

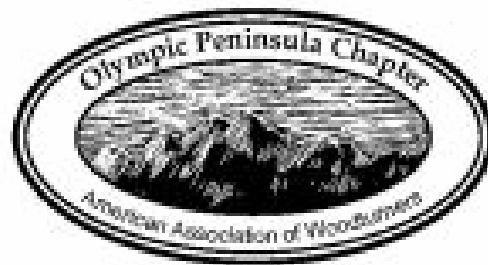


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January 2006 MEETING

When: January 25th, 7 pm

Where: Kitsap Adventist School
5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA.

Demonstrator: Ron Grant

Ron began turning in 1995 on a sporadic basis due to a job that required constant travel. The first turning club meeting he attended was the Peninsula Turners with his father-in-law Bill Clem. In 2001, Ron got the job behind him and has been able to turn full-time ever since. He primarily did segmented work until 2003, and then decided to try sand blasting designs into block wood. Unable to find someone to learn from, he bought some equipment, researched glass and sign carving, and started experimenting. Through trial and error he came up with methods that work well, but admits he is still learning. Ron will bring several of his pieces representing the different kinds of sand carving. He will be providing a list of procedures and materials, as well as some examples to be used. As always he encourages questions and comments

“Re-Turn:” By Norm Hix

In case you haven't noticed, our meetings have been starting late. This ends up short changing the demonstrator. This defeats the major focus of the meeting and isn't very polite to the demonstrator, who has prepared material for the full time. We can do better.

Please remember that our meetings start at 7:00pm. To make this happen we need you to arrive early enough to be checked in by 6:50, so you can socialize and find your seats by 7:00.

Also, remember that, if you haven't already paid your 2006 dues, they are now due. Please give them to the membership person when you check in, or mail them directly to the treasurer: Stan Stumbo, 15985 Euclid Ave NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110. Checks should be made payable to "OPCAAW".

An open letter from your president

Dear members:

I am looking forward to working with all of you this next year. In my 14 months of membership, I have been greatly impressed by what an outstanding club OPW is. There is a strong and growing membership (up 24% last year). We have a very active turning group (as evidenced by the amount and quality of new work in the monthly "instant gallery"). We have been able to field great demonstrators, both internally and from the outside turning community. The balance sheet is good (which has allowed the club to procure video and turning hardware to make demonstrations and hands-on activities very productive). However, we have one area that badly needs improvement. ...

This club needs more members who are willing to take on leadership roles. This past election, we had three positions with only one candidate, and many of those who did run were "strong armed", or nominated in absentia. At this writing, we have already had one of those candidates (VP of Membership) decide to resign. This loss leaves a major hole in our operation for the start of the year.

A club with 100 members, shouldn't have so much trouble fielding a slate of 14 candidates per year. Being in a club can't be a full time spectator sport, or the club is doomed.

If you have served, please accept my thanks. If you haven't served, please consider what I've said, and make a decision to get off the bench and become a participant instead of a spectator. If you are not prepared to become an officer, do offer your help to one of the existing BOD members. I'm convinced if you get involved, being a leader will not seem like such a big step. These jobs are important, but they are not that tough. Membership has its privileges, but it also has its responsibilities.

Norm

Dues are Due

Don't forget to renew your membership. We have some great programs and activities planned for the new you that you won't want to miss. So dues (\$25) are now due and payable and can be paid in person at the meeting on the 25th or mailed to the Treasurer, Stan Stumbo, 15985 Euclid Ave NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110. Checks should be made payable to "OPCAAW".

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Turning for Charity

The board would like to stage some charity events for 2006. The idea is to do a turning demonstration in a public place and give away the items to the spectators. In order to raise money for charity a donation will be requested. Obviously, the items would have to be small, easy and inexpensive to make. Tops and bud vases come to mind. We would like several volunteers to not only turn but

also help plan and organize these events. If you are interested, contact Rick Hurst, (360)876-1373 or Rick_Hurst@hotmail.com.

