



# Chips & Shavings

SOUTH PUGET SOUND  
WOODTURNERS  
(SPSW)

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## A story in every turning.

I was recently explaining the markings on the bottom of a highly figured spalted maple bowl with stone inlay to a coworker who remarked that I had a story for each piece that he had seen me turn. That is when I had one of those wow moments to which I stated that I probably had at least a half a dozen for each piece that I had ever turned, some pieces have even more.

When you consider all the steps that go into turning an item worthy of display it should not be a surprise to me that many of life's little stories would become

imbedded in that bowl.

Stories like, where did you get the wood? Buy it or get it free? Cut it green or starting to punk out? What shape. Where did it go? What tool to use? Is it sharp? What cut? How much? How thin? What shape now? What finish? Who is it for? What piece is next?

If you have a favorite story about a piece of wood, and your journey with it into a turned item and on, let me know.

Now for something completely different.

The Center's staff wanted to remind us of a couple of rules regarding use of the hall.

1. No one is allowed in the hall between 5:00 and 6:00. Doors are locked and alarm activated!
2. Doors open after 6:00.
3. Doors to the outside cannot be propped open. The HVAC system is old and easily overloaded.
4. Tables need to be wiped down before being put away.
5. All in all, they are happy with the club and our meetings as long as we don't run too long. I said we would work on that.

See you on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and remember be safe, make chips and have fun!

*-Pat McCart, SPSW President*

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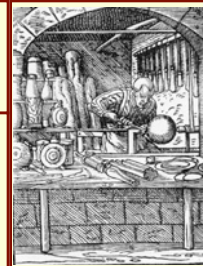
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## THIS MONTH

- **MEMBERSHIP MTG - Apr. 17th (Thur.), 7:00-9:00pm at Fife Senior Center**
- **SPECIAL SAWDUST SESSION WITH JACK DE VOS - Apr. 18th (Fri.), at Bob Sweazey's, 9:30 - 4:00, Cost \$25 and bring a sack lunch.**
- **SAWDUST SESSION - Apr. 19th (Sat.), Bob Sweazey's, 9:30-4:00, bring your questions, tools and sack lunch.**
- **BOARD MTG. - Apr. 29th (Tues.), 7:00-8:30pm at Les Johnson's, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)**



**Participation Tickets** – If you participate in **Show & Tell**, **Wood Donation**, or **Set-Up/Clean-Up**, make sure to fill-out your **Participation Tickets**.

***Are you a new member or visiting our club for the first time?***

We are glad you are here and want to welcome you to our general membership meeting. **Please introduce yourself to an officer or mentor so we can welcome you.**

***Need help with a splintering question?***  
**Contact one of our “MENTORS.”** These club members have stepped up and would like to use their knowledge and expertise to help other turners with their questions. If these turners aren't able to answer your question, they will do their best to help you find a solution.

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**SPSW CALENDAR – 2008 At A Glance**

**Jan. 17** Membership Mtg.

**Carol Zandell - Nested Bowls**

19 Sawdust Session

29 Board Mtg. - Pat McCart's

**Feb. 21** Membership Mtg.

**Dale Larson - Making Bowls & Dealing with Madrone**

23 Sawdust Session

26 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

**Mar. 20** Membership Mtg.

**Don Derry - Romancing the Curve**

22 Sawdust Session /w Don Derry

25 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

**Apr. 17** Membership Mtg.

**Jack de Vos**

18 **Special all Day Class with Jack de Vos**

19 Sawdust Session

29 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

**May 10** **Special All Day Class w/ Haley Smith & Todd Hoyer**

15 **Spring Symposium**

17 Sawdust Session

27 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

**June 19** Membership Mtg.

**TBD**

21 Sawdust Session

24 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

27 Eli Avisera

**July 12** **Picnic / Wood Auction**

17 Membership Mtg.

**Michael Dresdner - Finishing**

**No Sawdust Session**

29 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

**Aug. 21** Membership Mtg.

**TBD**

**No Sawdust Session**

26 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

**Sept. 18** Membership Mtg.

**Richard Steppic - Cube on the bias**

20 Sawdust Session

30 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

**Oct. 16** **Fall Symposium**

18 Sawdust Session

28 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

**Nov. 20** Membership Mtg.

**TBD**

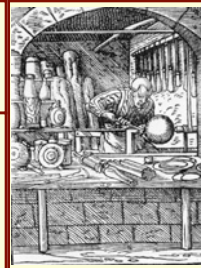
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**Dec. 18** Membership Mtg. - **Annual Holiday Mtg.**

20 Sawdust Session

30 Board Mtg. - Location TBD



## Special Notices

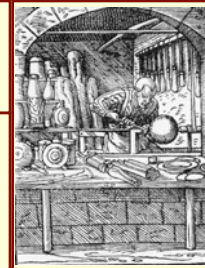
**Help!!! we are late & haven't collected enough thank-you gifts for our vendors.**

**Please bring a turned item to our April meeting that you can donate for our vendor appreciation effort.** We had hoped to send out the appreciation gifts after the March meeting, but we are short approximately 30 items. Remember the gifts and discounts we receive from the various vendors makes our hobby less expensive and more enjoyable. The gifts we send to them show that we appreciate their generosity.

