



Chips & Shavings

SOUTH PUGET SOUND
WOODTURNERS
(SPSW)

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Well, its the end of August and Summer will be quickly fading to Fall. With Fall, in the great Northwest, comes rain and long periods of time spent indoors. As woodturners, our hobby keeps us indoors most of the year - except to occasionally forage for wood, we seldom see the light of day. But now is the time, dare I say, to step away from your lathe and get outdoors. Take the rest of August and go enjoy the sunshine, experience all that nature has to offer. Or should I say observe all that nature has to offer. Just because we have come out of our shops and into the light of day doesn't mean we should stop being woodturners. We should always be on the lookout for inspiration for our work.

Woodturning is a very visual endeavor, shape and proportion are critical to producing a visually pleasing piece of work. With long hours spent holed up in our shops, many may find that their work has become repetitious and uninspired. Outside, the careful and even the casual observer will be able to see endless examples of forms and shapes that are blended to perfection by nature and hopefully be inspired by them.

This inspiration can be had for free as well, no need to buy the latest DVD or book. Just get outside- go walking in a park, go hiking on the many trails in our area, visit the sea shore, rivers, lakes, go downtown, even your own backyard, all have inspiration to offer if you only look. The curve of a flower stem and its leaves, the shape of a weather worn rock or a piece of drift wood, the shape of the trail ahead of you or the curve of a tree branch are a few examples.

Digital cameras make capturing inspiration easy as well. Take one along with you and take lots of pictures of anything that catches your eye. The pictures can be retrieved later during the winter when your creative battery may be in need of recharge. Take a sketch pad if you don't have a camera. If you are like me and can't draw, a camera is definitely a good investment.

All too soon it will be Fall and the rain will be back, so get out now and enjoy Summer. Your lathe will still be there waiting for you when you come back to it in September. And who knows perhaps you will have finally found the inspiration you need to turn that prized piece of wood you've been saving for all those years.

See you on the 21st, and remember be safe, make chips and have fun!

-Pat McCart, SPSW President

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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 - Aug 21st** (Thur.), 7:00-9:00 pm at Fife Senior Center
- **SAWDUST SESSION** - There will be no sawdust session this month.
- **BOARD MTG.** - Aug 26th (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
 30 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Oct. 7 **Special all day class with Mike Mocho**
16 Fall Symposium
 18 Sawdust Session
 28 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Nov. 11 **Special all day class with Johannes Michelsen**
 20 Membership Mtg.
TBD
 22 Sawdust Session
 25 Board Mtg. - Les Johnson's

Dec. 18 Membership Mtg. - **Annual Holiday Mtg.**
 20 Sawdust Session
 30 Board Mtg. - Location TBD



This Month's Club Activities

This month's meeting - will feature founding club member Bob Sievers. This month Bob will be demonstrating how he makes his wonderful little bird houses.

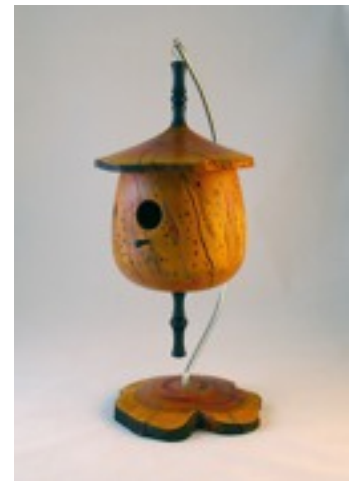


"I like to experiment with new techniques I see at symposiums and demos that I frequently attend. I enjoy enhancing the natural beauty of wood on a wood lathe.

I have been turning wood for 20 years.

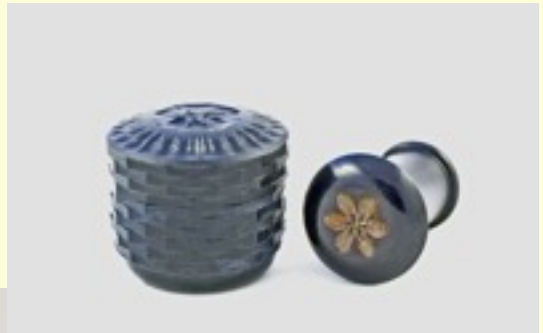
I am a member of the American Association of Woodturners, the South Puget Sound Woodturners and the Seattle Woodturners.

