



Chips & Shavings

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August - Dan Ackerman



I started woodturning in 1986 after witnessing a few turners demonstrating at the Bellevue Craft show. The first five years was just a compulsive effort trying to learn tools, sharpening, design, etc.; starting with bowls,, then hollow forms, then boxes, and a variety of other shapes and disciplines. Along the way, I was fortunate to assist David Ellsworth at Arrowmont School for the Crafts and we became friends. He was very helpful in giving me insight and direction. Then I ran for the board of the "National Association of Woodturners" and during the next five years influenced the start of their now active film library! As a board member I got to go to the national symposium for all five years and watched some of the world's great turners and learn.



Meanwhile during this time, I experimented with all sorts of ideas, including starting a rosewood gift business with my wife Kathy and a few employees. We did that for 10 years until I burned out on doing production turning 7 days a week, with no vacations and, it seemed like, no rest. By then we were doing some of the best shows in the country: Baltimore, Philadelphia, San Francisco and New York. But, we weren't seeing the return we expected and we were both burned out, Kathy on marketing and me on production.

In doing all this turning I had become quick and self assured and I had decided to do boxes as the most stimulating form of turning. My "nitch" design is the box within a box which you will see at the demo. It is unique and it stimulated an old hobby of mine, woodcarving, which I combine with my design boxes. I'll have some examples of carved boxes also at the demo and look forward to seeing some of my friends at the Fife Club. Thank you for having me.



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Letter from the President



Last month we had Don Nelson from Mirka. Personally, I expected a dry subject; however everyone in attendance was excited about the presentation. Don chatted about a friend in Hawaii and how he had used the Mirka products over the years. The consistent grit screen abrasive was mentioned by several presenters at demonstrations in St Paul. Since they last longer and may be used on wet or dry wood they are a great addition to the arsenal of products that really help us turners.

At our board meeting we were honored to have Ted Bartholomew in attendance. He reported a large maple log available and then told his side of the story regarding the gentleman in Hawaii that Don Nelson mentioned. Many years ago this man came to this area to learn about turning. He spent seven hours with Ted and when he asked Ted how much he wanted for educating him all day Ted said nothing it was his joy to share. The man went back to Hawaii and crated up a four by four by eight foot supply of Hawaiian wood for Ted. Ted offered to pay the shipping and he said no I want you to make me a tool. After receiving the plans for this large turning tool Ted had it made. It cost Ted about the same amount to have the tool manufactured as the shipping, over \$500.00 and that tool is the same tool he has been using all these years to make the large turnings that made this man famous all these years. The other major item announced is that Jim Cotter is stepping down as program chairman. After the many years of fantastic service to our club and creating such great ways to secure wonderful demonstrators for the club he is going to turn this job over to Eric Lofstrom. Jim has planned out our teachers until the end of the year and then Eric will continue to assist us. Jim Cotter very wisely took our club from average to outstanding by managing the education of our membership. I personally owe him a huge debt of gratitude for helping me to grow as a turner. I am sure that you all feel the same way.

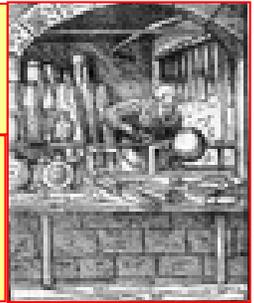
We have now begun researching ways to improve our video system. We will all be thrilled when we can actually see the demonstrators better. By improving our lighting and video equipment we should be able to make our meetings very special for all of us.

We are also very close to submitting our application for 501C3 status. Once that occurs we will be able to apply for grants from various retailers who routinely donate to clubs like ours to provide education to the public. The Garfield Street Fair is just such an opportunity to teach the public about turning. We as a club will be reaching out to the public in many ways in the future. That sounds very exciting to me especially when we can teach the youth.

Hope you all are having a great summer and enjoying your turning and creativity.