### **Also:**

**Bob Mower is looking for donations for blinded veterans.** Bob Mower volunteers with the association of Blinded Veterans. Every year the association has an auction to raise money for a scholarship fund for the children of blinded veterans. Bob is asking for donations of turned objects from our members for the auction. Bob will be collecting donations at the February, March and April meetings.

Please remember that if not for these brave men and women we would not have the freedoms and quality of life we enjoy today.



## This Month's Demonstrator: Jack de Vos



In 1952 Jack's parents migrated to western Australia and settled in the Perth area.

He spent his early working life as a carpenter in the cottage building industry.

In 1968 he purchased a citrus orchard in Pinjarra.

Ten years later, in 1978, he moved to Keysbrook 50 km south of Perth where he planted a stonefruit orchard.

In 1982, whilst waiting for the trees to mature and give him an income, he grew tomatoes and took up woodturning to supplement his earnings.

As Jack became more deeply involved in woodturning it started to dominate his life more and more and in 1993 he sold his orchard and took up woodturning full time.

Today woodturning is still a passion with him and he is constantly developing new techniques, designs and ideas, which he readily shares through his popular demonstrations, teaching sessions and seminars both locally and

overseas.

Jack says, "I have an acute awareness that the wood, and the trees it comes from, as well as the talent one has to craft fine pieces, are God given. In my artistic pieces I aim to reflect my appreciation for the majestic beauty of God's creation, as a result most of my artistic pieces are inspired by nature."

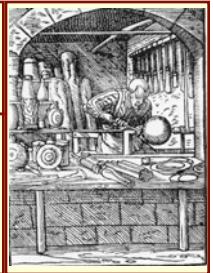
Jack has work permanently on display in museums in Taiwan and Australia. He has exhibited his work throughout Australia and the United States and has numerous articles published in Woodturning magazine and Australian Review.

In addition to demonstrating at our monthly club meeting, on Friday April 18th Jack will be giving an all day class which will cover in greater detail his demonstration at the meeting the night before. The cost for this session is \$25.00. If you haven't already signed up, make sure you contact Jim Cotter- space is limited.

Please give cash to Jim or mail checks made out to the SPSW to:

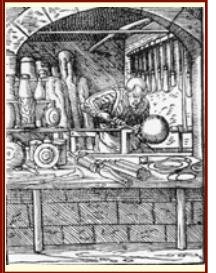
Jim Cotter, 4326 S 239th Pl, Kent WA, 98032.





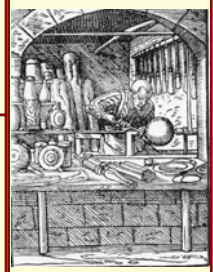
**Last Month's Demonstrator: Don Derry (photos by Fred Abeles):**  
For additional Club photos by Fred please go to  
<http://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/Woodworking>





**A sampling of Last Month's Show & Tell (photos by Bob Seivers):**





## Club Raffles

Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00  
Drawing to be held at the April meeting



April's tool raffle will be for a Crabtree Hollowing tool made by Club member Paul Crabtree. A complimentary lesson is included with the tool.

Paul has designed and made this tool for the safe, easy hollowing of wood on the lathe. There are different diameters for different depths of hollowing. For instance; the 3/8" diameter tool hollows to about 2 1/2" deep, the 1/2" to about 4 1/2" deep, the 5/8" to 6 1/2" deep, the 3/4" to about 8" deep, and the 1" to about 14" deep.

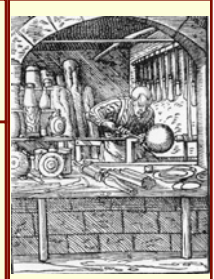
Paul recommends using an additional banjo and steady rest that extends into the piece, for hollowing deeper than 8". The steady rest is designed to support the outrigger arm on the tool and can be used for small and large projects.

The cutting head has a point, a rounded and a flattened side, allowing for various scraping and shear cuts to be used.

The tool is also fitted with a thickness gauge to enable the user to accurately judge the wall thickness of the piece as it is being turned.

Dissatisfied with what he saw on the market, Paul came up with a simple and reliable means of judging wall thickness. The gauge which comes as part of the tool consists of a spring soldered to the outrigger arm. The spring rubs against the wood as it's being hollowed. Once the spring stops rubbing against the wood and points straight at the work the user knows that the piece is nearing completion.





