



# Chips & Shavings

**SOUTH PUGET SOUND  
WOODTURNERS  
SPSW**

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## February - Larry Miller



I started turning wood in high school, and still have the very first salad bowl I turned that my mother used for nearly 40 years (it's ugly, but functional). I had about a 35 year layoff while finishing college, getting married, working as a computing manager in higher education, oil, and aerospace, and raising our two sons. When my wife bought me a small lathe in 1995, I slowly picked up the craft again. I didn't get

"serious" about turning until we moved to Olympia in 2003. I now have 5 lathes in my well equipped shop, and not only make what I like to call "Functional Art", but also teach woodturning to all ages and skill levels, including home schooled kids. I am actively involved in the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) youth program and will be in St. Paul again this summer working with the Kids. I don't specialize in any one art form, but enjoy a challenge and have done a number of projects including hats, hollow forms, deep vessels, piercing and other embellishments.



The demonstration I'm going to perform for the SPSW in February is titled, "how to turn a specialty box with minimal to no sanding". Although I'll have several different boxes on display, the one I'll demonstrate was written up in the Summer 2010 Woodturning Design magazine and was inspired by the capitol dome in Olympia. This is just an example of a specialty box, as my attention will focus on methods and tips that apply to all box types. I'll cover design, layout, chucking techniques, shortcuts for producing multiple copies of the same design, use of some specialty tools, and tips that will allow you to reduce or eliminate sanding.



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## Letter from the President



Last month we all had to wait at the door until 6:30, how frustrating. That will not happen again. We have rented the two rooms on the window side from 6:00 for the balance of the year. The City of Fife has a class with a desire to rent our normal space several times per week and that left us with no power to keep our space since we are only there once per month, even though we have been there consistently for many years. We will expand the room at 6:30 to the full size. We are also going to change the order of the meeting so that the demonstrator has an hour and a half to complete teaching before the end of the meeting time. Our meeting time will now go until 9:15.

In order to streamline our meeting we will now have show tables and tell tables. For those who want to talk about their work just place that one piece on the tell table. Also we will have a donation table for all of your gifts to our charities and vendors. We encourage all turners to tell about their work, methods of turning and finishes used, etc.

We now have a team in charge of equipment and we hope this will eliminate issues with our lathe and other items which we provide to our demonstrators. If you have talents in this area and would like to help please contact either Jeff Schultz or Brad Husby. Many hands make less work.

This month we have Larry Miller coming to demonstrate. Larry is the president of the Olympia club and is a member of our club. This should be a superior demo and we are excited to have him joining us.

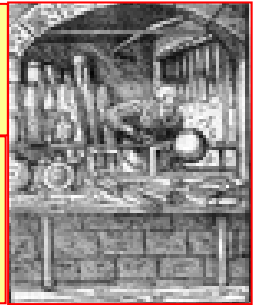
Last month you saw new and I hope interesting features in the newsletter. We added a turning tip of the month last month. We plan to have a bit of history of the club for all of us who are newer to the group. We will also be giving a little history for key members of the club as well. Also we will be welcoming new members in the newsletter so that we can all be aware and get to know everyone better.

AAW membership is not required for our members, however we strongly encourage you all to join and enjoy the benefits of our national association. The upcoming symposium will be in St Paul, Minnesota this June 24<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be an amazing number of presenters or demonstrators including our own Dave Schweitzer who will give four different presentations.

Now that I have finished discussing all this business it is my hope that you are enjoying turning. It is so exciting to see what the wood has to offer us. So keep turning and create some wonderful items for everyone to enjoy. I have turned such a variety of items lately, from pens to travel mugs to bowls to hollow forms and finials. That is what I call FUN.

