



## Chips & Shavings

September 2017

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## September — Mini Symposium

This month we are having our second 2017 Mini Symposium. These events are special in that they offer the opportunity to observe several different aspects of turning and decoration at one event. They are also special in that the demonstrations are performed by our own members. This club is very proud to have members of all skill levels. We can all learn something new and woodturners are, in large, well known for their willingness to share their secrets with all.

There will be no Show and Tell this month but feel free to bring your projects for display.

## 2018 Annual Membership Dues October 1

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Starting October 1 you can join or renew your membership for 2018. You can find a renewal form in this newsletter, or on our web site.

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### Social Media accounts:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/South-Puget-Sound-Woodturners-173957185984457/>  
Pinterest - <http://www.pinterest.com/spswoodturners/>  
Twitter - <https://twitter.com/spswoodturners>  
YouTube - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE8ZRLhj4kVG\\_n8OqBST6pw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE8ZRLhj4kVG_n8OqBST6pw)



## Letter from the President

### **Autumn is almost here**

Summer is almost gone and I'm filling in for Pat this month.

John Howard's demonstration on turning segmented pins using multiple wood species and patterns was great and very informative. I hope everyone enjoyed his approach to pin design and finishing with CA glue.



We will not be holding a sawdust session this month.

The Presidents fourth challenge, a 3 footed bowl will be judged during our September meeting.

See everyone Thursday, Sept 21

Don



## President's 2017 Challenges

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 August Presidents challenge of a 3 footed bowl has been moved to September 21<sup>st</sup>

Meeting	Challenge	Requirements to be met
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sphere	Challenge completed
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Birdhouse	Challenge completed. Golf ball and tee was the winning bird house.
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 Tops	Challenge completed
*September 21 <sup>th</sup>	Footed natural edged vessel	Any size. Wall thickness at rim must not be more than 3/8ths of an inch thick and the edged vessel rest of the bowl must have a consistent wall thickness dimension which may differ from edged vessel 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 woods.
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	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 woods.
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	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.



## Event Calendar

<p>May 2017</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Eric Lofstrom</p> <p>20<sup>st</sup>: Eric Lofstrom Turning Class \$30 <b>Nancy Sweazey's shop</b></p>	<p>June 2017</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Fred Abeles</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Sweazey shop clean up</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup>: Board Mtg <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>	<p>July 2017</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Panel Discussion</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup>: Potluck picnic &amp; Wood Auction (Sunday)</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup>: Board Mtg <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>	<p>August 2017</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg John Howard</p> <p>No Sawdust Session</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>
<p>September 2017</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup>: Membership Mtg Mini Symposium</p> <p>No Sawdust Session</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>	<p>October 2017</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Michael Dresdner</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>31<sup>st</sup>: Board Meeting <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>	<p>November 2017</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Dennis (Tones) Briggs</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p>December 2017</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Mtg</p> <p>no Sawdust Session</p> <p>Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>: Board Mtg <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>

**\* Sawdust Sessions: Bring safety equipment (eyewear, hearing, etc), bring a lunch, bring your tools if you have them**

### **October's Speaker**– Michael Dresdner



Michael Dresdner, SPSW member and nationally known finishing expert and author with over 20 years of experience in the field, focuses on finishes that amateur woodworkers and finishers use.

### The Month at a Glance

- Membership Meeting: September 21<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 6:00—9:00 pm at Fife Senior Ctr
- Sawdust Session: No sawdust session this month
- Board Meeting: September 26<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 7:00—8:30 pm at Pat McCart's, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)





## Photo's from the August Meeting

Photos by Fred Abeles. For additional club photos by Fred please visit his web site.

[South Puget Sound Woodturners Newest Photos](http://SouthPugetSoundWoodturners.com)

<https://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/Woodworking/South-Puget-Sound-Woodturners>





## Announcements



### **AAW's 32nd International Woodturning Symposium**

The AAW's 32nd International Woodturning Symposium will be held in Portland, Oregon, June 14-17, 2018. Visit the AAW website for more information. <http://www.woodturner.org>

The SPSW Board currently has 4 openings.

- Librarian: Responsible for the chapters DVD's, books and digital library
- Industry Coordinator: Responsible for chapters relationship with vendors, suppliers, location businesses and sponsors
- A/V Coordinator: Responsible for the chapters Audio/Video equipment. Captures video at meetings, sawdust sessions and special events.
- Equipment Coordinator: Responsible for the chapters trailer and it's contents' (lathes, tools, video equipment).
- Please contact Pat if you have questions or are interested in one of the openings.

- Seattle AAW Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of each month, VFW Hall, 4330 148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052 <https://seattlewoodturners.org>
- Olympian AAW Membership Meeting - 4th Thursday of each month, Thurston County Fairgrounds. <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org/> [Woodturners of Olympia - Home](#)
- \* The South Puget Sound Woodturners now has a club policy for harvesting wood as a club function. We also have a Wood Rat. Contact Jerre Griffin [jgriffin@centurytel.net](mailto:jgriffin@centurytel.net) for more information about wood harvesting.



## 2018 Membership

We are collecting 2018 dues. Dues for the whole family are \$35. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card. This is still one of the best deals around. For this, 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 (Sawdust Session) on the Saturday following the meeting. Use the membership application below pay at the meeting or mailing it to the address on membership form.

We now also have tile option for you to join, renew, purchase supplies or just donate, we are a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

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 anniversary cycle, whereby your membership will start with your join date and continue for one year.

If your level of membership includes a printed copy of the American Woodturners journal, you will receive six issues starting with the issue published after your join or renew date.

You can pay online! Go to our website, fill out the form, and pay with PayPal.

<http://www.spswoodturners.org/about/become-a-member>

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ New membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How would like to receive the newsletter? Email: \_\_\_\_\_ US Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been turning? \_\_\_\_\_ AAW Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Interest: Spindle Turning \_\_\_\_\_ Bowls \_\_\_\_\_ Vases \_\_\_\_\_ Segmented turning \_\_\_\_\_ Tool making \_\_\_\_\_

Tool sharpening \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues for South Puget Sound Woodturners are \$35.00 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.*

SPSW Membership only: Date _____
Check # _____ Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Card <input type="checkbox"/>



## Our Sponsors (Under Construction)

The previous Sponsorship list was out of date and work is needed to reconnect with our past sponsors and recruit new ones. Contact Pat if you have any questions.

### AAW Tips for Woodturners

#### Tools for Turning Miniature Hollow Forms

Most of my work is fairly large-scale, but I am a pack-rat and I save all the trimmings to use for making miniature hollow forms. I had been using some tools I made from screwdrivers, but they did not allow me to make the forms I wanted.

**At the hardware store, I saw an item called a “hook and pick set.” I bought a set and heat-treated the metal. I ground a fingernail profile on the end of each tool. These tools already have a useful handle and I find that I can turn a miniature hollow form quickly.**

~ Jerry D. Johnson

Kennewick, WA

