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Dec 10, 2016

December - Christmas Party

Time for a Christmas Party!

Here it comes again! This is the meeting that everyone looks forward to.

This our Annual Christmas Bash!

This is our great Pot Luck, Give Away, and Show & Tell Extravaganza.

Cook up one of your favorite entrees, salads, or DESERTS, bring your significant other, and be prepared for an evening of fun.

We will be having Show & Tell, so bring one of your favorite projects.

We will have wood, gift certificates, and some other special items that will be given away.

Do not miss this event!

Suggested items for people o bring.

If your last name ends with:

A thru G salads and chips

H thru R main dish

S thru Z dessert

Water and other beverages will be provided.

The 12/15/16 meeting will start at 6:00 PM with set-up followed by Show and Tell

Dinner will start about 6:40, followed by Announcements from Pat, Door Prizes for those attending the dinner, wood distribution and the Annual Participation Awards drawing. Must be present to win either drawing and get a wood blank.

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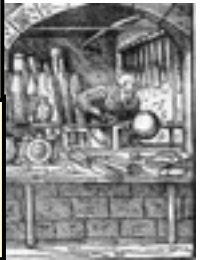
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Letter from the President

Potluck and so much more!



With the year quickly winding down it is time for our annual Christmas potluck and wood give away. Each December we set aside our normal meeting and get together to share a terrific meal.

We will also have an extended Show and Tell so bring your favorite piece that you finished in 2016 and tell us all about it.

We will also be giving away some very nice turning blanks, high quality tools and so much more.

Just to remind everyone, if your name starts with A to G please bring an appetizer Or salad. Members with H to R please bring a main dish to share. Those with names beginning with an S through Z your task is to finish us strong with a tasty desert. Please bring a serving utensil for your dish if needed. We will provide the coffee and water along with the eating utensils. There will also be a couple of power strips to plug your slow cookers or crock pots.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every member of the SPSW for their involvement throughout 2016. Your encouragement and kindness are greatly appreciated by all the members of the Board. We look forward to another fun and fulfilling year in 2017. Dave Best is filling our calendar with top notch demonstrators. Any names or suggestions for topics you would like to have addressed are strongly encouraged.

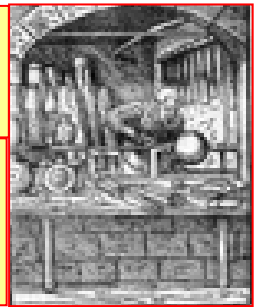
Starting in 2017 we will be doing a "Presidents challenge" where every other month I will be presenting a new turning task to the club members that will hopefully help you develop your turning skills. In trying to come up with an idea for the first challenge I thought what could be easier than a circle/sphere. Entries will be judged on how well they roll and size doesn't matter.

There will not be a sawdust session this month but will restart in January

See you on the 15th.

Have fun, be safe and go make some shavings!

Pat



SPSW 2016 Event Calendar

January 2017 19th - Membership Mtg Jay Shepard 21st - Sawdust Session 31st - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	February 2017 16th - Membership Mtg Carl Jacobson 18th - Sawdust Session 28th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	March 2017 16th - Membership Mtg TBD 18th - Demo 28th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	April 2017 20th - Membership Mtg Mini- Symposium 22nd - Sawdust Session 25th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's
May 2016 19th - Membership Mtg Kim Hoover 21st - Clean -up at Nancy's 31st - Board Mtg Pat McCart's No Sawdust Session	June 2016 16th - Membership Mtg Roy Lane 18th - Sawdust Session 28th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	July 2016 21st - Membership Mtg Bruce Campbell 23rd - Sawdust Session 24th - Annual Wood Auction & Picnic 26th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	August 2016 18th - Membership Mtg John Shrader 30th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's No Sawdust Session
September 2016 15th - Membership Mtg Mini Symposium 17th - Sawdust Session 27th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	October 2016 20th - Membership Mtg Glen Schaefer 22nd - Sawdust Session 25th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	November 2016 17th - Membership Mtg Don Derry 19th - Sawdust Session 29th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	December 2016 15th - Holiday Mtg No Sawdust Session Jan 3rd - Board Mtg Pat McCart's No Sawdust Session this month

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

This Month at a Glance

- Membership Mtg. - December 15th (Thur.) 6:00 - 9:15 pm at Fife Senior Center
- **No Sawdust Session this month**
- Board Mtg. - January 3rd (Tue.) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Pat McCart's, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)



President's Challenges for 2017

We are starting a new feature for SPSW general meetings in 2017, a **President's Challenge**, which will be open to all members who wish to participate. The purpose of the challenge is to take you out of your 'comfort zone' and encourage you to learn new techniques, the use of different tools, and encourage problem solving. The idea is to make the item(s) which meet the requirements listed in the chart below and bring it or them for Show and Tell at the specified monthly meeting. Please note some items set a test parameter.

