



# Chips & Shavings

July 16, 2011

## July - Don Nelson



Don Nelsen has been involved in both the power tool and the abrasives business for all of his 40 year career in the industry. While going to school in the 60's Don worked variously as an auto bodyman, a welder, an auto painter and a tool operator among other things. Starting in Jan. of 1972 Don was an outside salesman in both the automotive and industrial markets covering most of Oregon and Washington. Don first started with Mirka abrasives as an independent rep in 1988 and made the transition to territory sales as an employee of Mirka in 1998.

Born in Portland in 1947, Don is a lifelong NW resident residing in Vancouver, WA for the past 22 years.

The Olympia club is demonstrating at the Puyallup Fair this year and they don't have enough people interested in filling all of the time slots. Our club has been offered the opportunity to help fill those open slots. They will have as a minimum their large Nova lathe and hopefully, if there's room, their mini lathe. The lathes will be stored at the area of the demonstrations so it will require some moving and set up, but the storage is close by so it shouldn't amount to much. They will also have their portable PA system available to use.

These are two hour slots for up to three people each. For demonstrating, each person will receive free parking and two fair admissions (for each demonstration). Larry Miller needs to have the names no later than July 25 so he can contact them for assigning time slots and then get the names/assignments to the coordinator at the fair by her deadline of August 1. You can contact Larry Miller directly at this e-mail or phone number below. He is hoping to come to the meeting this week and will bring the signup sheet with him.

Contact Larry Miller: <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org> or 360-412-1583

Don't forget July 23rd to 25th is the Olympia Club's 2011 Creativity in Woodturning event. There is still room available and this is your chance to take part in a local event that is gaining national attention.

## No Sawdust Session this month.

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## Letter from the President



Wow, another month has flown by and what a month it has been. We had a great mini symposium at our last meeting. Jim Cotter did a great job of recruiting talented turners to teach us some techniques that they have found beneficial. Unfortunately, we had two turners and Andy Firpo on safety who were unable to make it due to circumstances beyond their control. Beth continues to amaze everyone with her wonderful refreshments.

This last month we had members at the Utah Craft Supplies Symposium and we had several members at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual AAW Symposium in St. Paul, Minnesota including my wife and me.

We had a great time. It was like being at more than a year of our monthly meetings for demonstrations. We met a great couple from Norway and quite a few folks from Canada as well as the rest of the United States. There was an instant gallery, which is like our show with no tell. Some turnings were over six feet tall and others were minute. The instant gallery provided work either for show or for sale. Mostly the big name turners sold items. Dave Schweitzer's collection of hollow forms that were tall and slender sold to an avid collector for a tidy sum. There was also a youth turning event that continued throughout the meeting days. There were 25 mini lathes donated by Jet along with safety equipment and turning tools. On the last day there was a drawing and each youth attendee had one chance to win a complete set up. All 25 sets were won by students. Larry Miller was there working on this project; even working through lunch. It was very exciting to see the looks on the faces of the kids creating neat things on the lathe.

There was also a large area for the empty bowls project. Folks donated \$25.00 and were then allowed to come into the empty bowls display and pick an item to take home. The money collected went to the needy. The line to get into this area was long and continued throughout the weekend.

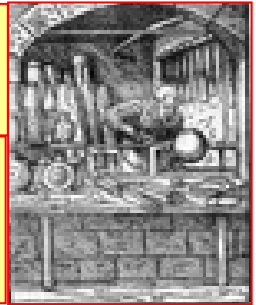
As with all conventions that I have attended over the years there was a large vender area and it was very exciting to see the vast variety of tools available. I spotted Johannes Michelson turning and he had a big grin on his face as he shot wood curls some twenty feet across the room while he was turning yet another hat. Dave and Lu were there and their booth was hopping all weekend. I even jumped in and helped a little since they were swamped. Even in the vender area there was teaching and I picked up a few tips there as well as in the demos.

One last symposium item of interest is that my wife and I attended a meeting regarding application for a 501C3 status, which means making the club a true charitable organization. It sounds as if we should have that classification very soon. We definitely qualify. The process takes a couple of years, but that is because we have to certify that we have accomplished everything that we propose to do in the initial application. As soon as we apply we will have the classification from that point forward which should be within the month.

If any of you are interested in learning more about creative woodworking I would strongly suggest that you join the AAW and go the next symposium. I believe it will be in San Jose, California; much closer than St. Paul. I still think the AAW magazine is worth the price of joining.

Dan

After returning home seven of us gathered at Harry Lincoln's home and then caravanned to "The LOG". With seven Stihl saws with sharp blades going we harvested and cleaned the whole thing in two and a half hours. Though this is written before the Annual Potluck Picnic / Auction I know that everyone will be pleased with the wood this year.



