



Chips & Shavings

August 2017

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August - John Howard



Like so many of us, John Howard had a decades long break between being introduced to woodturning in high school woodshop classes and taking it up again. In the interim, he completed a Biology degree, served 5-years in the Army, and had a long career as a teacher dean of instruction, first at Portland Community College and then at

Bates Technical College in Tacoma.

John returned to wood turning shortly before he retired from Bates in 2012. He joined the South Puget Sound Woodturners in 2014, and since then joined the SPSW board and often acts as a mentor at monthly sawdust sessions.

At the SPSW's August meeting, John will demonstrate how to make a segmented pen, which is a relatively simple project, that is a good introduction to more complex segmented turning projects. Also highlighted during this demonstration will be using a skew chisel to minimize tear out and use of cyanoacrylate (super glue) as a finish.

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YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE8ZRLhj4kVG_n8OqBST6pw



Letter from the President

Hot August days and nights

Thanks to everyone that came out to our annual picnic and wood auction. New members and long term members mingled together on a very pleasant Sunday in July. We shared food and took a shot at winning some bowl blanks or big chunks of maple or some of the hundreds of pin blanks available. Once again the food was plentiful. The wood was varied and plentiful and the bids were both thrifty and generous.

Ken Light brought his auctioneer A-game and generated over \$1400 from the wood and tools at the auction. A special thanks to **Roy Lane, Harry Lincoln and Curtis Evers for providing the lion's share of the wood at the auction.** Have you ever seen that many pin blanks in your life.

Our July panel discussion was something new and hopefully you got some useful information. Like all things new we have some areas we can work on, we will continue to improve the format and fine tune the presentation. We are also looking for ways to provide more and better opportunities to ask questions.

This month John Howard will be demonstrating 2 unique and different aspects of woodturning combined into 1. John will be doing a segmented ink pin utilizing multiple species of wood in various colors arranged in interesting geometric patterns.

No sawdust session this month or next. We are delaying the Presidents challenge of a 3 footed bowl until September.

Be safe, have fun and make shavings.

Pat



President's 2017 Challenges

We are starting a new feature for SPSW general meetings in 2017, a President's Challenge, which will be open to all members who wish to participate. The purpose of the challenge is to take you out of your 'comfort zone' and encourage you to learn new techniques, the use of different tools, and encourage problem solving. The idea is to make the item (s) which meet the requirements listed in the chart below and bring it or them for Show and Tell at the specified monthly meeting. Please note some items set a test parameter.

Just bring your completed piece to the general meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the listed month. Each "challenge" allows you freedom of expression and there is no expectation regarding what you turn, so long as it meets the criteria listed.

Items will be judged by an impartial panel, based on the description in the requirements section. All participants will get a round of applause and the satisfaction of having acquired some new skill and knowledge. Each entrant will get a Participation Award ticket for the annual PA drawing in December. The winner will get 2 tickets.

*The August Presidents challenge of a 3 footed bowl has been moved to September 21st

Meeting	Challenge	Requirements to be met
February 16 th	Sphere	Challenge completed
April 20 th	Birdhouse	Challenge completed. Golf ball and tee was the winning bird house.
June 15 th	3 Tops	Challenge completed
*September 21 th	Footed natural edged vessel	Any size. Wall thickness at rim must not be more than 3/8ths of an inch thick and the edged vessel rest of the bowl must have a consistent wall thickness dimension which may differ from edged vessel rest of the bowl must have a consistent wall thickness dimension which may differ from the rim. The footed base may have 3 or more feet and the piece must stand with the rim parallel to the surface on which the piece sits No test to this. Originality, adherence to the requirements, style and effectiveness of footing, and amount of natural edge bark are the judging criteria. Your Choice of woods.
October 19 th	Lidded box	Any size or style, May be single box or stacked boxes, Requirement is that the piece must be a box with a lid. Test is how well the lid fits (not how tight the fit is). Extra points for innovative design, integrated knob (turned from the same piece of wood and not added onto the lid), threading the box and lid, originality, and overall aesthetic appeal. Your choice of woods.
December 21 st	Holiday ornament	Be creative. Do something you have not done before using at least 2 species of wood. No test to this. Judging criteria include lightness (weight), originality, and design balance. Your choice of woods.



Event Calendar

<p>May 2017</p> <p>18th: Membership Mtg Eric Lofstrom</p> <p>20st: Eric Lofstrom Turning Class \$30 Nancy Sweazey's shop</p>	<p>June 2017</p> <p>15th: Membership Mtg Fred Abeles</p> <p>17th: Nancy Sweazey shop clean up</p> <p>27th: Board Mtg Pat McCart's</p>	<p>July 2017</p> <p>20th: Membership Mtg Panel Discussion</p> <p>23rd: Potluck picnic & Wood Auction (Sunday)</p> <p>25th: Board Mtg Pat McCart's</p>	<p>August 2017</p> <p>17th: Membership Mtg John Howard</p> <p>No Sawdust Session</p> <p>29th: Board Meeting Pat McCart's</p>
<p>September 2017</p> <p>21st: Membership Mtg Mini Symposium</p> <p>No Sawdust Session</p> <p>26th: Board Meeting Pat McCart's</p>	<p>October 2017</p> <p>19th: Membership Mtg Michael Dresdner</p> <p>21st: Sawdust Session</p> <p>31st: Board Meeting Pat McCart's</p>	<p>November 2017</p> <p>16th: Membership Mtg Dennis (Tones) Briggs</p> <p>18th: Sawdust Session</p> <p>28th: Board Meeting</p>	<p>December 2017</p> <p>20th: Holiday Mtg</p> <p>no Sawdust Session</p> <p>Jan 2nd: Board Mtg Pat McCart's</p>

*** Sawdust Sessions: Bring safety equipment (eyewear, hearing, etc), bring a lunch, bring your tools if you have them**

The Month at a Glance

- Membership Meeting: August 20th (Thursday) 6:00—9:00 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Sawdust Session: No sawdust session this month
- Board Meeting: August 29th (Tuesday) 7:00—8:30 pm at Pat McCart's, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)



Photo's from the July Meeting

Photos by Fred Abeles. For additional club photos by Fred please visit his web site.