I attend the Provo Symposium every year."





Last Month's Show & Tell (photos by Bob Sievers):





The Olympia Woodturning Symposium By Eric Lofstrom (Photos by Fred Abeles)

Creative woodturning in the Northwest! Where do you go for creative inspiration? Symposia are a great place to learn new techniques and stretch your idea of woodturning.

On July 26th, the Woodturners of Olympia put on their first official annual symposium. Larry Miller and an entourage of members put on an incredible event! Dan Ackerman, Bonnie Klein, Dave Schweitzer, and myself were truly honored to be invited to share some of what we have learned in woodturning. To begin the day, I shared my process for making thin winged bowls from square stock. Then, Dan showed us techniques he uses to produce his amazing decorated boxes and delicate finials. After a catered lunch, Bonnie demonstrated how she goes about tuning a threaded lid, cast acrylic box with decorative chatterwork. To close the symposium, Dave toured us through the ins and outs of turning and spiral fluting his hollow forms.

The day was packed with tips and techniques for all levels of turners. Thanks to the hard work of the Olympia club for their extra efforts to make this a treat for all who attended!

-Eric Lofstrom





Woodturners at The Bellevue Art Fair and Festival

By Jeff Marsden

I had the good fortune to be able to attend the Bellevue Art Fair and Festival this year. It was a great show as always and featured many outstanding woodturners. All of them were gracious enough to allow me to take a picture of them in their booths to put in our newsletter. It's good to see Artist and Craftspeople making a living doing what they love. Even if you only dream of selling your own work, it somehow makes you feel good to see others actually doing it.

I am not a very good photographer, but hopefully the pictures and brief descriptions will give you some idea of the people who were there and the quality of their work.



David Earle of Seattle, WA area: David turns boxes, tops, salad bowls and other speciality kitchen items. David turns many of his bowls green and allows the bowl to decide its final shape while it dries.

For further information on David's work, email him at:
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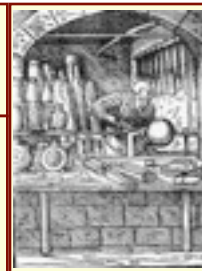
David MacFarlane of Roseburg, OR: David's work consists of bowls, vases, boxes and fine decorative items. David turns with both wood and stone (primarily Alabaster) and often combines the two into one piece. David's work can be seen in galleries across the US.

For additional information on David and his work go to:
www.revolutionsartworks.com
Or email him at: revart@mcsi.net



Jerry Sullivan from Beaver, WA: Jerry's work includes both flat and round work. In his small shop, Jerry turns out many fine bowls, jars, urns, plates and trays. In addition to being a woodturner, Jerry also produces unique wooden furniture of his own design. Also, he accepts custom commissioned work as well.

For more on Jerry and his work visit his website at:
www.thebeaverwoodworks.com
Or email him at: hoof7137@yahoo.com



Woodturners at The Bellevue Arts Fair and Festival continued



Mehrdad Azarpay: A local turner and past president of the Seattle chapter of the AAW. AZ's (as he is known locally) work is shown at many craft shows and galleries. Please visit his website for more info on his work.

Website: <http://www.turningsbyaz.com/>

Or Email him at: against_the_grain_woodturnings@hotmail.com

Vernon Leibrant from Mt Vernon, WA: As well as being a member of the NW Washington Woodturners club he is also a nationally known turner whose work appears in crafts shows and galleries across the US. Please visit his website for more info on his work.

Website: www.vkleibrant.com/
Or email him at: vkleibrant@yahoo.com



Will Dacus of Straycat Woodworks: A local woodturner from Vashon Island. Will produces a large selection of bowls and a selection of designer wooden buttons.

For further information on Will's work email him at : straycatwdwk@yahoo.com

Robert Wilhelm of RAW Designs from Portland OR: "My designs attempt to combine color, form, pattern and texture in ways that produce new and unique results." Robert makes unique salt & pepper mills and bowls. Please visit his website for more info on his work.

