



## CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

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### SPSW 2019 MEMBERSHIP

Join or renew your membership for 2019. New membership information is under the "ABOUT" tab on our web site. Renewals can be found under "Members" tab. Also, you may join or renew membership at the membership table at each meeting.

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. See below for options!

### AAW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

American Association of woodturners membership is in addition to membership in the SPSW. AAW offers a Guest Membership option to turners who have never been an AAW member before. Become a free Complimentary Guest Member for 60 days and enjoy sampling of AAW benefits and resources. Visit the website <http://www.woodturner.org> and check out Membership and Guest Services. For more information on membership options, visit the AAW website or call (877) 595-9094 M-F 8:30 to 4:30 Central time.

### FEBRUARY PRESENTER DAN STRONSTAD

This month I have been asked to demonstrate small items that are quick to turn and sell well. I will do that for your enjoyment. I will attempt to illustrate how you can use the tools that you have to create nice turnings and have fun doing it. I will be doing a little bit of sanding. If any of you are extremely sensitive to saw dust please bring a mask. I will be using wood that is not normally a problem for allergies.

I have always been told that by teaching you learn more than the student. So let's all learn and keep turning.

### SPSW 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\\_n8QqBST6pw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe8ZRLhj4kVG_n8QqBST6pw)



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**President’s Message  
February 2019**

**Demonstrators:** We were very happy to start off this year’s demonstrations with ex-SPSW President Stephen Hatcher’s presentation showing the techniques that he uses to produce his moon series vessels, teapots, and suspended forms, each of which often feature stone inlays. A number of our members wanted to be able to take a multi-week class from Stephen, where participants will be able to actually do some of these techniques under Stephen’s supervision. We are working to schedule the class right now. Be sure to get signed up quickly when you see it, because we will need to limit the class size to 12, and I am sure these spots will fill rapidly!

This month’s demonstrator will be another very capable ex-SPSW President, Dan Stromstad. Dan will demonstrate some relatively simple projects that tend to sell well at Saturday markets and craft fairs. I look forward to seeing that!

**The last sawdust session** was another winner! We have these most months on the Saturday after the regular meeting at Nancy Sweazy’s shop. We had 18 people including several new turners, and three lathes going all day at the January session. I had five different projects and five different people on my lathe alone! Some turners with intermediate experience levels come almost every month to enjoy the company, or to get some help on current projects. Everyone is welcome, and the more the merrier! Everybody gets a chance to step up to the lathe and make some cuts. Honestly, this opportunity every month is one of the greatest benefits of membership in the SPSW, and I encourage everyone, especially new turners, to take advantage and get some one-on-one help to get started in woodturning. Please join us. See me at the meeting if you need the address.

**Dues:** The SPSW’s dues run by the calendar year, and the time to re-register for 2019 membership is January for every member. At the end of 2018 we had about 180 paid members, and we already have 120 members that have renewed their membership for 2019. Thanks to all of you that have done that! If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so soon! The easiest way to renew membership is on the website, but you can also just see Terry at the meeting.



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The SPSW seems to be off to another flying start for 2019! I look forward to another year of great demonstrations, great people, and good times.

Keep practicing. Remember, "one good turn deserves another." ( I couldn't resist) Be safe and may all your shavings look like angel hair!

John

### PLEASE GET REGISTERED

There are a couple of things going on with our monthly delivery of the SPSW newsletter.

We have about 20 members that receive their SPSW newsletter as a hard copy. If you do not have access to a computer or e-mail, that is just fine. But hard copies are both time-consuming and expensive to print, and mail. In an effort to conserve resources, we are asking members who can receive their newsletter electronically to please consider changing their preference to electronic delivery. If currently get your copy of the newsletter by snail-mail, and can change your preferred delivery method, please let Terry Broberg know either at the meeting or at ([membership@SPSWoodturners.org](mailto:membership@SPSWoodturners.org)).

In addition, we are now sending out the e-version of the newsletter through the SPSW Website. This method of transmission provides advantages over the old method. In order to receive it, you need to be registered as a "dues paying member". Our webmaster, Tim Spalding, has sent out a couple of emails to the membership requesting that they get registered as a member. If you have not seen yours, please check your junk or spam folder for it. If you need to register, click on Tim's email, or go to the website and click on the members only section. The first item on the drop-down menu is a tutorial on how to get registered. We need everybody to get registered as soon as possible, and we are only about half way there as of the beginning of February.

Thanks!

### **Fractal Burning Has Killed and Could Kill You.** (reprinted from the AAW website)

As of January 2019, we (the AAW) know of ten deaths caused using fractal, or Lichtenberg, burning. We only know of those deaths that are reported by the media and show up in internet searches; it is highly likely there are more.

The American Association of Woodturners has banned the use of this process at all of its events, has banned articles about fractal burning in all of its publications and will not allow the display of works that were created by the process at its events.



The reported cases of fractal burning deaths range from hobbyist woodworkers through experienced woodworkers to an electrician with many years (of) experience working with electricity. It only takes one small mistake and you are dead; not injured, dead. Some of those who died were experienced at using the process and some were not. What is common to all of them: fractal burning killed them.