Happy turning,

Dan



## SPSW 2011 Event Calendar

January	February	March	April
20th - Membership Mtg <b>Bruce Campbell</b> 21st - Bruce Campbell class at Nancy Sweazey's 22nd - Sawdust Session 25th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	17th - Membership Mtg <b>Larry Miller</b> 19h - Sawdust Session 22nd - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	17th - Membership Mtg <b>Symposium</b> 19th - Sawdust Session 29th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	8th - Denise DeRose demo at Nancy Sweazey's 21st - Membership Mtg <b>Bonnie Klein</b> 23rd - Sawdust Session 26th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's
May	June	July	August
19th - Membership Mtg <b>Open</b> 21st - Sawdust Session 26th - Merryll Saylor Demo 31st - Board Mtg Les Johnson's 19th-21st Utah WS Provo, UT.	16th - Membership Mtg <b>Symposium</b> 18th - Sawdust Session 28th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's 24th-26th - 25th Annual AAW Symposium St. Paul, MN	21st - Membership Mtg <b>Open</b> TBD - Picnic & Wood Auction 26th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's 23rd-25th - Olympia 2011 Creativity in Woodturning	18th - Membership Mtg <b>Special Event</b> 20th - Sawdust Session 30th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's
September	October	November	December 2010
15th - Membership Mtg <b>Tones Briggs</b> 17th - Sawdust Session 27th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's 16th - Avelino Samuel All day	20th - Membership Mtg <b>Symposium</b> 22nd - Sawdust Session 25th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	17th - Membership Mtg <b>Open</b> 19th - Sawdust Session 29th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	16th - Membership Mtg <b>Annual Holiday Mtg</b> 18th - Sawdust Session 28th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's

Upcoming national & international events courtesy of Fred Holder and More Woodturning

### This Month at a Glance

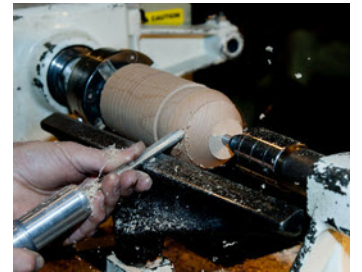
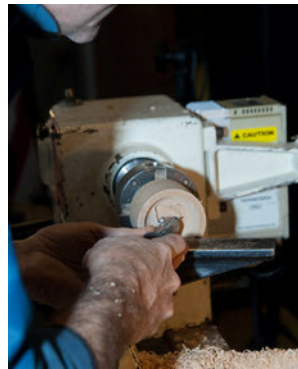
- Membership Mtg. - Feb 17th (Thur.) 7:00 - 9:15 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Sawdust Session - Feb 19th (Sat) - 9:00 am to mid-afternoon at Nancy Sweazey's
- Board Mtg. - 22nd (Tue.) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Les Johnson's, members welcome (RSVP to Dan Stromstad)
- **2011 dues are past due now!**
- You will notice that there are no cookies and coffee at the meeting. **We need a volunteer.**





## Last Month's Demonstration

Photos by Fred Abeles: For additional Club photos by Fred please go to <http://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/Woodworking>





## Featured Article



### Want to Turn Better?

**“Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.” – proverb**

#### It’s all about skills transfer

This article came out of a chat at a recent SPSW board meeting – we were talking about the various ways that being in the club has helped all of us be better turners. Mostly this is what we learn from other members – or what we learn by teaching. Here’s a brief look at some of the ways being in the club can help YOU turn better!

#### 1 - Sawdust Sessions

SPSW is very fortunate to have use of Nancy Sweazey’s shop for the monthly Sawdust Sessions. Every third Saturday these sessions run from 9am to midafternoon – a great place to get hands-on help in a friendly, open atmosphere where everyone there is focused on better turning. If you’ve not been to Nancy’s shop, ask Jim Cotter or Pat for a map at the next meeting..

#### 2 - Club mentors

The club has a tremendous wealth of woodturning experience, from world-class/professional turners to bright new stars with a passion for the craft – and everything in between. Eleven of the best skilled in our club have volunteered to help anyone who asks. Pictures on this page are a few of our mentors in action – if you don’t recognize them, ask at the next meeting!

