

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

The latest news and updates from South Puget Sound Woodturners



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by John Howard

This Month's Demonstration: At our Thursday August 15th meeting, we will have Martha Collins. Martha is from Sequim, Washington, and is widely known for her intricate segmented lathe-turned pieces involving hundreds of individual pieces. Check out some of her work at studiomarthacollins.com.

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Annual Wood Auction and Picnic: Thanks to the efforts of so many different SPSW members, and family members we had a wonderful and successful annual wood auction and picnic on July 21st. I think that this one was our very best picnic and wood auction ever! Thanks to all of you that made that happen.

I can't possibly name each of you that contributed your efforts to make this event the success that it was. But, just to name a few, it all started with Doug Reynolds and his crew of woodrats! They collected wood through the year, and we ended up with about 67 lots of 4 to 5 pieces of wood. Sunday morning, a whole bunch of people showed up to unload the trucks and trailers and separate the wood into the groups that people would bid on later. Each lot seemed to have at least one special piece, either highly-figured, or a burl.

Thanks to Chris Johnson for setting up our use of the facility. Thanks to everyone who brought food, chairs, helped set up the food, and unloaded and helped to organize all the wood into lots. Many thanks to Ken Light for being our auctioneer again this year. It is not an easy job to keep everything straight, and thanks to the spotters who helped make sure that every bid was considered! Thanks to Polly Light, Ryan Howard, Donna Abeles, and Stephanie Lane, all of whom helped get all the bidders a number, kept track of who bought what, and then collected the money at the end. Everyone seemed to pitch in as they were needed. Thanks to each of you!!!

Folks really came through on the food for the potluck lunch. We had a great meal, and people really seemed to enjoy the opportunity to meet and get to know other members better.

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When Ken Light started up the auction about 1:00, there was spirited competition to buy the wood. Unlike past auctions where the average winning bid was about \$17/lot, this time the average was \$37. Some lots had such spectacular wood that they went for over \$100. The bottom line was that the club took in \$2,594.00! That is more than 2.5 times what we made on wood last year! In case you wonder where all that money goes, it helps to financially support the club's activities through the year. Those costs include facilities rentals, buying better audio-visual equipment that we use at the meetings, paying speaker's fees, scheduling seminars, and buying the wood and tools that we give away to members at holiday dinner in December.

We made some minor changes to setting up the auction in the shade, how we track bids and bidders, and how to split up what food people are asked to bring this time. If you noticed anything else that you thought we could do better next time, please let us know.

If you weren't able to attend this auction, be sure to reserve the date for next year. We'll do this again on the third Sunday in July 2020!

No Sawdust Session This Month: There is no "Sawdust Session" in July and August, because so many people have family obligations or are out of town. We will start up again in September.

Mini-Symposium coming in September: Twice a year, at our regular meeting, we have a mini-symposium in lieu of our usual demonstrator. At this mini-symposium, individual members do presentations and you can wander around and see and talk to those doing the demonstrations.

If you have something you do that you would like to demonstrate, we will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the August meeting. Please consider doing this. It is a great way to ease into becoming a full demonstrator. In addition to the normal presentations, we will have a table where you can get any questions you might have about woodturning, or even get connected with a mentor.

We will also have a used tool sale table again at this one. Get your extra stuff ready to pass onto to someone else. We all think "...were just one tool from greatness." Be sure to mark your items with your price and your name.

Coming VERY soon - Limited Participation Seminar – Pyrography with Cynthia Gibson. Program chair Dave Best is coordinating with the Vancouver B.C. woodturners group to offset travel costs and bring Cynthia Gibson for a 2-day SPSW seminar on pyrography or “wood-burning”. Cynthia has worked with many professional woodturners on collaborative projects. In addition to the Thursday night meeting, she will be offering a hands-on class on Wednesday and Thursday. The class will be limited to 10 - 12 participants and the cost will be \$100/day, or \$185 for both days. Participants will need to bring wood-burning equipment to participate in the class. Check out her website at www.cynthiagibsonpyrography.com and mark your calendars!

SPSW Classified Ads: SPSW members can now sell extra tools, lathes, or woodturning accessories on our website! Access our website at spswoodturners.org and click on the “For Members” tab. Then place your cursor over the “SPSW Classifieds” button at the bottom. A drop-down menu appears at the right, and then click on “Place an ad” or “Tips for creating a new listing in the SPSW classifieds” as needed.

Keep practicing, keep turning, make some shavings, but be safe, and have fun!

John

2019 / 2020 Monthly Schedule

Date/Time	Demonstrator	Subject
7:00 Aug. 15th	Martha Collins	Miniature segmented work
7:00 Sept. 19th	Mini Symposium	TBA
9:00am Sept. 21st	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop
9:00am Oct. 16-17th	Cynthia Gibson	Pyrography 2-day Seminar
7:00 Oct. 17th	Cynthia Gibson	Pyrography Demo
9:00am Oct. 19th	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop
7:00 Nov. 21st	Kathleen Duncan, AAW Secretary	Pierced work
9:00am Nov. 23rd	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop
7:00 Dec. 19th	Annual Holiday Dinner	Dinner, Fun, & Giveaways of Wood and Tools
7:00 Jan. 16th	Dave Best, John Howard and Jeff Marshall	Sharing lessons learned at Arrowmont with Avelino Samuel
9:00am Jan. 18th	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop
7:00 Feb. 20th	TBA	Three footed bowls?
9:00am Feb. 22nd	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop
7:00 Mar. 19th	Mini Symposium	TBA
9:00am Mar. 21nd	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop

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PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGES

August - 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 - Holiday Decor

Ornaments, table decorations, Menorahs, candle holders and other items used to decorate for the holidays.
secretary@spswoodturners.org

AAW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

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. or call (877) 595-9094 M-F 8:30 to 4:30 Central time.



We are collecting 2019 dues. Dues for individuals or for the whole family are \$35/year. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card. T

This is still one of the best deals around. For just \$35 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 pay at the meeting or mailing 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 online! Just go to our website, fill out the form, and pay with PayPal. (<http://www.spswoodturners.org/about/become-a-member>)

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 is- issues starting with the issue published after your join or renew.

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.*