

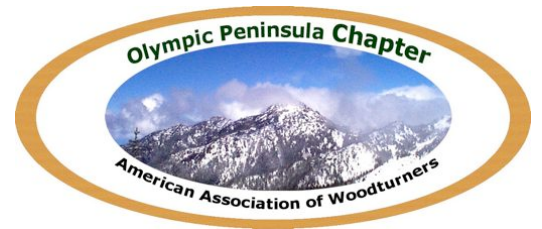


CHATTERMARKS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
OLYMPIC PENINSULA CHAPTER OF THE
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DATE MEETING

Kitsap Adventist School –, 30 April 7:00 pm, 5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA

With Social, Library, Show and Tell Tables and wood auction viewing before

PROGRAM



Bill Luce is a studio woodturner living in Renton Washington recognized internationally as an influential pure form turner. ; Born in Germany to American parents, his passion is the exploration of the quiet power of understated form. Bill's work exemplifies the subtle qualities of power and excellence-in terms of form, technical execution, and effective use of the visible elements in the wood as they relate to vessel form. He says, "The true goal is power, not perfection. "

"The vessel form I am most drawn to is the closed round bottomed bowl. It is the most challenging bowl form to create both aesthetically and technically, as well as the most versatile of bowl forms. It can range from elegant and refined to very organic. I feel this form alone has so much to offer I could spend the rest of my life studying it and would not have exhausted the possibilities. ";

Most recently Bill's focus has been pushing the envelope in the use of difficult materials, such as Douglas fir. "This challenge has taken a great deal of my effort in the studio, as I have had to dedicate years developing the techniques necessary to create vessels in this material which has traditionally been deemed unsuitable for turning. "I find this wood's grain so compelling as partner to a vessel's form that I feel the time is well spent in learning to manipulate this wood.

Bill's club presentation is called "Strategies in the Pursuit of Form." His talk will be in the form of a PowerPoint presentation that outlines the goals of his work and a range of strategies that he finds useful in that pursuit.

I often get asked 'how do I learn to make better forms?' I think sometimes those asking are hoping for some sort of secret or trick, but there are none. This presentation is not about what is good design and bad design, but rather how we each need to take responsibility for our own journeys in form, rather than seeking some sort of magic formula or bullet. I will present a survey of strategies that I believe are helpful and even critical in my own journey. It will be up to the listener to compare my goal to theirs, and decide for themselves which of these strategies would be useful to their own journey."

UPCOMING EVENT!

The club has a great opportunity to see a world renowned wood turner for an All Day Event. Eli Avisera from Israel will be here on Sunday, June 29th from 9:00 to 4:00, at our current meeting location. Set-up will begin at 8:00, we need assistance – if at all possible please come early to help. There will be a sign-up sheet at our April and May club meetings. If you have any additional questions contact Jimmie Allen at 360 373-3041. Fee is \$25, cash or check (make out to OPCA AW) and can be paid at sign up or sent to Jimmie Allen – address below. We'd like everyone to prepay to secure your seat. All are encouraged to attend, Eli is a great teacher and allot of fun. I have seen him previously and know that everyone from beginner to advance can bring something away from this. Bring your lunch and use this opportunity to take your turning to the next level.

Check out Eli's website: <http://www.avisera.co.il/>

Jimmie Allen, VP of Training

Mailing address: 4605 Seabeck HWY NW, Bremerton, WA 98312

President's Message

I must start off this message with an apology. Last meeting I asked for a vote of whether you wanted the Board to acquire an assisted listening system or a new projector first. I'm embarrassed to admit that I didn't understand that the AAW education opportunity grant (EOG) was focused on the assisted listening system. We must act on the EOG prior to June, to not lose the \$1000. Therefore, the Board agreed, we should do the assisted listening system first. We think, with good results from the wood auctions, we will then be able to move on to the new projector. Sorry that I mislead you!

All the above leads me to the realization that I probably owe you an explanation on how the Board intends to spend your money in 2008. I'm going to use rounded values to make it simpler, but here goes:

We had a \$2500 budget carryover from 2007, plus \$1400 in a reserve fund. All of this is thanks to: 1) strong membership growth, 2) good income from the wood auction (helped by the inflow of the Peruvian wood), 3) careful spending by the Board.

We expect to add to that in 2008 with the \$1000 EOG, \$2500 from dues, and \$1600 from the wood auction. In case you had a question, those are our only real income sources. Glue, abrasives, and sealer are basically sold at cost as a service to members, not as an income source. So we are dependent on you to pay your dues and to be generous at the wood auction. While I'm on the subject of the wood auction, please don't bring wood you wouldn't turn yourself. It's a pain to deal with wood that no one will buy. If you brought it, and no one buys it, please have the grace to volunteer to take it home. As Dave S. reminds us so often, "life is too short to turn bad wood". Also, please pay your dues! The Board is focused on assuring that those who have not paid their dues aren't getting the benefits of membership.

With the other budget items, the main ones being demonstrators (\$2000), and rent (\$600), we expect to have about \$2200 to spend on equipment up grades this year. We have budgeted the assisted listening system to be \$1500. Hopefully it will be less. We expect a projector to be about \$1200, so we need to exceed our wood auction and membership budget projections by about \$500 to fund the projector. I'm trying to convince your conservative board to spend part of the \$1400 reserve to make up this difference, but they want to be assured that the club remains economically viable. You can assure this happens by helping us make our budget projections.

Norm

Membership

This is the last free month. If your dues are not paid for 2008 or arrangements made through me all club benefits will terminate. This includes purchasing of glue, sand paper ,end sealer and the wood auction.

We have **155** members carried on the roster and as of tonight **86** have paid their dues. The club needs the revenue from dues to continue to operate . Our dues pay for the meeting room, demos, summer picnic and Xmas party just naming a few items. So get the \$25.00 to the meeting this month or mail it to :

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Hope to see you at the meeting

George Kromka

VP membership

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THANKS!! Dick

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MENTORING PROGRAM

We are looking for some new mentors. The folks who are currently doing the great service have been doing it for a long time. George Kromka has stepped up to the plate but based on what I see every month at the show and tell table there could be a lot more. See any of the board officers if you are interested.

The mentoring programs has been set up to answer questions and give help to new members and those whom may be having a problem in a specific area. Although not intended to be free lessons in woodturning (many of those volunteering are professional turners and derive their income from turning and teaching), these are some friendly folks willing to give you a point in the right direction.

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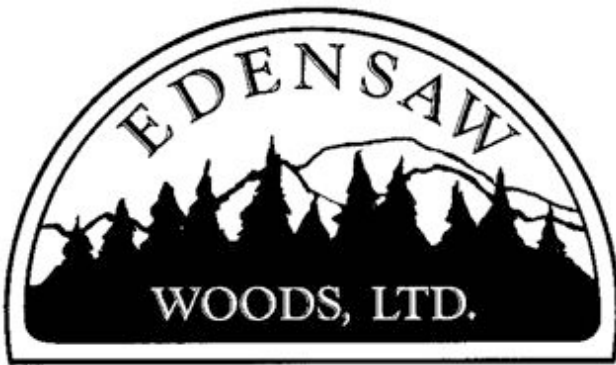
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