High voltage electricity is an invisible killer; the user cannot see the danger. It is easy to see the danger of a spinning saw blade. It is very obvious that coming into contact with a moving blade will cause an injury, but in almost all cases a spinning blade will not kill you. With fractal burning, one small mistake and you are dead.

This is true whether you are using a homemade device or a manufactured one.

There are many ways to express your creativity. Do not use fractal burning. If you have a fractal burner, throw it away. If you are looking into fractal burning, stop right now and move on to something else. This could save your life.

—Rick Baker, Chair, AAW Safety Committee

—Harvey Rogers, AAW Safety Committee

## The SPSW Needs You!

We still need some help. I notice that for the past few months, we have had difficulties getting the audio and video equipment set up. Pat and John spent several hours eliminating extra cables, and labeling the ones that we use, to simplify set-up of the system. If you have experience, or interest in doing something like that, please let me know, or just show up to the meeting a little early so you can see how we set it up. Later, I would like to have one person very familiar with the system, and then we could train several other people to help, or step in if someone is unable to make one of the meetings. If you have such skills, and are interested, please call me or see me at the meeting.

## We Have a New Wood Rat!

We often have members that hear about a tree that is down and available to the SPSW just for going out and sawing it up. If it is something we can use, we get a work party together, and go get it. Then we make it available to members at monthly meetings, or at the summer wood auction, or at the Holliday dinner.

We are mainly interested in highly figured or colored big-leaf maple, walnut, monkey puzzle, or other interesting woods.

We now have Doug Reynolds, who had volunteered to coordinate these activities. If you hear about wood being available, please get hold of Doug Reynolds who will check it out, and then if it works for us, get up a work party to go cut it up, anchor-seal it and get it ready for distribution to the members. Doug can be reached at dougr83@comcast.net, or you can call or text him at (253) 951-5513.



## 2019 Calendar

FEBRUARY 2019	MARCH
21th: Membership Mtg <b>Dan Stromstad</b> 23th: Sawdust Session 26st: Board Meeting	21th: Membership Mtg <b>Mini symposium</b> 23th: Sawdust Session 26st: Board Meeting



### SPSW Classified ads

A classified ads page has been added to our web site. You can access the page through "For Members" tab on our web site. You must be a SPSW member to access this tab.

### 2019 Events



**AAW'S 33rd Annual International Symposium**  
Raleigh, North Carolina July 11-14, 2019  
<https://www.woodturner.org/page/2019Raleigh>

### 2019 Regional Events

Oregon Woodturning Symposium March 15-17, 2019  
Linn County Expo [www.oregonwoodturningsymposium.com](http://www.oregonwoodturningsymposium.com)

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON WOODTURNERS presents  
A Day with Mike Mahoney  
COMING ON MARCH 23rd!  
<http://www.nwwwt.org/MahoneyDemo.pdf>



## Local AAW Chapter Meeting Information

-Seattle Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of each month, VFW Hall, 4330 148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052 <https://seattlewoodturners.org>

-Woodturners of Olympia Membership Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of each month, Olympia First Baptist Church, parking and entrance is located behind the church off Franklin St. SE, between 9th & 10th. <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org>

-Olympic Peninsula Woodturners Meeting - last Wednesday of each month. Kitsap Adventist School Gymnasium 5088 NW Taylor Road, Bremerton. <http://opcaaw.com/>

## The SPSW Openings

Librarian: Responsible for the chapters library ( DVD's and printed material). Newsletter: Responsible for the creation and distribution of the chapter's newsletter. Wood Rat: Responsible for coordinating the collection of donated wood.

Please contact John Howard if you have questions or are interested in one of the coordinator openings

SPSW Mentors: Mentors are SPSW members that have enough experience to invite other club members into their shops and help them learning various turning skills. Over the next couple of months, we will be asking for volunteers willing to fill this role.

Contact AlisaBeth if you have question or are interested in becoming a Mentor AlisaBeth Nash , [atlarge@spswoodturners.org](mailto:atlarge@spswoodturners.org)

Month	Challenge	Description	Winner
January 2019	Pepper Mill	Create a pepper mill or salt/pepper combination. This project will be graded on pleasing form, beauty if the wood and grain pattern, texturing, Mills may be laminated or solid wood	
March 2019	Staved Segmented Turning	This project involves gluing up a turning blank out of angled sticks, like a tall ring on a normal segmented turning.	
April 2019	Collaborative Project	Use this as an opportunity for two or more members to work together to create an art like project. Perhaps one member could design, another member could do the turning, one could apply surface texture or color.	
June 2019	Suspended Form	This is a lidded hollow form using an undercut rim design that is supported by legs that are connected to the vessel body by metal or wooden cross members. This is an “artsy” project. Let your imagination run wild!	



# SOUTH PUGET SOUND WOODTURNERS

## LEARNING ABOUT TURNING



August 2019	One tool	Make any sort of turning using only a single tool. No finish, no sanding, one tool only. Entry's will be judged on how clean the cuts are.	
November 2019	Holiday Decor	Ornaments, table decorations, Menorahs, candle holders and other items used to decorate for the holidays	

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

[South Puget Sound Woodturners Newest Photos](https://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/Woodworking/South-Puget-Sound-Woodturners)

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## 2019 Membership

We are collecting 2019 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Pen Making \_\_\_\_\_ 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.*