## Announcements

- **SEATTLE AAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING –**

2nd Thursday of each month, Overlake School in Redmond

- **OLYMPIA AAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING –**

4th Thursday of each month, Thurston County Fairgrounds

- **Remember to sign up for the Jack de Vos Demo Day.** On Friday April 18th, Jack will be giving an all day class which will cover in greater detail his demonstration at the meeting the night before. The cost for this session is \$25.00. Please sign up at the April meeting. Jim Cotter will be collecting the fees. Please give cash to Jim or mail checks made out to the SPSW to:

Jim Cotter, 4326 S 239th Pl, Kent WA, 98032.

- **Remember to sign up for the all day class with Haley Smith & Todd Hoyer.** Note this class will take place Saturday May 10th, prior to our regular monthly meeting. The cost for this session is \$25.00. Please sign up at April's meeting. Jim Cotter will be collecting the fees. Please give cash to Jim or mail checks made out to the SPSW to:

Jim Cotter, 4326 S 239th Pl, Kent WA, 98032.

- **Newsletter Subscribers.** In order to save money on copying and postage, we will be asking members who presently receive a hard copy of the newsletter, but have indicated that they have email access, to change to the email version of the newsletter.

- **May Symposium.** The May symposium will feature demonstration from various club turners. The line up at present is:

Jack Hegseth - Mini Lathe Work

Ted Bartholomew - Questions answered

Jeff Conti - Finishes

Eric Loftstrom - Taming the Skew

Eugene Kramer - Segmented turning

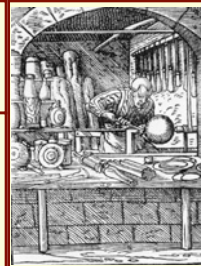
Pat McCart - Sharpening

Jack Wayne - Square Bowl

Paul Crabtree - Hollowing

**The above is a preliminary line up and is subject to change**

- **Anyone interested in a one-on-one hollowing class with Don Derry,** using Don's laser hollowing tool please contact Tom Hunt ([tomjhunt@att.net](mailto:tomjhunt@att.net) or phone: 253 854 3917). Tom can email a syllabus of the class on request, if there is enough interest. Tom will make all of the arrangements. The cost of the one day class will be \$100 and you will leave at the end of the day with a finished hollow form, enclosed with a finial top, time permitting! You furnish the wood, Don brings the tools and the expertise to guide you through the process. I would estimate 5-6 per class per day, I currently have 3 people signed up. Class date and location to be announced.



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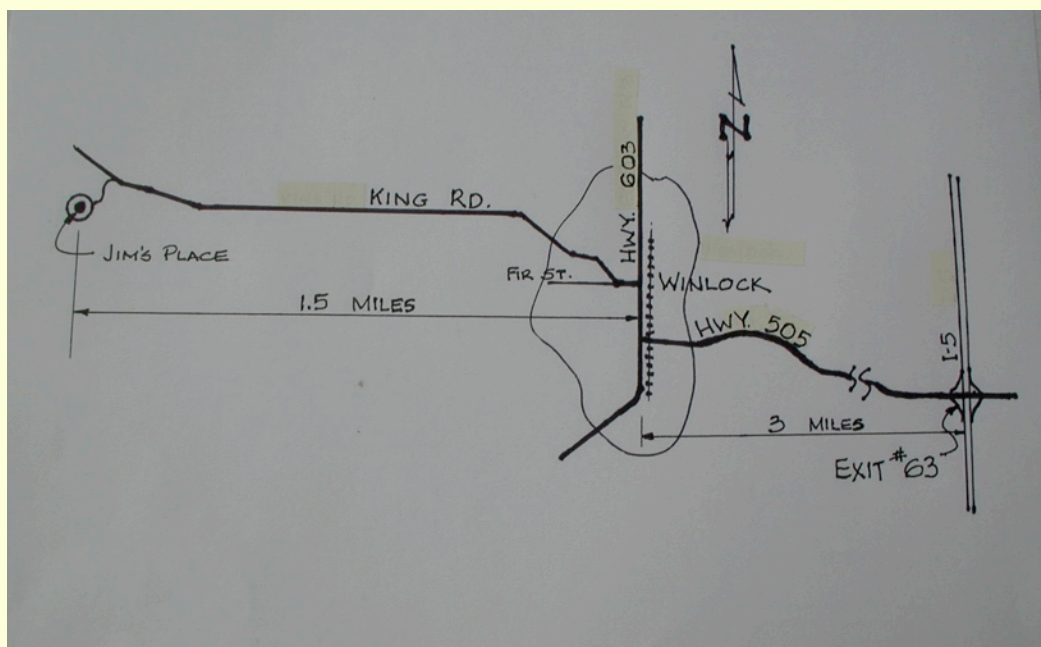
### WOOD AUCTION

May 17, 2008

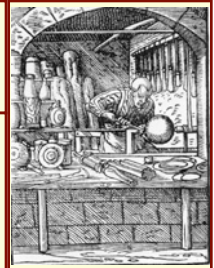
Many of you folks in the turning clubs were acquainted with Frank Lynn of Kelso WA who passed away in July of 07. A sizeable pile of Frank's wood has been made available to the NW Chapter of IWCS where he was a member for many years. A Wood Auction has been scheduled for May 17, 2008 where all this wood will be sold. As Frank would have wanted, you are all invited to attend this event and get some of his turning wood.

