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The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners



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President's Letter By Kathy Garlick

Hello to all!

It is September once again and we all know what that means to us in beautiful Washington, especially in Puyallup – the Washington State Fair is on again. Fair season has many layers both with joy and frustration. Seeing families and children with eyes full of wonder brings joy to us all as we reminisce of our own childhood. As demonstrators at the fair, we are filled with joy in meeting new people and introducing them, some for the first time, to wood turning. Showing children how to spin a top, both right side up and upside down – and the wonder in a 'good' spinner that they get to take home. Would you like to be a volunteer this year? It would be amazing to have you there! I suppose I did mention the frustrating part - and that is the traffic! Fair traffic is a real thing for us during Fair season with all of the bottlenecks and one way streets. Do not be discouraged, if you are coming from the north or west side and are able to travel on I-5, please consider using that freeway. By taking the S 72nd Street exit in Tacoma, you will then head east and 72nd drops down to Pioneer passing right in front of the WSU campus. It is a nice quick way to attend our meeting at the DF Allmendinger Center on our regular meeting, Sept 17th, which is our Mini Symposium. We will have several demonstrations, our club store and D-Way/Boxmaster Tools will be with us. We will NOT have a zoom available on this evening.

I have been inspired to have a President's Challenge in October revolving around this year's auction wood so get your thinking caps on! Time is a tickin'. October President's Challenge will be for you to make something out of the wood you acquired from the Auction in July 2026. It must be from this year's auction. There was a lot of great offerings of wood this year and I would love to see what you have created.

I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting on September 17th.

Safe turning,

Kathy



Michael Poirier - Unknown



Josiah Rau - Deer Antler

2026 Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
Sep 17th	7pm	Mini Symposium		See Ed's article for details
Sep 19th	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*
Oct 15th	7pm	Dennis Craughan		Segmented Bowls
Oct 17th	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*
Nov 19th	7pm	Ed White		Bowl Design
Nov 21st	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*

* 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445

*South Puget Sound Fall Mini-Symposium
17 September 2026*

Come One Come All to our Fall Mini-Symposium. We have a wonderful Program planned that is sure to stir your creativity and answer a few questions! The Fall Mini-Symposium will include the following stations:

SPSW – Chapter Stations:

1. Chapter Store Sales – John Howard and Team
2. Wood Sales – Devin Garlick and Team
3. Membership Sign-ups – Brandi Lowrance
4. Members Engagement – Ed White
 - a. 2027 Program Calendar – in progress
 - b. 2027 Workshop / Class descriptions & Sign-ups
 - c. Focused-Clinics Sign-ups
 - d. Club Leadership & Volunteer Opportunities

SPSW Member Demonstrations:

1. Sharpening & Sharpening Station Set-up – Dennis Craughan
2. Pen Turning – Gary Amerson
3. Christmas Ornaments – Jim Robson
4. LOGO engraving with Lasor Pecker – Joe Kubistek
5. Bowtie or butterfly ~ crack repair – Kent Horton & Brian Finch
6. AAW Sign-up information / sign-up drive – Kent Horton

Guest Supplier:

D-Way Tools – Jimmie Allen and Team

*Helping Members Turn Better Every Day,
Ed White*



Pat McCart
Redwood,

2 Douglas Fir, Monkey Puzzle

Ed White
English Walnut



Reminder: The ticket tin at the membership table is for those who help out each month with set up, take down, general helping as listed on the tin, bringing a President's Challenge Piece, bringing a Show-and-Tell item. Each one of these things gets you one ticket. (Just sign your name on the back and put it in the tin.) These tickets are for our Christmas Party Participation raffle.



David Best
Pacific Yew

September Store

Thanks to each of our members who have purchased sets of threaded bronze ring used to make cremation urns for Kaden's Casuse. This worthwhile charity provides free cremation urns to families that have lost children and are unable to afford a suitable cremation urn to place child's ashes. Ethan Green led the effort on this, and I am very happy to report that we only have one set of rings left.

The Store Sales table will be open again during our September Mini Symposium meeting with our full array of adhesives, abrasives, finishes, and wood-turning accessories.

