

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

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The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners

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October President's Message

by John Howard

October Meeting

We will have another hybrid meeting on October 21st at 7:00PM. That means you have a choice of attending either the physical meeting at the Fife Community Center or you can log into the Zoom Meeting and view the meeting and demo from home.

We have an exciting program for you this month! Just in time for the holidays, month's presenter will be Cindy Drozda, and she will be demonstrating how to use sea urchin shells to make holiday ornaments and decorations. In addition to shell prep, finial design and turning, and ornament assembly, Cindy will also demonstrate how to use metallic foils to gild the shell.

Cindy is nationally known as one of the best demonstrators out there! She was a pioneer in offering these Zoom-based demos for woodturners! The Woodturners of Olympia (WOO) will be joining us for this demonstration and sharing costs with us.



We are working to tweak these hybrid meetings to make them run smoothly. This will only be our 3rd meeting using this format, and we're better with each one. IT Director Ramon Lyn is working hard to perfect meeting delivery using new equipment that we have acquired for that. Even with the challenges we have encountered getting everything together, from what we hear, it seems like we are doing as well as in the country right now. This month, Ramon hopes to be able to better broadcast meeting announcements for people viewing remotely and improve color on the Fife Center's screen for the in-person attendees. Additionally, we are also trying to make any announcements and do a limited show-and-tell starting at 6:45, so that the demonstrator has a full 2 hours to deliver their presentation. So, whether you attend via Zoom or in person, please try to join us a little early.



President's letter continued...

Meeting Attendance



Despite having very accomplished and interesting demonstrators each month, ever since COVID restrictions were implemented in March of 2020, our attendance at SPSW meetings has been down about 30% to 50%. The Board of Directors is hoping that the new hybrid meetings will increase the number of members taking advantage of these interesting and stimulating demonstrations. If you have not attended an SPSW meeting for a while, this would be a good one you might use to reconnect with the club! Please mark your calendar for this meeting and join us.

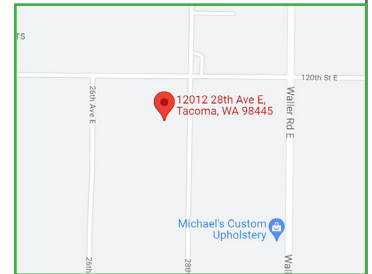
If you have any suggestions for how we could improve our meetings in a way that would help more members partake in club activities, please let me know. You may either e-mail me at jhowardcddt@comcast.net or give me a call at 253-370-5704. Thanks!

Saturday Sawdust Sessions Return!

SPSW is again holding Sawdust Sessions on Saturday mornings after our regular membership meeting. These are intended as a mentoring activity. We meet in a member's shop and we have 3 or 4 lathes all going at once. One of our more experienced members is at each lathe showing people how to make good, clean, and safe cuts at the lathe. We can usually put the tools in the hands of people who have never turned anything before.

We usually have some very new woodturners, some intermediate turners who might have a project with them that they are stuck on, and some very experienced members to help anyone that needs it. Last month, we were able to walk a very new turner through turning his first bowl, and also had several people working on perfecting peeling, planning, "Vee", and bead cuts using a skew chisel. We had a great time. This is a great opportunity to get better at wood turning, soak up some knowledge and experience, and at the same time make some new friends and get to know other members of the club. Please take advantage of this opportunity and join us.

The next Sawdust Session will be at Wayne Wells's house on Saturday, October 23rd. We start up about 9:00 AM and generally run until about 1:00 PM. Wayne has generously offered us the use of his shop for these activities. If you would like to attend, just join us at Wayne's. **The address is 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445. It is just off 112th, between the Summit and Parkland areas.**



Be healthy, be safe, and keep making shavings!



Propellor Head
Carol Zandell



John Howard



Live Edge
Bowls - T Metcalf

Maple Burl Bowl
Roy Lane



Maple Bowl
Phil Dotson



A Word from Kent Horton, the AAW liason



Kent Horton

Hello . . . again. This is your SPSW AAW Liaison. I thought it would be good to start by sharing with you my two primary missions. **One)** to help convince our non-AAW members the value of joining this great organization dedicated to improving woodturning skills. And, **Two)** share with you, our SPSW members who do belong to the AAW, the vast resources they provide by way of publications, training videos, symposiums and other member member benefits. Last month I attempted to do a deep dive into the “Resources” section of the AAW website. Due to the limitations of space, I was able to speak only to the first half of this section. This month my plan is to continue looking into the “Resources” section of the AAW website.

