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October 2007 MEETING

Kitsap Adventist School October 31, 7:00 pm 5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA.

President's Message

With a docket of candidates filled by great new candidates, I get very excited about next year. Of course it isn't much of an election without more than one name per office, but I've grown to expect that. However, if you are interested being considered for an office, don't hesitate to put your name forth. According to the by-laws, all the offices are open. However, here's where we stand today:

Agreeing to return for another term (if elected):

President	Norm Hix
VP of Training and Education	Jimmie Allen
VP of Membership	George Kromka
Treasurer	George Willock

Agreeing to fill open positions (if elected):

VP of Public Relations	Ralph Lindberg
Secretary	Doug Henderson
Sergeant at Arms	Tony DeCarlo

This also is a good time to give a heartfelt "thanks" to Cindy Allen, Rick Hurst, and Susan Hurst for their services the last couple of years!

I hope you enjoy the new chairs! (Finally!)

We need your participation at the Nov. 4th All Day Turning event. Last year we had more demonstrators than attendees, and that just doesn't work. Demonstrations are a lot of work: prepare, set up, do, tear down, and put the stuff away afterwards. It hardly seems worthwhile with the limited attendance we've had. Everyone who attends, limited as they have been, seems to have a good time and learn a lot, even if it's just to get to know your fellow club members better. You should plan to attend! We split the fee (\$15) with the school, and although the fee is small, the amount you will get from attendance is not.

As I have told you before, we are in the midst of acquiring on an assisted listening system. Applying for the grant, etc. means this will be delayed some. In the mean time, it has been suggested that we set aside a group of seats front and center for those who are hearing impaired. We tentatively agreed on 10 seats. Please say something if that is not enough, and we'll do more next meeting! It has been suggested that failure to hear may be limiting our meeting attendance, and even club membership. It

is our goal to make the richness of meeting content available to all members and prospective members. Please give us your input on how we can do better.

Norm

October Demonstration: Jon Magill

If you have ever seen a demo of ornamental turning at a symposium, or seen some ornamentally turned items on the show-and-tell table, and wanted to give it a try, here's your chance. Jon Magill will demonstrate an inexpensive and easy way to give ornamental turning a try by building a homemade rose engine lathe. He will show how a rose engine works, show the typical cuts and some of the surprises that you wouldn't expect. He will give an overview of how to make the projects that will be highlighted in this Spring's issue of the American Woodturner article featuring the homemade rose engine. Jon will also talk about what's involved in making a lathe and talk about the parts needed to build your own. Plans, drawings, parts list and a parts kit will all be available for those who want



to build a lathe.

Jon Magill has been turning since 1997 when his wife gave him a lathe for Christmas. He learned about ornamental turning when he met his mentor Gorst du Plessis at Bonnie Klein's house. At that first exposure he knew he was hooked on ornamental turning. Jon enjoys ornamental turning as a way to add precise geometric decorations to his turnings. Jon is a member of the Seattle AAW and Ornamental Turners International, the national AAW chapter dedicated to ornamental turning. Jon lives with his wife Mary and their two cats on Whidbey Island.



Cindy

OPCAAW Library

Due to Russ Robinette's serious illness he is no longer able to manage the library for us. Rick Hurst (that's me) has agreed to assume the responsibility. The first thing I noticed was how well Russ has it organized. The second thing was how much material we actually have. Over the next few months we'll be posting our holdings on the website so that you won't buy a book or video that you could borrow from the club. Additionally, please let me know if you are interested in any holdings we don't have. We have a fairly hefty budget for acquiring new material and need to spend it.

Rick

All Day Event in November

From The VP Training & Education:

All Day Event scheduled for November 4th from 10:00 to 4:00, at our current meeting location.

Cost is \$15 with two-thirds of the proceeds going to school for hosting the event. So far our volunteers to demonstrate and coach attendees are Dave Schweitzer, Bob Hickernell, George Kromka, Tones Briggs, and Jimmie Allen. If you'd like to join the list of demonstrators give Jimmie a call. Set-up will begin at 9:30 AM. We will need assistance - so if at all possible, please come early to help.

