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March 2007 MEETING

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

President's Message

I've just received a note that the On-line registration for the 2007 AAW Symposium in Portland is up and running. I know it works, because I used it to register. I hope to see you there. Go to:

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/reg/default.asp?tE=1>

I don't know if you remember Martin Stevens, the professional woodturner from Port Townsend, who in June 2005 had a sale of all his equipment. He actually came to the July meeting and sold what was remaining. He and his wife have established a school in Peru. This is a "Waldorf" system school and has a hand on portion of the curriculum. He is looking for donations to help set up a shop. I've attached Martin's letter. The BOD decided we would leave it up to individuals to decide whether they want to support Martin's efforts.

Dear Norm,

I'm a former member of your chapter. Your members may remember my tool sale in uptown Port Townsend when I moved out of my studio in 2005.

After many adventures I am now married to a Peruvian school teacher and living up at 8500ft in a small village in the Andes muntains near the famous Inka ruins of Machu Picchu.

I'm teaching English and am also in the process of setting up a teaching woodshop for the local young people.

I'm writing to enquire if the club would have any interest in underwriting the purchase of lathes and tools to assist the people of this rather poor region.

I'd also like to extend an invitation to any club member with an interest in visiting this colorful part of the world to come and visit my new home. I can show people a side of the life here not seen by the average tourist.

To see images of the work my wife Lourdes and I are doing with Peruvian children of the high Andes I'd like to invite everyone to check out our website at www.dreamxstudio.com/taray

Best wishes to all at the Olympic Peninsular chapter

Martin Stevens

I hope you will all consider bringing something to the wood auction. Last month was our lowest sales that any of us could recall. We need your help to keep the demonstrations flowing.

Norm

March Demonstrator: Leon Cotey

Leon has been a wood turner since about 1992. As a high school student in Tippecanoe, Indiana, he was employed at a local sawmill/cheese box factory. Frequently he had the opportunity to assist in falling designated hardwood trees from nearby woods. The identification of wood was determined by

the leaf and bark of the tree. Sometimes the odor from the freshly cut wood would assist in tree identification. These woods included white and red oak, elm, beech, sugar maple, sycamore and shellbark hickory.

At age 20, he entered the U.S. Navy and subsequently served his country for twenty-four years. During this time he married and began to raise a family. Out of necessity, he started working with wood to make furniture for his family. As his interest in woodworking increased, he made wood plaques for decoupage, general woodworking, scroll sawing and eventually was led to the wonderful world of woodturning.

As a beginner, he had lots to learn. This learning process included formal training, experimentation by him, reading professionally written articles on woodturning as well as spending many hours studying techniques on video. He found inspiration and guidance from professional wood turners, Bonnie Klein, Dan Ackerman and Richard Raffan. At the beginning he mastered pen turning, later developed skills in turning small non-scale miniatures, small bowls and natural edge bowls.

Woodturning opened a new world of woods to him. He currently works with exotic woods from all over the world. These include Cocobolo and Kingwood (Mexico), Tulipwood (Brazil), Verawood (Columbia), Olive wood (Europe), and some African woods. Woods from the Pacific Northwest include maple burl, myrtlewood burl, Pacific Yew (the bark of which is being used in cancer treatment research), Juniper, Scotchbroom and Rhododendron.

Leon and his wife, Kathy live near Silverdale, WA and are members of Verksted Gallery, Poulsbo, WA.

Cindy Allen

2007 Meeting Calendar

Picnic and Holiday dates still open

January 31	July 25
February 28	August - picnic
March 28	September 26
April 25	October 31
May 23	November 28
June 27	December Christmas party

Update on HB 1909

House Bill 1909 came up for the vote and passed. Many of you must have emailed, because I was told at 11:45 that the bill was going to die in the house. I don't know what time it was heard, but it was placed on the third reading (what they call the vote) and passed. Thank you for all your emails, encouragement, and support. This was a team effort and because we stood together we have a victory.

There is still much to do and there will be more letters to write and calls to make. The house bill will now go to the Senate and the senate bill to the House. Somehow the two bills will be combined and possibly the huckleberry bill too. We won't know the end result for a while, and please keep watch for more email requests. I think we just might win this one!

Thank you again for all your emails and encouragement,

Donna Quezada

Don't Miss!

Turning Wood into Art: The Jane and Arthur Mason Collection

exhibit of turned objects at the Bellevue Art Museum. December 12, 2006 - May 20, 2007

Display and Sales Opportunities

We have a number of opportunities coming up in the next year to reach out the community and tell them about how interesting and rewarding woodturning is.

48th Annual Kitsap Arts & Crafts Festival

July 27, 28 and 29 in Port Gamble, Washington. This is a sales and static demonstration opportunity only as no power will be provided. Anyone interested in participating in a club booth should contact the Public Relations Officer at PublicRelations@opcaaw.com

or call 360-876-1373. If you want more information or would like to have a personal booth at this event contact mmarler@earthlink.net.

