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May 2007 MEETING

Kitsap Adventist School May 30th 7:00 pm 5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA.

President's Message

Summer is nearly upon us...A lot going on for the "off season":

I hope you are going to go to the AAW Symposium in Portland. It's a rare opportunity to see the parent organization in action without a trip across the US, and to get a lot of woodturning inspiration and information.

The Board is talking about the Picnic (Aug. 25th at Ackerman's). We didn't have a big turnout last year. I hope to see you there. We have a lot of fun, and there's more time to socialize than at the monthly meetings.

Speaking of monthly meetings, I hope you will come early if you want to socialize or find someone for coaching on your latest "catch". Often I feel like I am cutting many of you off to get the meeting started on time. If you can come and help set up, the school is usually open by 6:00 or very shortly after. By 6:30 we are usually up and running for selling glue and sandpaper, getting library materials, checking in, etc. Give yourself time to take advantage of all the club has to offer in the way of inspiration, knowledge, and fellowship.

Thanks to Ralph Lindberg, we may have a handle on some great wood for the wood auction. Exotic Wood World (see: www.exoticwoodworld.com) is taking their business wholesale and moving to Houston. They have offered us some of their inventory, rather than moving it to Texas. By the time you get this George Kromka and I should have been over to their warehouse to see what's up. More on that later, but remember to bring your check books or a wad of green for the wood auction. Sounds like it may be spectacular.

That's all the good stuff I can remember, now for the bad news:

Elections will soon be upon us, and it's time for some of you to consider becoming a club officer. Many have told me "I am too new". Nonsense! These are common sense jobs, not much knowledge of how its been done in the past is required. In fact I believe new ideas of what to do, and how to do it will be invaluable. And every past officer is willing to stay on until you get your footing. The problem with the old hands is anyone willing to do it has already done it! So step up if you want this to remain the great club it is.

Also in a negative note, I have been asked to remind a few of you that the club resources are not available to those who have not paid their dues. We have only 87 paid members, while our list of recent members is 137. I hope if you get challenged while buying glue or paying for wood that you will go talk to George Kromka. He has our record of who has paid and who hasn't. We set our budget up for 100 members, and at the rate we are going, we will be short by end of the year. Since dues are our main source of income, we decided it really isn't fair for those who don't pay to get the benefits.

Hope to see you all at the meeting. The Board is excited to have Bonnie Klein making up our "snow day" last fall!

Norm

May Demonstrator: Bonney Klein

Bonnie has been involved with woodturning since the early 1980's. In 1986 she designed the small Klein Lathe which has been in production for the past 20 years. In 1992 she introduced the Threading Jig as an accessory to the lathe for cutting threads in wood. Bonnie has produced 5 turning videos which have now been converted to DVD's and in 2005 wrote a woodturning project book. She has demonstrated and taught workshops in many countries as well as all over the USA. In 2003 she was awarded an AAW Honorary Lifetime Member in recognition of her contributions to woodturning.

(Bonnie's editorial courtesy of Jim Cotter SPSW)

Why I Turn (Bonnie's words)

I turn for the love of the creative process. I am addicted to the discovery, progress, and the fact that perfection is forever elusive but, as I strive for it, yesterday's challenges become the basic skills of tomorrow. I love the distinct smell of the various woods, the sound of the shavings as they are cut by a sharp tool, and how quickly a form appears from a block of material. In the past I have enjoyed many other crafts - spinning, knitting, weaving, basketry, etc., but not only for the tactile sensations. The aroma of spinning "in the grease", the smell of wet reeds for a basket, the sound of a shuttle or the clicking of knitting needles all contributed to the satisfaction of making something. Experimenting with turning unusual materials such as bone, plastic, tagua nuts, aluminum and horn has led to many more interesting sensations for the eyes, ears, hands, and nose.

I have been making things for as far back as I can remember, but when I discovered woodturning over 20 years ago, it became an obsession that has not gone away. It started when my daughter wanted a doll house. During the process of building, lighting and furnishing, I became mostly interested in the tools. This may have allot to do with the fact that my father was a builder. Over 15 years ago, I designed and began producing a small woodturning lathe. My lathe has a 5" swing and is 12" between centers. A wide range of accessories is available including chucks, tools, a threading jig and indexing plate. This was a new beginning for what I like to call "small scale turning", and what has developed into an area of it's own in the woodturning world, with tools, classes, projects and even gallery shows. With a small lathe comes the ability to be more portable and consequently many people are taking a lathe with them to use at craft fairs, or south for the winter, and even on vacation. I am able to travel with 10 lathes, tools, and wood in the back of my van to teach classes. There are many school districts that have purchased several small lathes and accessories for less than the price of one large lathe. Shop teachers especially like the fact that



many of the small scale projects may be turned from scraps. Because it is something I feel strongly about, I have volunteered many hours of teaching and sharing woodturning with kids. I am involved with turning full time and earn a good income from selling lathes and tools, turnings, and expertise.

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 30 (Note the change)	November 28
June 27	December Christmas party

Don't Miss!

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. 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.

Shop Day and Lady's Day at John Elliott's Shop

John Elliott and Jackie Le Doux will be offering a "Shop Day" and a "Lady's Day" again this year.

