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The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners



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SPSW Members
Your AAW Chapter Needs Your Support!
More members are needed
to step up and volunteer.
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Volunteers Needed for the Board of Directors

		Title	2026 Term	2027 Term	2028 Term
Executive Board: AAW Required		President	Kathy Garlick	Willing to Continue with President in-training	Open
		Vice President / Program Chair	Ed White	Willing to Continue	
		Secretary	Mark Gilbert	Gary Amerson	
		Treasurer	Jim Funk	Willing to Continue	
Balance of Board Chapter Determined Positions		Newsletter	Suzette Edwards	Ready to Transition *	Open
		Membership	Brandi Lowrance	Willing to Continue	
		Webmaster & Social Media	Tim Spaulding	Willing to Continue	
		Store Sales	John Howard	Open	Kathy Garlick Willing to fill
		Member at Large: Outreach Coordinator	Ethan Green	Willing to Continue	
		AV Coordinator & Zoom Tech	Ramon Lyn	Willing to Continue	
		Wood Rat	Devin Garlick	Willing to Continue	
		Mentorship	Michael Poirier	Willing to Continue	
		AAW Liason	Kent Horton	Willing to Continue	
		Member at Large: Trailer Hauler	Pat McCart	Willing to Continue	
		Member at Large:	Jim Higgins	Dennis Craughan (Industry Coordinator)	
		Member at Large: New Position (2026)	Unfilled	Erik Wuestenhoefer (Inventory/Equipment Manager)	
		Member at Large: New Position (2026)	Unfilled	Travis Miller (Safety)	

President's Letter By Kathy Garlick

It is October and we have just a few items of business this month, short and sweet!

As you have noticed we will be presenting candidates for the 2027 Board of Directors. I will be remaining for one more year. Notice we do not have a Store Sales person and will not have a store next year until that position is filled. Just so you know. Elections will be in November, installation in January.

President's Challenge is happening! Category: Your turned piece of art from the auction wood you acquired this year. There will be a prize. I am excited to see your creations

Kathy

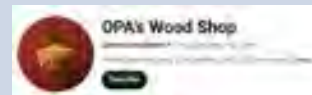
Serendipity

"...finding valuable or pleasant things by chance without looking for them."

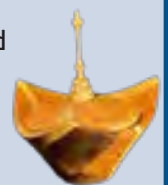
Dennis Craughan is truly a creative wonder and meticulous woodturner / craftsman / artist! All of us, as members of South Puget Sound Woodturners, are fortunate Dennis is an active, contributing and valuable member of our chapter. Many of his creations are in a genre all their own. Over the last year or so, I have come to know Dennis as a kind, giving and knowledgeable woodturner. His willingness to share his knowledge and journey is evident by his on-line presence at [OPA's Wood Shop - YouTube](#) as well as in his willingness to take on the SPSW mini-symposium demonstrator role for sharpening. His on-line store is [Opa's woodshop](#) (opaswoodshop.com).



I should also mention Dennis's work has won awards at both the King County Fair and the Washington State Fair.



In preparation for our September mini-symposium last month, I shared with Dennis that some of our members may benefit from a run-through of setting-up a sharpening station. Without hesitation he agreed to include a step-by-step set-up at his station. He also responded to our call to expand the pool of SPSW member demonstrators. Thus, for our October 15, 2026 demonstration, Dennis will be demonstrating a segmented, three-corner, lidded box. Coming attractions in 2027 Dennis will share his knowledge and experience once again with "Turning on a Budget."



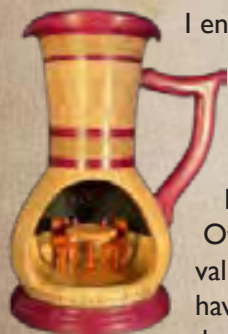
Dennis is pure serendipity!

*Helping Members Turn Better Every Day,
Ed White*

See Dennis's story on the next page

My Wood Turning Story

My name is Dennis Craughan, I've spent the last 50 years in woodworking, as a carpenter, building everything from house foundations back in the late 70s to hanging doors at Amazon in South Lake Union. In 2017 A very good friend needed some help and in return, gave me an old craftsman single bar lathe. I fixed it up and got it working. Then we made fish bats and cannon vases, snow men and Christmas trees. Turning has become a great way to distance myself from all the noise of life around me. I get a sense of accomplishment from turning projects. It isn't something that's going to make me rich, but it is something that will make me an artist. I find myself being challenged to make a more imaginative piece every time I complete a project.



I enjoy the feedback I get from people when they see my work for the first time. I like to enter competitions and have my pieces judged. I think that makes me a better turner/artist.

