

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

November 2021

The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners

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November President's Message

by John Howard

November 18th Meeting

The November 18th meeting will be a hybrid meeting, similar to last month's meeting. Members can either attend the physical meeting at the Fife Community Center, or they can view it via Zoom from wherever they are. What will be different this time is that we will be doing the actual demo from the Fife center, and we will also stream the demo on Zoom using the same general set-up that all the Zoom demonstrators have, including multiple cameras, switchers, and everything else too. This is all new, so please bear with us as we work through setting up these complex audio/visual systems. Thanks to AV Director Ramon Lyn for guiding us through this process. Special thanks to Ramon, who has done 99% of the work to bring this system together, and use it to enhance demonstration experiences for all of the rest of us.

SPSW member Jimmy Allen will be our November demonstrator. Since he first joined the Olympic Peninsula woodturners in 2003, Jimmy focused on the challenges that lidded boxes present. He worked for many years to improve techniques, wood selection, shapes, proportions and designs, which he will share with us on the 18th. Jimmy took over D-Way Tools after Dave Schweitzer retired, and many of our members have purchased highly regarded tools from both Box-Master and D-Way. Jimmy will have an assortment of Box Master and D-Way tools available for cash sales at the meeting.

So please join us November 18th! The Fife Center and the Zoom meeting will open about 6:30. Meeting announcements, board elections, and show and tell will start at 6:45, and the demo will start at 7:00 PM

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Boxes by
Jimmy Allen



December Pot Luck - December 16th

Next month, we will host our annual holiday dinner meeting. If you need to start planning what you will bring, and if you are going to participate in the pot luck, please use the following as a guide:

If your last name starts with A – I: Please bring a salad

If your last name starts with J - S: Please bring a main dish

If you last name starts with T-Z: Please bring a dessert



President's message continued:

Meeting Attendance

Thanks to those of you that participated at our meeting in October. Our numbers at meetings seems to be growing again as people return to normal. We had 27 people attend in-person at Fife, and another 39 viewed Cindy's excellent demo online. The online audience was partly folks from the Woodturners of Olympia, but near as I can tell, the SPSW had about 37 total attendees. That is better than we have had in quite a while, and I hope more will be able to rejoin us as we move forward. Hopefully, COVID will become less a factor as we go forward and our attendance at meetings continues to grow.

Saturday Sawdust Sessions Return!

SPSW is again holding Sawdust Sessions on Saturday mornings after our regular membership meeting. These are primarily intended as a mentoring activity to help new members quickly gain skills, and help intermediate turners expand into new areas of turning. This is a huge benefit of belonging to the SPSW! 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 helped one turner turn a very elegant natural edged bowl and another wanted to gain more experience using a captured bar hollowing system. We all had a great time!

This is a great opportunity for everyone. If you are a new turner, please come! I guarantee you will get to make some cuts, will have a good time, and will make some great friends. Please take advantage of this opportunity and join us.

The next Sawdust Session will be at Wayne Wells's house on Saturday, November 20th. 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.

Note: This will be our last sawdust session for 2021. We do not have one in December, because everyone is so busy getting things ready for the holidays. We will start up again in January.

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How do you know it's time to clean the shop:

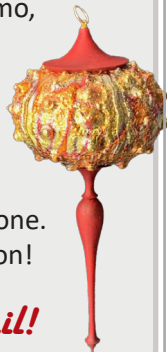
When you are too high to reach the lathe - only by reaching down - then it's time to clean the shop.



President's message continued:

Cindy's Ornament Drawing Result

Cindy Drozda sent the ornament that she made for our October demo, and I said that I would do a drawing for it from the names of all that attended, either in person or on Zoom. I assigned a number to each of the 60 participants, and drew one. The lucky winner is Phil Dotson!



Congratulations Phil!

Newsletter Photos

Suzette is always looking for 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.

SPSW Board of Directors Election

Our bylaws require that we elect new officers in November. Thanks to those of you that responded to the request for volunteers in the last newsletter. The following individuals have agreed to run for officer and director positions on the SPSW Board of Directors:

President – Fred Abeles
Vice President – Robert Fender
Secretary – Mark Gilbert
Treasurer – Kathy Garlick
Newsletter – Suzette Edwards
Membership – Terry Broberg
Webmaster/Social Media – Tim Spalding
Store Sales – John Howard
Director at Large - Industry Coordinator - Pat McCart
Director At-Large - AAW Liaison - Kent Horton
Director At-Large – AV Coordinator – Ramon Lyn
Director At Large – Mentorship - Michael Poirier
Director At Large -Programs/Woodrat – Doug Reynolds
Director At Large – Jeff Marshall
Director At large – Ken Huff



Walnut,
African
Mahogany
and Maple
Segmented Vase
Michael Poirier

The vote will be taken at our November general membership meeting just before Jimmy's demonstration.

2022 Membership Renewals

Despite the global pandemic, our membership stayed relatively stable in 2021, and we ended up with about 130 paid members. As we have always done, Terry started taking membership dues for the 2022 year in October. As I write this, there are 7 of us already signed up for next year. I hope each of you will join us again for an even more event-filled year in 2022 as we return to our normal calendar of events. I would like to encourage everyone to get your 2022 dues paid as soon as possible. Your dues are what enable us to rent our great meeting facility, and provide equipment like the new multiple camera system used better serve our members at meetings.



