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May 2006 MEETING

When: May 31st , 7 pm
Where: Kitsap Adventist School
5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA.

Demonstrator: Fred Holder

Fred is one of the most influential artists and writers in woodturning today. He has the most popular privately operated woodturning web site in the world. If you don't believe it type "woodturning" into the Google Search Bar and see who comes up. Fred also publishes a newsletter, "More Woodturning" and has written several books including "Making Screw Threads in Wood", Guild of Master Craftsman (2001) and "A Guide to Work-Holding on the Lathe" Guild of Master Craftsman (2004).

Here's what Fred has to say about himself: "I have been turning wood for more than 10 years. I turn woods into various things from tiny goblets to newel posts for stair railings. I turn one-of-a-kind bowls, vases, candlesticks, etc. on order. I specialize in making hand chased threads for boxes, walking stick joins, etc. and I publish a newspaper for Woodturners."

President's Message

Where do we go from here?

Wow! The year is half over! My question for you is "are we on track"? When I first took this job some of you told me "we need to

pay more attention to wood turning". So far this year, I think we've done that. A few highlights, I can remember, include:

Our video system has been greatly improved, thanks to Dan Marler and Dick Bird. Now every person in the audience has a front row seat for the demonstrations. We've had a wide range of demonstrations (with more to come) which are made better by the ability to see the details of what's really going on. In addition, Russ Robinette, despite his desire to step aside for fresh blood, continues to keep the audio system going, so most of us can hear those demonstrations, too.

The library continues to provide a resource to us all, also thanks again to Russ. Additions to the library inventory will soon be supplemented by creation of a DVD made from slides of David Bradbury's life work which have been gratefully contributed by Kathy Bradbury.

"Show and Tell" continues to be a source of information and inspiration, thanks to those of you who share your work, and to Dave Schweitzer for his insightful presentations. If you pay attention, even the wood auction becomes a learning experience, when Tones Briggs explains how a piece of wood might be used, and the pros and cons of each piece.

We've also had an "all day turning event" which thanks to John Elliott, Dan Ackerman, Bob Hickernell, Frank Van Atta, Jim Leary, and Dave Schweitzer, and others, was a real learning experience for all who attended.

"Chattermarks" thanks to Rick Hurst, continues to provide information, not just on club events, but also articles about turning and our demonstrators.

So now the reason for this message. The Board needs to know, where should we go from here? Several new initiatives have been proposed by your Board. Some would stretch into next year, and would therefore be on the next Board's plate to finish. The question is, which of these (if any) do you support, and which would you take an active roll in?:

- Another "**all day turning event**" in the fall. This requires:
 - More people to demonstrate.
 - More people to attend (this means missing a football game).
 - **Internal critique** of work for members who are interested. This requires:
 - People willing to do the critique
 - People willing to put their work up for critique
 - **A wood turning demonstration booth at the Kitsap County Fair**, This requires:
 - We obtain tax status as a non-profit organization (501c3), which
 - Costs \$300.
 - Requires we start filing annual taxes which is pretty simple since we don't make any money.
- We have enough members volunteer so we can staff the booth with several people for the duration of the Fair.
 - **An improved audio system**; which would help the many of us with impaired hearing get more from the demonstrations, "show and tell", and wood auction. This requires:
 - At least a couple of people to step up and take over the audio guru's position.
 - **A swap meet**, for club members to share that wood or equipment that just didn't turn out to be as necessary as you thought.

There are probably more ideas that have been proposed, but the above list will do for now. Do you have a better idea? **Let me hear from you!** Do you think one of the above should have a higher priority than the others, or should be ash canned? **Let me hear from you!** E-mail me at: **normhix@comcast.net**

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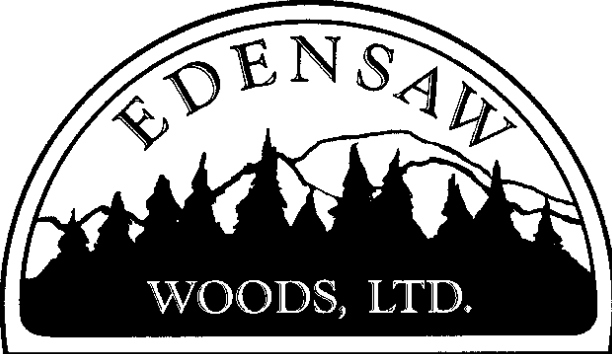
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Happy Anniversary
to Myself

This issue of Chattermarks marks one year as editor. So its time for someone to ride shotgun so that Chattermarks has a new editor in 2007. If anyone is crazy enough to want this job for a year let me know. You'll need to have a PC running Windows and Microsoft Office. It also doesn't hurt if you know how to plagiarize.

Rick



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