

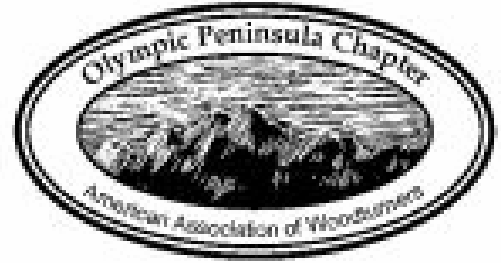


# CHATTERMARKS

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## MAY MEETING

When: May 25 , 7:00PM  
Where: Kitsap Adventist School  
5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA.  
Demonstrator: Jack McDaniel

Jack McDaniel  
of JewelWood Studios

Jack will demonstrate how he makes balls and other items from acrylic.

"I started turning in 1997 and have turned some very large (36") pieces to very small (3/8" tops and goblets). I have turned over 300 pens and pencils but get tired of doing the same things. Hence, my interest in working with acrylics and metals. I also do Jewelry (casting, fabrication, enameling, engraving etc.)"

"I think the balls with the acrylic magnifier are the most unique pieces I have done."

"I will bring over the balls showing the various steps I go through to get a finished product. I plan to turn some acrylic bottle stoppers and some other items. If time allows I would be glad to turn and assemble a parker style pen, which I believe are the hardest to assemble correctly. I have learned some tricks that make the process fairly bomb proof."

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## President's Turn

Thanks to the efforts of Rick Hurst, we now have our regular *Chattermarks*. Yea Rick! Study the advertisements and patronize our sponsors. Their ads have not run for three months and we need to show our support.

Kudos to Dave Schweitzer for conducting a fantastic hands-on-seminar. Thanks are also due to Dave's demonstrators who helped make it a great day of turning instruction. Dave demonstrated bowl turning and hollowing; Tones Briggs demonstrated free hand sharpening and bowl turning; Dan Ackerman demonstrated chatter-work; Bob Hickernell demonstrated spindle turning and basic tool usage; Russ Robinette demonstrated sharpening on a Tormek; and Leon Cotey demonstrated pen turning and assembly. It is an immense amount of work to put on such an event. The demonstrators had to pack up and load , unload, unpack, repack, reload and unload and unpack again lathes, grinders and all of the required ancillary equipment. Thanks again guys. The effort was not wasted. Everybody I talked to had a great time and learned a lot. One club member, who turns professionally, told me he had already learned the technique he needed during the first hour and was eager to learn more. The Seminar raised two hundred forty dollars for the school and one hundred twenty dollars for the club.

The committee assignments are complete. See page 6 for your assignment. You will be contacted by the chair of your committee in the near future. (President's turn continued on page 5)



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Editor's note: I will have a sample of the material for the June auction table. Thank you, Jack and Elaine.

Rick

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## New Members

We are happy to have Tony DeCarlo and Jamie Parker as new members. Please give them a warm welcome and a helping hand at our next meeting.

## Editor's Soapbox

As you all know, nothing is free. The Editor's Soapbox is the price you all pay for me volunteering to edit and publish the newsletter.

### Everything I Know about Woodturning I learned by Mistake

1. If your tool is making nasty sounds then it is doing nasty things to your wood.
2. You can make really small bowls if you insist on perfect cuts.
3. How slow your lathe turns is more important than how fast it turns.
4. Haste does not usually lead to satisfactory results.
5. Some bowls are not as deep as you think they are.
6. Bowls are divided into 4 major categories
  - a. 100 grit
  - b. 180 grit
  - c. 240 grit
  - d. you're kidding yourself
7. Firewood is just firewood.
8. Fruitwood is just firewood.
9. Keep your tool rest slick, slick.

This list reflects my experience (or lack thereof). If you have a pearl of wisdom that you would like to submit for the newsletter then just drop me a line.

Your Editor,  
Rick

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## Web Site of the Month

The AAW website, <http://www.woodturner.org>, is one of the best woodturning sites on the web.

The AAW forum is an excellent resource for any sort of question you might have about woodturning.

<http://www.woodturner.org/vbforum/index.php?>

Also of special interest is the "Resources" tab. This will guide you to many other high quality woodturning related sites on the web, <http://www.woodturner.org/resources>.

And don't forget to check out the member's gallery, <http://www.woodturner.org/photopost/index.php>. It'll make you humble.

Like many web sites, this one has a few problems, for example if you click the "home" link from the member's gallery you don't get the AAW home page as you might expect but are dumped back into the member's gallery. If this happens to you then click the AAW logo in the upper left corner. I have found that clicking the logo always gets you back to the AAW homepage.

The suggestion for this featured web site was submitted by Roger Dunn. If you have a suggestion for a Web Site of the Month, just give me a shout.

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## Editor's Note

I'll be out of town next month but will still publish the newsletter from Hardtner, Kansas. E-mail your input to me at [Rick\\_Hurst@hotmail.com](mailto:Rick_Hurst@hotmail.com).

## President's Turn (cont)

If you would like to change your committee assignment, contact the chair of the committee you want to switch to and ask if he has room. Permission of the committee chair you want switch to is required.

Hopefully, committee membership will get more members involved in the club and increase the opportunity for everyone's enjoyment in turning and in the club.

Keep Turning

Steve Austin

President

Olympic Peninsula Chapter of  
American Association of Woodturners

## Short Notes

Craft Supply is having a sale on Henry Taylor tools that may interest some of you. Buy one tool and get a 10% discount, buy two or more and receive a 15% discount. You can reach Craft Supply at <http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com> or 1-800-551-8876. There is also a sharpening guide from Michael O'Donnell at <http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/pdf/odonnell-guide.pdf>

Reminder: For those of you who missed it or may have forgotten don't forget to check out the AAW Professional Insurance Program. If you are interested contact Bob Hickernell ([bobsturning@msn.com](mailto:bobsturning@msn.com)) who will forward the details. (Sorry, Bob, I'd do it myself but I'll be out of town for most of June.)

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