Segmented Bowl
Unknown Turner

SPSW dues are a bargain at \$35 per year, and can be easily completed online, in-person or by mail.

- To renew online go to the members only tab on the SPSW website at <http://www.spswoodturners.org>.
- To do it in-person, see Membership Chair Terry Broberg at any membership meeting.
- To renew by mail, just use the form on the last page of this newsletter, and mail a check to the address indicated.



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

President's message continued:

Get in on Future Wood Cutting Opportunities

On November 7th, a group of our woodrats will harvest some red alder, which is a great wood for turning and carving. Wood cutting activities happen about 6 – 8 times a year and everyone that participates goes home with some great free wood. We also cut some for the club, for both the wood auction and the holiday dinner meeting. If you would like to be notified of these events, please let our woodrat, 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.

Be healthy, be safe, and keep making shavings!

 *John Howard*



Hello . . . again. This is Kent Horton, your AAW Liaison with yet another thrilling **up with AAW."**

Last month I completed my review of the "Resources" section of the AAW website, so I thought it would be good to do a website review with the "Events" section. The headings for this section include – Remote Demonstration Calendar, AAW Virtual Events, 2021 Woodturning Fundamentals LIVE, 2022 Annual Symposium/Conference, WIT (Women In Turning) Events, Calls for Entries and (of course) an opportunity to donate to AAW.

Remote Demonstration Event Calendar – This section is updated regularly with demonstrations from and for a wide range of topics, presenters and skill levels. These AAW sponsored demonstrations are offered at a moderate cost and many are recorded so that if you are unable to view them at the published time you can watch them at a time convenient to your schedule. Persons interested in becoming a presenter can submit ideas to AAW.

AAW Virtual Events – The two events being offered at this writing (Wood Turning Fundamentals LIVE and WIT Presents: a panel discussion) will have taken place prior to publication of this article.

2021 **Woodturning Fundamentals LIVE**- While this event will have already taken place for this year, I suspect it will become another annual event to help beginning and intermediate turners develop their turning skills. Information about presenters and descriptions of their topics, along with registration information is included here.



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Note: Blue underlined words indicate hyperlinks to that section. You will need to sign in to AAW to access these areas.

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2021 AAW Symposium – Detailed planning is underway for AAW’s BIG Annual event on June 23 to June 26, 2022, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. At present is the Call for Entries: Artist Showcase, Call for Demonstrators, Bridging the Gap: The Craft and Art of Turning, 2022 AAW Member Exhibition and The Space Between: 2022 POP (Professional Outreach Program) Exhibition and Auction. The theme for this years’ POP exhibit will be “negative space” and will be sure to bring out a wonderful array of creative ideas to express this concept. Check out the AAW website for additional information.

WIT Events – While this month’s event will have also already taken place on November 13, 2021. It was a panel discussion with Kailee Bosch, Rebecca DeGroot and Marjin Wall followed by a Question and Answer session moderated by Hayley Smith.

Calls for Entries – Detailed information and application period deadlines for persons interested in entering items for the Artist Showcase, AAW Member Exhibition, and POP Exhibition and Auction and AAW Online Demonstrators and Presenters.

Donate to AAW – AAW is a nonprofit 501 (C)3 organization that depends on donations to continue its mission to support the woodturning community and enrich the woodturning experience. Donations can be made online to the General Fund, the Endowment Fund or the Women in Turning Fund. All donations are tax-deductible (U.S. residents) and directly support woodturning education and service programs for the woodturning community. Next month, my plan is to look at the “Chapters” section of the AAW website. – WAY more to this than just how to find a chapter.

One last thing – I decided I wanted (needed) a hard copy of AAW’s “Teacher’s Resource and Project Guide” My long-range plan is to work with students at the local Middle School and teach some basic turning skills, once this Covid 19 nightmare has run its course. Anyhow, this publication is currently available only as a download from their website. At 76 pages, it was more than I wanted to print out here at my home, so I made a zip drive of it and took it to my local print shop. Almost \$30 dollars later, I now have a hard copy (black and White) available for loan to club members interested in working with young folks on teaching entry-level turning projects. Let me know and I will bring it to a meeting so you can take a look.

Kent Horton,
Director-at-Large
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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.



Who did these?
Do you want to be recognized for your excellent work? Be sure and put your name and the type of wood on a slip of paper next to your show and tell so you can be recognized in the newsletter.



2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
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
January 22nd 2022	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
February 17th, 2022	Ken Light	X	Resin Casting for pens
February 17th, 2022	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
March 17th, 2022	Mini Symposium		TBA
April 21st 2022	Michael Dresdner	X	Finishing
April 23rd 2022	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop*

* 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 ZOOM instructions on the last page.

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We are collecting 2022 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.)b.**

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, Nov 13th** – 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, Nov 18th** - Log into the meeting between 6:30 and 7:00pm
 - i Jimmy'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.