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The latest news and updates from  
South Puget Sound Woodturners

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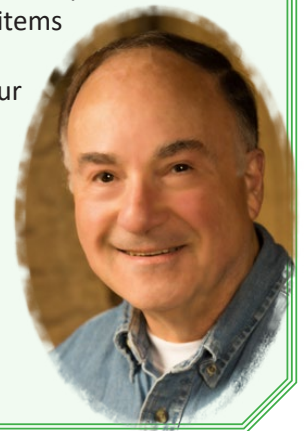


## December President's Message by Fred Abeles

Hi all you great South Puget Sound Woodturners members. Our November meeting went very well and featured our friend and member Dan Stromstad from Gig Harbor. He demonstrated the making of a Skinny Bowl and showed the importance of good tool control including riding the bevel and shear scraping techniques. New Members - please let us know some subjects you would like to see demonstrated at the next one so we can pass the word around.

### Next Meeting - Holiday Pot Luck

Will be Thursday December 15th and will feature our annual Holiday Party, pot luck dinner and prize give-away. We will have a gift exchange whereby members will bring one of their turned items to be shared with another member by receiving a raffle ticket for the item they bring and the items will be given to other ticket holders. We will also distribute items donated by our sponsor stores and distributors. It will be a fun time for all.

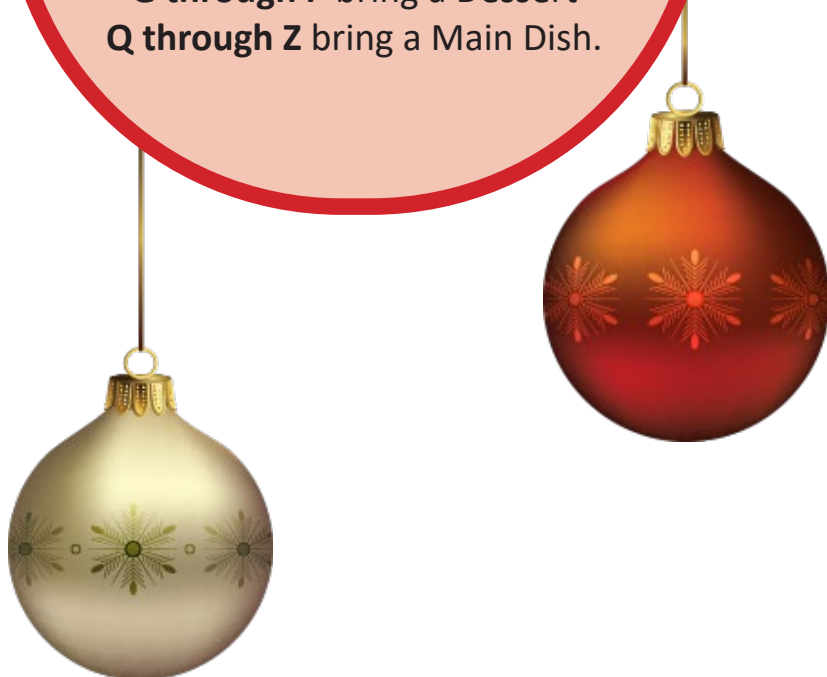


Fred

### HOLIDAY PARTY POT LUCK INFO

For the pot luck dinner,  
members with Last  
names starting with the letters:

- A through F** bring a Salad
- G through P** bring a Dessert
- Q through Z** bring a Main Dish.



### Key for Cover ornaments

1. Becky Lathrop
2. Suzette Edwards
3. Artist unknown





Terry Broberg  
Walnut & Ash

Ed White  
Alder Burl

David Virak

Big Leaf  
Maple

Black  
Walnut



## 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
Dec 15th	7pm	Holiday Dinner		Potluck, tool and wood giveaway
Jan 19th	7pm	Devin Garlick		How You Cut A Log Determines The Figure Of The Wood Inside Your Bowl
Jan 21st	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop*
Feb 16th	7pm	Craft Fair Sales		Dan Neyens
Feb 18th	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop*
Mar 18th	9am	Mini Symposium		TBD

\* 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445

**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.**



### A Word From Kent Horton

Hello again, this is -Kent Horton your AAW/SPSW liaison with yet another installment. This months’ edition of AAW’s “American Woodturner” includes articles on two professional woodturners – Nikos Siragas, from Greece, and Barbara Dill, an American. Both of these lathe artisans have extensively explored the skill of multi-axis turning and have produced some truly outstanding objects within this area of specialty turning. It is always interesting to me to read about the life paths that professional turners have taken to get where they are in their turning journey. Barbara’s book on multi-axis turning helps to demystify the process and explains what you are going to get with different off-set centers on a piece of wood. One of these days I am going to make a pair of “twisted cups,” as she describes in her book. Yeah, One of these days. (note the sarcasm.)

