

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

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The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners

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September President's Message

by John Howard

September Meeting

As I write this, we are planning another hybrid meeting on September 16th at 7:00PM. Hybrid meetings are those where some of the members choose to meet in person at the Fife Community Center and others may log in from home. As of now, the Fife Community Center remains open, with the state required mask mandate. That means that everyone attending at the Fife Center must wear a mask to be in the meeting room.



In order to provide our presenter with as much time as possible for their demonstrations, we will slightly adjust our schedule this time, and see how it works. **Because we want the demonstrator to be able to start their demo promptly at 7:00, we will try to do any announcements and show and tell starting at 6:45, or as soon as we can get our audio set up and running.**

But who among us knows if that situation will still be in place next month? If there are any changes to the Fife Center's restrictions, we will send an email to all members for whom we have email addresses and also put it up on the SPSW website (<https://spswoodturners.org/>)



Whether you come to the September membership meeting in-person or log into the zoom meeting from your own device, our program in September will feature our own Eric Lofstrom. Eric has demonstrated for us several times before. Eric is known for his systematic approach to his work, for his emphasis on body mechanics and tool use. During this session, Eric will be demonstrating how to do a "Square Rimmed Bowl". During this presentation you will see elements related to proper design principals, pleasing forms, how to make crisp cuts that require little sanding, and layering of interference paints and translucent finishes.

President's letter continued...

Saturday Sawdust Sessions Return!

Traditionally, during most months the SPSW has held a Sawdust Session on the Saturday after our regular membership meeting. These are intended as a mentoring activity. We meet in a members shop and we have 3 or 4 lathes all going at once. One of our more experienced members is at each lathe showing people how to make cuts, and in many cases, we are able to put tools in the hands of people who have never turned anything before. So, we have some very new woodturners, some intermediate turners who might have a project with them that they are stuck on, and some very experienced members to help anyone that needs it.

These opportunities are treasured by many members, and they have been sorely missed for the many months that we were prevented. We held our first in too long of a time at Wayne Wells's house on August 21st. We start up about 9:00 AM and generally run until about 1:00 PM.

Our next Saturday Sawdust Session is scheduled for Saturday September 18th at Wayne Wells's shop. Everyone is welcome, so please stop by. Bring our self, your questions, some wood, or some tools you need to learn how to sharpen. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Wayne's address is 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445.



 *John Howard*



Get in on future wood cutting opportunities

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 our wood-rat, Doug Reynolds, know. You don't necessarily need your own chain saw. There are many things that 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 or when we're going out to cut.

You can e-mail Doug at dougr83@comcast.net.

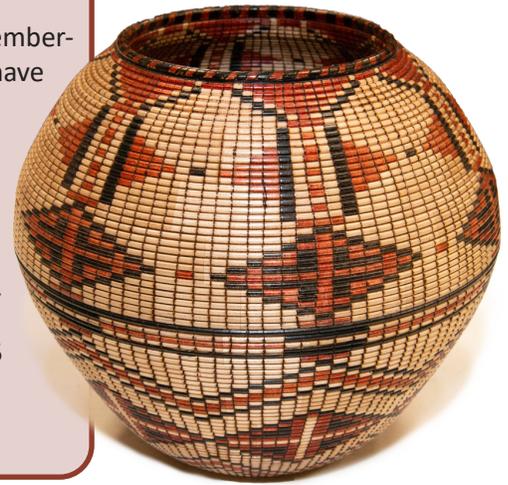


Membership Renewals

Membership Dues

Thanks to all of you that have already renewed your membership in the SPSW for 2021! As of the July meeting, we have 124 renewed dues-paying members.

Terry will not make it to the next two membership meetings, but there will be a board member at the membership table to take dues. If you still need to renew your membership, you can do so at the meeting, or do it online through the SPSW website <http://www.spswoodturners.org> (click on "for members"). Alternatively, if you prefer, you can could fill out the last page of this newsletter and send it to the PO Box with a \$35 check.



