

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

December 2021

The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners

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December President's Message

by John Howard

As I sit down to write my last newsletter before Fred Abeles takes over as our new SPSW president on January 1st, I feel compelled to thank all of you that have helped make the SPSW the great group that it is. The individual names are too many to list here, and if I tried, I am sure that I would miss some people that really deserve recognition. We have faced and overcome significant challenges, especially during the past 2 years. But we have thrived as a group until now, and I am sure we will just get stronger as time goes on. I would like to personally thank all of the people from whom I have asked for support during this period, and the many others that stepped forward without even being asked. To a person, every one of them has risen to the challenge, and served our chapter very well. Thanks to all of you!

Our Next Meeting

On December 16th, we will host the eagerly anticipated December Holiday Dinner at the Fife Center starting at 7:00 PM. This celebration has always been one of the most important events on the annual SPSW calendar, and also one of the greatest benefits of membership in the South Puget Sound Woodturners!

Before I get into things, there are a few changes that we all need to note. Due to the remaining concerns that many have about group meetings, we need to take a few precautions at this year's dinner. Please review the list on page 2.



President’s message continued:

Fife Center Rules

1. The Fife Center still requires masks and we will continue to follow state mandates about group meetings.
2. We request that those attending this potluck be either fully vaccinated against COVID, or that they have a negative COVID test within the past week. We will not be checking documents, but this is on the honor system.
3. If people are concerned about participating in a potluck meal, then they may bring a personal meal instead, like what we did at the wood auction this year.
4. Although the Fife Center’s kitchen is available, we will not be able to use the stove. But we will have a place to set up crock pots or warming plates brought by members.
5. We will have the room set up with fewer chairs per table to facilitate social distancing.
6. We will do the wood and tool/gift certificate drawings a little differently, as I will explain below.
7. I’m sorry to say that members must actually attend the dinner to participate in the drawings. We are unable to allow folks to act as a proxy for people who are unable to attend the actual dinner meeting due to the difficulty of keeping track of who got what, and getting it to them.

If you would like to participate in the potluck meal, use the following as a guide to determine what you will bring. As always, if you are proud of a dish you do, please feel free to just bring that, whether or not it fits within the schedule below:

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| 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 |

We will provide power strips, drinks, paper plates, and disposable silverware.

Giveaways: Aside from getting to see each other and enjoy a great meal together, this event has always been a great member benefit, in that we give away tools, lathe accessories, and wood to members at this event. Each year, our supporting vendors (Rockler, Woodcraft, The Sumner Woodworkers Store, D-Way Tools/Box Master Tools, and Equipment Sales and Surplus) donate tools and the club buys gift certificates. Additionally, our woodrats have been busy since the auction, and have collected many really fine pieces of wood of different species that range in size from 5” to 16”. A good portion of the wood is highly-figured maple, cherry, alder, black locust, and a huge selection of exotic woods that have been donated by SPSW member Edlee Quesnell. All of this wood and the tools will be all given away during this meeting. In many cases, the value of what you will get at this meeting far exceeds SPSW dues for the year! **DON’T MISS IT!!!**

Merry Christmas, be healthy, be safe, and keep making shavings!

 *John Howard*



Embellished Hollow Vessel
John Howard



Kaleidoscope
Unknown

A Word From Kent Horton

Hello. . . again. This is Kent Horton, your AAW Liaison. This month I will continue taking a close look at the AAW website and share what they have to offer you, our SPSW members. The primary categories for this section include: AAW Logo Wear, American Woodturner Magazine back issues, Woodturning FUNDamentals back issues, Project Books, Handout Books, and More, AAW Videos on DVD and AAW Exhibition Catalogs.

AAW Logo Wear - You can purchase Aprons, Blue and/or Charcoal Turning Smocks, T-shirts, Denim Shirts, Hats and embroidered Patches, all with the AAW Logo. Also available are WIT Logo T-shirts, WIT Patches and WIT Turning Smocks, for those members involved with WIT (Womem in Turning). Most of the clothing items come in a variety of sizes from small to 3XLarge. Blue is the predominant color.

American Woodturner Magazine – A limited number of back issues of AAW’s flagship publication are available for \$10.00 (Member discount is 33.3%). The website includes an extensive annotation of articles included in each of the available issues.

Woodturning FUNDamentals – The website says that print editions of AAW’s digital publication designed to help woodturners build and perfect foundational skills are for sale. However, when I attempted to check out what was available, this feature was not working. You may have better luck than I.