All are encouraged to attend, but due to the nature of the event and the dedicated amount of time by the volunteers for set-up and demonstration, we must have a minimum of 20 participants signed up and paid for by the close of the meeting on October 31st. Sign-up sheet will be at the membership check-in table. If you know that you will not be able to attend the club meeting but do want to come that following Sunday, please call Jimmie at 373-3041 or email him at jcallen4605@gmail.com to register. We don't expect to have to cancel, but would send out an email on the evening of Nov. 1st if that was the case.

We only get to do this a couple times a year, so bring you lunch, wood and tools and use this opportunity to gain confidence and learn a few new tricks. This invitation is also extended to the youth represented by this membership, so if you have a son, daughter, or grandchild that you'd like to bring - this would be a great time to share with them your love of turning.

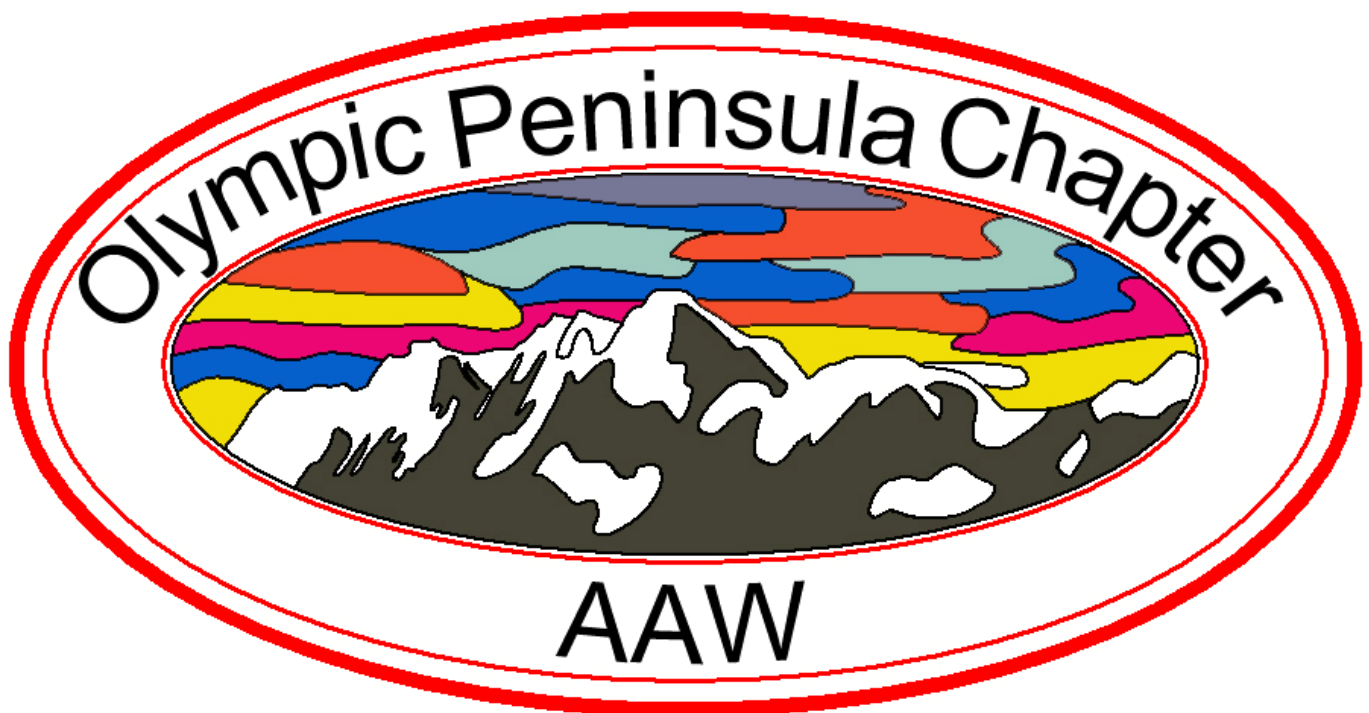
Hope to see you there,

Jimmie Allen

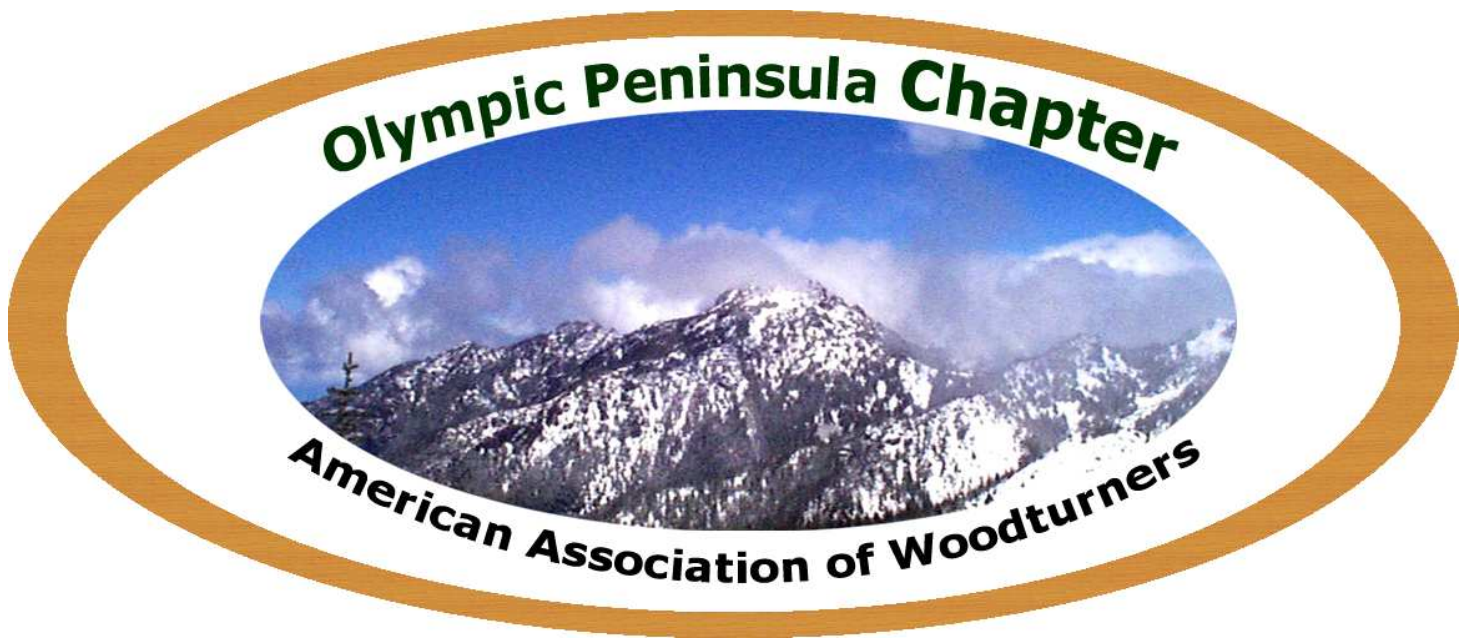
Logo Contest Entrants

We have three entries for the new OPCA AW Logo. We'll be voting for the one the membership likes best at our next meeting. If you know you will not be able to make the next meeting but would like to chime in, just contact any board member and let your preferences be known.

Entry #1



Entry #2



Entry #3



A Note about the Hearing Impaired and OPCAAW

[Ed. Note: the following was submitted by our incoming secretary, Doug Henderson.]

After joining the club I noticed that there were quite a few of the guys with hearing aids. Basically there are three reasons for hearing aids. The first is to turn off the wife (please do not share this or we are all in trouble). The second is to increase volume so we can hear some things. The third is to adjust our hearing reception with some highly technical little do-dads that allow us to hear the way we could twenty years ago.

