

# CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

March 2021

The latest news and updates from  
South Puget Sound Woodturners



Engine by  
Michae Poirier

## March President's Message

by John Howard

### March's Remote Demo: John Jordan

On March 18th, the South Puget Sound Woodturners will be very pleased to offer John Jordan as our March demonstrator. John is an acclaimed woodturner who has his work represented in private and corporate collections as well as 30+ museums, including the Smithsonian and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Between seminars and demonstrations, John has taught thousands of people to turn wood. John is especially well known for his designs, carved surfaces, and texturing. You will see all of this during John's demonstration. You can check out some of John's work on his website, [johnjordanwoodturning.com](http://johnjordanwoodturning.com).



Please join us for this Zoom-based demonstration, which will start at 7:00 PM PST on March 18th. The Zoom meeting will open at 6:30 PM. for log in and conversation. If you are not currently using Zoom to attend these events, you are missing something really good. If you need help to get started, you can just follow the steps listed later in this newsletter, or just get hold of me or Ramon Lyn ([tech@spswoodturners.org](mailto:tech@spswoodturners.org)).

Hollow Forms by John Jordan



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**Speaking of IRDs – “the price is right!”:** There is a series of free remote demonstrations sponsored by Record Power, a manufacturer of quality woodturning chucks and equipment. Almost every week, Mike Davis sends out a notice to woodturners all over the world inviting them to view the next free IRD. There are usually 500 – 700 people viewing these demos from all over the world! But they work just like our IRDs. All I have seen so far have been excellent. To be notified of future events, all you need to do is email [miked@recordpower.co.uk](mailto:miked@recordpower.co.uk) and put **RSVP** in the subject line of the email, and he will invite you to the next offering. I recommend this highly!



**Fife Center Update:** Many members have mentioned that they really miss being able to see friends and interact with other members at our regular SPSW monthly meetings in Fife. Although we can visit a little at the front of all of our Zoom meetings, we are all looking forward to being able to meet in person again. I contacted the Fife Center to officially notify them that we are still interested in meeting there on the third Thursday of each month when the center’s rules and state guidelines allow. I have asked for as much lead time as possible, because we hope to get back to our regular in-person symposia and demos. I’ll let everyone know as soon as we know more about when we might be able to get back to using the Fife Community Center again. But for now, we are still on hold.

**Woodrat:** If you would like to be notified when we are going out to cut wood, so you can get a little for yourself, please let Doug Reynolds know. You don’t necessarily need your own chain saw. There are many things folks can do to help at these events. But you will see how to safely use a chain saw and also will see how to section the tree so you get the best and most interesting wood out of it. You will also have access to people who can help you get started on how to seal the wood to minimize checking, explain the advantages of green wood turning, rough turning, and coring processes. If that sounds interesting to you, please let Doug know, and he can put you on his list and you will be contacted by e-mail when he has wood we’re going out to cut. You can e-mail Doug at [dougr83@comcast.net](mailto:dougr83@comcast.net).



Madrone bowl and 3D Cutting board  
Dan Stromstad

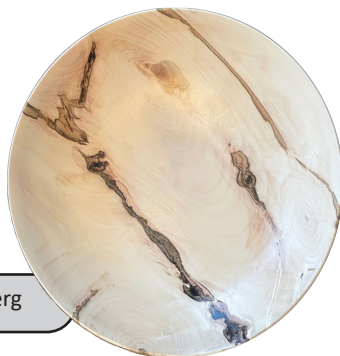
**Recordings of some of our previous remote demos available to members:**

A few of our remote demonstrators have given us permission to record these virtual demonstrations. Our video librarian, John Jacobs, has worked hard to edit these recordings and put them up on our website under the “members only” tab. We have the recordings for Emiliano Achaval turning his “Hawaiian Calabash”, Ed Pretty’s “Beyond ABC”, and Scott Grove with his program on using resins for inlays and accents along with videos of some of our on site demonstrators. If you are not a current member, you need to renew your membership in order to access the “members only” section of our website. You may both see the recordings or renew your membership at our [www.spswoodturners.org](http://www.spswoodturners.org) website.

**Newsletter photos:** Our newsletter editor, Suzette Edwards, is always looking for more photographs of members work to spice up the newsletter. Many members enjoy seeing their work, and other members love to see what you have been doing. It is sort of a show-and-tell! Please take a few pictures showing your recent work and she will do her best to get it in the next newsletter. during this period when we all have a little more time to be in our shops! Just email your photos to [winginsue@gmail.com](mailto:winginsue@gmail.com)



Pens - Ken Light



Maple Bowl - Terry Broberg



Black locus before and after fuming  
David Peters

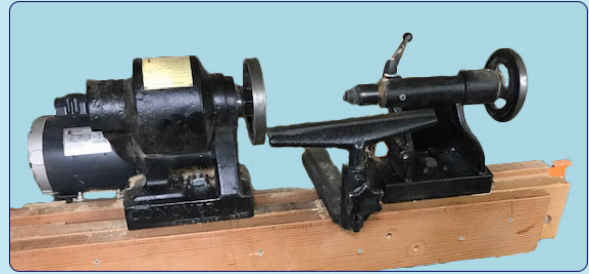
**Classified Ads -Another Member Benefit:**

SPSW Members have access to the "Members Only" section of the SPSW's website. This includes access to those remote demonstrations we are allowed to copy, demonstrator's handouts, as well as the classified ads.