MENTORING PROGRAM

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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Call for Assistant Webmaster and Assistant Newsletter Editor by Rick Hurst

The board of directors has approved some enhancements for our website. In order to ease the burden of anyone person doing an upgrade on a website, we are asking for a volunteer for assistant webmaster, who would like to learn web development, to step forward. Training and tools will be provided by yours truly. Just so you know you will be getting a good deal, I have 10 years of website building experience and a MS in Computer Science so I am well qualified to train someone in the arcane arts of webmastering. You will be assisting and working with the primary webmaster in order to make a major revision of the OPCA AW website. You will be getting in on the ground floor of this effort. Since the decision was recently made, you will get to participate in the planning, coding and implementation. This is an outstanding opportunity for someone. When finished, you will have a great resume builder because you will be able to point to our new site and say, "I helped build this".

Additionally, I would like to have someone assist me with the newsletter. The job takes six to eight hours each month. You must have a Windows

based computer and MS Word. If you don't I can get you MS Office 2003 for \$25 as I have access to the Microsoft Company Store.

If you are interested contact me, Rick Hurst, (360)876-1373 or email Rick_Hurst@hotmail.com.

What to Do With All Those Woodchips by Susan Hurst

Just an additional cost of woodturning, I thought, while sweeping up the woodchips and scraps, filling the garbage cans as full as possible. Only a few of the garbage cans got put out for the garbage man to take, however, because I hated to add more to the landfill. I began to look for creative ways to use them and asked fellow wood turners what they did with theirs.

Here's an idea suggested to Rick by Ted Bartholomew. If you have a woodstove, sweep them into a **paper** grocery sack and burn them.

- Don't fill the bag too full because you don't want the shavings to fall out as you put the bag into the fire.
- For safety, I make sure the bag is put on the side of the firebox where the door hinge is located because once the paper bag has burned away, the shavings have no support and tend to slump towards the front.
- Push the bag as far toward the back of the firebox as you can.
- I don't think this is a good idea for a fireplace because once the paper sack has burned away the shavings will fall through the grate.

Spread the woodchips on your flowerbeds to control weeds. Be careful not to mix them into the soil however, because they will rob the soil of nitrogen and your plants will suffer. If you need to plant a potted plant, just move aside the shavings, plant adding some fertilizer to the soil, and then replace with fresh shavings to keep the weeds down.

Spread the woodchips between rows of your vegetable garden to keep the weeds down.

Keep the larger scraps separate and place in a cardboard box. Take them with you when you go camping in the mountains. They should be dry enough to make a wonderful campfire and you won't have to scrounge around for dry tinder.

Give them away to a friend that has a woodstove, a garden, or likes to camp.

(Ed. Note: Some exotics may not be suitable for use in the garden. Use your judgment.)

Advertisers

As some of you will undoubtedly notice, we've lost a few advertisers this year. The reasons vary but all of them are in business to make money and, at least, most of them donate to our Christmas drawing because, not only is it a nice thing to do, it is also a relatively inexpensive form of advertising. But, they will not continue to do so if we do not buy from them. So please, purchase your supplies and equipment from them and when you do, let them know that you are from OPCAAW. If you use Woodturner's Catalog and order on line, then you can put "OPCAAW" in the box for the "special offer" code. Most other online suppliers have a place for special instructions. Use this space to tell them something like, "I'm a member of OPCAAW and I'm ordering from you because you advertise in our newsletter and support us with an annual donation." You can copy and paste that if you like.

Call for Articles

Please, please, please, pretty please contribute articles, product reviews or whatever to the newsletter. Many of you have told me you like the job I'm doing because of the great content. But, it's not me; it's the great articles and ideas contributed by our members. So please keep 'em coming.

Thanks,
Rick



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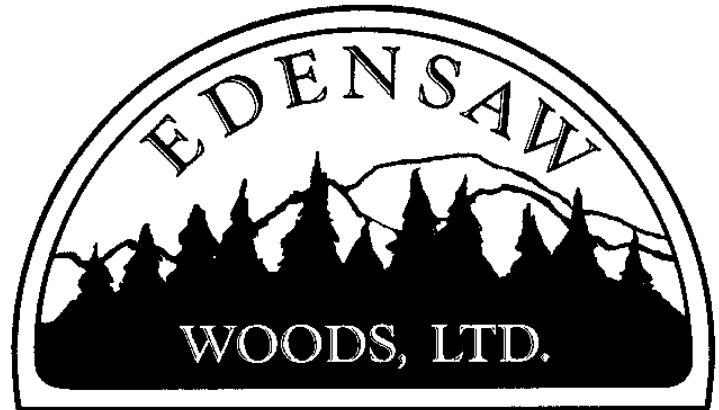
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