



Chips & Shavings

**SOUTH PUGET SOUND
WOODTURNERS
(SPSW)**

**September 16,
2008**



A splendid September, shorter days, cooler nights and the flood of color in the trees, signal that September is once again upon us. September has long been my favorite month. With its rush of changes and abundance of activities, there is something new each day. Woodturning opportunities abound and ways to become more involved in the SPSW club are ready for you to pick.

September's meeting will surely intrigue many members when Richard Steppic shows us how to turn a cube.

Saturday's Sawdust session will be held at my shop. This month Hal Johnson will be demonstrating hollowing systems. Sawdust sessions provide a great opportunity to get some one on one assistance. Bring your tools, wood, safety glasses and a lunch and make some chips.

Next month will be our fall mini-symposium and we welcome any member that would like to share their skills and knowledge on any aspect of the turning process from cutting the logs to selling the finished product. Contact Jim Cotter and join the fun.

We will be selling raffle tickets for a medium size "Eliminator" end grain hollowing tool along with a Sorby parting tool- over \$200 retail value. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Buy early and often!

See you on the 18th, and remember be safe, make chips and have fun!

-Pat McCart, SPSW President

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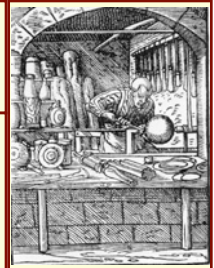
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Participation Tickets – If you participate in **Show & Tell**, **Wood Donation**, or **Set-Up/Clean-Up**, make sure to fill out your **Participation Tickets**.

THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

- **MEMBERSHIP MTG - Sept 18th** (Thur.), 7:00-9:00 pm at Fife Senior Center
- **SAWDUST SESSION - Sept 20th** (Sat.), Pat McCart's, 9:30-4:00, bring your questions, tools and sack lunch.
- **BOARD MTG.** - Sept 30th (Tues.), 7:00-8:30 pm at Les Johnson's, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)

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 **Special all Day Class with Eli Avisera**

July 12 **Picnic / Wood Auction**

17 Membership Mtg.:-

Michael Dresdner - Finishing

19 Sawdust Session at Pat McCart's

29 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Aug. 21 Membership Mtg.

Bob Seivers

No Sawdust Session

26 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Sept. 18 Membership Mtg.

Richard Steppic - Cube on the bias

20 Sawdust Session at Pat McCart's

30 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Oct. 7 **Special all day class with Mike Mocho**

16 **Fall Symposium**

18 Sawdust Session at Pat McCart's

28 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Nov. 11 **Special all day class with Johannes Michelsen**

20 Membership Mtg.

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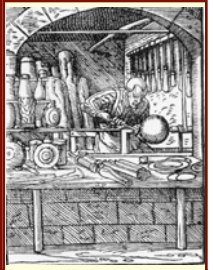
22 Sawdust Session at Pat McCart's

25 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

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

20 Sawdust Session at Pat McCart's

30 Board Mtg. - Location TBD



This Month's Club Activities

This month's meeting - will feature Richard Steppic



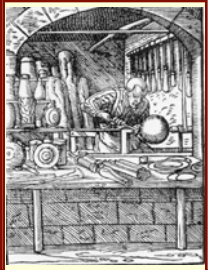
Richard has been involved in fine woodworking for many years - as a hobby, doing fine cabinetry pieces and making much of the furniture in his and his children's homes. He has concentrated his efforts on woodturning following his retirement in 1996 and since 1999 has turned virtually full-time. He has studied turning technique and design at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, Anderson Ranch in Colorado, and with numerous internationally well known woodturners including Richard Raffan from Australia, Alan and Stuart Batty and Ray Key from England, and Dale Nish, Mike Mahoney, Christian Burchard

and others from the U.S. He regularly attends turning seminars and demonstrations to update his techniques and most recently participated in a 12 day woodturning cruise in Norway. He has been a member of the Fife Chapter for over 10 years.