A Word from Kent Horton, the AAW liason



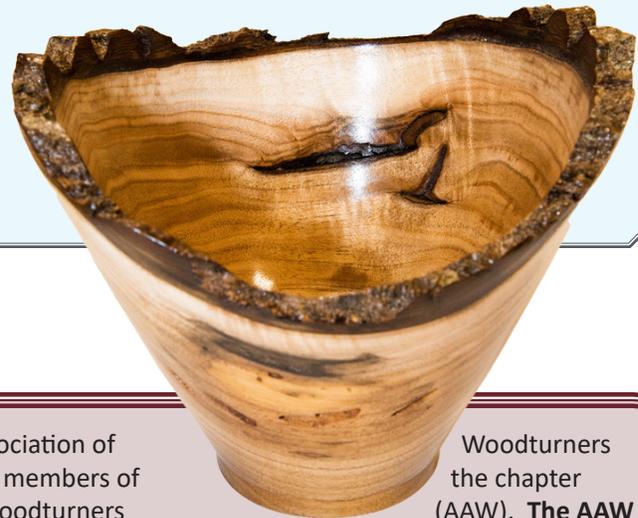
Kent Horton

Hello again, this is Kent, your SPSW AAW Liaison. Today I want to focus on the Resources section of the AAW website and do a deep dive of the information that members can access. In my research I was amazed at what is available to members who take the time to look and see. My original plan was to mention something about each of the subheadings. There was just too much to talk about in the space available so I am limiting myself to the first four. So, here goes.

- **Information** – This subsection provides access to past articles of AAW’s monthly publication American Woodturner journal as well as AAW’s extensive video library. The “safety” portion is dedicated to one of AAW’s primary missions of being safe while engaged in all aspects of woodturning. The final part of this section is on sharpening – having and using sharp turning tools is a critically important aspect of our craft.
- **Find a . . .** – is a quick directory (think search engine) of topics of interest to AAE members (demonstrators, chapters, member photo gallery, maker info, supplies, educators, etc.)
- **Publications** – This section is devoted to AAW’s publications – American Woodturner and Woodturning Fundamentals are their most read. In addition to these two are their excellent publications geared to teaching beginning skills to elementary, middle and high school age students. If you work with young folks interested in the craft, I highly recommend you check out these downloadable publications. A limited number of published AAW articles are also available in Spanish and French.
- **E-News** – AAW sends out to its members an E-Newsletter (bi-monthly) and an E-News (Weekly). These are select portions of their monthly journal that arrive digitally in your computer inbox

Wow, as I delve into AAW’s Resource section, I realize that there is WAY more information than I can cover in this month’s article and will have to continue next month. I have learned a tremendous amount about what the AAW offers for their members. If you are not a member, I strongly encourage you to consider becoming one. Call 651-484-9094 or contact memberservices@woodturners.org today and join this great organization. If you are already a member, be sure to check out their Resources section of their website.

Kent Horton,
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SPSW is a chapter of the American Association of (AAW). Many of our members are just members of but not the American Association of Woodturners **offers an introductory free 3-month trial membership to** The free membership allows access to all online publications like The American Woodturner, Woodturning FUNDamentals magazine, and AAW e-newsletters .

Woodturners the chapter (AAW). **The AAW chapter members.**

Visit the website www.woodturner.org (or click the link if you are an email newsletter subscriber) 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.

Check out the awards some SPSU members received at the Puyallup Fair



Bob Swezey
Div. # 351
Woodturning
Class: 1101

John Howard
Div. # 351
Woodturning
Class: 1103

Carol Zandell
Div. # 351
Woodturning
Class: 1102

Reserve Grand Champion and First Place - Bob Swezey

First Place - Carol Zandell

First Place - John Howard

Congratulations Winners!



John Howard
Div. # 351
Woodturning
Class: 1101



Patrick McCart
Div. # 351
Woodturning
Class: 1101

Second Place - Pat McCart



John Howard
Div. # 351
Woodturning
Class: 1101

Third Place
John Howard

Third Place
John Howard

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
September 16th	Eric Loftstrom	✓	Square Rimmed Bowl
September 18th	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
October 21st	Cindy Drozda	✓	Sea Urchin Ornament
October 23rd	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
November 18th	Jimmy Allen	✓	Beaded Box
November 20th	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
December 16th	Holiday dinner/wood giveaway		
January 20th, 2022	Doug Reynolds		Stabilization
February 17th, 2022	Ken Light		Resin Casting for pens
March 17th, 2022	TBD		TBD

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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) (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)
2. Before the scheduled meeting, you need to go to 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, Sept 11th** – 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, Sept 15th** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member's distribution list.
 - c. **Thursday, Sept 16th** - Log into the meeting between 6:30 and 7:00pm
 - i. Eric'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](#)

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), 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 issues starting with the issue published after you 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