One of the things I wish I had done and kept doing was to keep a pictorial record of my turnings over the years. Most of the bowls I have made have been given away to family and friends. I would like to have pictures of those bowls to be able to chart whatever progress I have made – both from a technical as well as aesthetic view point. Many were awful from both.

One of the things I have yet to explore with my own turning journey is the making of captured rings. John Lucas’ article does an excellent job of describing how to go about making them – be it for a goblet, baby rattle, or ornament. Included in the article is instruction on how to make your own tools for creating captured rings. I have ordered some HSS steel bar stock to make some – I’ll let you know how it turns out after the required drilling and grinding.

In the skill development section of the magazine in an article by Mike Darlow on using a skew to make V-grooves when spindle turning. And further developing those V-grooves to create beautiful beads – this is a useful skill to develop and refine.

As always, I encourage you to join AAW, if you are not already a member. This organization is an excellent resource to help one become a better wood turner.

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When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)



Monkey Puzzle  
Devin Garlick



### SPSW Store December - New Items Back in Stock



Traditionally we do not have a demonstration, Store Sales, sawdust session or “show-and-tell” in December, because it is the annual SPSW Holiday Dinner Party. Do yourself a big favor, and do not miss this meeting!

There will be free wood given away to members, along with some highly desirable tools and equipment that have been donated by our

sponsors. We try to ensure that each member attendee goes home with something. Considering the great food, the chance to sit, talk and get to know other members and the chance to leave with some seriously great “swag”, this party is one of the highlights of the year, and a major benefit of belonging to the club!

The SPSW Store Sales booth will return in January with all the items that we normally carry to provide our members with all the reasonably priced and high-quality abrasives, adhesives, and finishes our members have come to expect from the SPSW Store.

I look forward to seeing you all at the dinner meeting coming up during our normal meeting time on December 15th. I promise you that it will be worth your time, and you will enjoy yourself. Happy Holidays and keep those chips flying!





## Review of Dan Stromstead Demo

Did you see the Dan Stromstead demo? He did a skinny bowl and showed riding the bevel. Dan took a raw chunk of wood and started turning. He gave a detailed description of riding the bevel showing that even though he was turning a lot of air at the beginning he had a smooth cut. He showed how to use the heel of the tool to get to the cut (around 20 min mark). At 24:55 he shows more on riding the bevel. Does anyone else need more riding the bevel info like me? Thanks Dan. Not enough sawdust sessions! Just after the 27 minute mark he covers sheer cutting and shows how to move into the cut. Dan uses Renaissance Wax on the shaft of his tool and on the tool rest to help it move smoothly. (27:50) At the 40:40 mark he explains how to hold the tool when starting the cut on the inside of the bowl. He makes it look so easy. Dan used a light to allow seeing through the wall of the bowl. The light kind of overpowered the video cameras making seeing what he was doing rather difficult. In the edited video that is up on the SPSW website, those parts of the video were lightened so it would be a little easier to see what is happening with the tool most of those parts are after the 47 minute mark so you can fast forward to that section to see what is happening with the tool. Interestingly, Dan sands his bowl by hand. Well sort of. He uses sanding discs with the drill chuch on the lathe. I would certainly have flat spots! If you missed the demo or want to rewatch parts, you can find it under the members tab on the SPSW Website.



## 2023 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 2023

Terry Broberg, our Director of Membership, has started taking dues for the 2023 year. I hope each of you will join us again for another event-filled year. I would like to encourage everyone to get your 2023 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 to enable members to better view demonstrations in person and on-line, and purchase the tools and equipment we need to run demonstrations and sawdust sessions. The dues for 2023 are only \$45 for the entire year and that is for your whole family.

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](#).



A face shield is not a substitute for common sense. It is something that bails you out when common sense fails you.  
-- Cindy Drozda



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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](http://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?  
Check out the [SPSW YouTube Channel](#)



We are collecting 2023 dues starting October. Dues for individuals or for the whole family are \$45/year. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card.

This is still one of the best deals around. For just \$45 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](http://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.

### South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW) Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership:  New  
 Renewal

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$45.00 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 2021, you will need to go to the members tab on the [SPSW website](https://www.spsw.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](mailto: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 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, Nov 16th** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member's distribution list.
  - c. **Thursday, Nov 17th** - Log into the meeting between 6:30 and 7:00pm
    - i. Dan's demo will start 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.