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January 2008 Party

Kitsap Adventist School January 30, 6:30 pm, 5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA.

Club Dinner and Prize Drawing **January 30th, 6:30 P.M.**

Due to the temporary closure of the bridge on the roadway leading to the school, our annual holiday party was cancelled and has been rescheduled for January 30th. All normal meeting activities will be suspended for an evening and replaced with tasty food, good company, and we once again have great prizes – so you won't want to miss it!

You must be present to win except for the grand prizes.

As a reminder, members with last names beginning with A – L, please bring hors d'oeuvres or your favorite potluck dishes. Members with last names starting with M - Z, please bring deserts.

In addition, the club will provide sliced turkey and ham.

Anyone wishing to help with setup please arrive about 5:15 P.M. on January 30th.

OPCAAW Christmas Party Drawing Guidelines

As many of you may recall, we changed the manner in which the Christmas Party Drawings are conducted. This change was necessary to assure fair treatment of all persons who perform tasks related to setting up and conducting our monthly meeting and various other functions.

Point Accumulation:

1. Each time a member wears their member crafted name tag (preferably wood) to a meeting it's worth one point.
2. "Show and Tell" or "Don't Tell" items and wood donations (maximum three of each per month) are worth one point each, for a total of 6 points per meeting.
3. New member referral is worth one point.
4. Each meeting attendance is worth one point.
5. Any club member that does a monthly program presentation or open shop for the OPCA AW will be awarded 4 points per presentation in lieu of other compensation.

Administration:

1. Each member's point sum determines his/her chances in the raffle, e.g. Pete has eight points and eight chances to win while Art has forty points and forty chances. The greater the participation, the greater the chances of winning.
2. Members must be present to win all items except the Grand Prizes.
3. The membership committee will record monthly participation and will compile the data for the Christmas raffle.
4. No member will be allowed to win more than three general items at the Christmas raffle.
5. In the case of multiple "grand prizes" no member may win more than one.

For the Grand Prize drawing(s) all tickets, including those previously drawn for the regular prizes will be combined with those remaining in the pool so that all members will have chances of winning a grand prize based on their total club participation.

President's Message

I am happy to report that as we open 2008, our club is in very good shape. We are fiscally sound, mostly thanks to careful spending by your Board, and because of your generosity at the wood auction. The windfall of the wood from Peru was also a big contributor.

Our membership is strong and growing, and we have a good mix of old hands and new members. The show and tell table gives evidence that we have a lot of active turners, and people who are willing to share their methods and successes. We don't see as many failures as I'd like, but if we are having failures, we must be overcoming them, or putting them behind us and moving on.

Your Board is taking strides to improve our audio and video systems so that all who attend can share equally in what's going on in the demos. We are also actively working to make the library stronger and more available.

We have many members who work hard each month to give you a really good show! I hope you will take time to give them a pat on the back, and to consider what you can do to help out! (More on that next month).

It's great being your President!

Norm

Membership message

Membership dues **will not** be collected this meeting (January 30) due to the rescheduled Xmas party.

Dues will be collected at the February meeting. Please bring cash or check in the amount of \$25.00. Checks should be made out to OPCAAW.

I'll be asking for 3 or 4 members to help with the collection of dues at that meeting.

Please help if you can..

Thanks

George Kromka

VP Membership

News from the Board:

Rick Hurst, (Librarian) would like to remind anyone that has checked out items from the library to return them at the next meeting.

Rent for the monthly meetings has gone up to \$50/month (note, this is less then the per-hour cost at many facilities)

A new meeting layout will be tried at the February meeting, watch for the changes

Announcements

Jackie and John are no longer selling the Astra-Dot Sandpaper and Woodcut Tools

Jackie and John which to announce that Shop Day for 2008 will be August 2 and that Ladies Day for 2008 will be August 3

Ralph's Rules of Woodworking

(liberally stolen from better woodworkers then me)

- 1) There is no rule more important then wearing safety glasses.... Unless it's wearing a full face safety shield.

Discussion

- 1) If there is anything more important then protecting your eyes in this hobby/business, I don't know what it would be. Woodworking can be very dangerous and losing your eyesight is not worth the joys we get from woodworking.

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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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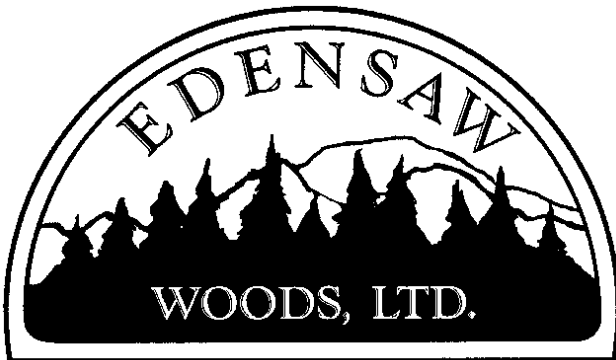
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