In spite of the advances in technology there are still times and circumstances that prohibit us from hearing well enough to really understand. Failing to understand the workings of machinery (a lathe) is a sure way to get hurt.

In the past sixteen years that I have worn hearing aids I have been very lucky to have very caring audiologists. As most of the hearing impaired know there are ways they can hear better but few of us wish to draw attention to ourselves.

At the board meeting tonight a presentation was made regarding the possibility of acquiring equipment to help the hearing impaired. This may take some time as it is expensive. I made a suggestion that may help some of you during demonstrations. An attempt will be made to allow the hearing impaired to sit front and center. This will serve two purposes, first it will give you a better opportunity to hear with the equipment you have and secondly it will allow you to use your sight to better interpret what the speaker is saying. Whether the hearing impaired realize it or not we all hear better if we can see the speakers face. Don't believe it? How many times has your wife walked up behind you or next to you and said something that you could not understand? Happens to me all the time. Audiologists teach those living with the hearing impaired to attract the impaired person's attention before speaking, and then speak while they are watching you. What a difference!

We will also make an attempt to adjust the sound system by turning up the base. Most hearing impaired first lose their ability to hear the high pitched sounds (women's voices) but can still hear the guys. Try to convince your wife of this! By turning up the base the heavy lower sounds will come through and make it easier to hear. For those that are not hearing impaired they might not even notice the difference.

For those of you who are **not** hearing impaired, **please** make an effort to leave the front and center seats for those with the hearing aids. Who knows you could be requesting a seat in that section in a few years.

Doug Henderson

Free wood

Starting at the September meeting we will draw names from the ticket can to give away a piece of Peruvian wood to five or more members.

So everyone will get a chance only one ticket will be issued per member per meeting at sign up table. If you don't want to be in the drawing just say so and I won't give you a ticket.

First name drawn gets first choice; second name gets second choice and so on.

Finally, if you want to buy some of the wood, I have agreed to act as our salesman.

The Board agreed to keep the price low:

- a) so everyone can try it,
- b) Because this wood is unstable and presents some risks and challenges.
- c) On the flip side, most of it is really striking, and exciting to turn.

The prices are:

Pen and stopper blanks will be **\$.50 each**, but we are only going to sell them in groups as packaged. This is so I don't end up rewrapping all the loose pieces.

Mid-size pieces, those about 6"x 6"x 6"-10" will be **\$5.00**

Big pieces, those about 11" x 11" x 2" to 6" will be **\$10.00**

Please contact George Kromka by phone or e-mail if you would like to get some of this treasure. Checks are preferred so that I don't have to sweat having change. Remember that the money goes directly to club activities.

Contact information is available in **CHATTERMARKS, THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA CHAPTER OF THE AAW.**

Also we will provide a few pieces, **free**, if you want to make something to donate to the school action in March.

George Kromka
VP Membership

2007 Meeting Calendar

Picnic and Holiday dates still open

January 31	July 25
February 28	August 25 th - picnic at Dan and Cathy's
March 28	September 26
April 25	October 31
May 30 (Note the change)	November 28
June 27	December Christmas party

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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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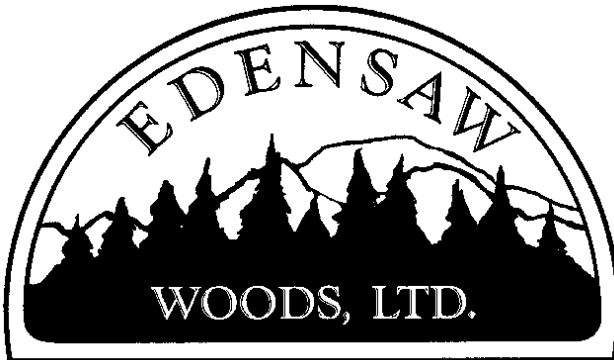
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