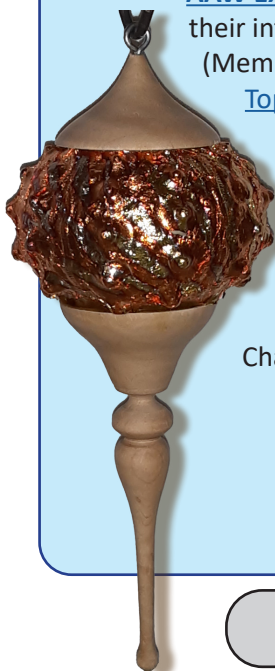
Project Books, Handout Books, and More - The Symposium Handout Books from the Years 2014 through 2019 are available for \$25.00 (Member discount 16.7%). Other publications include: Turning Holiday Ornaments, Making and Using Turning Tools, Sharpening Woodturning Tools, Woodturning Today: A Dramatic Evolution (available in both soft and hardcover editions) and the 2018 Woodturning FUNDamentals Four issue set for \$39.99 (Member discount 20%) and , lastly the The Nitty Gritty of Sanding for \$11.95 (Member discount 20.1%).

AAW DVDs - 5 DVDs of AAW’s Master Series are available for \$19.00 each (Member Discount 34.5%) I was unable to locate publication dates on these DVDs and did not recognize the names of those presented as being current stars in the woodturning world. Then again, what do I know, I am a relative newbie to woodturning and not up on the history and influence of past greats of the craft.

AAW Exhibition Catalogs – For these exhibition catalogs 40 studio artists share their interpretations of the selected theme. These catalogs are available for \$10.00 each (Member discount 33.3%). [2009 The Spindle Catalog](#), [2010 The Teapot Catalog](#), [2018 WIT Topsy Turvy](#), [2018 Out of the Woods: Traditional Form Revisited](#), [2018 Turnabout – Women in Wood](#) and [2019 Traces](#). From what I can gather, these provide a wealth of inspiration and creativity.

Again, I encourage all SPSW members of join the AAW in addition being part of our club. The AAW offers a wonderful resource for improving your turning skills – whatever your current level – be it complete novice to professional level. Are you saving your pennies, nickels and dimes to attend the Annual International Woodturning Symposium in Chattanooga, Tennessee on June 23-26, 2022?

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Sea Urchin Ornaments
 Kent Horton

Monkey Puzzle Bowl
 Unknown



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.



Do you want recognition?
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.

Saturday Sawdust Sessions!

Since most members are busy getting ready for the holidays, **we do not hold a Sawdust Session in December.** Our next one will be on January 22nd, the Saturday after the January general membership meeting.

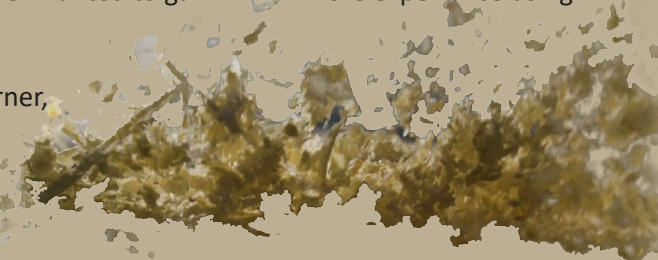
We meet in a member's shop and we have 3 or 4 lathes all going at once. Wayne has generously offered us the use of his shop for these activities. If you would like to attend, just join us at Wayne's. The address is 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445. It is just off 112th, between the Summit and Parkland areas.

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 can also assist with learning how to sharpen tools.

Sawdust sessions are one most valuable benefit of belonging to the SPSW.

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.



2022 Membership Renewals

Despite the global pandemic. Our membership has stayed relatively stable and last year we ended up with about 130 paid members. But it is time to renew membership for 2022.

Technically, SPSW membership runs by the calendar year, but as we have always done, Terry started taking dues for the 2022 year in October. As I write this, there are 32 already signed up for next year. I hope each of you will join us again for another event-filled year. 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, provide equipment like the new multiple camera system used enable members to better view demonstrations, and purchase the tools and equipment we need to run demonstrations and sawdust sessions.

You can either pay your dues at the meeting, or an even easier method is to do it online through the members only tab on the SPSW website at www.spswoodturners.org



Bowls by unknown turners

Damascus Steel Awls - Doug Reynolds



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

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.