

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

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The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners

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July President's Message

by John Howard

Great News!



The Fife Community Center is reopening to full capacity in July. In accordance with State opening guidelines, the only restriction is that all those who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 are required to wear a mask. This means that we are going to be able to return to our monthly in-person meetings, hopefully for the rest of the year! We will continue to hold our meetings on the third Thursday evening of each month.

Our first meeting will be July 15th. The doors will open at 6:30PM, which gives us a half hour to set up. The meeting will start at 7:00 and run until about 9:00PM. For new members, the Fife Community Center is located at 2111 54th Ave E., Fife, WA 98424.

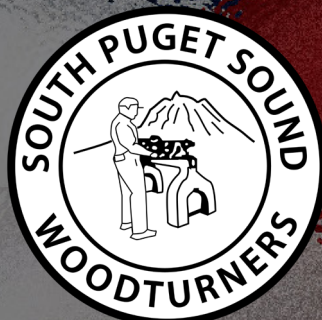
July's SPSW program will be a Mini-Symposium!

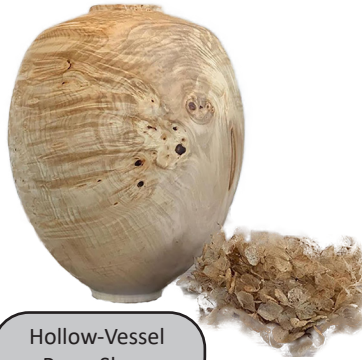
I have spoken to many SPSW members since self-isolation started, and the most common comment was that members have greatly missed being able to see and talk to the many friends they have made as members of the SPSW. The Board has decided that having a mini-symposium would be a great format for our first in-person meeting, because then members will be able to have opportunities to reconnect and visit with each other. For those unfamiliar with the mini-symposium format, there will be several members giving simultaneous demonstrations and activities. There will be lathe demos focusing on hollowing, basic turning, making baby rattles, and adding interest to turnings using branding/wood burning techniques.

There will also be a "flea market" table for buying and selling turning tools, so if you have some to sell, put a price on them and bring them to the meeting. Pat McCart will have the club's bench grinder and CBN wheels set up to demonstrate tool sharpening. So if you would like to learn how to sharpen, bring a couple tools and Pat will help get you started. Fred will show you how to photograph your work and will actually take pictures of some of your work if you will bring a couple of pieces to the meeting. There will be a wood sales table, membership table, and a mentoring table. Also, Ken Light will have a Store Sales table where you can buy glue, abrasives, finishes, and other items at great prices.

The best way to get a lot out of a mini-symposium is just wander around, and see whatever you're interested in. Please take advantage of the opportunity to meet some new friends and learn some new techniques.

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Hollow-Vessel
Perry Shaw

Membership Renewals

Thanks to all of you that have already renewed your membership in the SPSW for 2021! So far, we already have 107 renewed 2021 memberships, which seems prenominal considering all the challenges we have faced for the past year and a half. Thank you to all who have continued to support the SPSW through this time.

If you still need to renew your membership for 2021, you can either see Terry Broberg at the membership during the meeting, or go online through the SPSW website <http://www.spswoodturners.org> (click on “for members”). Alternatively, if you prefer, you can fill out the last page of this newsletter and send it to the PO Box with a \$35 check.

President’s letter continued...

SPSW Board of Directors Elections

In November, we will have an election for members of the board for the 2022 year. Happily, current SPSW Secretary, Fred Abeles, has “thrown his hat in the ring” to run for President in 2022! Thanks Fred!

That means that we will need someone to fill Fred’s current position as SPSW Secretary. The duties of that position involve serving on the Board of Directors, and being the person to record minutes of board and membership meetings

We also still need someone to volunteer for the Vice President’s position. The duties of the vice president involve being an active member of the Board, and stepping in when the president cannot or is not able to act, and possibly moving into the presidency next year.

We could use your help and guidance to make the SPSW even more valuable to our members! If you might be interested in joining the board, and stepping up in the club, please contact me, and we can talk about it. You can call me at 263-370-5704 or e-mail me at jhowardcdt@comcast.net if you have any questions or would like to talk about the position.

Be healthy, be safe, and keep making shavings!



John Howard



Looking for some inspiration while you are staying home? Check out the [SPSW YouTube Channel](#)

Annual Wood Auction

Historically, instead of a Sawdust Session we have traditionally had a combined wood auction and picnic the weekend after the July meeting. It has been a great get-together, a chance for members to buy enough wood at bargain prices to keep them busy all year, and a nice fundraiser for the SPSW! The board is happy to announce that we will be able to hold the auction again this year. However, we will not do our traditional potluck dinner, because we are just coming out of COVID restrictions, and many are not fully comfortable being crowded into an interior space as we have done the past.