Date: Shop Day Saturday August 4, 2007

Lady's Day Sunday, August 5, 2007

Time: Both Days 9:00AM to -----

Where: 819 West 6th Street, Port Angeles, WA 98363

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We are also partnering with Woodcraft's "Freedom Pen" project, Turn a pen for the Troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, and a second pen at our cost for you.

Timbers from "Alder and Apricot" to "Ziricote and Zebrawood"

Directions:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=819+West+6th+Street,+Port+Angeles,+WA+98363&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=67.548891,112.851563&layer=&ie=UTF8&z=16&ll=48.121213,-123.451781&spn=0.007119,0.013776&om=1>

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More on the Wood Law

(Note from Stan Stumbo, Ed. Note: Worth reading)

I'm sure many people saw this front page article in the Seattle Times re the license requirement to transport "music wood". The article cites the case of Joaquin Quizeda, who alerted us to the problems with the law. The membership might like to see this article:

<http://archives.seattletimes.nwsource.com/cgi-bin/texis.cgi/web/vortex/display?slug=maple17m&date=20070517&query=falling+victim+backwoods>

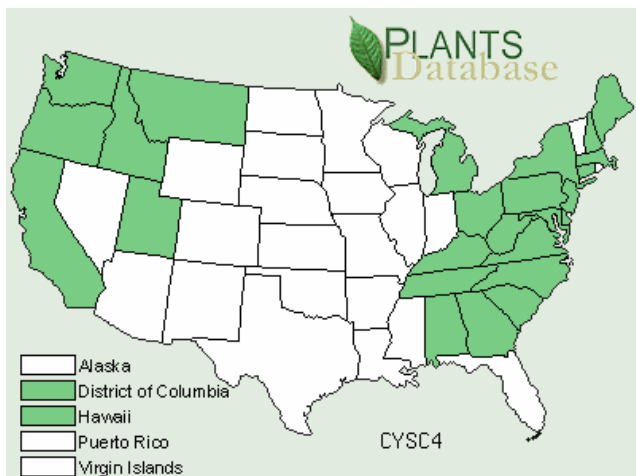
Best regards,

Stan

Thinking About Wood

It's been a while since I've done a "Thinking About Wood" article so I decided to write about a material that we probably don't even think is wood, our old friend, *Scotch Broom*. Better known as *Cytisus scoparius* (at least amongst botanists).

Scotch broom was introduced to this country in the early 1800s. As you can see from the map below it has spread across a great deal of the nation. It's listed as a class B noxious weed by Washington State. It is also mildly toxic and has been fatal to livestock in Europe, although no cases have been reported in the US. Ironically, you can be arrested for transporting Scotch Broom under the ill conceived Washington State wood transport law!



Scotch Broom can get quite large growing in excess of 10 feet high and 6 inches in diameter. Because of this it is suitable for woodturning. One can always find pieces suitable for pen turning while some of the larger pieces are suitable for goblets and boxes. At least one woodturner claims that if you resort to scotch broom you are addicted to woodturning and need therapy. I'm not sure he is wrong.

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MACHINERY	John Wirth	(360) 546-0653	chet@spiritone.com	
WOOD & MATERIALS	Glenn Burki	(503) 655-2136	gburki@comcast.net	
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	
INSTANT GALLERY	Mike Meredith	(503) 522-0531	mmeredith23@comcast.net	20+ needed, watch over gallery items and help move stuff from gallery to auction
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Note from Al Hockenbery of AAW

We have over 600 registered for Portland which is good and quite a few more in the next few weeks.

We only have 10 youth signed up. This isn't good. We had close to 100 last year. Mary told me there were quite a few inquiries so there should be more coming. This is way behind Louisville and I suspect we had so many at Louisville because it wasn't that far from KC and we got a lot of repeats.

Please remind anyone you can that the symposium is a tremendous opportunity and that the youth program is extra special in that its free to a youth accompanied by a registered adult. Adult registration goes up \$30 after May 15. Youth must register by 15 May, But we'll take them until about 12 June if you need a few extra days to get parents on board.

We had at least a dozen youth participants last year from the Louisville club. It is a great thing for brothers and sisters.

The youth program is a great opportunity for all skill levels (never turned to really good). Bonnie does phone call to each youth before placing them in classes.

Youth Programs

There will be a room where Bonnie Klein, Nick Cook, and Larry Miller will teach hands on classes to young people ages 10 through 17. The youth can register FREE when accompanied by a fully registered adult. As we did last year, we will give away 25 JET Midi lathes with stands, 25 sets of Crown tools, 25 Nova Midi-chucks and 25 face shields to 25 of the lucky youths. (Bring your kids or grandkids)...

Youth registration info: <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007/youths.cfm>

Regards,

Al

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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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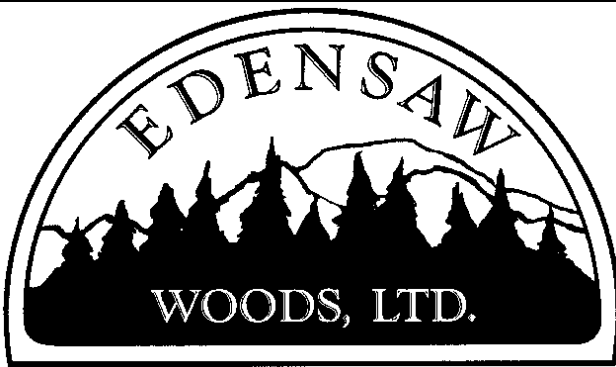
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