Please stop by and pick up what you need! Also let us know how you like the materials you have gotten from our club's store. Further, we are always interested in your feedback and suggestions for commonly used items that we might want to add to our inventory in the future.

Until then, stay sharp and keep those chips flying!

John Howard

[Store product list is on page 13](#)



Birch

Ashley Sherrill



Paduk
(480 pcs)

UPCOMING ELECTIONS AND AVAILABLE POSITIONS

If you were at our August meeting, we talked about Board of Directors positions that will need to be filled for the upcoming 2027 year. We have 3 positions on the Board of Directors including two new positions that we voted on this year. We have not yet determined the duties of these two positions, so they will just remain as 'at-large' for the time being, and the third will be Store Sales, as John Howard is ready to retire from the BoD. Ed and I are working on these definitions to present to our current board for approval and definitions. Also available is the Secretary as Mark is needing to step down as he has had many health and other challenges. The last position is that of President as I am ready to pass the torch to one of you. I will consent to stay on for one more year if the need arises so the other four positions can be filled. If you would like to find out more on the open positions, please reach out to [John Howard](#), [Ed White](#) or [myself](#). Our elections are fast approaching and will be upon us in a heartbeat. We must present nominees to the general membership at our October meeting. If you are interested in being on the nominating committee, please see John Howard, we need a former board member and a general member to serve with John. Thank you for your kindness and consideration. It has truly been my pleasure to serve all of you and know that you are all in my heart and my sweetest friends.



Kathy Garlick

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AAW/SPSW Connections for September 2026

Hello again, this is Kent Horton with another SPSW newsletter item. My great suspicion has been realized – few of you even read my newsletter articles and even fewer of you respond to my requests for input. Last month I asked for the names of club members who should be recognized by AAW as being “Stalwarts” of our club – those who step up all of the time and do what needs to be done to make our club be successful. Regretfully, only two people responded to my request. I must admit, I was more than a little disappointed in the limited response. After more reflecting about what makes our club successful it came to me. Unlike some clubs and other groups I have belonged to over the years that have had a central figure who pretty much “did it all,” and other members went along with the decisions and provided limited participation, SPSW operated a bit differently, with an active board of directors where everyone has clearly defined duties and expectations. Several of the current board members have been with the club for many years and are able to contribute with the added bonus of wisdom and experience that comes with that history. Rather than identifying one or two “Stalwarts,” I think we are truly better off with having a board of directors all working together to make our club successful.

According to our latest membership roster, we currently have 128 members, of those, 35 are also members of the AAW, representing 27% of our membership. Since we are an affiliate of the AAW, I understand my job is to do what I can to increase that number.

AAW membership: My current goal is to increase AAW membership by 10 – that gets up to 35% - won't you help me reach my goal? Over the past few weeks, I have been thinking of various things I can do to work on increasing greater AAW participation. Your thoughts and suggestions, as always, are welcome. (Note: I am not going to hold my breath waiting for responses.)