#### 3 – Teach something yourself

The best way I know to “put some polish” on one of your own skills is to teach it to somebody else. When they ask “Why?” you have to stop and think about it instead of just doing it that way – a great chance to learn something yourself! And we always need demonstrators for the mini symposiums...

#### Better turning is just that easy!

Try any or all of these options – I guarantee you’ll see a difference, the very next time you turn on your lathe!

- Andy Firpo







## Announcements

### ***Are you a new member or visiting our club for the first time?***

We are glad you are here and want to welcome you to our general membership meeting. **Please introduce yourself to an officer or mentor so we can welcome you.**

***Need help with a splintering question?***  
**Contact one of our "MENTORS".** These club members have stepped up and would like to use their knowledge and expertise to help other turners with their questions. If these turners aren't able to answer your question, they will do their best to help you find a solution.

### **SPSW Mentors**

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- **SEATTLE AAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – 2nd Thursday of each month, Kenmore Community Club, 7304 NE 175th St, Kenmore, WA
- **OLYMPIA AAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – 4th Thursday of each month, Thurston County Fairgrounds
- **Wooden Laser Engraved Name Tags** are now available. The cost is \$10. To order a name tag please see Les Johnson at our supplies table at the monthly meeting.
- The South Puget Sound Woodturners now has a club policy for harvesting wood as a club function. Please go to our website <http://www.SPSWoodturners.org> for details.
- In order to receive club discounts from some of our mail order vendors we are required to provide them with an up-to-date membership list. This is so to verify that you are a member in good standing with the club and therefore entitled to the discount they provide us. If you would prefer not to be included on the list please email Fred Reinke at [reinkefnd@comcast.net](mailto:reinkefnd@comcast.net).

Please note that if you remove your name from the list the vendor will not honor a club discount for your phone or (e)mail purchases.

**~Keith Palmer SPSW Librarian**

We had many outstanding gifts donated by our Vendors last year. It is our policy to show our appreciation for these gifts by giving them turnings that have been created by our members. That would be you. Please help us all, by donating one of your turnings as soon as possible.

Starting February 1 through March 31 voting for the proposed AAW bylaws is going on in the member section of the AAW web page.

<http://woodturner.org/member/MemberLogOn.asp>.

After you get into the members section on the left side column click on 2011 Bylaws vote. The report to the membership giving the reasons for these changes is in the February Journal or can be read at

[http://www.woodturner.org/info/bylaws/bylaws\\_committee\\_12\\_2010.pdf](http://www.woodturner.org/info/bylaws/bylaws_committee_12_2010.pdf).

Please carefully consider the changes then go to the members section and vote. The biggest change is that if a motion to bring an issue before AAW occurs, every member of AAW gets to vote on that issue. Under the current bylaws 5% of our membership can sign petitions and carry the issue. The current procedure in effect disenfranchises the other 95% of our membership. The new proposed bylaws fix this problem. All AAW members are asked to carefully consider this very worthwhile amendment and vote.



## Last Month's Show and Tell

Photos by Bob Sievers





## Classified Ads

Would you like to place an ad? Contact Bill Wood at (253) 891-2887 or [tapsturner@comcast.net](mailto:tapsturner@comcast.net)

2010 SPSW Membership: \$30 for single / family membership (only one card issued per \$30). Contact Fred Reinke at the general membership meeting or contact our treasurer, Les Johnson at (253) 896-0650 or [grandpasturn@comcast.net](mailto:grandpasturn@comcast.net)

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Nova 3000 Lathe - Works great but needs motor - call for explanation-\$500

Sears Stick Welder - Works great - \$40

Ryobi 10" Radial-arm Saw - has 1/4" spindle for routing - \$200

Call Rich Farris at 253-845-2673 or 253-230-3790

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## Club supplies

The following items are available for purchase at the monthly meetings. Proceeds earned from the sale of these items go back into the club.

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MICRO M	3" x 6" Sheets	2 ea	24.00
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	Sandpaper (5)	5	2.00
	<b>GRITS 80 THROUGH 220</b>		
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