Just bring your completed piece to the general meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the listed month. Each "challenge" allows you freedom of expression and there is no expectation regarding what you turn, so long as it meets the criteria listed.

Items will be judged by an impartial panel, based on the description in the requirements section. All participants will get a round of applause and the satisfaction of having acquired some new skill and knowledge. Each entrant will get a Participation Award ticket for the annual PA drawing in December. The winner will get 2 tickets.

The bi-monthly President's Challenge schedule is as follows

Meeting	Challenge	Requirements to be met
February 16th	Sphere	Any size. Must be round and done with only hand-held turning tools. Use of a jig is not permitted. The test will be that it rolls smoothly. Your choice of wood.
April 20th	Birdhouse	Any size. No perch. Does not need to be functional and can be ornamental. All parts need to be turned. No test. Originality is the criterion for the judging. Your choice of wood.
June 15th	3 Tops	Any size. Must be embellished using the method of your choice. Test will be that it spins without being unbalanced both right-side up and upside down. The embellishment must compliment the piece and each of the 3 tops must be of the same dimensions. Your choice of wood(s).
August 17th	Footed natural edged vessel	Any size. Wall thickness at rim must not be more than 3/8ths of an inch thick and the rest of the bowl must have a consistent wall thickness dimension which may differ from the rim. The footed base may have 3 or more feet and the piece must stand with the rim parallel to the surface on which the piece sits No test to this. Originality, adherence to the requirements, style and effectiveness of footing, and amount of natural edge bark are the judging criteria. . Your choice of wood.
October 19th	Lidded box	Any size or style, May be single box or stacked boxes, Requirement is that the piece must be a box with a lid. Test is how well the lid fits (not how tight the fit is). Extra points for innovative design, integrated knob (turned from the same piece of wood and not added onto the lid), threading the box and lid, originality, and overall aesthetic appeal. Your choice of wood(s).
December 21st	Holiday ornament	Be creative. Do something you have not done before using at least 2 species of wood. No test to this. Judging criteria include lightness (weight), originality, and design balance. Your choice of woods.



Pictures from Sep., Oct. & Nov. Meetings

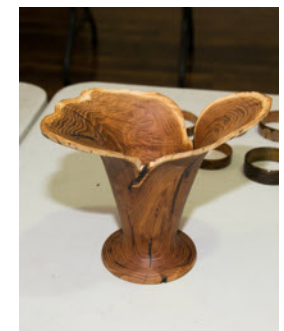
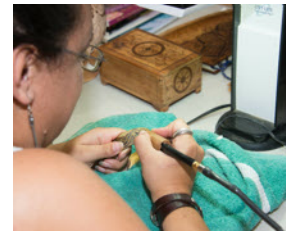
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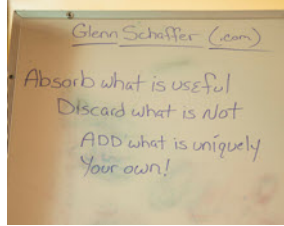
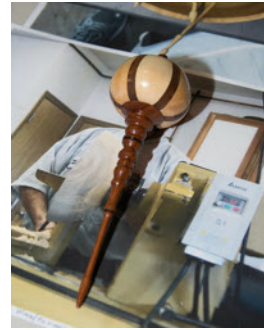
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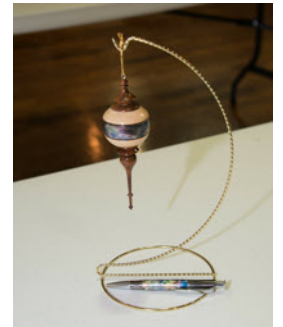
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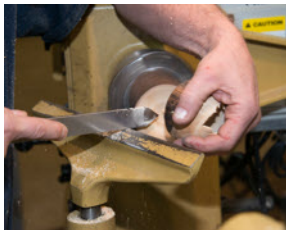
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