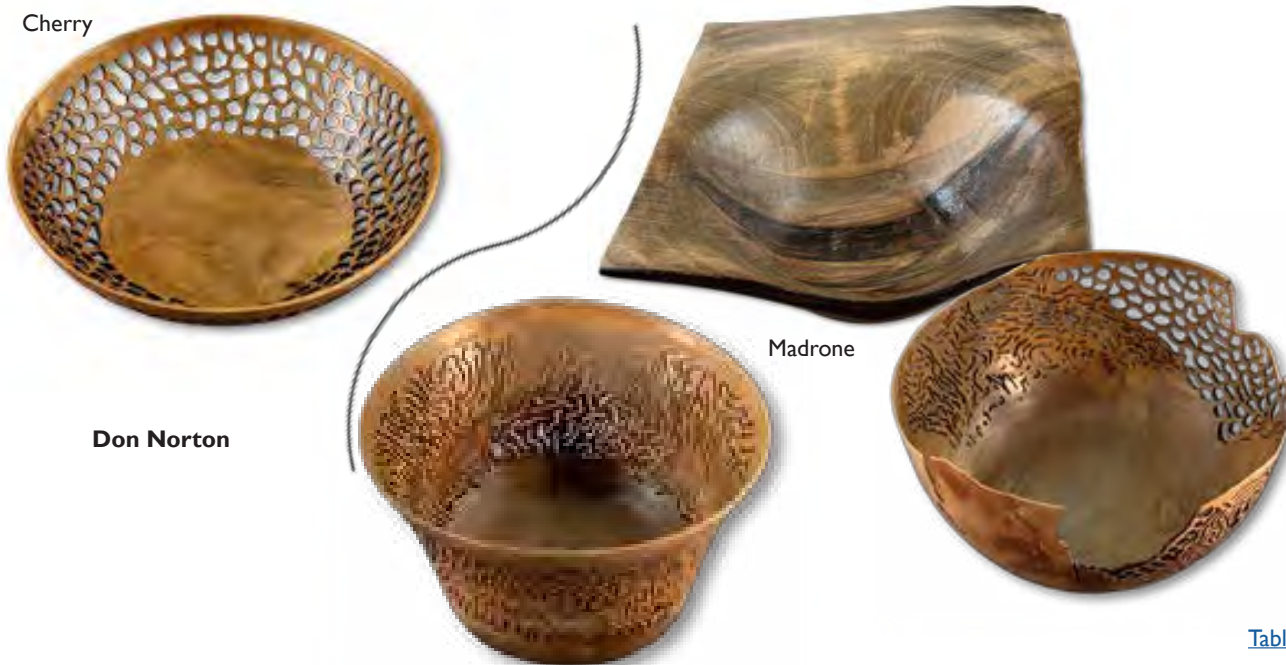
As always, “If you are serious about becoming a better woodturner, you owe it to yourself to join AAW. They provide many resources to help you.”

Thank you.
Yours in Turning,

Kent Horton,
Director-at-Large
AAW Liaison
206.909.2701

aawdirector@spswoodturners.org

Cherry



Don Norton

Madrone

Kaden's Cause



We should all be very proud of our first contribution to this wonderful cause. This first collection of eighteen donated urns shows the remarkable talent, ingenuity and generosity of our South Puget Sound chapter of AAW.

For our new members, Kaden's Cause is a Florida-based non-profit that provides assistance to low-wealth people who have suffered the unimaginable tragedy of losing a child. They offer funeral and cremation assistance for children from newborns to age five and this is where we come in. We donate funerary urns capable of holding the remains ranging from a half-cup to a quart in volume. As a club we plan to collect urn donations quarterly and we will offer bronze threaded inserts through our store. There is also the opportunity to participate by donating at our store table to assist with shipping costs.

Our next collection deadline will be during the November meeting although we will accept them at any time. If there are questions about the program, or any interest in helping out with collection and storage of the donations please contact me.

Thanks,

Ethan Green
Outreach Coordinato



Chris Christensen
Maple, Bloodwood & Wenge



Ethan Green
Plum



Travis Miller
Root Ball & Epoxy



Steve Swanlund
Ash



Joe Kubistek
Apple



Scott Haydon
Unknown



Brandi Lowrance
Walnut



John Paul
Walnut & Epoxy



Henry Retailiau
Willow



Suzette Edwards
Oak

Update on the 2026 Annual Washington State Fair Woodturning Demo

(Editor's note. This is an article from August that is repeated)

The schedule on the next page has been updated and is current as of 8/29)

This year's fair is going to be a fun one as there will be some new and exciting changes with our demos starting with me taking over from John Howard as your new Fair Liaison. To start, the fair is under new leadership with the Hobby Hall and Home Arts being reworked into two new departments, Creative Arts and Culinary Arts. We will be moving into the Creative Arts department which will be encompassing hobby and craft as well as textile and other art demonstrations and displays. Our Coordinator will be Jennifer Pasquier and our Point of Contact is Paige Rooney. Paige has been keeping me filled in on the details and I have been working diligently with Finn Posner over at the Woodturners of Olympia to agree on show dates.

This year I picked dates that are the busiest (when concerts/events are going on), the days are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays and you are welcome to sign up for as many shifts as you would like to demo. Another change that will be happening at the fair will be our location as we are being moved downstairs to the first floor which will be sure to generate more traffic. The last change I am implementing is that I made a miniature lathe so children can safely color their own tops. Just please supply the markers. This interactive display will be sure to generate a crowd and get the kids involved in turning safely therefore I have added 3 slots to every shift as we may need an extra person to watch them color and operate the mini lathe.



