March - Mini Symposium

Welcome to the first of this year’s semi-annual Mini Symposia.

This is a great way for you to explore different ideas and techniques as our demonstrators display their individual talents. You will find that you will come away various new ways to try and perhaps even new projects to make.

Our demonstrators this month are:

Tammie Bachmeier
David Best
Brad Husby
Pat McCart
Carol Zandell
And perhaps a surprise demonstrator

Don’t forget to bring along any of your tools that you would like to get sharpened.

Remember there will be a table available to show off your projects.
Spring is sprinting by

Our March 19th meeting will be the first of 2 mini symposiums for 2015.

I wanted to remind everyone of the changes in the set-up of the hall and the differences from our regular agenda. Hopefully everyone will have a fun and informative time whether they are demonstrating or just learning a new technique.

We will need about 8 tables spread out around the Hall and a table for the “Show only” display. We will need a few dozen chairs spread out around the room so people can sit down and take a break. We will not needing the A/V equipment set up but I am sure someone will need the lathe. Normally we do not have a wood sale at these 2 meetings. I do not want to keep anyone from donating any nice big Maple burls so you may drop them off at my house “no questions” asked.

I will be bringing my grinder and doing some sharpening so if your tools are dull and want them to be sharpened just bag them up and bring them along.

See you on the 19th

Be safe, have fun and make shavings.

Pat

For those of you who are as slow as I am and are wondering what happened to your copy of Woodturning Design Magazine, their publisher went out of business in August of last year. That gives us one more reason to join AAW, to receive American Woodturner Magazine and to subscribe to Fred Holder’s More Woodturning. These appear to be the only two remaining US published magazines devoted to wood turning. (ed.)

We would also appreciate an article and perhaps a few pictures from anyone who attended the symposium in Oregon.
This Month at a Glance

- Membership Mtg. - Mar. 19th (Thur.) 6:00 - 9:15 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Sawdust Session - Mar. 21st (Sat.) 9:00 at Nancy Sweazey’s
- Board Mtg. - Mar. 31st (Tue.) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Pat McCart’s, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)
Pictures from February Meeting
Photos by Brad Husby
We are collecting 2015 dues. Dues for the whole family are $35. We accept cash, check, credit card, and PayPal. This is still one of the best deals around. For this, you get a monthly meeting featuring top notch presenters, an avenue to display your talents, and a forum to seek advice and ask questions. You have access to a group of mentors who can help you improve your skills. Also, there is a monthly open turning session (Sawdust Session) on the Saturday following the meeting. Use the membership application below or pay at the meeting.

And now a new way to pay. Go to our website, fill out the form, and pay with PayPal.

We now also have the option for you to join, renew, purchase supplies or just donate (we are a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit) using Square. You can use your Visa®, Mastercard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card.

Now is also a good time to sign up for the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Annual memberships in the AAW operate on an anniversary cycle, whereby your membership will start with your join date and continue for one year.

If your level of membership includes a printed copy of the American Woodturner journal, you will receive six issues starting with the issue published after your join or renew date.

See http://www.woodturner.org/org/mbrship/index.htm for the various levels of membership.

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Membership dues for South Puget Sound Woodturners are $35.00 annually. Please make check payable to South Puget Sound Woodturners (or SPSW) and mail with this form to:

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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, VFW Hall, 4330 148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052

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 stop in 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. We also have a Wood Rat - Jerre Griffin. You can contact Jerre at jgriffin@centurytel.net

MORE WOODTURNING

The magazine for turners. Published electronically 10 times a year by Fred Holder. One yr: $25.00; Two yrs: $50.00; Three yrs $75.00. Effective immediately More Woodturning is published only electronically at:www.morewoodturning.net Lots of great information for your browsing pleasure.

More Woodturning PO Box 2168 Snohomish WA 98291-2168
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Richard Raffan is perhaps one of the best known woodturners in the world and is the 2012 recipient of the AAW Professional Outreach Program Merit Award. At this symposium Richard will share his life-long knowledge of and passion for woodturning.

A couple of years ago, Richard noted that ‘he is drifting into his retirement years’ and may not be coming to the ‘States’ much anymore. Now, after he had to cancel his participation in our 2014 Symposium, we are thrilled to have another opportunity to host him in 2015. Consider this Symposium a ‘must attend’ event.

Register at [http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org/](http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org/)
Don’t miss this rare opportunity!

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