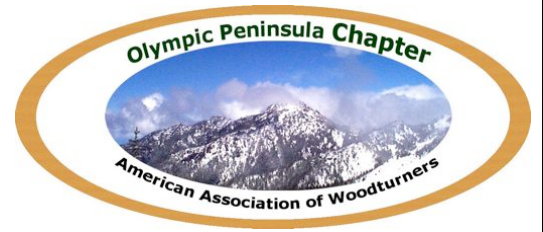




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DATE MEETING

Kitsap Adventist School –, 28 May 7:00 pm, 5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA
With Social, Library, Show and Tell Tables and wood auction viewing before

PROGRAM

Soren Berger

At this month's meeting Soren will be demonstrating his ever popular Scoops. I attended this class at the Utah Symposium 3 years ago and found this to be entertaining and interesting to see how Soren brings it all together... Jimmie

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In 27 years of full time studio woodturning, traveling and teaching I have come to see that woodturners are experiencing a rediscovery of a very ancient art.

Modern woodturning has some new materials and technologies which make the processes quicker and more pleasant. But when it comes to the way to get the best results from our tools and raw material then there are very few skills and disciplines that have not already been developed by the masters of many cultures hundreds of years ago.

My interest over the last eight years has been focused on teaching woodturners to understand in detail the actual turning process. This develops the ability to make sensitive and beautiful objects.

The experience that I have gained in my travels throughout the USA, Sweden and NZ over the last 10 years has given me a clearer understanding of many of the common problems people encounter while learning to turn. My presentations have proved to be well received and of great interest to both beginners and experienced turners.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

All Day Turning 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

8th Sculptural Wood Invitational

May 15 to June 14 at the American Art Company. <http://www.americanartco.com>

Gallery Hours Mon-Fri 10:00-5:30, Sat 10:00-5:00

1126 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma WA 98402 1-800-753-2278

There will be a reception to meet many of the artists on May 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

This show includes names you will recognize; eg Dave Schweitzer, Bonnie Klein, Jim Christiansen, John Jordanm Binh Pho, David Ellsworth, Christian Burchard, Bill, Luce, etc

Creativity in Woodturning

All day symposium presented by the Woodturners of Olympia. On 26 July 2008 at:

The American Legion Post #3, 3201 Eastbay Dr NE, Olympia WA 98507

\$50 until 1 July, \$65 after. \$10 Youth (when accompanied by a paying adult)

Includes a Meconis Combo Bag lunch with registration (until 21 July).

See <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org> or <http://www.wtoolt.org> or contact Al Price @ 360-791-0396 or aprcise44@aol.com

7:30 AM Doors open and registration.

8:30-8:40 Welcome and Introduction

8:40-10:25 Eric Lofstrom: Winged Bowls

10:25-10:40 Break

10:40-12:25 Dan Ackerman' Turned and hand carved boxes

12:25-1:05 Lunch

1:05-2:50 Bonnie Klein: Turning a cast acrylic threaded box

2:50-3:05 Break

3:05-4:50 Dave Schweitzer Deep hollowing

4:50-5:00 Ending comments and door prizes.

President's Message

Is summer finally here? Is your shop one of those too cold in winter, so you turn in the summer? Or is it too hot in the summer so you turn in the winter? Either way, don't let your turning activities slow down this summer. Obviously there are the Utah and AAW Symposia, if you have the inclination and the cash. I've never heard anyone who went to either of those, say that the experience wasn't overwhelmingly worthwhile.

If you are interested in something closer to home, be sure to attend the OPCA AW all day session with Eli Avisera on June 29th. In case you didn't look at his site after Jimmie's urging last month, here it is again: <http://www.avisera.co.il/> Jimmie tells us, Eli is a great demonstrator. Our \$25 price will only be for early responders. It will be \$30 at the door.

Also consider attending the Olympia Woodturner's symposium July 26 in Olympia. To get all the particulars, go to: <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org/>.

Finally, come and eat, and swap turning stories at the OPCA AW picnic on Aug. 18th. We are having it a Frank Rabb Park in Poulsbo this year, so most you won't have to drive so far. The site probably won't be as convivial as Ackermans, but I'm told it's a nice park. We are hoping the more central location will be more convenient and enable more of you to come. We always have fun, but the turn outs haven't been that good. Hope to see you there.

Make ribbons, not dust!

Norm

Membership

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.

OPCA AW

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Make checks payable to OPCA AW.

Hope to see you at the meeting

George Kromka

VP membership

Announcements

PBS has starting showing the 2nd session of the show "The Woodturning Workshop" with Tim Yonder. Tim's shows are excellent with a dash of humor.

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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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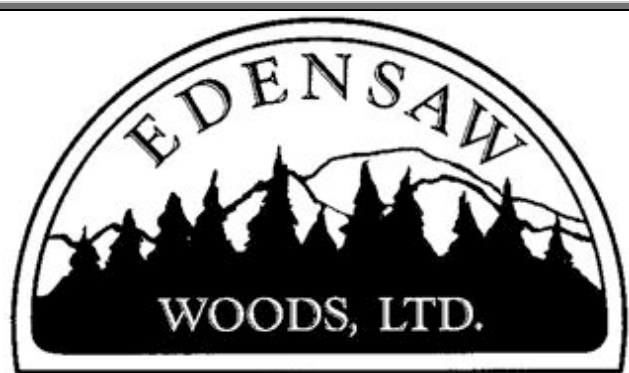
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