



Chips & Shavings

December—Holiday Party

December 2017

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2018 Annual Membership Dues October 1

Starting October 1 you can join or renew your membership for 2018. You can find the membership form in this newsletter, or on our web site.

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Letter from the President 2018 and beyond

As I sit down to write my last newsletter note as President of the SPSW. I am compelled to look back to my first newsletter note that I wrote in Jan 2007. **In it I quoted my Grandfather who I can remember saying “Many hands make light work of a heavy load” whenever we were with a group of family or friends** trying to accomplish a common task. I revel in that feeling each meeting when we come together and work towards advancing the skill level of each member of the SPSW. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you these last 4 years it has been a pleasure.

December’s meeting is a potluck meal and a prize give-away for all members of the SPSW. This year we have over 100 wood turning blanks from UCR Woods that are ready for your lathe. D-Way Tools have donated some of the finest wood turning money can buy. Sumner Woodworking Store has provided tools and gift certificates as have Woodcraft and Rockler. Hopefully you have been getting your raffle tickets each month and will walk away with some great stuff.

Potluck suggestions are A thru I will do main dishes. J-S will bring the deserts with T –Z salads or chips and dip. We will provide plates and silver ware, coffee and water.

Additionally we always have a Show and Tell for the item that you turned **this year that you are most proud of. This is also the last President’s Challenge** of the year, a turned ornament of any kind.

Thank you to each member of the BOD for your patience and assistance throughout this year, your efforts have positioned the SPSW on stable footings going forward.

Finally Thank you to each and every member of the SPSW for showing up each month and helping to keep the craft of woodturning growing and reaching **more and more people. It’s been fun to get together with all of you. Thank you** for your help and please give our incoming President John Howard your best efforts and assistance.

Have fun, be safe 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 bi-monthly President's Challenge schedule is as follows:

Meeting	Challenge	Requirements to be met
February 16 th	Sphere	Challenge completed
April 20 th	Birdhouse	Challenge completed
June 15 th	3 Tops	Challenge completed
*September 21 th	Footed natural edged vessel	Challenge completed
October 19 th	Lidded box	Challenge completed
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.



2017—2018 Event Calendar

<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>24th: 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 Pat McCart's</p>	<p>December 2017</p> <p>21st: Membership Mtg Holiday Mtg</p> <p>No Sawdust Session</p>
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2018 Event Calendar

<p>January 2018</p> <p>18th: Membership Mtg Jimmie Allen</p> <p>20th: Sawdust Session</p> <p>30th: Board Meeting</p>	<p>February 2018</p> <p>15th: Membership Mtg Brad Huseby & Mike Poirier</p> <p>17th: Sawdust Session</p> <p>27th: Board Meeting</p>	<p>March 2018</p> <p>15th: Membership Mtg Mini symposium</p> <p>17th: Sawdust Session</p> <p>27th: Board Meeting</p>	<p>April 2018</p> <p>19th: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>21st: Sawdust Session</p> <p>24th: Board Mtg</p>
<p>May 2018</p> <p>17th: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>19th: Sawdust Session</p> <p>29th: Board Meeting</p>	<p>June 2018</p> <p>21th: Membership Mtg Dan Ackerman</p> <p>23th: Sawdust Session</p> <p>26st: Board Meeting</p>	<p>July 2018</p> <p>19th: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>No Sawdust Session</p> <p>31st: Board Meeting</p>	<p>August 2018</p> <p>16th: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>18th: Sawdust Session</p> <p>28th: Board Mtg</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: December 21th (Thursday) 6:00—9:00 pm at Fife Senior Ctr
- Sawdust Session: No December Sawdust Session
- Board Meeting: January 28th (Tuesday) 7:00—8:30 pm.
Members welcomed. RSVP John Howard for location



Photo's from the November Meeting

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

[South Puget Sound Woodturners Newest Photos](https://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/Woodworking/South-Puget-Sound-Woodturners)

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Announcements



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>

Registration is now open!

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>
- * 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.
- Woodturners of Olympia Membership Meeting ([new date & location](#)) – 2nd Tuesday of each month, Olympia First Baptist Church, parking and entrance is located behind the church off Franklin St. SE, between 9th & 10th. <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org>



AAW Tips for Woodturners

Large Chuck Jaws for Reverse Turning

I made large wooden jaws for my chuck to reverse turn bowls.

- Glue up three layers of MDF that are slightly larger than the size of the jaws needed.
- Cut the stack into four squares.
- Cut a small miter off of the inside corners to match the inner circle of the metal chuck jaws.
- Then, attach the jaws to the wood and mount them on the lathe.
- Put a 1" (25mm) dowel in the center and clamp it in place.



There should be a gap between all the jaws. This will give plenty of adjustment to the jaws when finished.

- Mark off the outside diameter and bandsaw it close to size.
- Mount the chuck back on the lathe and true up the outside.
- Then, turn some dovetail steps to accommodate different-sized bowls.

Remove the dowel and you are ready to turn. The dovetails can be resized as needed. When the jaws become too small, simply build some more.

A cautionary note: MDF is somewhat fragile so make your dovetails at least ½" (13mm) thick. Also, breathing MDF dust is hazardous so wear a dust mask and use a good dust collection





2018 Membership

We are collecting 2018 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 _____ Pen Making _____ 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.*