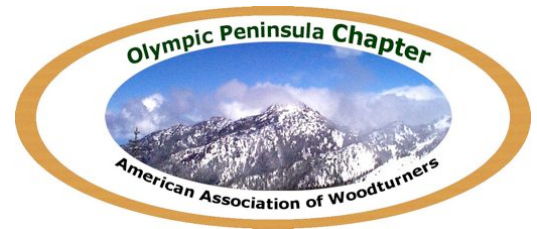




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February 2008 MEETING

Kitsap Adventist School November 28th, 7:00 pm, 5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA

February Program. Chain Saw use, maintenance and safety



This month's demonstration will be focused on Chainsaw safety and equipment maintenance. I think everyone should be exposed to this because chainsaw accidents can be life changing. This is an opportunity to learn, or be reminded, of the importance of respecting this piece of equipment.

Our Demonstrator is JD Fernstrom - Technical Services Manager, STIHL Northwest. He's worked 8 years with the US Forest Service, several years for retail small engine shops, and 12 years at STIHL NW.

Demonstration will have two sections: 1st section covers safety features, apparel, and safe use of the equipment, 2nd section covers equipment maintenance.

President's Message

Happy New Year to all of you!

Although we are getting started on the year a little late due to the December storms, I am hopeful for a very active year. Much of that will be up to you! The success of this club is entirely up to the members, and their participation is critical. Some of the following will be redundant for many of you, but we have a lot of new members and I'd like them to know where they can help.

In the past, the Board took the draconian approach of assigning people to committees arbitrarily. This wasn't very popular, but the Board of Directors was desperate for help, and frustrated with the lack of participation.

I'm hoping if you understand exactly where the club needs help, you'll find something that interests you, and be willing to sign up. It would be great if we were two or three deep at every assignment. This sharing the load will make the jobs easier, take the pressure off if a person is unable to make a meeting, and make transition to new people a natural occurrence. It will also allow new member to get active without feeling like they have taken on too big a responsibility.

WHAT TO DO AT THE MEETING:

You need to bring:

- Your name tag
- Examples of your latest work (you get credit for up to three items)
- Excess wood for the wood auction (bring stuff you would want to turn if you had time, no "firewood" please) You get one ticket for each reasonable size piece to a max of five pieces per meeting.
- Some money or a check, to pay dues, buy other wood, supplies, etc.
- A willingness to share your ideas, experiences, questions, successes and failures.

You need to arrive well before 7:00 (the official start time) so you can:

- Help set up the tables and chairs, and other equipment as needed
- Get checked in and get your tickets signed and deposited
- View the 'show and tell' tables, and the wood auction table
- Buy glue, abrasives and sealer
- Check books and videos into or out of the library
- Seek out help for your latest turning dilemma
- Get the majority of your visiting done before we start the meeting

During the meeting you can help by:

- Being generous during the wood auction, and assuring that your name and what you bought are clearly understood by the auctioneers. Remember, it's for a good cause.
- Giving the officers and demonstrators your attention. If you have a conversation that just can't wait, please take it outside.

After the meeting you can help by staying around to:

- Help return the gym to the pre-meeting configuration:
 - Get your wood, show and tell items, etc. off the tables.
 - Put away tables and chairs
 - Putting away the demo equipment
 - Sweep up shavings, etc.
 - Aiding with the audio and video equipment.

NEW LOTTERY TICKET POLICY:

To encourage people to sign up to help, the Board of Directors has decided to give out tickets for each meeting where a signed up focal point helps at the meeting. On the membership table will be a matrix of spots where we need more help. If you will be willing for us to call on you, please add your name and phone number in the appropriate square. To get your ticket, when you help just tell the person distributing the tickets at sign-in what you did.

As I mentioned above, the Board also voted to increase the number of tickets for bringing wood to five (from three). Thanks!

Norm

Announcements

FOR SALE. Rockwell 4" jointer with 1/2 hp motor and stand. Like new. Owners manual. \$150.00 I will be out of town from 2/27 to 3/8. If interested send me an e-mail at: personwheels@hotmail.com.

You can also call 360-307-9720 (we have voice mail). Leon Cotey

Membership message

Membership dues will be collected at this month's meeting. Dues are still a good deal at \$25.00 (cash, check or money order).

We will be set up the same as last year, in alphabetical order. Check at the table for the letter that your last name starts with and check in with that person. I will be doing new members and verifying e-mail and street addresses. After you pay your dues stop and see me to verify your addresses. We are getting a few rejects as we mail out the "Chattermarks", so I guess it's time to check that everything is good.

You will get your little sticker to place on your badge and a receipt like last year. The club will continue to send the newsletter until the April meet then if dues are not paid we will discontinue it and drop you from the roster.

If dues are not paid you **can not** buy glue, sandpaper, etc. and not bid for wood at the wood auction.

Remember that membership dues are the club's main source of revenue.

Dues may also be sent to :

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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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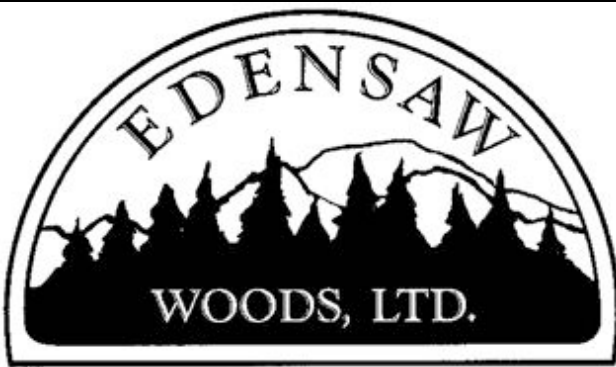
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