

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

August 2021

The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners

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August President's Message by John Howard

August Meeting

We will have another "in-person" meeting at the Fife Community Center on August 19th. Our presenter this time will be Kirk DeHeer. Kirk has 25+ years of experience and is known for his knowledge of woodturning tools, equipment and techniques. During this presentation, Kirk will take us through the entire "twice-turned bowl" process. He covers many tips and tricks during his presentation, and Doug Reynolds says that this is a great demo because there is something of interest in it for all levels of woodturners.

Kirk has been a Resident Instructor at Craft Supplies USA in the Dale Nish school of woodturning for many years. The doors of the Fife Community Center will open at 6:30, and 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.**

"Show & Tell" is back!

Bring some of the work you have done in your shop since COVID hit. We will have a table or two set up so you can show some of your work.

Sawdust Sessions Return!

One of the things many members have greatly missed for the past 16 months is our very popular sawdust sessions. We will have our first one in too long of a time at Wayne Wells's house on August 17th. We start up about 9:00 AM and generally run until about 1:00 PM. For those that don't know, Sawdust Sessions are events where we have several lathes in a shop, all hooked up and ready to go. Experienced wood turners are available to help people get started. Some of the people who attend are very new to wood turning, and we try to put tools in their hands and teach them how to get started and have them actually make some cuts. Others that attend are intermediate-level turners, and have projects that they bring in to get help and advice. Everyone is welcome, so please stop by.

Wayne's address is 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445.



President's letter continued...

Treasurer and Newsletter Position News

As many of you have already heard, Suzette Edwards, who has capably served as both our SPSW treasurer and as the newsletter editor, is moving out of state at the end of the month. I've met with Suzette, and she feels that the person in the treasurer's position needs to be local to facilitate handling of banking and disbursements.



After speaking with Suzette, I discussed our treasurer needs with Kathy Garlic, who helped Suzette do the audit when the books were passed from our previous treasurer. I am pleased to be able to announce that Kathy volunteered to finish out Suzette's 2021 term as Treasurer and, in accordance with the Bylaws, the Board of Directors elected Kathy as treasurer effective August 29th.

Suzette plans to continue her active membership in the SPSW, and even though she will be living in eastern Wyoming, she will continue doing the newsletter.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire SPSW membership I would like to pass on our sincere thanks for all that Suzette has done in the role of treasurer for the past several years. In that time, she has revamped our accounting and reporting of our financial situation. She will work with Kathy over the next few months, until Kathy is comfortable with the systems and processes.

Suzette plans to attend the August meeting, so you might mention to her how much we have appreciated her work! I am personally very relieved that she will continue her excellent work as newsletter editor.

Be healthy, be safe, and keep making shavings!



John Howard

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.



Some Wood Rats Tackling a Job

SPSW's Bandsaw for Sale



Just prior to the COVID shutdown, the club bought a Jet bandsaw (Model JWBS-14SFX) for \$850.00 in order to replace a broken-down saw where we were conducting our monthly sawdust sessions. Considering that we will be in another shop for those activities in the future, and that Wayne already has the same model of bandsaw in his shop, the board has determined that we will resell the one we bought. Since the club's saw was only used at one Sawdust Session, the price will be \$850.00. I think that all the members should have a chance to buy this, and it will be a first come/first served deal. If I don't hear from anyone before the end of our next meeting, I will purchase it myself. If you would like to buy this, please contact me at jhowardcddt@comcast.net.

Membership Renewals

Membership Dues

Thanks to all of you that have already renewed your membership in the SPSW for 2021! As of the July meeting, we have 124 renewed dues-paying members.

Terry will not make it to the next two membership meetings, but there will be a board member at the membership table to take dues. If you still need to renew your membership, you can do so at the meeting, or do it 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.

Newsletter Photos

Suzette 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 Suzette will do her best to get it in the next newsletter. Just e-mail your photos to winginsue@gmail.com.

Annual Wood Auction

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We held our annual wood auction on Sunday, July 18th. Thanks to all who helped including Chris Johnson who acted as liaison with the venue, Doug Reynolds and the woodrat crew that collected and stored all the wood, those that helped set up and sort the wood into lots, Ken Light, Stephanie Lane, Ken Huff, and Ryan Howard who actually ran the auction, kept track of who bought what, and collected all the money. This event is our major SPSW fundraiser for the year, and I am happy to report that we collected \$1,365.00 which goes into the club's treasury that funds our SPSW activities for the year.