Dan

We regret to announce the passing of one of our member, Bill Taylor. Bill was born July 28, 1933 in Tacoma, Washington to parents Francis and Helen Taylor. He passed away on July 28, 2011 surrounded by family and friends. He was a graduate of Stadium High School and started working for Western Electric as an installer. He retired from US West in 1994. He was a Master Gardener with the Washington State University Pierce County Extension. He was the last participating member of the original class still involved in the program. His other passion was in the art of Bonsai, winning numerous ribbons annually at the Western Washington Fair. He was involved in the Royal Rangers Christian boys camping program attending many campouts. He was a man of great faith and prayer. Missions were also a big part of his life. Bill was a member of Glad Tiding Assembly of God, Point Defiance Christian Assembly, Life Center Church and recently attended Inspiration Bible Church. Survivors include his wife Marilyn, sons Thomas (Colette) and Richard (Patty), and daughters Elizabeth and Martha (Scott). He had nine grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on Monday, August 1st.



SPSW 2011 Event Calendar

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| 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 19th-21st Utah WS Provo, UT. | 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 Dan Ackerman 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

- Membership Mtg. - August 18th (Thur.) 7:00 - 9:15 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Sawdust Session - August 20th Sat.) 9:00 am
- Board Mtg. - August 30th (Tue.) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Les Johnson's, members welcome (RSVP to Dan Stromstad)
- Garfield Street Fair - August 20th (Sat.) 10:00 Parkland



Garfield Street Fair



With more than 100 vendors, two musical stages, 2 beer gardens, a wine garden, children's activities and a car show, this year's Garfield Street Fair is going to be fantastic.

Bands Performing:

Gina Belliveau

Mike Johnson, Wild Country

4 On The Floor

Tin Man

Graham Crackers

Sweetkiss Mama

The Legend of BigFoot

As you can see from the ad, this is going to be a big event and we have a booth at the fair.

We need turners to come and show off what our club can do. Bring your tools, bring examples of your work. Even sell them if you want. (Your work, not your tools.) Bring your family!!! But most important, bring yourself and help out our club put on a great demonstration of the art of turning.

Contact Craig Chatterton, 253- 848-4205, for all the details and to sign up for your spot. We really need everyone's help at this event.



June Show & Tell

Photos by Bob Sievers





2012 Chapter Challenge AAW Symposium in San Jose, CA

Your Board of Directors thought it would be a good project to come up with a Chapter Challenge entry for the next AAW Symposium in June 2012. Bill Bender and Mike Hughes have already volunteered to start coming up with ideas for the project, but they also want contributions from all club members who have great and gifted ideas.

AAW Chapter Challenge Guidelines:

The entries may be functional or not, as long as they are turned by multiple members and limited only by the imagination of the participants. The best entry in each category will receive a winner's plaque presented at the banquet. More explicit directions for the AAW Chapter Collaborative Challenge project are specified in the latest issue (August 2011, page 11) of the AAW American Woodturner. Categories are:

- Artistic
- Mechanical/Technical
- Fantasy

In addition to the winners in the three categories, there will be a Best in Show plaque for the best of the best.

For inspiration and ideas, see what entries have been presented at previous symposiums at this link at the AAW website:

www.woodturner.org/gallery/#SymposiumPhotoGalleries

For more information, please contact:

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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

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

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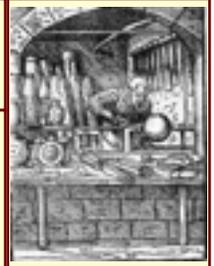
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The following items are available for purchase at the monthly meetings. Proceeds earned from the sale of these items go back into the club.

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| | Sandpaper (5) | 5 | 2.00 |
| | GRITS 80 THROUGH 220 | | |
| | Sand Cloth (1) | | 1.00 |
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Please note that if you remove your name from the list the vendor will not honor a club discount for your

phone or (e)mail purchases.

~Keith Palmer SPSW Librarian