If you have a lathe, or lathe tools and accessories that you would like to sell, you can post those items there. If you are looking to buy, then check this out first, as the prices are great. Check it out at [www.spswoodturners.org](http://www.spswoodturners.org) log in, and click on Classified Ads.

**For sale by Henry Retailliou**

Ernie Conover lathe set up for bowl turning. It has a 1 1/2 inch arbor, a #2 morse taper tail stock and a 1 hp motor. - Make an offer.



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**SPSW Board of Directors Election - Volunteer Still Needed!** This past month, Kent Horton volunteered and was appointed by the board to serve in the AAW Liaison position. Also, Doug Reynolds volunteered to take on the Programs position, and will be setting up all of our demonstrators, both virtual and in person, for the rest of the year. Sincere thanks to both Doug and Kent! It is people like this who step forward to help that keeps the SPSW the viable and enjoyable club that it is.

We still need someone to volunteer for the Vice President's position. Since Doug has taken over the programs part of it, the duties of the vice president are limited to being an active member of the Board, and stepping in when the president cannot or is not able to act. We could use your help and guidance to make the SPSW even more valuable to our members! You can call me at 263-370-5704 or email me at [jhowardcdt@comcast.net](mailto:jhowardcdt@comcast.net) if you have any questions or would like to talk about the position.

**2021 AAW Symposium Cancelled:** In late February, the AAW announced that the 2021 International Symposium is canceled due to safety concerns! In its place, the AAW will offer an improved version of the 2021 Virtual Symposium like they did last year. In 2020, the AAW sponsored Zoom based interactive remote demonstrations by internationally known woodturners available over a three-day period all for \$20. Many of our members attended this, and every one I talked to thought it was a great deal. This will only be available to AAW members, so if you are not a member already, you might consider joining the AAW in addition to the SPSW membership. You get a subscription to the American Woodturner magazine, and can participate in AAW events like the upcoming virtual symposium.

Be healthy, be safe, and keep making shavings!



*John Howard*

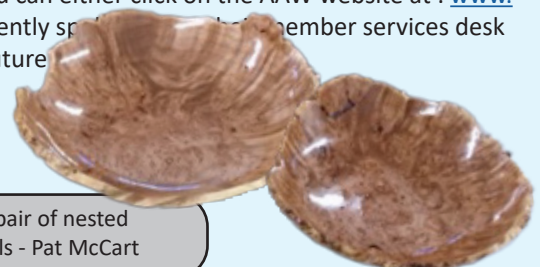
**Welcome Kent, the new AAW liaison**

I joined SPSW, like most of you, in an effort to improve my skills at the lathe and connect with others who enjoy this same endeavor. My attendance at meetings (pre pandemic), club symposiums, sawdust sessions, and this past year, watching and learning from nationally and internationally recognized expert turners with remote demonstrations. All of this has helped me improve my skill at the lathe to become a better woodturner and gain confidence to attempt projects beyond small bowls and simple spindle work. For the past couple of years, I have also been a member of the AAW (American Association of Woodturners) My new role as AAW Liaison is to encourage those SPSW members (about half of the club) who are not yet members of AAW to join this national association. Over the next several months I will be sharing with you many of the benefits of joining the AAW. They offer a wide range of resources designed to help you improve your turning skills. If you would like to experience what AAW has to offer with little commitment, I suggest you join AAW as an affiliate member for three months. In this way you can explore, with no risk (it's free!), the wide range of resources that AAW has to offer. You can either click on the AAW website at : [www.woodturners.org](http://www.woodturners.org) or give them a call at: (631)484 9094. The nice woman I recently spoke to at the member services desk was most helpful and pleasant to talk with. I will share more about AAW in future.



Kent Horton,  
Director-at-Large – AAW Liaison  
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A pair of nested bowls - Pat McCart



## Membership Dues

Thank you to all of you that have already renewed your membership in the SPSW for 2021! So far, we already have 89 renewed 2021 memberships.

I need to alert everyone to something that is coming up. We have a number of members currently on our active list that have not paid dues in either 2020, nor so far in 2021. **Everyone should be aware that on or about April 1st we will be doing the annual purge of the membership roster.**

**This action removes access to SPSW services available for those folks that have not paid membership dues in either 2020 or 2021.** People who are removed from the active members roster will be not receive invitations to the Zoom remote demonstrations, nor will they have access to the "Members Only" tab the SPSW webpage. If you have any question about your dues status, just call John Howard at 253-370-5704 and he can verify your status on the membership roster.

**That said, we do not want to lose anyone because of an inability to pay dues due to pandemic-related financial hardship!** The SPSW Board of Directors authorized a free hardship membership renewal to previous members adversely impacted by all the self-isolation, business closures and cutbacks. Our intention is to support members who may need help. The decision to grant these requests rests with the chapter president John Howard, and the information will be strictly limited to the treasurer, membership chair and the president. We do not want to lose members in these situations, so please call John if this is an issue for you at the number above.