Get to Know Your Fellow Member



On the next page is a new feature. It is a way for everyone to get to know your fellow member in SPSW. If you would be willing to participate by sending some pictures as well as answering some questions, please email Suzette at winginsue@gmail.com.

Please step up so others in the chapter can get to know you better.

Thanks
Suzette

The Puyallup Fair



The SPSW will be demonstrating various kinds of Woodturning from 4:00 PM until 8:30 PM on September 6th, 9th, 13th, and 21st. We will have the club's midi-lathe there, and will be actually turning. Fair goers seem fascinated by seeing how an actual lathe works, and this a good chance to talk to people about our hobby, and perhaps even get some new members. If you happen be at the fair on those days, please drop by and see us. The chart below shows the dates, times and who will be manning the booth.

Day	Date	4:00 - 6:15 Shift	6:16-8:30 Shift
Monday	9/6/21	Pat McCart & John Howard	Pat McCart & John Howard
Thursday	9/9/21	Ken Light & Ramon Lyn	Ken Light & Ramon Lyn
Monday	9/13/21	Fred Abeles & Doug Reynolds	Fred Abeles & Doug Reynolds
Friday	9/17/21	Ken Light, Kathy Garlick & Jeff Marshall	Ken Light, Kathy Garlick & Jeff Marshall

Get to Know Your Fellow Member

Perry Sham



How long have you been turning? I've been woodturning for three years (started in 2018)

What brand of lathe do you have? I had a JET 1642 the past three years. Recently got a Robust

What is your favorite thing to turn? Hollow forms. I dream about them in my sleep.

How long have you been a member of SPSW? I moved to Washington State last year and joined— approx a year

How did you get started in turning? It started as a well-being activity. I work in healthcare (telehealth) and stare at a computer 12 hours a day and needed to find an activity that got me out of my chair. I was scrolling through YouTube one night and saw a guy making a bowl and a few months later I was a woodturner. I haven't looked back since.



A Word from Kent Horton, the AAW liason

I thought for this issue I would do a brief recap of the 2021 AAW Virtual Symposium. While I have not, as of this writing, been able to watch all of the recorded presentations. I did want to mention three of the best ones I have viewed – Dixie Biggs and her “Need Some Relief” on leaf carving embellishment, Stuart Batty on Bowl Turning and his signature 40/40 bowl gouge grind and Nick Agar’s video on turning a platter with a stunning painted rim detail. All three of these demonstrations were done by outstanding presenters who shared wonderful insights into how they create their masterpieces. If you ever again have an opportunity to watch a demonstration by any of these three, either in-person or via video, I highly recommend you do so.

A great resource for this symposium was the Handout Book that was published as a companion piece to help participants connect not only with the presenters by way of open Q & A times during each presentation, but also provided useful background information about Auctions, Trade Show/Advertisers, Panel Discussions, Safety procedures for safe work on the lathe as well as info on Exhibitions and Awards. Included in the Handout Book is information to help viewers better understand what they were watching, with additional pictures, illustrations and tool lists. I know the list of tools I want / “Got to Have!” is getting longer and longer. It is good to know where to get them – thanks to the Handout Book.

With this being the second Virtual Symposium, the AAW made a concerted effort for participants to be able to “provide an easy-to-navigate event experience” with special interest chats and opportunities to connect with fellow turners from around the world,

As always, the auctions of items provided an opportunity to bid on stunning works of art. Proceeds from these auctions go to support both the AAW and POP (Professional Outreach Program) that fosters and promotes high standards of professionalism in woodturning.

All-In-All this year’s AAW Virtual Symposium was yet another successful event. The 2022 Annual International Symposium will (Hopefully!) be an in-person event in Chattanooga, Tennessee on June 23-26.

Of note: I was just reading in the most recent issue of “American Woodturner” that there will be a Fall 2021 Virtual Symposium focusing on beginner and intermediate instruction and projects to help AAW members build foundational woodturning skills. Since not all of us SPSW members are at the “Expert” level, it might be something to consider attending. This event will be on November 6-7, 2021. Additional information will be coming soon.

Kent Horton,
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Kent Horton



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.



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

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
August 19, 2021	Kirk DeHeer	✓	Tips and Tricks
August 21, 2021	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
September 16th	Eric Loftstrom	✓	Square Rimmed Bowl
September 18th	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
October 21st	Cindy Drozda	✓	Sea Urchin Ornament
October 23rd	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
November 18th	Jimmy Allen	✓	Beaded Box
November 20th	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
December 16th	Holiday dinner/wood giveaway		
January 20th, 2022	Doug Reynolds		Stabilization
February 17th, 2022	Ken Light		Resin Casting for pens

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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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