I'm always trying to develop new techniques for making baselines easier to achieve. I like to think as if I am a 16th century craftsman and try to figure out how to make stuff before I go look at YouTube. By doing this, I think I get a much better understanding of how a process works. Often figuring out how to do something then watching YouTube or having someone show me, validates my own research. Tools of the trade are a challenging part of being a wood turner. I don't have a huge budget for turning though I have been fortunate to have acquired some real nice stuff through friends, family, and a fair amount of penny pinching over the years. I started out with basic functional tools and learned how to use them. As they have worn out, I have replaced them with higher grade tools. There are ways to mitigate the cost of turning. Let's talk about that another time.

I've been fortunate to have met some great people over the last 9 or so years that have helped and inspired me to push myself out of my comfort zones and create things I never thought I could. For that I am Grateful!

Dennis Craughan

October Store

Thanks to each of our members who participated in the Kayden's Cause cremation urn project. We have now sold out of all the bronze rings we had. When and if we have another SPSW sanctioned drive, I will order more of these excellent rings.

The Store Sales table will be open again during our October 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.

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

Until then, stay sharp and keep those chips flying!

John Howard

AAW/SPSW Connections for October 2026

In preparing for my newsletter article this month, I thought it would be beneficial to start at the beginning with the question “*What are the benefits of becoming an AAW member?*” There are a variety of membership plans available and you can choose the plan that fits you and your needs. Membership enables you to “join a global community of more than 12,000 members in 37 countries and 360+ chapters. AAW membership connects you with trusted instruction, inspiring projects, member discounts and woodturners around the world.” You are able to select a plan – be it Individual (\$74/yr), Digital (\$60/yr), Student (\$37/yr), Family (\$74 + \$5 each additional household member/yr) or Business Premium for professionals (\$100/yr).

If you are not sure or are not ready to become a paid member, you can become an affiliate member for three months with access to AAW’s complete collection of online resources. This includes:

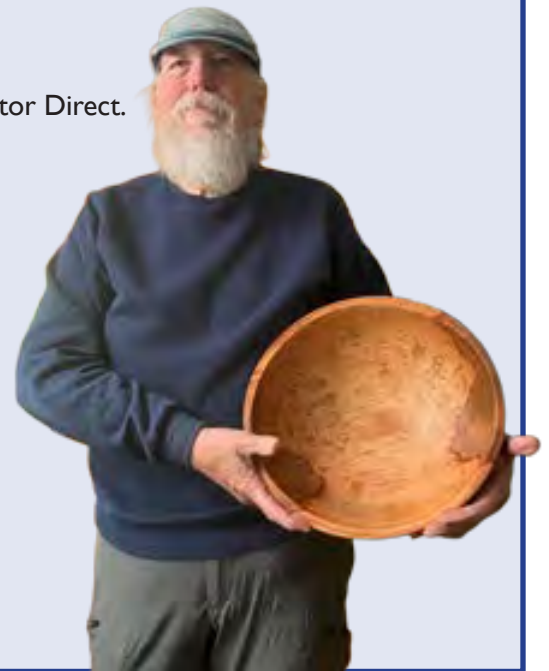
- Online access to current and archived American Woodturner, Woodturning Fundamentals and all other online publications.
- AAW produced videos and video series.
- Currated woodturning videos screened for content, quality and safety.
- Weekly AAW email newsletters.
- Member, chapter, school, educator and other directories.
- Learning portals including Woodturning Fundamentals and Demonstrator Direct.
- Membership only discounted online events including AAW Symposia.
- Member galleries.
- Discounts on AAW merchandise

If you are still on the fence about joining AAW, I strongly encourage you to take a few minutes to go to the AAW website (Woodturner.org) and just explore what is available – you might be surprised and a bit amazed by all that is available to help you become a better woodturner.

Thanks for reading!

Kent Horton,
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AAW Liaison
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aawdirector@spswoodturners.org



2026 Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
Oct 15th	7pm	Dennis Craughan		3 Sided, Segmented, Lidded Box
Oct 17th	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*
Nov 19th	7pm	Ed White		Bowl Design
Nov 21st	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*
Dec 17th	7pm	Holiday Party		

* 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445

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2027 SPSW Workshop Classes 2027

Now is a good time to sign up for the following workshop class offerings for 2027!

Workshop Topic	Instructor	Date	Location
Spindle Turning Firewood Art	Rick Rich	1 Day Workshop 19 Feb 2027	Same venue as monthly meetings
The Pourager Bowl	Kalia Kliban	2 Day Workshop 16 & 17 April 2027	Same venue as monthly meetings
Fiber Reactive Dye	Linda Johnson	1 Day Workshop 8 May 2027	Wayne Wells's Shop

Contact Ed White for details, prices and sign up.

Helping Members Turn Better Every Day.