Another member Bill Krutz, who passed away a few months later, had made arrangements for his wood to be sold by the group as well. In addition to this, the NW Chapter membership will be contributing wood to the pile to make this a real good wood auction.

The Auction will start at 9:00 AM on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May at the Jim Campbell ranch near Winlock, WA. A map is provided below to help you find it. Lunch will also be provided for a nominal fee.



From I-5, take Exit #63 and drive West on Highway #505 into Winlock. Cross the railroad tracks and go to Highway #603. Turn right on 603 and proceed about a block and turn Left on Fir Street, After about 1 block, King road is an angled street to the right. Follow King Road to the West for about 1.5 miles and Jim's ranch is on the Left.



## Classified Ads

Would you like to place an ad? Contact Jeff Marsden at (206) 347-3521 or [jeffmseattle@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffmseattle@yahoo.com)

FOR SALE – Large quantity of Maple Burl in various sizes some as large as one ton. Smaller ones are still attached to section of trunk, others are cut free. Prices are negotiable and are guaranteed to be far below market value. Contact Bob Epsen at:  
Cell (360) 520-7410 or home (360) 864-2195.

2008 SPSW Membership: \$25 for single / family membership (only one card issued per \$25). Contact Fred Reinke at the general membership meeting or contact our treasurer, Paul Crabtree at (253) 273-2147 or [crabtreepaul@yahoo.com](mailto:crabtreepaul@yahoo.com)

**HELP WANTED** – The club is look for a member to volunteer for the position of Raffle Coordinator. The volunteer would be responsible for organizing and running the various club raffles at the monthly meetings.

**This month's Club Specials - Please remember to support those who support us.** Current membership card must be presented at time of purchase to qualify for special offers from the vendors below. Offers are valid for in-store purchases only.

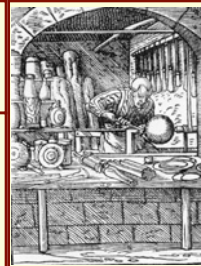


**Woodcraft** furnishes all types of turning supplies in addition to a wide general stock of wood-working equipment. Additionally, a 10% discount (excluding power tools) is available off your purchases when you show your current club membership card.

This month's **Woodcraft Turner's Club Special: Behlen's Woodtuners finish.** In addition to your club discount receive an additional 5% off of the retail price. This offer is limited to in-store sales only. Sale lasts until May 4th, 2008.

**Also this month Woodcraft is having a pen kit sale. All pen kits are marked down 20%. See their monthly flier for additional sale items.**

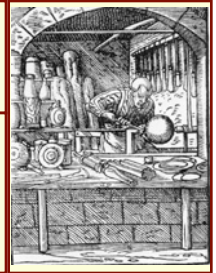
Your Seattle **Woodcraft** is located at 5963 CORSON AVE SOUTH, SEATTLE. Tel: (206) 767-6394



## Club supplies

The following items are available for purchase at the monthly meetings. The proceeds earned from the sale of these items go back into the club.

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<b>GLUE</b>		
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	SUPER 'T' (gap) 2 OZ.	9.00
	SPECIAL 'T' (thick) 2 OZ.	10.00
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<b>ACCELERATOR</b>		
	NCF QUICK AEROSOL 6 OZ.	11.00
	NCF Mild 2 OZ.	6.00
<b>COMPANION PRODUCTS</b>		
	ULTRA SOLVENT 2 OZ.	5.00
	GLUE CAP REPLACEMENT	1.00
	TIP EXTENSION (4)	1.00
	TIP EXTENSION (3)	1.00
	TIP EXTENSION (3)	1.00
	LONG TIPS (4)	1.00
	TUBING (2 ft.)	1.00
	CA APPLICATOR FINE	1.00
<b>OTHER</b>		
	INDEX WHEELS	15.00
	SEALER 1 gal	12.00
<b>MICRO MESH</b>		
	2" X 2" PADS (6)	12.00
	3" X 6" SHEETS (6)	13.00
	3" X 6" SHEETS (12)	24.00
<b>SANDING</b>		
	SANDPAPER (5)	2.00
	SAND CLOTH (1)	1.00



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