The table on the next page shows the dates and times we will be doing demonstrations in the Hobby Hall first floor. We have quite a few members that look forward to doing this each and every year so there will be multiple opportunities to reserve your spot. If you would like to be a part of this, a sign up list will be posted on our website at: <https://spswoodturners.org/members-only/volunteer> for everyone to sign up. You can also email me to sign up. We need your correct mailing address and contact info filled out in the form so I can mail your tickets to you. I will keep the form updated on the website so everyone knows who has what shift. Pat, John Howard and I will be set up to demonstrate turning tops which is a project that many demonstrators choose to do but please feel free to demonstrate whatever you like, just bring your own tools and wood.

See you soon,

Ramon Lyn

2026 Fair Demo Sign Up Sheet

Day	Date	12:00-2:30	2:30-5:00
Friday	4-Sep	Ramon Lyn	Ramon Lyn
		John Howard	OPEN
		Pat McCart	OPEN
Sunday	6-Sep	Ramon Lyn	Ramon Lyn
		Wayne Wells	Josiah Rau
		David Peters	Dinah Rau
Friday	11-Sep	Michael Poirier	Brandi Lowrance
		John Howard	Kathy Garlick
		Jim Robson	Michael Coston
Saturday	12-Sep	Edward White	Ethan Green
		Devin Garlick	David Best
		Michal Coston	Ken Richardson
Wednesday	16-Sep	Jim Higgins	Jim Higgins
		Albert Fiedler	Ethan Green
		Ethan Green	Erik Wuestenhoefer
Friday	18-Sep	Kent Horton	Ramon Lyn
		Pat McCart	Pat McCart
		Scott Haydon	OPEN
Saturday	19-Sep	Jeff Marshall	Ethan Green
		Ethan Green	OPEN
		Brian Finch	OPEN
Friday	25-Sep	OPEN	Brandi Lowrance
		OPEN	Kathy Garlick
		OPEN	Wayne Wells
Sunday	27-Sep	Ramon Lyn	Ramon Lyn
		Gabriella Lyn	John Howard
		OPEN	Pat McCart



Max Haydon
Redwood



Jim Robson
Walnut



Mike Schmaltz
Koa, Maple,
Patagonian Rosewood

JoAnn Amberg
Plum



ONE WAY 1018 Lathe for Sale

\$1000

Includes:

- Metal cabinet base on *wheels
- Remote Start Stop
- 24 inch Bed Extension (was a \$350 add on)
- Upgraded to 220 volt
- Banjo/tool rest/tailstock/spindle lock wrench
- Missing knock out rod & 3 inch Face plate

Questions or more pictures please
email: tomjhunt@att.net cell: 253 499 2727

Thanks,

Tom Hunt



Meeting Location and Time**:

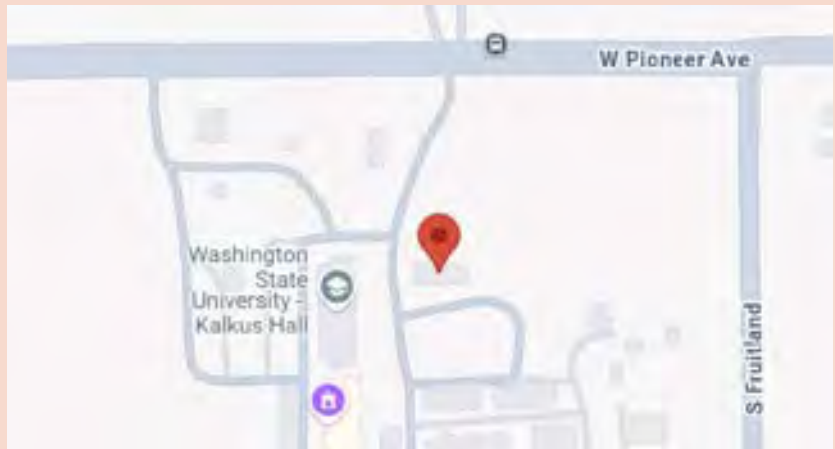
WSU Extension in the D.F. Allmendinger Center
2607 W Pioneer Ave, Puyallup WA 98371

Social Hour 5:30 – 6:30 pm (bring your show-and-tell, President's Challenge or just mingle)

Meeting Starts 6:30 – 7:00 pm
(Announcements, show-and-tell, President's Challenge, etc.)