Ed White

206-218-3797

Ewhitearts84@outlook.com

My Safety Gear Saved My Life

On July 24th, I was working on a piece of monkey puzzle. It was the second piece for a pair of lamps that I was making. I had just finished rounding the piece and started to shape it. I turned the lathe up to 1600 rpm. As I began to apply the tool to the wood piece it split in half and exploded into my face. I was wearing a full-face respirator with a heavy-duty polycarbonate lens. The impact struck me square in the face, knocked me back, ripping off the filter cartridges, and denting the face mask lens. Where the mask ended above my eyes, the wood cut my forehead, cutting it to the bone. I received nine stitches, two internal and 7 external stitches. My neighbor called 911, paramedics came and evaluated me, dressed my wound, sending me to the Emergency room. The Doctor told me what I already knew, that the mask saved my life. The piece of monkey puzzle weighed almost 5 lbs. I estimate that the wood hit me at approximately 40 mph.

What caused this accident? First, I did not evaluate the wood properly. It was old, dry, and cracked. I injected super glue into the cracks but not nearly enough. I got target locked on making two a lamp set and disregarded the condition of the wood. I am lucky to be alive and owe that to wearing my PPE.

Respectfully,

Travis Miller



Northwest Washington Woodturners

Invites all woodturners to their annual **Fall Expo** and associated hands-on courses featuring **Laurent Niclot** in October of 2026.

Fall Expo:

Saturday, Oct 24; 10am to 3:30pm – Full Day of Demonstrations at Mount Vernon Christian School. Register (\$33) online at: www.nwwwt.org. Lunch available for purchase.

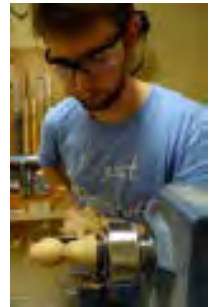
- Miniature Teapots
- “Ploc” – multi-axis drop
- Amazing Spinning Tops



Hands-on Classes:

9103 Molly Lane #8 in Anacortes 9am to 4pm. Register online (\$155) at www.nwwwt.org.

- Friday, Oct 23: Miniature Hollow Forms
- Sunday, Oct 25: Multi-axis Exploration
- Monday, Oct 26: “Not Your Typical Tops”
- Tuesday, Oct 27: Miniature Tea Pots



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ONE WAY 1018 Lathe for Sale

~~\$1000~~ **\$800**

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



September Mini Symposium



September Mini Symposium



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Meeting Location and Time**:

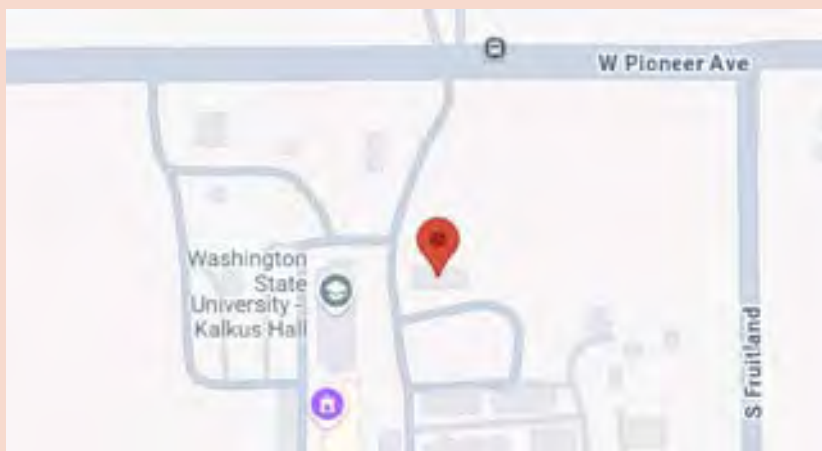
WSU Extension in the D.F. Allmendinger Center
2607 W Pioneer Ave, Puyallup WA 98371

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 is only one course 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

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

☐ New Membership
☐ Renewal

Name (Please Print) _____

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!



OREGON WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM

March 19-21, 2027

Linn County Expo Center • Albany, Oregon

For more info and to register:



oregonwoodturningsymposium.com



1. **The Zoom meeting invitation is only sent to active members.** So, if you have not paid your dues since October 2025, you will need to go to the members tab on the [SPSW website](https://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.
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. **The Wednesday the week before the meeting** – The Zoom Meeting Invitation will go out to our active member’s distribution list. (This is if we get the link by then)
 - 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.
 2. If you did NOT get the email, the link will be posted on the SPSW website under For Members/Zoom Meeting Link
 - b. **The Saturday before the meeting.** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member’s distribution list.
 - c. **The day of the meeting** - Log into the meeting by 6:30pm
 - i. The 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.