



Chips & Shavings

January 2018

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January—Jimmie Allen

Jimmie Allen is a long-time northwest resident and currently resides in Bremerton, WA. Jimmie discovered woodturning during his semi-retirement as a finish carpenter. He joined the OPCA AW club in 2003 and was instantly hooked - he went on to serve 7 years as the club's Vice President of Training.

After experimenting with various wood turning aspects, Jimmie was drawn to the challenge that wood boxes presented. Since then, he has concentrated his efforts on improving technique, wood selection, design/shape and proportion. Through this journey, Jimmie also found another creative outlet - the design and crafting of box making tools that helped him to create his signature style of boxes.

Jimmie's philosophy is that we all start at the same place and it's important to keep it simple – "If you put in the time, you'll get there". He appreciates the opportunity to encourage and motivate people by sharing his experiences and techniques through demonstrations and sawdust sessions.

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New Setup Time for 2018

Our setup time has moved from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

The meeting start time 7:00 PM

2018 Membership

Join or renew your membership for 2018. You can find the membership form in this newsletter, or on our web site.

Social Media accounts:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/South-Puget-Sound-Woodturners-173957185984457/>
Pinterest - <http://www.pinterest.com/spswoodturners/>
Twitter - <https://twitter.com/spswoodturners>
YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE8ZRLhj4kVG_n8QqBST6pw



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Letter from the President

I hope everyone had a great holiday season.
Happy New Year to each of you!



As we enter 2018, most of us begin the new-year with hope in this rapidly changing world. One of those changes, although minor, is that I am taking over as president of the SPSW from Pat for 2018.

This is my very first President's letter to the membership, and before I do anything else, I'd like to express thanks to all of you that have been active in the club this past year. That is all of you who donate wood, share what you have been turning at meetings, help set up and tear down, help others at saw dust sessions, buy wood at the auction, serve on the board, provide coffee, and speak at meetings. Your participation is what makes this club the viable, active, and sharing organization that it is!

I would especially like to thank Pat McCart, who has served as President for eight out of the past eleven years. Pat has done such a great job he has is very hard to replace. **He has done so many things to keep the SPSW going, that I won't try to list them all here.** I am very thankful that Pat will continue to serve on the Executive Board. I know I will have many questions for him in the next year

Also thanks you to the executive board for all they did last year, and special thanks to Jeff Marshall, Terry Broberg and Leah Young, each of whom has volunteered to serve on the executive board. The membership vote to elect them to the board will happen at the January meeting.

Thanks to everyone who brought food and joined us at the December pot-luck dinner. The food was great and all who attended had a good time! Special thanks to all of you that came early and stayed late to set everything up and put away the seats and tables. Your help was noticed and appreciated.

Now, as we enter now enter 2018, we have a lot of things coming up. I will work with the rest of the executive board to continue everything we are doing now, and a few things more. We will continue to monthly meetings and the sawdust sessions **at Nancy's, and the new President's challenges. The board is considering hosting weekend clinics.** If there is someone you know that would be good for that, please let one of the board members know, or just give me a call.

One of the biggest things coming in 2018 will be the AAW's 32nd Annual International Symposium, which is happening this summer in Portland from June 14th – 17th! Ex-SPSW President Dan Stromstead has very kindly agreed to act as our **liaison. I'll keep you updated as more information comes in. This symposium is a rare opportunity to attend on of the biggest woodturning events in the world so close to home.** We have several members that attend this meeting, and each of **them say that it has been almost a life changing event for them. I'm looking forward to attending it.** The host hotel will be the Double Tree by Hilton and the actual event will happen at the Oregon Convention Center. We will be talking more about the symposium, as we get closer to the event. I understand that there will discount tickets available, and I know that they will be looking for some of us to help with setup, introducing speakers.

In closing, I look forward to the coming year with all of you. I hope I can do as good a job as Pat has done in keeping the SPSW the vibrant, active and collegial club it has been in the past!



President's 2018 Challenges

We will continue to offer the by-monthly president's challenges that started last year. The first one this year will be evaluated at the February meeting, and will be a pepper mill or pepper-shaker. The design and materials are up to you.

I am going to get input from the Board and will try to publish challenges for the rest of the year in the February newsletter.

Meeting	Challenge	Requirements to be met
February	Pepper Mill or pepper shaker	The first one this year will be evaluated at the February meeting, and will be a pepper mill or pepper-shaker. The design and materials are up to you.
April	TBD	
June	TBD	
August	TBD	
October	TBD	
December	TBD	



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>
<p>September 2018</p> <p>20th: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>22th: Sawdust Session</p> <p>25th: Board Meeting</p>	<p>October 2018</p> <p>18th: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>20th: Sawdust Session</p> <p>30st: Board Meeting</p>	<p>November 2018</p> <p>15th: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>17th: Sawdust Session</p> <p>27st: Board Meeting</p>	<p>December 2018</p> <p>20th: Membership Mtg Holiday Party</p> <p>No Sawdust Session</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: January 18th (Thursday) 6:00—9:00 pm at Fife Senior Ctr
- Sawdust Session: January 20th (Saturday) Sawdust Session
- Board Meeting: January 30th (Tuesday) 7:00—8:30 pm.
Members welcomed. RSVP John Howard for location



Photo's from the December 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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Thank you!

I would like to thank SPSW for the donation of a used Jet lathe that now is in operation in West Seattle High school.

My son was in woodshop years ago and the lathe was not in operation at that school. I cleaned the old lathe and conducted a demonstration of the lathe and some of its basic features and proper safety practices when using a lathe.

The next time I visited the school, one student was turning a piece of hemlock. It was fuzzy and bumpy with parting tool marks every half an inch. The student finished the piece, pulled it out of the lathe and announced to the teacher across the room “look what I made Mr. Walters!!”

I have donated tools and wood to high schools in King and Thurston counties. A lot of wood that I have donated, was from the club and club members. I would like to thank the club for the Jet lathe, it was in use within a week.

Jeff Marshall





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!

2018 AAW Symposium Discount Registration Offer

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the AAW Symposium in Portland this summer! The AAW is offering SPSW members discounted registration for the Symposium to be held in Portland this coming June 14th – 17th at the Oregon Convention Center. This meeting will be an opportunity to see world-class turners demonstrate, see works by other turners, and meet many people that share our interests in this endeavor.

To qualify for discounts of \$25 off the normal \$325/member registration, I need to express our commitment to organize a group of 10 or more SPSW members to attend the AAW before February 28th, and collect and send in the checks to the AAW before April 2nd. Ten is a minimum number to qualify for the discount, but we can get the discount for all that wish to participate, provided we have their checks in hand and ready to send to the AAW by April 2nd.

I will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the January meeting and will be collecting checks at the January, February and March meetings.

If you plan on going, this is a great chance to save a little money. Sign up, or better yet, bring your check to reserve your spot for this great meeting. If you can make the meeting contact me at (253) 370-5704 or e-mail me at jhowardcdt@comcast.net. **Checks should be made out to the "American Association of Woodturners" in the amount of \$300. Credit cards are not accepted.**

- 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>

The SPSW Board currently has 4 openings.

- AAW Coordinator: Responsible for the chapters relationship with the AAW
- 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.



AAW Tips for Woodturners

Support for Turning Bottom of Bowls

An alternative to the "wooden running pads" described in another tip: Take one of the plastic nuts that is used in some plumbing connections, such as the flexible connector that attaches to water using appliances, and place it over the end of the conical live center. The point of the live center does not protrude past the open end of the plastic nut and thus provides a small circular support surface at the wood project.

~ Warnie Lore, West Virginia





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.*