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## President's Message

*by John Howard*

**January 16th Meeting Demonstration:** Dave Best, Jeff Marshall and John Howard spent a wonderful week at Arrowmont in Gatlinburg, Tennessee taking a class from Avelino Samuel. Avelino is renowned for turning beautiful urns and bowls featuring spiral carved and textured enhancements and delicate finials.

Jeff, Dave, and John will present a step-by-step process showing how you could add similar enhancements to your work. The presentation will feature initial shape and carving, adding texture, and

The presentation design, layout, finishing.



**Sawdust Session:** Most months, the SPSW hosts a sawdust session on the Saturday after the monthly membership meeting. We did not have one in December, due to the holidays, but we will start up again this month. These are held at Nancy Sweazy's shop in Bonney Lake. These sessions are open to everyone, but newer turners are especially encouraged to attend. There are three or four lathes in the shop, and we do our best to make sure that everyone gets to make some cuts at the lathe with an experienced turner providing guidance. We start up at 9:00am and usually run until about 1:30pm. See President John Howard at the meeting if you need the address or directions to the shop.

**Holiday Party Thanks!** As usual, our holiday party was wonderful! Events like this could not happen if it weren't for all the volunteers, and the work they put in to make it work. Five board members made the trip to Rochester to buy all the great bowl blanks and billets that were given away to the members that attended the dinner. Ken Light turned the Santa ornaments that decorated all the table tops. Board members took charge of setting up all the tables and helping people get everything organized. Terry Broberg helped members pay dues for 2020 and get their tickets in the can. Alisabeth and Pat helped with the raffle drawings, and Larry Lockwood came up with the way to choose tables and get everyone to the food without a super long wait in line. John Jacobs worked to ensure all the members attending got tickets for the wood give-away. Pat, Fred, and other board members visited Woodcraft, D-Way Tools, Rockler, Sumner Woodworker Store, Equipment Sales and Surplus to solicit donations of the tools and equipment that was given away. They were especially generous this year. Please thank these vendors when you are in their stores to let them know how much we appreciate all their support. I think one of the things that makes the SPSW such a great organization is the willingness of its members to step forward to do whatever is needed, and that was the case for this dinner meeting. I know I'm sure that I have missed thanking some people in this, and I apologize if I missed you. But thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's holiday meeting such a success.

**Dues:** I would like to encourage everyone to get your 2020 dues paid as soon as possible. Your dues are what enable us to rent our great meeting facility, provide equipment like the new camera boom needed for members to better view demonstrations, and purchase the tools and equipment we need to run demonstrations and sawdust sessions. I hope each of you will join the SPSW again for another event-filled year. If you haven't already paid your dues for this year, please either see Terry Broberg at the membership desk at the meeting, or you can do it online through the SPSW website (<http://www.spswoodturners.org> (click on "for members"))

I wish each of you a wonderful new year, and as always, be safe and keep making all those shavings!

John 



## 2020 Monthly Schedule

Date	Demonstrator(s)	Subject
7:00pm Jan 16th	Dave Best, John Howard and Jeff Marshall	Carved Spiral vase-form vessel
9:00am Jan 18th	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop
7:00pm Feb 20th	Bob Sievers and John Jacobs	Decorative Rose Engine Turning
9:00am Feb 22th	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop
7:00pm Mar 19th	Mini-symposium	TBA
9:00am Mar 21st	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop

# Christmas Dinner





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## AAW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

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Become a free Complimentary Guest Member for 60 days and enjoy sampling of AAW benefits and resources. Visit the website [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) and look under Membership then Join Today. Scroll to the bottom of the page. The above hyperlink will also take you there.

For those who prefer to do it by phone, call (877) 595-9094 M-F 8:30 to 4:30 Central time.



We are collecting 2020 dues. Dues for individuals or for the whole family are \$35/year. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card.

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 and pay at the meeting or mail 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 ([www.spswoodturners.org](http://www.spswoodturners.org)), fill out the form, and pay with PayPal.

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.

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## South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW) Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership:  New  
 Renewal

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

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

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you 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