## SPSW 2011 Event Calendar

### January

20th - Membership Mtg  
**Bruce Campbell**  
21st - Bruce Campbell  
class at Nancy Sweazey's  
22nd - Sawdust Session  
25th - Board Mtg  
Les Johnson's

### February

17th - Membership Mtg  
**Larry Miller**  
19h - Sawdust Session  
22nd - Board Mtg  
Les Johnson's

### March

17th - Membership Mtg  
**Symposium**  
19th - Sawdust Session  
29th - Board Mtg  
Les Johnson's

### April

8th - **Denise DeRose demo**  
**at Nancy Sweazey's**  
21st - Membership Mtg  
**Bonnie Klein**  
23rd - Sawdust Session  
26th - Board Mtg  
Les Johnson's

### May

19th - Membership Mtg  
**Don Derry**  
21st - Sawdust Session  
31st - Board Mtg  
Les Johnson's

### June

16th - Membership Mtg  
**Symposium**  
18th - Sawdust Session  
28th - Board Mtg  
Les Johnson's  
**24th-26th - 25th**  
**Annual**  
**AAW Symposium**

### July

21st - Membership Mtg  
**Don Nelson**  
17th - Picnic & Wood  
Auction  
26th - Board Mtg  
Les Johnson's  
**23rd-25th - Olympia**  
**2011 Creativity in**  
**Woodturning**

### August

18th - Membership Mtg  
**Special Event**  
20th - Sawdust Session  
30th - Board Mtg  
Les Johnson's

### September

15th - Membership Mtg  
**Tones Briggs**  
17th - Sawdust Session  
27th - Board Mtg  
Les Johnson's  
16th - **Avelino Samuel**  
All day

### October

20th - Membership Mtg  
**Symposium**  
22nd - Sawdust Session  
25th - Board Mtg  
Les Johnson's

### November

17th - Membership Mtg  
**John Shrader**  
19th - Sawdust Session  
29th - Board Mtg

### December

15th - Membership Mtg  
**Annual Holiday Mtg**  
17th - Sawdust Session  
27th - Board Mtg  
Les Johnson's

Upcoming national & international events courtesy of Fred Holder and More Woodturning

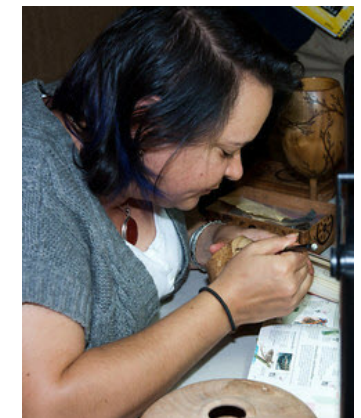
### This Month at a Glance

- Picnic and Wood Auction - July 17th
- Membership Mtg. - June 21st (Thur.) 7:00 - 9:15 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Sawdust Session - No Sawdust Session this month
- Board Mtg. - June 26th (Tue.) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Les Johnson's, members welcome (RSVP to Dan Stromstad)
- Olympia 2011 Creativity in Woodturning - July 23rd to 25th



## Last Month Mini Symposium

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





# June Show & Tell

Photos by Bill Wood





## 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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- **SEATTLE AAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – 2nd Thursday of each month, Kenmore Community Club, 7304 NE 175th St, Kenmore, WA
- **OLYMPIA AAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – 4th Thursday of each month, Thurston County Fairgrounds
- **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.
- 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.

**We had many outstanding gifts donated by our Vendors last year. It is our policy to show our appreciation for these gifts by giving them turnings that have been created by our members. That would be you. Please help us all, by donating one of your turnings as soon as possible.**

Thanks to Tim Spaulding here is a qr-code you can use on your smart phone to access the club newsletter:

We are 21st Century!



### MAGAZINE OFFER FOR WOODTURNERS

My name is Anne Guillot and I work for the Marketing Department at GMC Publications in the UK. I am contacting you because we would like to offer you and your members a special subscription offer on our leading title, *Woodturning Magazine*: instead of the normal price of £63 (which equals to about \$100 based on March exchange rate) for 12 issues, you would only pay £37.80 (\$60) - a discount of 40% only available to clubs' and associations' members!

The online order code is C2689. [www.thegmcgroup.com](http://www.thegmcgroup.com)

Here is a YouTube link of a video of the pieces in the instant gallery at St Paul, courtesy of Jeffrey Schnell.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/jschnell1203>



## Classified Ads

Would you like to place an ad? Contact Bill Wood at (253) 891-2887 or [tapsturner@comcast.net](mailto:tapsturner@comcast.net)

2011 SPSW Membership: \$30 for single / family membership (only one card issued per \$30). Contact Pat McCart at the general membership meeting or contact our treasurer, Les Johnson at (253) 896-0650 or [grandpasturn@comcast.net](mailto:grandpasturn@comcast.net)

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