Join us again for another event-filled year as we, hopefully, get back to in-person meetings, sawdust sessions, picnics, wood auctions, and all the other activities that we enjoy so much.

The easiest way to renew your membership is online through the SPSW website <http://www.spswoodturners.org> (click on "for members"). Alternatively, if you prefer, you can fill out the last page of this newsletter and send it to the PO Box with a \$35 check.



Segmented Figured Maple bowl with walnut layer - Michael Poirier



Splayed Maple and applewood platter - David Peters



Maple Platter from wood from Harry Lincoln Dan Stromstad

### Active Member Registration



Have you noticed that you don't get all the communications that some other SPSW members get or that you are unable to view the meeting/remote demo videos? In order to get all benefits for

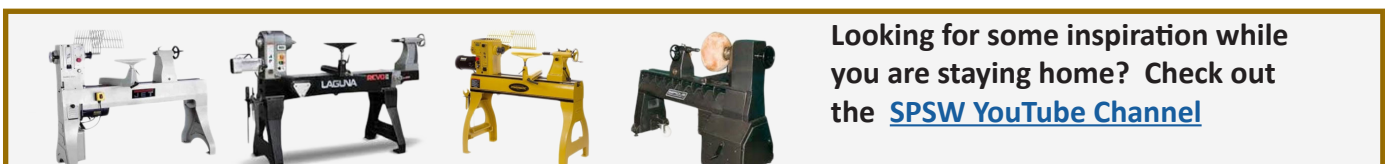
active members, you need to be registered on our website and signed up for our member communication email list. Only about half of our paid-up members are completely registered and signed up. If you aren't registered, it is an easy problem to correct. Open our webpage at [www.spswoodturners.org](http://www.spswoodturners.org) and click on the "For Members" tab. The drop-down menu's first choice is "How to Register". Click on it, and there will be a short video that explains exactly how to get registered. After your registration is approved, the second step is required to complete the process. Go to our webpage and click on the "Member Communication Sign-up" under the For Members menu and follow the instructions.



**Zoom Meeting** If you haven't been on Zoom before, just follow the steps below. (If you have been in a Zoom meeting before, just start at step 3.)

1. The Zoom meeting invitation is only sent to active members. So, if you have not paid your dues since October 2019, you will need to go to the members tab on the [SPSW website](http://spswoodturners.org) (<http://spswoodturners.org>) and renew your membership. Please note that it would normally cost more for just one of these demonstrations than your SPSW dues for the entire year.
  - a. Those of you who get the newsletter by snail-mail will need to get us an e-mail address where we can send your meeting invitation. Please send it to ([membership@spswoodturners.org](mailto:membership@spswoodturners.org))
2. Before the scheduled meeting, you need to go to [zoom.com](https://zoom.com) and download the free "Zoom Meetings" app. The Zoom download is quick, easy, and free!
3. **Information and Invitation Delivery Schedule:**
  - a. **Saturday, March 13th** – The Zoom Meeting Invitation will go out to our active member's distribution list.
    - i. This invitation contains a link that appears in blue letters. Just click it to join the remote demo on Thursday.
    - ii. Please save this where you can find it.
      1. If you don't see the invitation(s) in your inbox, then please check your "junk" or "spam" folder. If you get our newsletters, the meeting invitation should come right into your inbox.
  - b. **Wednesday, March 17th** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member's distribution list.
  - c. **Thursday, March 18th** - Log into the meeting between 6:30 and 7:00pm
    - i. John's demo will start promptly at 7:00pm.
    - ii. When you click on the link, you will be asked if you want to join with video and audio. Answer "yes" to both, then you will enter a virtual waiting room. Wait just a few seconds and one of the co-hosts will admit you into the actual meeting.
    - iii. **Note:** If you have previously downloaded the app, you may see an update is available. If you see it, please update your app. Zoom is making frequent changes to the program to strengthen security.
    - iv. Devices used to view the demo can be smartphones, tablet computers, laptops, etc. To fully participate, the device needs to have audio and a camera.

**For Zoom Security, Please Rename If Needed:** We have a number of people that participate in the Zoom demos. When you join the session, you will be able to see yourself and the other participants in thumbnail photos with the name of each person under their picture. If your name appears as "John's iPad", or "iPhone 189567", then we don't really know who you are, which is a security issue. If that happens when you join the meeting, please just click on your name, and then click "rename" and change it to your full name. It will help Ramon and me as we co-host the meeting. Thanks!



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

# 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Demonstrator(s)	Subject
7:00pm March 18th	John Jordan	Use Carved Fluting to Enhance Hollow Forms
April 15th	Carl Jacobson	Suspended Hollow Form
May 20th	Steve Sinner Part I	Deep Hollowing
June 17th	Steve Sinner Part II	Embellishment
11:00am July 17th - Saturday	Wood Auction/Pot-Luck	North Lake Community Improvement Center



Beech and Maple  
Michael Poirier

Live Edge Bowl  
Pat McCart



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Woven Segmented Bowl  
Michael Poirier



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