So instead of a potluck, we are asking people to bring their own food, chairs, and tables. We plan to arrive at the North Lake Improvement Club at about 11:00 and set up for the auction. We will eat at about 12:00, and then start the auction right after lunch.

Over the past year, our club's wood-rat (Doug Reynolds) has coordinated multiple cutting parties where we have been able to acquire some really wonderful wood. There will be highly figured maple, box elder, black walnut, locust, monkey puzzle, holly, oak, and many other species. Sizes range from big slabs and rounds, all the way down to pen blanks, and everything in between! Almost all of this wood has been sealed with Anchor Seal and is ready for further processing. If you need something cut down after you buy it, there will be a couple of chain saws at the auction too.

Honestly folks, take advantage of this. Access to this auction is considered by many to be a huge benefit of belonging to the SPSW! There are woods here that aren't generally available in stores. And if you were to try to buy some of this wood in a store, it would be prohibitively expensive. Lots will contain several pieces of wood, and usually go for \$20 - \$30! It is the deal of the year.

The North Lake Improvement Club is located at
33228 38th Ave S.,
Federal Way, WA 98001.

Please join us! I promise great deals and a good time!



Get in on future wood cutting opportunities

If you would like to be notified when we are going out to cut wood so you can get a little for yourself, please let our wood-rat, Doug Reynolds, know. You don't necessarily need your own chain saw. There are many things that folks can do to help at these events. But you will see how to safely use a chain saw and also will see how to section the tree so you get the best and most interesting wood out of it. You will also have access to people who can help you get started on how to seal the wood to minimize checking, explain the advantages of green wood turning, rough turning, and coring processes. If that sounds interesting to you, please let Doug know, and he can put you on his list and you will be contacted by e-mail when he has wood or when we're going out to cut. You can e-mail Doug at dougr83@comcast.net.



On July 17th and 18th 2021, the AAW will be hosting their second annual Virtual Symposium. The in-person annual AAW Symposium was canceled February due to Covid issues. In its place, a virtual symposium will happen July 17th and 18th.



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This Virtual Symposium is a great deal. The cost of registration for the event is only \$45 for AAW members and \$60 for others. This allows you into 12 Zoom-based presentations. That works out to \$3.75/demo! And if you are unable to watch it at that time, registered attendees will also have access to recorded replays of the featured demonstrations and panel discussions.

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Like last year, there will be a series of well-known and very capable woodturners, each doing full demonstrations. This year's presenters include Dixie Biggs, Trent Bosch, Bruce Campbell, Nick Cook, Rebecca DeGroot, Mark Dreyer, Art Liestman, Al Miotke, and JoHannes Michaelson. AAW members, watch your e-mail for further notices and to reserve your spot.



A Word from Kent Horton, the AAW liaison

Well, it is almost here! AAW's BIG event of the year will be held on July 16-17-18, 2021. Again, this year, you will have front-row seats from the comfort of your home to watch some of the world's best turners demonstrating their craft. The cost of admission is \$45.00 for AAW members and \$60.00 for all others. With 12 feature demonstrations, that is only \$3.75 per demonstration – What a DEAL! You have access to many other events and activities such as panel discussions on special interest topics, both live and silent auctions, and a virtual trade show featuring the top manufactures of tools and equipment targeted to the wood turning community, in addition there will be prize drawings.

According to the AAW's most recent publication –

“You'll have opportunities to engage with other attendees face-to-face, plan your sessions or skip around – you decide. The only thing missing will be the handshakes and hugs from old and new friends.”

The kick-off for this event is Friday, July 16 at 7:30 (All times given are Eastern time) for a Live Benefit Auction. On Saturday things get started with a virtual trade show at 10:00 and will continue until 6:00 pm. From 11:30 am until 6:00 pm there will be turning demonstrations, special interest groups, community chats and more. At 7:30 pm there will be a live Benefit Auction. Sunday will be a continuation of Saturday's events and activities.

Registered attendees will have access to recorded replays of demonstrations and panel discussions. Yes, you will be able to watch them according to YOUR schedule.

To register, go to: woodturner.org and click on the 2021 Virtual Symposium tab – that is all there is to it! See you at the symposium.

Kent Horton,
Director-at-Large – AAW Liaison
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Mentoring Support

In an effort to help strengthen our clubs' Mentoring Program, I have volunteered to take a look at our membership roster and help group members who live nearby one another. I know it has been most helpful to me to having fellow club member Jeff Marshall living within a couple of miles to be able to go to his shop for "tutoring sessions" when I had a few questions or needed help with a turning project – not to mention how great it is to be able to carpool and talk "woodturning" too and from our meetings way back when we were having in-person meetings.



My first step is to open it up to those members who are interested in participating to request the contact information of fellow club members living within their community. All you need to do is send me an email at: scimankent@gmail.com and let me know you are interested. Also, if you wish to be excluded and not be contacted – please let me know this as well. Thanks! I will look forward to hearing from you. - Kent

SPSW is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Many of our members are just members of the chapter but not the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). **The AAW offers an introductory free 3-month trial membership to chapter members.** The free membership allows access to all online publications like The American Woodturner, Woodturning FUNDamentals magazine, and AAW e-newsletters .



