

# CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

December 2020

*The latest news and updates from South Puget Sound Woodturners*

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## December President's Message

*by John Howard*

**November's Remote Demonstration Still Available:** I hope you were all able to join us for Trent Bosch's wonderful presentation last month. Trent recorded his demo, and you still have a few more days to view it, or review it. Just use the link that Tim Spaulding sent out to all of our active members to access Trent's website and then use the meeting ID number (with spaces) as the password to access the demonstration recording.

**December Activities Cancelled:** Unfortunately, due to ongoing restrictions and unavailable facilities, we will not be able to host any of our usual December activities. The Fife Center remains closed, so we will not be able to have our normal holiday potluck. Nancy's shop is still closed too, and we will not be able to have our normal Sawdust Sessions until it is safe to return there. And finally, since people are so busy at this time of year, we will not have a remote demo this month either. But we have some great things lined up starting in January!

**Activities for 2021:** Until we can safely resume in-person meetings in Fife, we will continue to have monthly remote demonstrations. In January, we will again host Lyle Jamieson showing us how to make a bowl bigger than the tree from which it came! This is actually not as impossible as it sounds if you make what is called a "winged bowl". Lyle was our very first remote demonstrator, and he did a wonderful job to help us get set up and get our members comfortable as we could be with all the new technology involved in participating in a Zoom-based remote demonstration. Lyle is a great teacher and I know you will enjoy his demo on January 21st.





On Saturday February 13th, we will have a combined meeting with the Woodturners of Olympia featuring Harvey Meyer, who is known for his Basket Illusion turnings. You can check out a gallery of Harvey’s work at <http://www.harveymeyer.com>. He ends up with a wood bowl, platter or vase that looks like it is a woven basket.

Harvey lives on the east coast, and the time difference makes it a very late night for him if we hold this at our regular evening meeting time. **Therefore, this demo will be a 3-hour presentation and it will be held from 3:00 – 6:00 PM Saturday, February 13th.**

Our March demonstrator will be John Jordan. John has been featured both in and on the cover of American Woodturner magazine, and his work is exhibited in a number of museums. John is well-known for his beautifully carved, fluted hollow forms and other turnings. John just finished getting set up to do remote demos, and recently conducted a master’s class in turning using this technology for the AAW. We have not determined what John will demonstrate, but will soon. You can check out some of his work on his website at <https://www.johnjordanwoodturning.com>.

We have literally tons of good wood available for a wood auction. And I keep hearing from members how much they miss seeing each other at in-person meetings. With a vaccine on the near horizon, we are hoping that we may be able to get together again within the next few months. It will be so good to see everyone again. We hope to be able to hold a potluck/wood auction sometime before we would do our regular one in July!

**2021 Officers and Directors:** In last month’s newsletter, I mentioned that since we are unable to meet in person, I would conduct the annual vote for SPSW officers and directors at the beginning of our November remote demonstration with Trent Bosch. We did that and following people were elected during our virtual November meeting and remote demonstration.

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| President - John Howard                                    | AV Coordinator - Ramon Lyn        |
| Vice President/ Program Chair - Open                       | Wood Rat - Doug Reynolds          |
| Secretary - Fred Abeles                                    | Mentorship - Michael Poirier      |
| Treasurer & Newsletter - Suzette Edwards                   | Director At Large - Jeff Marshall |
| Membership Director - Terry Broberg                        | AAW Liaison – Open                |
| Webmaster - Tim Spaulding                                  | Director At Large - Robert Fender |
| Store Sales - Ken & Polly Light                            | Director At Large – Open          |
| Industry Liaison and Immediate Past President - Pat McCart |                                   |



We all owe a debt of gratitude to each of these volunteers, who keep this organization running every month. I look forward to working with each of them, as we hopefully transition back to a more normal schedule of monthly activities during 2021!

**It's Dues Time Again:** Although my personal activities, like everyone else's, have been limited this year, my relationships with my family, friends, and members of the SPSW have helped me through a difficult 2020. I have talked to many club members since last March, and, to a person, they have all mentioned how much they miss being able to participate with other SPSW members during our regular activities like our monthly meetings, demonstrations, mini-symposiums, sawdust sessions, wood cutting, and wood auctions and pot-lucks dinners. Each of them looks forward to the day when we can start meeting in person again! It seems as if the personal relationships we all have developed with our fellow woodturners are what we miss most. Many people have come to view the SPSW as a second family. I know that is true for me.

Despite all the cancelations of regular activities during 2020, our membership remained very strong last year. A few have dropped away, as always happens, but we have also continued to enroll new members. At the end of the year we still have over 140 members!

We are now accepting dues for the 2021 year. Please take the time to renew your membership now. As you see elsewhere in this newsletter, we will continue to offer remote demonstrations until we can get back into the Fife facility for regular meetings. Any one of these demonstrations alone would justify our \$35/yr. dues. They are excellent, and everybody has the "best seat in the house". By that I mean that each participant can see and hear better than they could if that same demonstrator were demonstrating in person at one of our regular meetings! You don't even have to get there early to reserve that coveted front row seat right in front of the lathe! And just like at a regular meeting, you can ask questions in real time and get answers from some of the best woodturners in the world!

Additionally, in 2021, as the long-awaited vaccines come online we hope that we will be able to bring all of our regular activities back. So hopefully, we will be able to soon return to our normally scheduled calendar of events.

So please join us by renewing your membership for 2021! The easiest way to renew your membership is online through the SPSW website. ([spswoodturners.org](http://spswoodturners.org) click on "for members"). Alternatively, you can also fill out the last page of this newsletter and send it to the PO Box with a check.

**Windfall:** Our sister organization in the area, the Evergreen Wood Workers Guild (EWWG) has chosen to disband. The EWWG's board chose to donate slightly under eight thousand dollars to the SPSW! On the one hand, I am happy to report this cash infusion into the SPSW coffers. But, on the other hand, I will miss all the great people and all the wonderful programs that the EWWG was offering to the area's woodworking community!

The SPSW board is discussing several options for how to best use these funds. We decided to offer 1 year of free membership in the SPSW to the remaining members of the EWWG.

**Newsletter photos:** Would you like to see some of your work in the newsletter? Suzette Edwards puts as many as she can into our monthly newsletter. We know a lot of you are doing some great stuff in your shops right now, and **Suzette would love to put more examples of members' work in the newsletter.** If you would like to share some of your recent work, send photos to Suzette ([winginsue@gmail.com](mailto:winginsue@gmail.com)). We can't promise we will have room for everything, but we will do the best we can.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, be healthy, be safe, and keep making those shavings!



## 2021 Monthly Schedule

| Date   | Demonstrator(s) | Subject   |
|--|-----------------|---|
| 7:00pm January 21st                            | Lyle Jamieson   | A bowl bigger than the Tree (Winged Bowl turning) |
| 3:00 – 6:00pm<br><b>Saturday</b> February 13th | Harvey Meyer    | Basket Illusion enhancement                       |
| 7:00pm March 18th                              | John Jordan     | TBD   |

TBD = To be determined

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### AAW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

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.

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Looking for some inspiration while you are staying home? Check out the [SPSW YouTube Channel](#)

We are collecting 2021 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