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Chips & Shavings

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President's Letter & Meet the Turner



Where is your wood from?

I am in the midst of turning a piece of Myrtle burl purchased from a fellow clearing out his father's sawdust-filled workshop. While I foraged for pieces of turnable wood, he related stories of his father and showed me several items crafted there. Roy talked about how his Dad would take him to his shop to show him the latest special board and go into detail about how he had come about it. The bounty of wood soon filling my truck bed consisted of pieces from 3 different continents and dated to 3 separate decades of harvest.

During the trip home I pondered the potential outcome of each piece and how to best utilize the different sizes and species of wood. I'm not sure if they have an official name for it yet so I will just call it "wonderitist". It afflicts you when you hold a piece of wood in your hand and let your mind wander and wonder with that wood. Ask yourself, "Where is this wood from and how did it get here? What kind of wood is it and how best to turn it?" I will often count the rings and look for any big changes and try to imagine what may have caused it. I will sometimes get lost in trying to visualize what is hiding inside the piece waiting to get out. Wood garnered from the dispersion of an estate brings its own history and I encourage you to find it out. It will add to the overall story of the item that you eventually craft.

Wanted: Pen Turners

We need your help! April 17th – 19th The Woodworkers Show and Craft Supplies are again hosting an opportunity for the public to turn their own wooden pen. Last year several members from both the Seattle club and our club constantly manned the lathes and helped the never-ending line of first time turners craft their first heirloom. We will be passing around a signup sheet for people interested in helping out and will have more info at the March meeting.

See you on the 19th, and remember be safe, make chips and have fun!

-Pat McCart, SPSW



Dave took up turning after retirement. Since then I believe it is fair to say that turning has become his passion. Dave can be relied upon to bring interesting pieces to the monthly club meetings. Along with being a prolific turner, Dave also produces his own line of tools. The line is marketed under the Dway brand name and includes Bowl Gouges, a Hollowing tool and aluminum handles.

For additional info on Dave or his tools please check out his website at www.d-waytools.com



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

THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

- **MEMBERSHIP MTG - Mar. 19th (Thur.)**, 7:00-9:00 pm at Fife Senior Center
- **SAWDUST SESSION - Mar. 21st @ Pat McCart's Shop**
- **BOARD MTG. - Mar. 31st (Tues.)**, 7:00-8:30 pm at Les Johnson's, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)

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SPSW CALENDAR – 2009 At A Glance

Jan. 15 Membership Mtg:-

Fred Holder - Making Chinese Balls

17 Sawdust Session at Pat McCart's

27 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Feb. 19 Membership Mtg:-

Malcolm Tibbets Segmented turning

19 Special all day class with Malcolm Tibbets - Segmented Turning

21 Sawdust Session

24 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Mar. 19 Membership Mtg:-

2008 Annual Holiday meeting

21 Sawdust Session

31 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Apr. 16 Membership Mtg:-

TBD

18 Sawdust Session

28 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

May 21 Membership Mtg:-

TBD

23 Sawdust Session

26 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

June 18 Membership Mtg:-

Summer Symposium

20 Sawdust Session

30 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

July xx Picnic / Wood Auction

16 Membership Mtg:-

TBD

18 Sawdust Session at Pat McCart's

28 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Aug. 20 Membership Mtg:-

TBD

22 Sawdust Session

25 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Sept. 17 Membership Mtg:-

TBD

19 Sawdust Session at Pat McCart's

25 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Oct. 15 Membership Mtg:-

Fall Symposium

17 Sawdust Session at Pat McCart's

27 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Nov. 19 Membership Mtg:-

TBD

21 Sawdust Session at Pat McCart's

24 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Dec. 18 Membership Mtg:-

Annual Holiday Mtg.

20 Sawdust Session at Pat McCart's

30 Board Mtg. - Location TBD



Last Month's Demonstrator - Malcolm Tibbets

Photos by Fred Abeles: For additional Club photos by Fred please go to <http://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/Woodworking>





Last Month's Meeting





Announcements

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.

SPSW Mentors

- **Ted Bartholomew**
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- **Jim Cotter**
(206) 954-9548
- **Paul Crabtree**
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- **Pat McCart**
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- **Dave Schweitzer**
(360) 432-9509
- **Bob Sievers**
(360) 897-8427
- **Jack Wayne**
(425) 488-9561

- **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

The South Puget Sound Woodturners now has a club policy for harvesting wood as a club function. Please go to our website <http://www.SPSWoodturners.org> for details.

- **It's time to start planning for the 2009 AAW symposium.** It will be held in Albuquerque, NM on June 26 - 28, 2009. The AAW website will publish details as they become available.
- **Membership Dues -** It's that time of year again when we start collecting membership dues for 2009. Please get your memberships renewed by March. Memberships not renewed as of the March meeting will be ineligible to receive April's and subsequent Newsletters.