Website: www.rawdesigninc.com

Or email him at: rawilhelm@earthlink.net





Woodturners at The Bellevue Arts Fair and Festival continued



John M Russell is a woodturner from Linden, VA: John's work consists of pens and decorative pieces for the home. John and his work can be found at many of the finer craft shows throughout the US.

For further information on John and his work email him at:
www.woodart@shentel.net

Ted Gaty of Glasswood Designs: Ted produces sculptural pieces. His work combines elements of both flat and round work. Ted often collaborates with his wife Cynthia, a glass artist.

Ted's work can be seen on his website: www.glasswooddesigns.com

If you'd like additional information on Ted's work email him at:
tgaty@glasswooddesigns.com



Marilyn Endres & Eucled Moore (not shown) of Kazi Studio, Driftwood, Texas: Marilyn & Eucled produce segmented platters and vessels. Their work must be seen to be believed! Hundreds of hours go into producing each segment piece. The detail in each piece is amazing. Marilyn also adds tiny glass beads (as many as 30,000) to make intricate patterns on some of the pieces.

Marilyn and Eucled's work can be seen on their website at www.kazistudio.com
additional contact info is available on their website.

Jack Richardson from Grass Valley, California: Jack's chosen turning medium is stone rather than wood. Jack works with various types of stones including Soapstone, Alabaster and Talc. Jack makes finely crafted bowls, vases and boxes. Some of his pieces have walls so thin they are translucent. It leaves one wondering how they stayed together on the lathe!

For more information on Jack and his work visit his website at:
www.turnedstone.com

Or email him at: jack@turnedstone.com





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

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- **Jim Cotter**
(206) 954-9548
- **Paul Crabtree**
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- **Jack Hegseth**
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- **Hal Johnson**
(425) 788-2221
- **Eric Lofstrom**
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- **Pat McCart**
(253) 370-8986
- **John Moe**
(425) 643-4522
- **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
- **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.
- **Woodturners Roundup** - The weekend of the 6th & 7th of September Vern and Karen Leibrant of the Mount Vernon Woodturners Club will be hosting a visit to their shop. During the weekend you will be able to watch Vern turn some of the large bowls he is known for. There will also be numerous lathes available for use by those in attendance to practice what they have learned. Vern and Karen are very gracious hosts and are able to provide camping spaces (DRY) for up to 10 camping rigs. Pot luck dinners will be the order of the weekend, with the possibility of socializing around an evening campfire. Those wishing to camp should confirm their plans with Julian at groundwk@earthlink.net or 369-299-2900. Those wishing to attend during the day only should also contact also Julian, so that the club can get a head count of those planing to attend.
- **August Raffle - This month we will be raffling off a class with Jack Wayne.**
Jack is donating 6-8 hours of his time. Jack has a great deal of knowledge and experience and will be glad to teach whatever turning subject the winner chooses. Oh! and did I mention the class includes lunch. Fortunately Jack doesn't cook, but says there are a number of good eating establishments in his area. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.
- **September Raffle - Will be a Jack McDaniel's Eliminator turning tool.**



Announcements Continued

- **Volunteers Needed** - Would you like to become more involved with the club? The board is presently looking for two volunteers to fill two open positions.
 - ◆ The first position is that of Equipment Jockey. The Equipment Jockey is responsible for the transportation of equipment to and from the meetings.
 - ◆ The second position is for Industry Coordinator. The Industry Coordinator is responsible for representing our club with the various vendors who support us. Duties include procurement of gift certificates, purchasing wood for the Christmas party, collection and distribution of club gifts for the various vendors.
- **New Librarian** - Jack Hegseth will be passing the librarian duties on to Bob Justin. To help Bob transition into the job, please make sure you bring back any overdue items to the meeting.
Also the club would like to thank Jack for his outstanding service and dedication these last few years.

Classified Ads

Would you like to place an ad? Contact Jeff Marsden at (206) 347-3521 or 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

FOR SALE - Craftsman variable speed lathe, 3 years old and in good condition, needs new drive belt. \$250.00 OBO. If interested please contact Larry Quicksall at (206) 767-3497.

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.

There are no sale items this month



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



**When purchasing your woodworking supplies,
please consider supporting our friends.**



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