The Beauty of an Art Bowl

Jack Wayne of the Seattle Woodturners group will be with us this month to demonstrate turning Art Bowls. Somehow the definition "if it doesn't hold soup, it's art" won't necessarily apply this time. For his art bowl, Jack will show us how to make it not a piece of functional wood that just sits there and holds things off the table, but how to take our bowl turning to the next level of artistic expression.

Going by the moniker Cap'n Jack, he has a reputation around his club as being an all around good guy. Always there to lend a helping hand, this twice past president of the SPSW group, is a great teacher and mainstay of their club.

Join the Olympic Peninsula Woodturners on Wednesday night, Nov 29, for what should be a great night of fun and enlightenment.



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Regular meeting is the last Wednesday, of the month

Meet & Greet at 6 PM followed by announcements at 6:30.

> Kitsap Adventist School Gymnasium 5088 NW Taylor Road Bremerton.

> > Other activities include

Featured
Demonstration,
Refreshments,
Show and Tell,
Wood Auction,
Sandpaper &
Glue sales.

See our website at

OPCAAW.COM



President's Corner

Greetings Members,

Let me wish everyone a **Happy Thanksgiving**. This is a very busy time of year with all the club's holiday activities. Our November meeting is the 29th, our Christmas party is TUESDAY, December 12th (since the meeting space was not available on Wednesday).

The election of officers will be at the November meeting. The people nominated for the open positions are listed later in the newsletter.

Your Board is busy working on updating the By-Laws and should have them ready for presentation to the membership early next year. Why bother? you ask. Well, the by-laws are badly out of date and too ambiguous in many places to serve us going forward. One issue is that of the club being a non-profit entity. The current by-laws don't support it, so there needs to be changes.

The video system continues to be up graded and the sound system has been improved this year. We are looking forward to continuing improvements so that all may see and hear the presentations better.

This year our web site has been completely redone and starting this month you will be able to pay your membership on line and avoid the line on meeting night. The payment process is done though Pay Pal and is now up and functioning on our website. If you choose you can still take care of your dues the old fashioned way - at the meeting with cash, check or credit card. There is an article later that addresses this.

Looking forward to next year:

I am excited to attend the **AAW National Convention in Portland, OR** this next June 14-17, 2018. I can't emphasize enough what a fantastic opportunity this is for all of us. National AAW shows are special anytime, and this one is so because it's in our back yard. I am planning to attend the entire time but even a one day trip would be well worth the time, effort and expense.

There will be demonstrations from many national and international turners. The show vendors will have booths from all the suppliers of wood turning supplies. I have been told that if you can imagine it, someone will be there with it. So, the time is now to start planning and budgeting for your trip!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at

the November meeting and the Christmas Dinner, and wish all of you a Happy Holiday season.

Larry Lemon - President

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Slate of Directors Announced

The Board of Directors has successfully canvassed the membership for those willing to step forward and help with the future of the club. The following are the individuals and the post for which they are nominated.

President—Larry Lemon (Incumbent)

VP of Training—Jamie Straw (Inc)

VP of Public Relations—Jim Conway (Inc)

VP of Membership—Jeff Varady (new)

Treasurer—Jon Geisbush (Inc)

Secretary—Ellen Winnie (new)

Sgt-at-Arms—Ray Ewing (new)

The slate of Directors will be presented at the November meeting and then voted on. If any wish to nominate from the floor, that will be provided at the time of the election.

All paid up members will be eligible to vote for their directors. Please make plans to attend the November meeting and show your support for the future of the club.

Changes in staff will be announced at the same time as the election.

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Reasons to attend the Club's Christmas Dinner

For the "newbies" in the group, you may not be totally motivated to attend the annual Christmas Dinner on Dec 12, (a Tuesday). I know I skipped the first few after joining the group. Then I went to one and had a great time. So what if I didn't know everyone there. I met a few new friends and participated in one of the greatest raffles ever. You can't win anything if you are not there, so come and have fun this year

Go to page 6 to see more reasons for attending.

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er into a state of lethargic peace has been known to cause drowsiness such a degree that the sumer of said turkey will not disturbed by the volume of the commercials during the football game that he/she watches after the turkey feast.



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OPCAAW will provide ham and turkey, and club members whose last name begins with **A-I** should bring a Dessert; **J-Q** Side Dish; **R-Z** Salads. If you have a "specialty dish" that you would prefer to bring, the choice is yours.

Volunteers wishing to lend a hand with preparations please contact Cindy Allen at 360-373-3041.



A faster, better way to RENEW

your OPCAAW membership for 2018

Your webmaster at OPCAAW has created an online membership renewal form you can access through the club website. All of you are strongly encouraged to use the form to re-up for next year.

The form makes it **easier and faster** for you to renew your membership. You won't have to wait in long membership lines in our January, February and March meetings to renew your membership manually. You can renew beginning <u>now</u> from the comfort of your own desk or mobile device.

The new membership renewal form can be found at http://opcaaw.com/about/benefits-of-membership/membership-renewal/ If you don't have the link handy, you can navigate on the website using the "About" drop-down menu. Put your cursor over "Benefits of Membership," and you'll see choices for a membership renewal form or a membership application form. Links to the renewal form are also on the front page of the website.

If you have previously been approved

for membership in the club, choose the membership renewal (See screen form. shot 1.) Fill in the form, choose the type of membership you to renew wish (individual or family), and the form will calculate your dues payment.

The form will then ask a question about how you wish your contact information to be shared in our member directory. You can choose to have **all** of your contact information shared; **some** of it shared; or **none** of it shared. If you choose to share some, but not all of your information, you will see a second question that asks you to specify what information you'd like to share. If this is your desire, indicate what information you are willing to share: just phone number, just email, just your address, just your town of residence, or any combination.