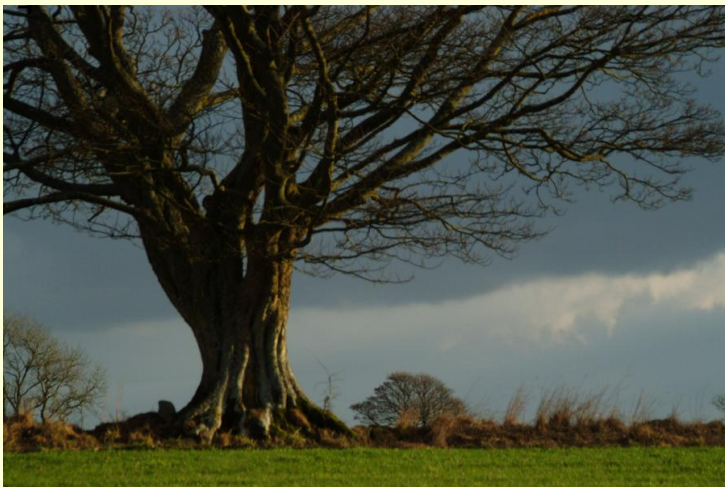


Announcements Continued

- **Wooden Laser Engraved Name Tags** are now available. The cost is \$10. To order a name tag please see Les Johnson at our supplies table at the monthly meeting.
- **Mark your calendars- the Woodturners of Olympia WA 2009 “Creativity in Woodturning” Symposium** will be held Saturday, July 25, 2009. Eric Lofstrom will begin the day with a demonstration on woodturning basics. Eric will be followed by Jimmy Clewes. Jimmy is a well-known teacher and demonstrator in his native England as well as here in the USA. He will be performing demonstrations covering:
 - Design, shape, form & aesthetics
 - Oriental Boxes
 - Turning a twist and long stem goblet, and ColoringsThe cost for the full day is \$70 for early payment. After June 1, 2009 the cost is \$80. Children under the age of 18 can register for \$10 if attending with a paying adult. Lunch is included in the cost if payment is received before July 12. Demonstrations will start promptly at 8 a.m. and end by 4:30 p.m. Door prize drawings will be made after the final presentation. Location is the Komachin Middle School located at 3650 College St. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. For more information or to register see <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org/> or send payment directly to Al Price at 4112 Teakwood Ct. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Questions may also be directed to Al at 360-791-0396 or aprice44@aol.com

In addition to the symposium, Jimmy will be putting on two one day classes for up to 8 people per class. The first class will be for beginning turners and the second will be for intermediate turners. A one day class with Jimmy will cost \$125 and two days will be \$250. The classes will be held on the 26th & 27th.

Please email Larry Miller at sawdusterlarry@hotmail.com or Al Price at aprice44@aol.com if you're interested. The classes will be Sunday/Monday, July 26-27.



THE TREE SPEAKS

I am the heat of your hearth on cold winter nights;
the cooling shade from the summer sun.
I am the paper that feeds the press, that makes
the books for knowledge and history.
I can be a match stem to a ship's mast,
I am the humblest cabin and furnish the greatest mansion,
I have served you from cradle to grave,
I can do no other,
I am a gift from God,
I am a friend of man,
I AM THE TREE!

Poem Provided by Ted Bartholomew



Upcoming Club Raffles

Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

The next drawing will be held at the April meeting.



The lucky winner of last month's drawing for the McDaniel's hollowing tool is **Dan Stromstad**. Dan is also the lucky winner of the hat from the Johannes Michelsen turning class. **Congratulations, Dan.**

-**Tickets will go on sale in February** for a turning class with **Eric Lofstrom**. The drawing for the class will be held in April.

-**In May** tickets will go on sale for a **Jet Mini Lathe** with the drawing being held in July.

Classified Ads

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

2009 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

FOR SALE:- PACIFIC YEW From a freshly downed 100+ year old tree. A number of 12"x12" and 16"x16" sections are available. Please contact Steve Byrd for price and availability at 253-261-1121.

Beginning to intermediate general woodturning classes offered for groups or individuals. Specific classes also offered in box making, platters, hollowing, and natural edge forms. Cost for all classes is \$85 and includes taxes and wood. Children ages 10 to 16 welcomed at no charge.

Contact **Larry Miller** on Sawdusterlarry@hotmail.com or call **360-412-1583** for more information or to sign up. All classes given in his shop in Hawks Prairie just South of DuPont, Washington.

This month's Club Special - 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 (some exclusions apply) is available off your purchases when you show your current club membership card.

This month's Woodcraft Turner's Club Special: Doctor's Woodshop finishes. Woodcraft currently has a good supply of Doctor's Woodshop Walnut oil, Walnut paste and High Friction polish finishes in stock. 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 April 16th, 2009.

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.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
	GLUE	
HS-4	HOT STUFF (Thin) 2 oz	9.00
HST-4	SUPER "T" (GAP) 2 oz	9.00
HS-4T	SPECIAL "T" (Thick) 2 oz	10.00
BSI	5 MIN. EPOXY 4.5 OZ 4.5 oz	6.00
	ACCELERATOR	
QA-6	NCF QUICK AEROSOL 6 oz	11.00
	NCF MILD 2 oz	6.00
	COMPANION PRODUCTS	
US-1	ULTRA SOLVENT 2 oz	5.00
HT-600	GLUE CAP REPLACEMENTS	1.00
PT-100	TIP EXTENSIONS 4	1.00
301	TIP EXTENSIONS 3	1.00
303	LONG TIPS 4.5 oz	1.00
322	CA APPLICATOR FINE	1.00
	OTHER	
IND	INDEX WHEELS	20.00
SEAL	SEALER 1 gal	12.00
	FINISH 1 pt	12.00
	FRICTION POLISH 1 pt	14.00
	SANDING	
MICRO M	3" x 6" SHTS 1 ea	13.00
MICRO M	3" x 6" SHTS 2 ea	24.00
	GRITS 80 THROUGH 1000	
	SANDPAPER (5) 5	2.00
	GRITS 80 THROUGH 220	
	SAND CLOTH (1)	1.00
	DISKS	
DISCS	2" SANDING KIT	25.00
DISCS	3" SANDING KIT	30.00
	GRITS 80, 120, 180 & 280	
DISCS	2" SANDING KITS 10	2.00
DISCS	3" SANDING KITS 10	3.00



Vendors



Tukwila (206) 244-9161
<http://www.rockler.com>

Woodturning Classes
Saturdays 9am-4pm
\$65 Plus Tax
Ted Bartholomew (253) 779-0819

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