



CHATTERMARKS

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JANUARY MEETING

When: January 26, 7:00PM

Where: Kitsap Adventist School

5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA.

Demonstrator: Dan Ackerman

Dan Ackerman will be doing a demo on box-making tips! "I'll cover things like making slip fits and fitting techniques and tools, hollowing boxes, and decorative techniques and whatever else I can think of and have time for. I can take questions about shows; entry, judging, expenses etc."

"I have been turning for about 20 years, professionally about 15 yrs and doing boxes exclusively about 6 yrs. I strive for uniqueness and originality in both designs and execution. The woods I use are mostly exotics only because they lend themselves to box-making and offer the public the chance to see unique woods (to them). They also promote a lot of attention. I have consequently been invited to some of the best shows in the country, including New York, Baltimore and San Francisco. A show that I'm still striving for and is comparable to the Baltimore show is the Smithsonian and the Philadelphia Museum show. My pieces tend to be as sculptural as they are functional, and do tend to be on the high end of other shown work".

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PRESIDENTS TURN

The Christmas Party was a huge success! Thanks again to Susan and Richard Hurst for organizing and running a great event. Thanks and gratitude are also due to Karen Pollak and Russ Robinette for garnering all of the raffle prizes, and to Bob Hickernall for all his help and advise.

The Board of Directors has made some rule changes for next year's raffle. To encourage participation by more members, the Board has set a limit of three prizes per member from the main raffle. Instead of a mini-lathe for the grand prize we will have an equivalent value in turning tools with a limit of one prize per member.

We need a nickname. Why? Because OPCAAW is too hard to pronounce! The Board has decided to have a contest to choose a club nickname that hopefully will be as good a name as "Chatter Marks" is for our newsletter. The Board will choose the three best entries and then the membership will vote on the best of the three at the March meeting. Hand in or email your entries to Dick Milligan at rjmilligan@msn.com. In case of duplicate entries, the first entry submitted will be the winner. The prize for the best nickname will be a Sweazy gouge. Put on your creative thinking cap and get your entry to Dick Milligan.

Don't sit still - keep turning.

Steve Austin

President

NOTICE Auction Donation

The chapters annual donation to the Kitsap Adventist School fundraising auction will be at the Feburary meeting. For newer members: each year all members are asked to donate at least one turning to this annual fundraiser. You may donate as many items as you like. Donations are our way of saying "Thank You" for the use of their building for meetings and storage of club lathe and equipment.

KAREN'S KORNER

A mini demo this month will depend on weather Karen has a volenteer step forward. If you would like to help out contact Karen at the number below.

Thanks, Karen

Contact Karen Pollak at 253-853-4715

MENTORING PROGRAM

After doing a not very sientific survey on the use of the mentoring program, I find that not very many members are utilizing this valuable program.

I have to wonder why as there is a great wealth of information here. Believe me when I say, it is a lot easier to ask someone who has "been there, done that" than to figure it out yourself. So if you or a friend have hit a rough spot in the road and need a push, don't be bashful. Give the program a try.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MINI LATHE WINNER Dick Bird and all the other prise winners at the Christmas party. Also a big "THANK YOU" to all those who helped organize, present and clean-up the event. The tables looked bright and cheery and the appetizers and desserts were delicious. Give yourselves a big hand for a job well done.

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The mentoring program has been set up to answer questions and give directional 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.

Dan Ackerman.....(360)796-4155
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