

## **What is the Mentor Program?**

Mentors are AAW and club members with significant woodturning experience, who volunteer their time to help members learn woodturning techniques. They can generally help with hands-on, one-on-one instruction within their areas of expertise. In addition mentors can provide counsel on subjects like shop setup, equipment purchase, safety, wood preparation and other specialized skills.

## **I am not a club member. Can I contact club mentors for help?**

The mentor program is designed to support club members only. You are encouraged to join our club to access this benefit, and all other benefits we offer.

## **Do mentors charge for lessons?**

No, mentors volunteer their time. The need for extensive woodturning training may lead you to enroll in paid instruction available from individuals, conferences, or schools. See the website's Resources menu, which includes pages for northwest schools, national schools, and studio workshops.

## **Do mentors come to my shop?**

Not necessarily but can be arranged. You and your mentor will arrange a suitable date, time, and location for instruction. Reach out to any of the mentors below by identifying yourself as a club member, and asking for some help! These are some friendly folks willing to give you a point in the right direction.

## **Mentors must:**

1. be a member of OPCA AW in order to be covered by the AAW insurance program
2. must not charge a fee for the insurance to apply
3. instruct students on the proper safety precautions of woodturning
4. present a demonstration at a monthly club meeting at least once every 2 years

## **Students must:**

1. be a member of the OPCA AW
2. set up a date and time to meet with mentor

## **How can I become a Mentor?**

Mentors all have unique skills and are asked to declare what they feel they can offer to the members of the club. By doing a demonstration at a club meeting the members will have an opportunity to get to know the mentor and determine if they are interested in contacting the member.

There is no limit on the number of mentors.

An application to become a mentor needs to be submitted to the board and the application will be accepted or denied. If denied an explanation will be given to the applicant. The applicant may be asked to give a demonstration of their skill set to the general club at a monthly meeting prior to acceptance or denial.