Richard works from his studio in Normandy Park, Washington, where he has an extensive inventory of native Washington and Northwest woods, his favorite being Madrona. He only works with wood that would otherwise be cut, never with wood taken for the sole purpose of turning. Much of his stock he personally salvages from saw mills, construction sites and firewood piles. The majority of his creations are produced from this stock. His work is treated only with easily maintained food safe finishes.



In addition to placing his work in several galleries and gift shops in Washington, Oregon and California, Richard participates in a number of the Puget Sound region's larger craft shows.



This Month's Club Activities

Richard was also fortunate enough to attend the Woodturner's cruise in Norway this year and has been kind enough to write an article on his trip for our newsletter.

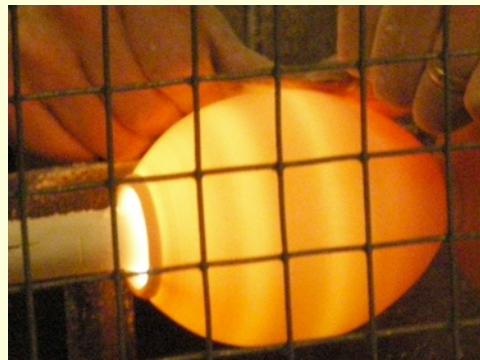
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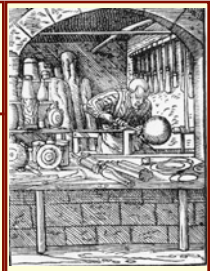
The fourth woodturning cruise sailed from Stavanger Norway on 18 August and after stops in 10 towns and cities up and down the Norwegian coast (Alslund, Bergen, Budo, Honningsvag, Molde, Namsos, Sandane, Sortland, Tromso, and Trondheim, returned there on 29 August. The basis for the cruise is to provide a floating woodworking store and demonstrations of tools and concepts to the woodworkers in the towns and cities where there is no full time store. The boat generally puts into port in midmorning and is open to the locals until early evening. The cruise members can stay on board and watch the demonstrations or go ashore and visit the town or go on an organized tour of the area.

This cruise featured a larger boat than the past three with a total of 220 turners, woodworkers and spouses and 34 demonstrators, instructors, assistants and factory reps. In addition to turning there were classes available in pyrography, chip carving, wood sculpting, wood carving, rosemaling, and knitting. There were three lathes with full tool sets and a shop assistant available to participants at all times and an additional 5 lathes when the ship was not open to the locals. The demonstrators were available while afloat and participants could sign up for hands on work with them.

It really was a turner's paradise, the demonstrations like a symposium, the hands on and instruction time like a two week class, the sightseeing like a cruise and friendship of old acquaintances and like minded people from all over (US, UK, Australia, South Africa, Norway, Canada). (The past cruises only had room for a little over 100 people and about 75 of them were on this cruise some for the third time).

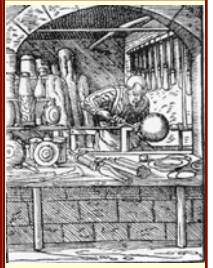
The next cruise is planned for 2011.





Last Month's Show & Tell and Demonstrator (photos by Fred Abeles):





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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- **Pat McCart**
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- **John Moe**
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- **Bob Sievers**
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• **SEATTLE AAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING –**

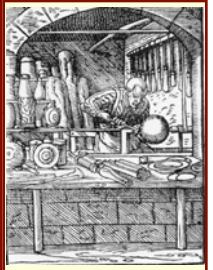
2nd Thursday of each month, Overlake School in Redmond

• **OLYMPIA AAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING –**

4th Thursday of each month, Thurston County Fairgrounds

Walnut Oil Finish - We have added a Walnut Oil finish to the supply items for sale at each meeting. The finish is a mixture of Walnut Oil and Carnauba wax. Please note that all the profits made from the sale of supplies at each meeting go to support the running of the club.

