



Chips & Shavings

February 2018

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February Turning Tools 101

Brad Huseby & Mike Poirier

Mike & Brad will lead a discussion will be general information about turning tools. This is the basics and not about specialty tool or grinds. It is not an attempt to change anyone's mind about the tools they use or what specific tools to buy. We encourage group participation to help each other make good decisions on what tools are available and to pass along experiences we have had. The tools you buy will cost more than the lathe in the end.

Mike- I took woodshop in Jr. and Sr. High. After graduation I went in the military and prior to discharge my wife and I got married. That was 47 years ago. I stayed interested in woodworking but did not have an area to work. Now I have a place to make a mess and not have to clean it up. I started making wooden toys and in the process found a lathe was necessary to make some of the parts. I was self-taught and considered myself adequate. Joined Evergreen Woodworkers and was a member for 12 years. 3 years ago I joined SPSW for help in overall knowledge of woodturning, turning techniques, tools to buy, sharpening and where to get materials and wood. I took advantage of the "Sawdust Sessions" at Bob Sweazey's shop and I recommend to all.

Brad- While in high school 40+ years ago, I did my first turnings. With little guidance on tool selection I used a roughing gouge and scraper. I made a candle stick holder and a fish club. In the 80's I was given a broken lathe that I cobbled together and made a few pens and small misc. pieces. In 2000, my wife and I bought a shop with a house. I Googled wood turning clubs and found and attended SPSW meeting. This is where I heard about the sawdust sessions. I went to check it out with interest and curiosity. Erick Lofstrom asked if I want to "have a go" at what he and Bob Sweazey were turning. I was reluctant at first but finally gave it a try. My technique was not right and Erick suggested dropping the handle a little and rotating it to the right. His suggesting made a big difference. The shavings flew and I was hooked. Erick's insistence to "Give it a try" and his guidance on my turning technique renewed my interest in turning and I have been hooked since. I enjoy all types of turning and passing it forward.

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



We are off to a great start in 2018! Last month's meeting was a wonderful start to the year, We all enjoyed watching Jimmy Allen demonstrate his box turning techniques using the tools that he manufactures. Jimmy also came to the sawdust session the following Saturday, and everyone had a chance to view his techniques "up close and personally". There were 21 people there, 5 of whom were new to turning. There was a lot of activity with four lathes going the whole time.

We went straight through from 9:00 until after 2:00. I don't think anyone even took a lunch break! Several people mentioned they thought it was one of the best sawdust sessions ever. Thanks to everyone that came and all the demonstrators!

Getting annual dues in is always an issue, for any club, at this time of year. Terry Broberg just took over membership duties from AlisaBeth. Both them, along with Don Westergard, have worked hard to get our membership roster fully up to date. I am pleased to tell you that project has already been completed, and that our roster is now as accurate we can make it at this time. So far we have 144 members paid up for 2018. This is really good for this time of year, and reflects our membership's level of commitment to our club. Thank you to all of you who have already paid for 2018, and the rest of you, please stop by the membership table at the February 15th meeting. If you prefer you can pay dues through PayPal using the spswoodturners.org web site. Just click on the "members only" tab, and complete the membership renewal form.

Now that we think we have the roster fully updated, we want to ensure that we have picked up any changes to members contact information. Things might have changed since we got your information. Therefore, we plan to send out a one-time e-mail to all of the current members and ask that you please verify their current address, phone number, and preferred e-mail address.

Leah Young, who was elected to the board last month, is taking over the SWSW Library. She will be getting together with John Jacobs who ran the library for the past several years. So, access to our lending collection of books and DVDs should start up again soon. Also don't forget that there is a wonderful information resource with the videos available on our web page. Just look under the library tab.

See you all on the 15th! Have fun, make shavings, and, most of all, be safe!



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>February 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: February 15th (Thursday) 6:00—9:00 pm at Fife Senior Ctr
- Sawdust Session: February 17th (Saturday) Sawdust Session
- Board Meeting: February 28th (Tuesday) 7:00—8:30 pm.
Members welcomed. RSVP John Howard for location



Photo's from the January 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!

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 February 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

Vacuum Chucking with Stronghold Chuck in Place

I use the Oneway Stronghold chuck and didn't like to have to take it off to use a vacuum chuck. To solve the problem, I made a jig using a disc of MDF with a small disc of oak centered in the middle and glued in place. The oak is turned to the correct size to fit the standard jaws of my chuck.

- I mounted the MDF/oak into the chuck and then drilled a 1" (25 mm) hole in the middle.
- I slid a 1" (25 mm) dowel through the hole until it touched the end of the vacuum device in the headstock.
- I retracted the dowel 1/16" (2 mm) and made a mark flush with the surface of the MDF.
- I cut 1/16" (2 mm) off the dowel then glued the dowel into the hole at the previous mark.
- I then glued a piece of self-sealing foam (SSF) to the end of the dowel so I would have a good seal on that end.
- Then all I had to do was glue SSF to the face and make notches for the different size PVC pieces I use.



I made a variety of different-sized jigs to accommodate natural edge bowls, utility bowls, and plates, and I made a larger one to fit the large jaws of my chuck. Now, when I am ready to finish the bottom of a piece all I have to do is grab one jig for the size of jaws I am using at the time, chuck it, and I am good to go. With the largest size, I have turned wall hangings up to 40" (100 cm) in diameter, entirely with a vacuum chuck front and back. Be sure to take only light cuts and have an on and off foot switch handy. ~ Dan Burleson, Troy, MO

A cautionary note: MDF is fragile and breathing MDF dust is hazardous. Wear a dust mask and use a good dust collection when working with MDF.





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)

Date: _____

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.*