AAW Member-Moderated Forum This section opens with a monthly Turning Challenge (For October it is “Turn a Mallet!”) Emillano Archaval is this month’s moderator and introduces the challenge rules. Members are able to comment about their projects and ask questions of Emillano and other members. Next is a section whereby members can display pictures of recent items they have added to the Gallery. Following this is the actual forum in which members can introduce themselves and add comments to a variety of active discussion threads. Lastly is a marketplace where members can post items for sale and/or what they wish to purchase.

Opportunities: This section provides information to members about available grants and how to apply for them. There are a number of grants available for specific purposes and target audiences. Take a look to see if you qualify. This section also has a “Call for Entries” for Artist Showcase, 2022 Member Exhibition, Bridging the Gap: the Craft and Art of Turning, 2022 Member Exhibition, The Space Between, 2022 POP Exhibition and Auction and finally a call for AAW Online Demonstrators and Presenters.

Galleries: This last section under “Resources” is a place for members to share their turning projects. I look at the hundreds of items pictured and am totally blown away by the creativity, artistry and skill AAW members bring to their projects. Both professional and non-professional turners have items to share. Included in this section is a listing of galleries and museums that focus on contemporary turned sculpture pieces. If you are on a road trip, this is a wonderful place to look to add to your itinerary of interesting places to visit.

Next month I will continue my “Deep Dive” into AAW website. Please let me know what you

Safe and enjoyable turning to all

yet another section of the think.

Announcement
On November 6-7, 2021, AAW is hosting a FALL 2021 VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM.
 This online event will focus on beginner and intermediate instruction and projects. The purpose of this event is to assist those getting started in the woodturning craft to build foundational skills. Contact AAW at woodturner.org for more information.

*Kent Horton,
Director-at-large
AAW liaison*

Cow Pie
Unknown



WANTED

SPSW BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION -- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Several people have mentioned to me over the years that they feel that they have gained so much from their membership in the SPSW that they would like to find a way to "give back". Here is your opportunity. We need a couple of volunteers. This time of year, the immediate past president puts together a slate of candidates for board of directors positions for the following calendar year. This year, Fred Abeles has agreed to run for President. But we still have openings for Vice President, and some other positions too. If you would be interested in serving on the board, in any of these positions, please contact nominations chairperson Pat McCart (253-370-8986).

REWARD

Beech and African Mahogany
152 Piece Segmented Bowl
Mike Poirier



African Mahogany and Maple
144 Piece Bowl
Mike Poirier



Membership Renewals

Thanks to all of you that have already renewed your membership in the SPSW for 2021! As of the July meeting, we have 125 renewed dues-paying members. We feel this is quite good, considering all the restrictions we have all dealt with the last 18 months!

Thanks

Russian Olive Vase



Travis Holloway

Cherry Hollow Form With Padauk Beads



Live Edge Walnut bowls
Wayne Wells



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.



Apple Bowl

JoAnn Amberg

Cherry Bowls With Rose Engine Embellishment
Bob Sievers

Cherry Bowl

Black Locust Vase



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.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
October 21st	Cindy Drozda	✓	Sea Urchin Ornament
October 23rd	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
November 18th	Jimmy Allen	X	Beaded Box
November 20th	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
December 16th	Holiday dinner/wood giveaway		
January 20th, 2022	Doug Reynolds	X	Stabilization
February 17th, 2022	Ken Light	X	Resin Casting for pens
March 17th, 2022	TBD		TBD
April 21st 2022	Michael Dresdner	X	Finishing

* 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445

X Note: In house demos will be broadcast on Zoom from the Fife Center. DO NOT MISS OUT! Read the instructions on the next page.



Driftwood - Alderwood
Live Edge Bowl
Don Mars

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Inside Out
Sycamore Vase

Don Mars



Spalted
Apple Bowl



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, Sept 11th** – 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, Sept 20th** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member's distribution list.
 - c. **Thursday, Sept 21st** - Log into the meeting between 6:30 and 7:00pm
 - i. Cindy'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!



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

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