- **September Raffle - Will be a Jack McDaniel's Eliminator turning tool.** Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.
- **Remember to sign up for the Johannes Michelsen hat turning class which will be held on Tuesday Nov 11.** Those in attendance will be given a ticket, the lucky ticket holder will have the hat made during the class custom fit to his or her head. Extra tickets will be available to purchase for those in attendance. The cost for this class is \$25.00. 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
- **Northwest turner and demonstrator Dale Larson of Portland OR, is running for a position on the Board of Directors for the AAW. Please remember to vote and to consider Dale when you do so. Voting is open and will continue until Oct. 21, 2008. Please go to www.woodturner.org/org/2009BoardCandidates.pdf for additional information on Dale and the other candidates running for election.**
- **Bob Mower would like to thank those members who donated items to the Blind Veterans Auction.** The items donated were very well received and helped raise a considerable amount of money for the Children of Blinded Veterans Scholarship fund. Bob would also like the membership to know that he will be accepting items for next years Blinded Veterans Scholarship auction as well as gifts for our vendors.



Announcements Continued

- **Volunteers Needed - Jim Cotter is looking for volunteers to help out with the mini-symposium in October.** If you are available to help out, please contact Jim Cotter at 206-954-9548.
- **The Club is looking into the amount of interest within our membership for the creation of informal, specific interest groups,** which will meet separately and focus on specific aspects of woodturning. For example, those interested in spindle turning could get together once a quarter (more/less often as interest dictates) and discuss the different aspects and techniques of spindle turning. Other possible groups include pen turning, segmented turning, ornamental lathe work, decorative effects and so on.

Each group would be responsible for organizing and running itself. Hopefully each group would be small enough to be able to meet at a members home/shop, restaurant, library meeting room or other small venue.

Announcements of meeting times and places can be included in the monthly newsletter, if known by the time of publication.

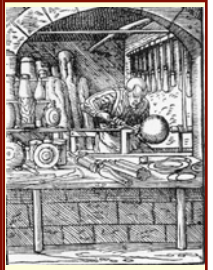
Due to the size of our club we are concerned that the needs and interests of all our members are not being fully met. By encouraging small informal groups to meet, members with specific interests will find a forum in which they can discuss topics specifically related to their type of turning. Our hope is that our membership will be able to get more from their club experience, become better acquainted with other club members and become better turners as a result.

As a bonus to the club, members will be exposed to, on a small scale, what it takes to run and manage the entire club. Hopefully this experience will encourage members to become more involved with the club.

It will also allow for the development of new talent in the form of demonstrators. People who are interested in demonstrating, but find the idea of standing up in front of the whole club unnerving, can gain the necessary confidence in a much smaller forum.

If you are interested in starting a group, please email me with your contact information and the type of group you are interested in starting. My email address is jeffmseattle@yahoo.com and I will publish a notice for you in the next newsletter.

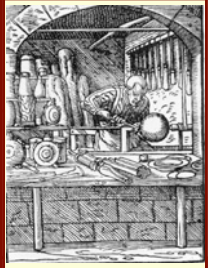
- **I'll start the ball rolling.** If there are any pen turners in the club who would like to get together to discuss pen turning please email me at jeffmseattle@yahoo.com. If there is enough interest we can decide on a time and place for a meeting.
- **It's time to start planing for the 2009 AAW symposium.** It will be held in Albuquerque, NM June 26 - 28, 2009. The AAW website will publish details as they become available.



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.

	DESCRIPTION	CLUB PRICE
GLUE		
	HOT STUFF (thin) 2 OZ.	9.00
	SUPER 'T' (gap) 2 OZ.	9.00
	SPECIAL 'T' (thick) 2 OZ.	10.00
	5 MIN. EPOXY 4.5 OZ.	6.00
ACCELERATOR		
	NCF QUICK AEROSOL 6 OZ.	11.00
	NCF Mild 2 OZ.	6.00
COMPANION PRODUCTS		
	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
OTHER		
	INDEX WHEELS	15.00
	SEALER 1 gal	12.00
	WALNUT OIL	12.00
MICRO MESH		
	2" X 2" PADS (6)	12.00
	3" X 6" SHTS (6)	13.00
	3" X 6" SHTS (12)	24.00
SANDING		
	SANDPAPER (5)	2.00
	SAND CLOTH (1)	1.00



This Month's Club Activities



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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Tropical Exotic Hardwoods
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Auburn, WA 98001-1605
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Seattle (206) 767-6394
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Sumner Woodworking Store
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