



Chips & Shavings

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WOODTURNERS
SPSW

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January - Dan Stromstad



Like many of you I began turning wood in Junior High School.

Growing up in Richland, Washington in the fifties enabled me to have a friend for a wood shop instructor. While visiting an uncle in Southern California he noticed my excitement about wood turning and he gave me a lathe that he never used. With paper route earnings I purchased tools from Sears and my dad and I began turning

on our midsized lathe. This ended when I left home for college except for visits home. When my father was gone the lathe came back to me.

After seeing pens in a woodworking store in Port Townsend I said to my wife like so many of you, "I could make that!" Years later I wandered into a store and discovered pen kits and asked how to make them. The owner gave me a three minute lesson and after purchasing the needed extras for the lathe I began my current wood turning adventures.

Delving into the many turnings that could be made on a small lathe with excitement growing a customer came to me for eyewear and I found that he rebuilds lathes as a hobby. We worked out a deal for a larger lathe. It was poor at best and eventually it was sold and a brand new General lathe came home.

Borrowing a chuck from my friend Tom Bageant started me on the path to bowl turning. Of course this led to hundreds of bowls and eventually a bigger Powermatic lathe.

Which brings us to what Dan will be sharing with us tonight. Scroll chucks and faceplates are great, but once in a while you would like something better than a jam chuck to finish off a bowl or a platter. Out comes the vacuum chuck. Tonight Dan will share with us how to set up this chuck and how to turn with it.

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Letter from the President



Starting Strong for 2016

Now that the Christmas tree has been recycled and the ornaments have returned to their boxes for another year I look forward to more turning opportunities in the coming months. I am also looking forward to seeing what types of items will be turned from the almost 100 turning blanks that were given away at our December meeting. Hopefully everyone had a good time and got plenty to eat and were lucky enough to win a nice turning blank or one of the many other wonderful prizes donated by our corporate sponsors.

Congratulations to Tom Bartholomew for winning the 18" Rikon band saw! I was a little sad to see the saw leave my garage but felt great about where it ended up. A special thank you to Mike Price for his generous donation to the SPSW.

Thank you to everyone that brought food to the potluck, this year we had plenty to go around.

You will probably notice an improvement to the video at this month's meeting. We have purchased new lights that should reduce the glare that was giving our cameras fits. We are also trying to get a better way to show the items during our "show & tell" portion of the meeting.

President emeritus Dan Stromstad will take his place at the lathe this month and will be demonstrating turning utilizing a vacuum chuck. This method of turning opens up many different design possibilities for shape and size.

This month we will also be returning to Nancy Sweazey's warm and spacious shop for our monthly sawdust session.

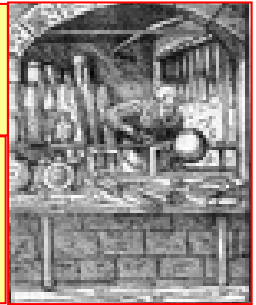
Be safe, have fun and make shavings.

See you on the 21st.

Pat

Annual Membership

Once again we have reached the first of a year and it is time to renew your club membership. Dues have stayed the same at \$35 per family. These dues pay for the rental of the hall we meet in, the equipment we use to put on the monthly presentations, payment to the presenters, and a myriad of other things like: website, library, newsletter, etc. Please get those dues in as soon as possible.



SPSW 2016 Event Calendar

January 2016 21st - Membership Mtg Dan Stromstad 23rd - Sawdust Session 26th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	February 2016 18th - Membership Mtg 20th - Sawdust Session 23rd - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	March 2016 17th - Membership Mtg 19th - Sawdust Session 29th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	April 2016 21st - Membership Mtg 23rd - Sawdust Session 26th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's
May 2016 19th - Membership Mtg 21st - Sawdust Session 31st - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	June 2016 16th - Membership Mtg 18th - Sawdust Session 28th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	July 2016 21st - Membership Mtg 23rd - Sawdust Session 26th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	August 2016 18th - Membership Mtg 20th - Sawdust Session 30th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's
September 2016 15th - Membership Mtg 17th - Sawdust Session 27th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	October 2016 20th - Membership Mtg 22nd - Sawdust Session 25th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	November 2016 17th - Membership Mtg 19th - Sawdust Session 29th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	December 2016 15th - Holiday Mtg No Sawdust Session Jan 3rd - Board Mtg Pat McCart's No Sawdust Session this month

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

This Month at a Glance

- Membership Mtg. - Jan. 21st (Thur.) 6:00 - 9:15 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Sawdust Session - Jan. 23rd
- Board Mtg. - Jan. 26th (Tue.) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Pat McCart's, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)



Pictures from December Meeting

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Want to Turn Better?

“Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.” – proverb

It’s all about skills transfer

This article came out of a chat at a recent SPSW board meeting – we were talking about the various ways that being in the club has helped all of us be better turners. Mostly this is what we learn from other members – or what we learn by teaching. Here’s a brief look at some of the ways being in the club can help YOU turn better!

1 –Sawdust Sessions

SPSW is very fortunate to have use of Nancy Sweazey’s shop for the monthly Sawdust Sessions. Every third Saturday these sessions run from 9am to midafternoon – a great place to get hands-on help in a friendly, open atmosphere where everyone there is focused on better turning. If you’ve not been to Nancy’s shop, ask Jim

Cotter or Pat for a map at the next meeting.

2 –Club mentors

The club has a tremendous wealth of woodturning experience, from world-class/professional turners to bright new stars with a passion for the craft – and everything in between. Eleven of the best skilled in our club have volunteered to help anyone who asks. Pictures on this page are a few of our mentors in action – if you don’t recognize them, ask at the next meeting!

3 – Teach something yourself

The best way I know to “put some polish” on one of your own skills is to teach it to somebody else. When they ask “Why?” you have to stop and think about it instead of just doing it that way – a great chance to learn something yourself! And we always need demonstrators for the mini symposiums...

Better turning is just that easy!

Try any or all of these options – I guarantee you’ll see a difference, the very next time you turn on your lathe!

–Andy Firpo





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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- **Bob Sievers**
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- **Jack Wayne**
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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

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We are collecting 2016 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.

South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW)

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