners.

As announced last month, this month's **president's challenge** is anything with a **finial**. It could be a Christmas ornament, a box, why it could even be a bowl with a finial center piece. The sky is the limit!

Also announced last month were the slate of officers for this month's election:

Frank Luce	President
John Clark V	VP Public Relations
Brad Powers	VP Membership
Tim Larson	VP Training
Laurie Aardal	Secretary
Mika Sinanan	Treasurer
Chuck Burke	Sergeant-at-arms
George Kromka	Class Coordinator
Sandi Swayze	Board Member at Large

Finally there are two extra curriculars this month as well. On the **17th**, the day before our meeting, Tim Larson will be teaching a **class on multi-axis turning**. As well on the **24th** there will be a free to attend **saw dust session**. The turners present will be, Saleem Shafi - spoons/scoops, Laurie Aardal - purse mirrors, George Kromka - bandsaw blade sharpening/pocket boxes/bird house ornaments, John Clark V - tool sharpening, Tim Larson - yoyos, Frank Luce - bottle stoppers, Brad Powers - small bowls, and Larry Lemon - different style scoop.

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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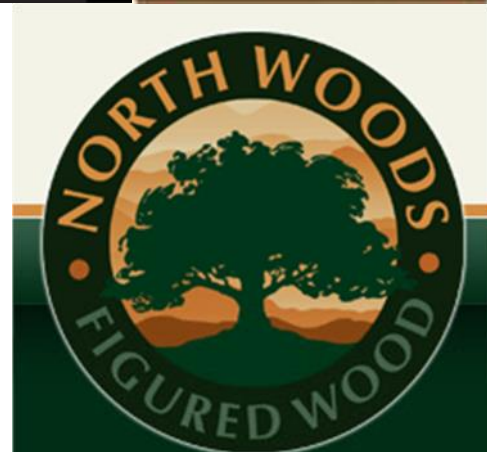
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