This will assure the accuracy of the membership directory and that only the information members wish to share will be available in the directory. Also remember that the directory is being created only **to help members**. It will not be shared with anyone outside the club nor sold to marketing firms.

The form will also ask you a few questions about the type of turner you are, the turning projects you most like to do and about how OPCAAW can serve you better.

When you click on the "submit" button, you will be taken to PayPal, where you can either use your own PayPal account or any credit card to pay your dues. You should be aware that if you choose to pay using your own

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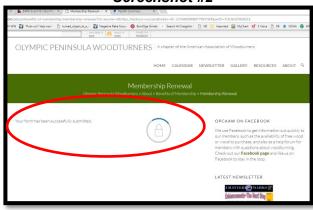
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Calendar of events, shows, classes and other things

	2017
Nov 29—	Monthly Meeting—Capt Jack Wayne from Seattle's Woodcraft—Art Bowls with embellishment.
	Election of Board of Directors for 2018
Dec 12—	TUESDAY Christmas dinner and club party—Event is on a <u>non-Wednesday</u> due to scheduling conflicts with the school. No meeting on the last Wednesday of the month due to Christmas Holidays.
Jan 31	Monthly Meeting—Demonstrator Brad Stave,
Feb 28	Monthly Meeting—Demonstrator TBA

PayPal account, the transaction will be completed, but you may see a screen that says "Your form has been successfully submitted" but also seems to still be trying to load something with PayPal (see screen shot 2). This is a bug in the software we are using – the form has been successfully submitted. You can ignore the padlock icon with the circle running around it.

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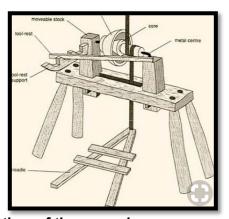
In our testing, we only saw that occur when someone paid using their PayPal account. If you pay with a credit card, you should just see a page that says your form was successfully submitted.

Because all the information is being gathered through this online form, submitting your membership renewal online also will make managing all the renewals easier and more accurate for the club's Vice President for Membership.

And it also has the benefit of providing a direct and accurate way to gather information for our membership directory (no one will be trying to translate your hand-writing).

The Board remains pledged to creating an accurate and complete membership directory, but one that contains only the information our members want to share. Submitting your information through this form will make it much easier to compile the directory and also to make sure that only the information members want to share will be printed in it.

Of course, if you have an aversion to completing this transaction online, you are still welcome to come to one of our upcoming meetings with your checkbook or credit card and renew your membership manually.



At a time of the year when we are reminded to be thankful for the blessings in our lives— consider how great your life is that you have a lathe with an electric motor—not like the one pictured above.

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The difference between a successful shop time and a debilitating accident will all come down to your focus and where it is. Choose where you place your focus.



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A sample of Raffle Prizes for the 2017 Christmas Dinner

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Prize donated by Russell Neyman — The Best Tool Rack you'll ever want. Retails for \$275.

The 33 holders will hold virtually any size tool handle, which means you can organize your gouges and scrapers in any way you want -- by type, size, or manufacturer. The rack measures 36" x 18" and is made of hard maple. Tools in photo on left not included.









And many more gifts and prizes for the turner

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President's Challenge 2018

I, your humble president, am planning on having a President's Challenge for each month next year.

Watch for the January newsletter for a list of the monthly challenges. I hope that you will plan on participating in them.

I also see more Sawdust sessions, demonstrations and open shops related to the challenges in our future.

Stay tuned for more to come! - LL

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From Olympia Woodturners

A quick note to let you know that the Woodturners of Olympia has changed its meeting venue and meeting night.

The Woodturners of Olympia is now meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We will be meeting at the Olympia First Baptist Church located at:

904 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98507

Our website www.woodturnersofolympia.org

Where is my Whiteboard?

After the last Sawdust Session on October 8th, the Whiteboard that the club owned went missing.

The cool thing about this board is that it had an easel built into it which made setting up a breeze.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the whiteboard and easel, please let the Sgt -at-Arms know—or any board member.

AAW International Symposium

June 14-17, 2018

Join the AAW's 32nd Annual International Symposium to be held in Portland OR, June 14-17, 2018. The conference will bring over 1200 turners together from around the world to learn and celebrate the art of woodturning. No other even offers as many opportunities to learn from the world's best instructors.

For the registered attendees, the symposium offers classroom-style demonstrations led by some of the best in their field offering topics that appeal to a wide variety of skill levels. Whether your interest lies in bowls, boxes, vessels, hollow forms, spheres, multi-axis turning, segmented turning, natural edge, embellishment, (and the list goes on and on) you will find the right demonstration for your desires.

Many events are open to the public, including the gi-normous trade show, which is packed with the newest in woodturning products, tools and supplies.

Gain insights and motivation. Fast track your learning curve.

The Symposium will be held at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd; Portland OR 97232.

To register, go to <u>Symposium Registration</u> for a list of prices for part or all of the symposium, and spouse rates and activities. For a price break, register before June 3, 2018.

The Host Hotel will be the Double-tree by Hilton at 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR. Call 800-996-0510 and mention the AAW Symposium or "Group Code AWT" for a discount. Or you can search the web for other hotels, B&Bs or AirBnBs.

The costs for registration may seem high, but as one past attendee said, "it's like drinking from a firehose" there is so much information available.

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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.

OPCAAW Mentoring is available only to members. Please bring your current badge with vou to the first session.

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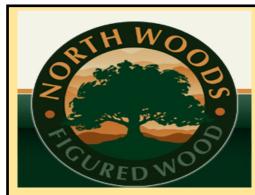
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