Demonstration 7:00 – 8:30

**If you would like to help with the set up or clean up, please plan to come at 5 or stay after and help to clean up.



Emmy Gran here, the Communications and Marketing Manager at the [Port Townsend School of Woodworking](#) out in Port Townsend, WA, on the beautiful Olympic Peninsula. There are only two courses left in 2026 that might interest you. We offer a range of turning and many other woodworking courses in a weeklong or weekend format. You can see our [full course catalog here](#).

Following is a turning course that requires some skills that should be particularly interesting to your members:

[Hollow Form Turning](#) with Tom Henscheid, November 30- December 4, 2026

And here is another woodturning course that would be fun and are open to all skill levels:

[Turn/Ting: When Turning and Printmaking Collide](#) with Beth Ireland, October 12-16, 2026

Happy turning! *Emmy Gran*
Communications and Marketing Manager
Port Townsend School of Woodworking



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 Affiliate Membership (free 3-month trial membership.)** 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Show and Tell

At the meetings, we could use a hand with our show and tell, getting items in front of the cameras and also making sure that during our demonstrations that a microphone is available to audience members for questions so all can hear, even those at home.

Store



We would like to have a few more volunteers to be able to fill in when needed for the Club Store so it isn't too much for John. If you are familiar with how the Square card reader works is a bonus for us all!

AV Assistance

We could use a couple of extra hands with our AV/Zoom with Ramon Lyn. Set up and take down takes a lot of time for one person causing us to start a little late each month and getting out of the building after our meetings. Ramon is happy to train you on set up and take down to store our cameras and equipment.



Participation Tickets

Want more chances for prizes at the December meeting?
If you participate in **Show and Tell**, **Wood Donation**, or **Set-up / Clean-Up**, make sure you fill out a participation ticket.

Support the Businesses that Support SPSW

(Image is a link to the site)

**Selling Premium
Hardwood Lumber**



**10% Discount for SPSW
cardholders**



**A Family Owned
Business Since 1996**



Woodcraft of Seattle



10% Discount for SPSW cardholders

**Expert Industrial
Sharpening Solutions for
Every Blade**



**5% Discount for
SPSW cardholders**

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Director at Large	Jim Higgins	206-870-4107	atlarge2@spswoodturners.org



Looking for some inspiration?
Check out the
[SPSW YouTube Channel](#)

2026 Membership Renewals



If you enjoy SPSW please take the time to renew your membership.

The dues for 2026 are only \$55 for the entire year and that is for your whole family.

Brandi Lowrance, our Director of Membership, is taking dues for the 2026 year. I hope each of you will join us again for another event-filled year. I would like to encourage everyone to get your 2026 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.

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](#).

We are now collecting dues for 2026. Dues for individuals or for the whole family are \$55/year. For new members, the dues are prorated from the month you join. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card.

This is still one of the best deals around. For just \$55 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 on-line! Just go to our website (www.spswoodturners.org), fill out the form, and pay at that time.

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.

SPSW Membership Application

Membership Year 2026

Name (Please Print) _____

☐ New Membership
☐ Renewal

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How long have you been turning? _____ AAW Member?: Yes / No

Areas of Interest: ☐ Spindle Turning ☐ Bowls ☐ Vases ☐ Segmented turning ☐ Tool making
☐ Tool Sharpening ☐ Pen Making ☐ Other

Membership Dues \$55

☐ **\$55 Family Membership** includes: Chapter & Zoom monthly meetings, Sawdust & Mentoring sessions, free focused clinics, members only website access, annual picnic & auction, holiday dinner & prizes.