[South Puget Sound Woodturners Newest Photos](http://SouthPugetSoundWoodturners.com/NewsPhotos)

<https://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/Woodworking/South-Puget-Sound-Woodturners>





Announcements

BONNIE AND ROBERT'S LAST BLOWOUT SALE !!!!

Lots of free wood, and wood for the frugal woodturner, and a good selection of exotics. Most all wood is \$1 per pound, \$2 per pound for the exotics. Madrone burl and Maple burl chunks. Hard Maple dowels. \$10 grab boxes.

Curly maple, small burls, and 2" thick boards. Many books. Probably more stuff that we don't even know about yet!

Please bring boxes, we need to keep the totes!

Mostly wood, lots of books, some shelving and Boeing work benches.

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Hours [9AM - 3PM](#)

Bonnie Klein ([425-417-7566](tel:425-417-7566)) and Robert Purdy ([425-417-9695](tel:425-417-9695))
17910 SE 110th Street



The SPSW Board currently has 4 openings.

- Librarian: Responsible for the chapters DVD's, books and digital library
- Industry Coordinator: Responsible for chapters relationship with vendors, suppliers, location businesses and sponsors
- A/V Coordinator: Responsible for the chapters Audio/Video equipment. Captures video at meetings, sawdust sessions and special events.
- Equipment Coordinator: Responsible for the chapters trailer and it's contents' (lathes, tools, video equipment).
- Please contact Pat if you have questions or are interested in one of the openings.

- Seattle AAW Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of each month, VFW Hall, 4330 148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052 <https://seattlewoodturners.org>
- Olympian AAW Membership Meeting - 4th Thursday of each month, Thurston County Fairgrounds. <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org/> Woodturners of Olympia - Home
- * The South Puget Sound Woodturners now has a club policy for harvesting wood as a club function. We also have a Wood Rat. Contact Jerre Griffin jgriffin@centurytel.net for more information about wood harvesting.



Membership

We are collecting 2017 dues. Dues for the whole family are \$35. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card. 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 pay at the meeting or mailing it to the address on membership form.

We now also have tile option for you to join, renew, purchase supplies or just donate, we are a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

Now is also a good time to sign up for the American Association of Wood turners (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 Woodturners journal, you will receive six issues starting with the issue published after your join or renew date.

You can pay online! Go to our website, fill out the form, and pay with PayPal.

<http://www.spswoodturners.org/about/become-a-member>

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South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW) Membership Application

Name: _____ New membership _____ Renewal _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

How would like to receive the newsletter? Email: _____ US Mail: _____

How long have you been turning? _____ AAW Member? _____

Interest: Spindle Turning _____ Bowls _____ Vases _____ Segmented turning _____ Tool making _____

Tool sharpening _____ other _____

Membership dues for South Puget Sound Woodturners are \$35.00 annually. If paying by mail, make the check payable to South Puget Sound Woodturners (or SPSW) and mail this form to:

South Puget Sound Woodturners
PO Box 1792
Milton, WA 98354

** If paying online, visit our website, fill out the online form, and pay with PayPal.*

SPSW Membership only: Date _____
Check # _____ Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Card <input type="checkbox"/>



Our Sponsors (Under Construction)

The previous Sponsorship list was out of date and work is needed to reconnect with our past sponsors and recruit new ones. Contact Pat if you have any questions.

AAW Tips for Woodturners

Shopmade Vacuum Chucks :

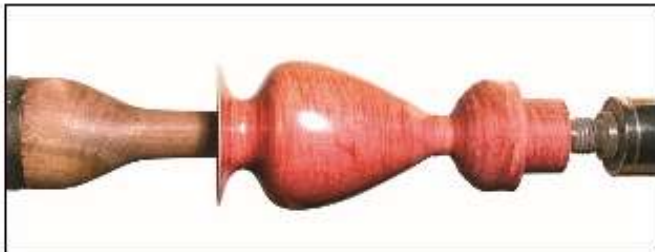
Oneway Mfg. sells Taper-Lock adaptors (available in numerous spindle-thread sizes) that screw onto the headstock to hold Oneway chucks. This adaptor is also useful as the base for a shopmade vacuum chuck.

The three vacuum chucks in the photo are all simple-turned wooden cylinders of differing diameters—I use them to support smaller pieces while I finish the bases. (The Oneway 3" [76 mm] aluminum drum chuck is shown for comparison.) The wooden cylinder fits snugly over the sleeve of the metal adaptor and is glued on with CA glue. Oneway sells a sticky-backed neoprene ring that is cut to size to fit the top end of the vacuum chuck where it contacts the piece. Their largest neoprene ring is 12" diameter and is 1¾" (44 mm) wide (Part 3662).

The accompanying photo shows one of these chucks being used to support a small vase form prior to turning away the tenon and finishing the base.

If you do not have a vacuum set-up, these shopmade chucks are useful as mandrels to support small pieces held at the tailstock end by a small residual stub, which is removed later with a carving tool.

~ Malcolm Zander
Ottawa, Ontario



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AAW's 32nd International Woodturning Symposium

The AAW's 32nd International Woodturning Symposium will be held in Portland, Oregon, June 14-17, 2018. Visit the AAW website for more information. <http://www.woodturner.org>