Visit the website www.woodturner.org (or click the link if you are an email newsletter subscriber) and look under Membership then Join Today. Scroll to the bottom of the page. The above hyperlink will also take you there. For those who prefer to do it by phone, call 877-595-9094 M-F 8:30 to 4:30 Central time.



Damascus steel awl. Blade from Doug Reynolds. Handle ribbon mahogany with maple veneer accents by John Howard

Newsletter Photos



Our newsletter editor, Suzette Edwards, is always looking for more photographs of members work to spice up the newsletter. Many members enjoy seeing their work, and other members love to see what you have been doing. It is sort of a show-and-tell! Please take a few pictures showing your recent work and she will do her best to get it in the next newsletter. during this period when we all have a little more time to be in our shops! Just e-mail your photos to winginsue@gmail.com.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
July 15th	Multiple demonstrators	✓	Mini Symposium
Sunday July 18 th 2021 11:00AM	North Lake Community Improvement Center		Wood Auction/Picnic*
August 19, 2021	Kirk DeHeer	✓	Tips and Tricks
September 16th	Eric Loftstrom		Square Rimmed Bowl
October 21st	Cindy Drozda	✓	Sea Urchin Ornament
November 18th	Jimmy Allen	✓	Beaded Box
December 16th	Holiday dinner/wood giveaway		
January 20th, 2022	Doug Reynolds		Stabilization
February 17th, 2022	Ken Light		Resin Casting for pens

* Due to COVID, instead of a potluck, bring your own food.

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We are collecting 2021 dues. Dues for individuals or for the whole family are \$35/year. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card.

This is still one of the best deals around. For just \$35 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" (our Sawdust Sessions) on the Saturday following the meeting. Use the membership application below and pay at the meeting or mail it to the address on membership form.

We now also have the option for you to join, renew, or just donate. We are a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. You can pay at the meeting, or online! Just go to our website (www.spswoodturners.org), fill out the form, and pay with PayPal.

AAW membership is separate from membership in the SPSW Chapter. 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 yearly anniversary cycle, whereby your membership will start with your join date and continue until the same date the following year.

If your level of AAW membership includes a printed copy of the American Woodturners journal, you will receive six issues starting with the issue published after you join or renew.

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South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW) Membership Application

Name: _____ Membership: New
 Renewal

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

How would you 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



Zoom Meeting If you haven't been on Zoom before, just follow the steps below. **(If you have been in a Zoom meeting before, just start at step 3.)**

1. **The Zoom meeting invitation is only sent to active members.** So, if you have not paid your dues since October 2019, you will need to go to the members tab on the [SPSW website](http://spswoodturners.org) (spswoodturners.org) and renew your membership. Please note that it would normally cost more for just one of these demonstrations than your SPSW dues for the entire year.
 - a. Those of you who get the newsletter by snail-mail will need to get us an e-mail address where we can send your meeting invitation. Please send it to (membership@spswoodturners.org)
2. Before the scheduled meeting, you need to go to zoom.com and download the free "Zoom Meetings" app. The Zoom download is quick, easy, and free!
3. **Information and Invitation Delivery Schedule:**
 - a. **Saturday, June 12th** – The Zoom Meeting Invitation will go out to our active member's distribution list.
 - i. This invitation contains a link that appears in blue letters. Just click it to join the remote demo on Thursday.
 - ii. Please save this where you can find it.
 1. If you don't see the invitation(s) in your inbox, then please check your "junk" or "spam" folder. If you get our newsletters, the meeting invitation should come right into your inbox.
 - b. **Wednesday, June 16th** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member's distribution list.
 - c. **Thursday, June 17** - Log into the meeting between 6:30 and 7:00pm
 - i. Steve's demo will start promptly at 7:00pm.
 - ii. When you click on the link, you will be asked if you want to join with video and audio. Answer "yes" to both, then you will enter a virtual waiting room. Wait just a few seconds and one of the co-hosts will admit you into the actual meeting.
 - iii. **Note:** If you have previously downloaded the app, you may see an update is available. If you see it, please update your app. Zoom is making frequent changes to the program to strengthen security.
 - iv. Devices used to view the demo can be smartphones, tablet computers, laptops, etc. To fully participate, the device needs to have audio and a camera.

For Zoom Security, Please Rename If Needed: We have a number of people that participate in the Zoom demos. When you join the session, you will be able to see yourself and the other participants in thumbnail photos with the name of each person under their picture. If your name appears as "John's iPad", or "iPhone 189567", then we don't really know who you are, which is a security issue. If that happens when you join the meeting, please just click on your name, and then click "rename" and change it to your full name. It will help Ramon and me as we co-host the meeting. Thanks!



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