☐ **\$55 Gift of a Family Membership**

If Paying by mail, make checks payable to South Puget Sound Woodturners or SPSW and mail this form to:

**South Puget Sound Woodturners
PO BOX 1792
Milton WA 98354**

Office Use
Only:

Payment Type:

Check
Cash
Credit

Store Product List

Brand	Description	Unit Size	Price
Adhesives			
Starbond	Accelerator	8 oz.	13
	Accelerator Pump	2 oz.	9
	Brown Medium CA	2 oz.	16
	Instaset Accelerator	2 oz.	9
	Medium Black 2 oz. Kit	2 oz.	16
	Medium, Kit	Ea	10
	Thick Kit 2 oz.	Ea	10
	Thin, kit	2 oz.	10
	Thin, Set	16 oz.	35
Bob Smith Industries	20 Minute Cure Epoxy Resin	13 oz. kit	12
	Maxi-Cure Extra Thick, Gap Filling	2 oz.	9
	Maxi-Cure Medium, Gap Filling	2 oz.	9
Insta-Set	Insta-Set Accelerator, Pump Spray	2 oz.	10
Adhesive Accessories			
	CA Applicator, Fine	3 qty	1
	CA Extra Fine Glue Tips	3 count	1
	CA Replacement Glue Caps	Ea	1
	Extender Tips	Qty. 3	1
	Super Solvent	2 oz	7
	Superglue Pipettes (Eye Droppers)	Qty 3	1
	Tubing	2ft.	1
Sanding			
Woodturners Wonders	Flexible Sanding Pad Woodturners Wonders	Ea	8
	Green Remover Smoother (2" oversized)	25 Pack	4
	Green Wave Mylar Backed Mylar Backed Sanding Disks (2" oversized)	25 Pack	6
	Green Wave Mylar Backed Sanding Disks (3" Oversized)	25 Pack	7
	Intermittent Hook & Loop Pad, 2-inch	Ea	4
	Intermittent Hook & Loop Pad, 3-inch	Ea	5
	Mandrels, Sanding 2"	Ea	7
	Wonder Weave 2" Disc Kit, Low Grits 60 - 600	40 Discs	9
	Wonder Weave 3" Disc Kit, High Grits (800-3000)	25 Pack	5
	Wonder Weave 3" Disc Kit, Low Grits (60-600) 60 - 600	40 Discs	10
	Wonder Weave 3"x 8" Sand Paper 60-600 grits, assortment	Pack	5
Unedda NW	Ekablue Sand Paper From Sweden, 120 - 360 grit	2 sheets	1
	EkaMant Blue Sanding Discs 2" 80 - 400 grit	10 Discs	1
	EkaMant Blue Sanding Discs 3" 80 - 400 grit	10 Discs	4
	Emory Cloth 8.5"x11" Sheet 120, 180, 220, 320	2 sheets	1
	Wet/Dry 8.5"x11" Sandpaper 400 or 600 grit	4 Pack	3
	Mandrels, Sanding 3"	Ea	10
Ultra Flex	Micro Mesh Wet/Dry 3"X6" Sheets	12 Pack	24
	Micro Mesh Wet/Dry 3"X6" Sheets	6 pack	13

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Brand	Description	Unit Size	Price
Finishes and Finishing Materials			
Doctor's Woodshop	Cutting Board Wax	4 oz	12
	High Build Friction Polish	Pint	18
	Pens Plus Finish	Pint	18
	Walnut Oil	Ea	14
	Walnut Oil / Carnuba / Shellac	Pint	18
	Walnut Oil / Wax	Pint	14
	Walnut Oil Microcrystal Paste Wax	Jar	10
	Walnut Oil Microcrystalline Bowl Finish	Pint	14
GluBoost	Fill n Finish Kit	ea	43
Lathe and Turning Accessories			
	Nomar Grinder Angle Gauge	Ea	5
	Anchor Seal w/Can	1 Gallon	24
	Anchor Seal w/o Can	1 Gallon	20
	E-Z Lock Inserts QTY 10	Pkg	5
	E-Z Lock Inserts QTY 25	Pkg	13
Multi-Marketing Group	DynaGlide Tool Lube	Ea	16
	Index Wheel for 3/4", 1" or 1-1/4" spindle	Ea	20

Whether you're new to woodturning
or have years of experience,
the Oregon Woodturning Symposium
offers something for everyone!



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March 19-21, 2027

Linn County Expo Center • Albany, Oregon

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oregonwoodturningsymposium.com