Poulsbo Arts Festival

Held in August, exact dates not yet determined. This is a sales and demonstration opportunity. Power will be provided. Anyone interested in participating in a club booth either as a host or a demonstrator should contact the Public Relations Officer at PublicRelations@opcaaw.com or call 360-876-1373. If you want more information or would like to have a personal booth at this event you can get contact information at <http://www.cafnw.org>.

For all these events, you may only sell items in the booth if you are willing to participate in the setup, breakdown or manning of the booth. If you call us, make sure you leave sufficient contact information so that we can get back to you.

Since we have to get back with these organizers soon please respond with your interest soon. This is especially true for the March event. If you are not sure but would like to please let us know, we'll not hold your feet to the fire if your plans should change.

Logo Contest

The logo image that we currently have is getting a little shop worn. It has been copied so many times that it is getting fuzzy. So, the board has agreed to sponsor a contest to create a new logo and we're offering a \$50 gift certificate as an award for the best design. All entrants will get some turning wood from Norm (just kidding Norm), so you can't lose. The only stipulation is that it must be related to woodturning and preferably with a northwest theme. It can be any medium(s) that you desire as long as it can be photographed or reproduced in some way. Judging will occur at the August picnic. The creation with the most votes wins. All members are eligible since it is a vote of the club as a whole. If you have any comments or suggestions contact Rick Hurst.

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June 29, 2007 through July 1, 2007

COMMITTEE TEAM LEADERS

Activity	Leader	Phone	Email	Requirement
REGISTRATION	Bob Tuck	(503) 643-6966	friarkt@aol.com	
PACKET STUFFING	Dennis Thomas	(503) 614-9461	dbt@comcast.net	5 to 10 needed on Tues and Wednesday
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DEMO ASSISTANTS	Paul Rasmussen	(503) 246-3067	paulra@comcast.net	60 needed, will get a free tee shirt
DEMO LOUNGE	Kathleen Duncan	(360) 574-0955	kduncan@wsu.edu	
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LEARN TO TURN	Craig Taylor	(503) 614-9157	crgtay@comcast.net	Some activity on the 28th
RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY	Jim Hall	(503) 702-7091	ochall@comcast.net	
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GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

Remember to sign up for the All Day Hands-On event on April 1st from 10:00 to 4:00, at our current meeting location. Set-up will begin at 0930, we need assistance – if at all possible please come early to help. There will be a sign-up sheet at our March meeting. If you have any additional questions or want to know the topics or schedule of events, contact Jimmie Allen at 360 373-3041. Fee is \$15, payable on the day of the event. We'll have 4 lathes and so far our volunteers are Dave Schweitzer, Dan Ackerman, Bob Hickernell, Leon Cotey, George Kromka, and Russ Robinette, to demonstrate and coach attendees. If you'd like to join the demonstrators give me a call. All are encouraged to attend. Bring you lunch, wood and tools and use this opportunity to gain confidence and learn a few new tricks.

Jimmie Allen

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MENTORING PROGRAM

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.

Dan Ackerman..... (360)796-4155
 "Tones" Briggs..... (360)871-7607
 Henry Wischoefer... (360)377-3464

Rerun

In case you missed it, I've created the long awaited redirect to our new web site. If you go to our old web site, <http://www.geocities.com/opaaw> you will be redirected to our new site: <http://www.opcaaw.com>. If you experience any problems contact me at PublicRelations@opcaaw.com.

Speaking of which: All OPCA AW officers now have email accounts independent of their personal accounts. For instance, the "PublicRelations" address above is part of our new website. When you send an email to that address it goes to the "PublicRelations" mailbox at opcaaw.com. It is then forwarded to me at Rick_Hurst@hotmail.com. The advantage is that through the magic of the internet I can easily change who gets the forwarded mail. So as our officers change they still have the same public email address. Here are the permanent officers email addresses:

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I'm sure you see a trend here. One note of advice, when you send to one of these addresses, any response you receive will come from the personal address not from President@opcaaw.com, for example. In the future, the officers will be able to use the opcaaw.com mail addresses directly but I haven't got that set up yet.

Rick



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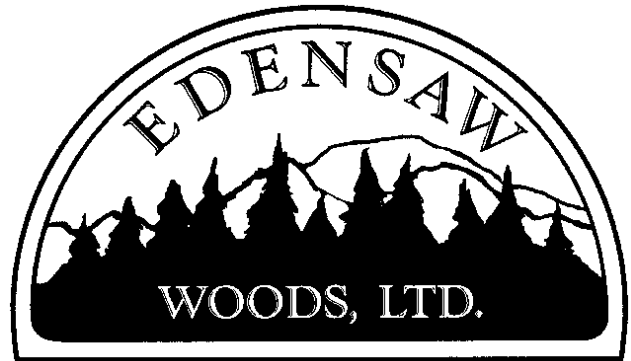
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