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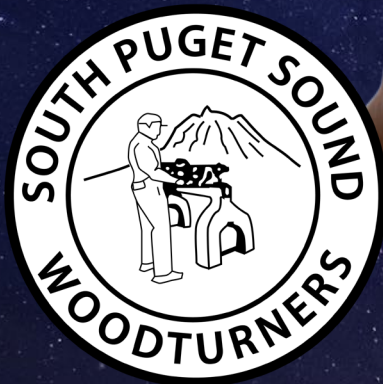
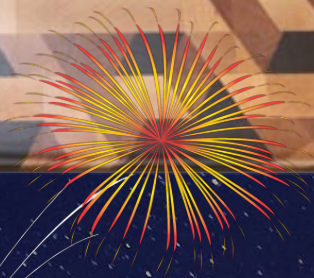
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## Meet Your New President

Starting in 2022, Fred Abeles will be the president of SPSW. He graciously stepped up after serving in a multitude of positions in the club including official photographer (yes, all those photos are taken by Fred). Here is more information about Fred that might interest you.

He was born and raised in Seattle, graduated Queen Anne High School then attended University of Washington and the Art Center College of Design (Hollywood) for professional/commercial photography. He owns Kent Photography, a professional/commercial photography studio in Kent. He is a member of the Board of Seattle Professional Photographers Association and served as its President for several years. He even did a stint (18 years!) at Microsoft as internal helpdesk technician, Microsoft Library technician, Microsoft Home of the Future technician and technical manager for the Microsoft Visitor Center. After such an illustrious career he retired in 2009.

That didn't slow Fred down much. He has worked at Woodcraft in Seattle as a sales associate since 2010 and teaches woodturning at Woodcraft.

He has been a member of SPSW for 15+ years. He is member of Board of Directors of SPSW and has been the secretary since 2013. He says he can't believe it's been that long. He's been turning about 20 years but woodworking most of his adult life.

He's been married 56 years to his wonderful wife Donna, 2 sons, 7 grandchildren from 6 yrs. to 40 yrs. and 7 great-grandchildren from 1 yr. to 16 yrs.

He is an avid camper and owns an RV lot and park model trailer at a camping club in Goldbar, WA and shares ownership in a motorhome with his son and his wife.



## JANUARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by Fred Abeles*

Hi. I'm Fred Abeles, your new SPSW president. It is my sincere pleasure to become your president and take over the reins from John Howard who did an outstanding job of leading our club through all of the trials and tribulations we have experienced these last two years. We are very fortunate to have a meeting location that is allowing in-person meetings as many clubs are not allowed to do this and we have some great demonstrators lined up throughout the year. We greatly appreciate those who attend our meetings in-person and welcome those who are able to view our meetings as they are broadcast online through Zoom.

### Our next meeting

The January 20th meeting will feature our very own Doug Reynolds doing a presentation on resin casting/stabilization for turning. He will have some of his equipment on display, some samples to view and a good slide presentation on the screen to fully explain his process. As Doug has told us, the process of resin casting/stabilization is quite time consuming so a live demonstration of the entire process is not possible. Most of you know Doug as our "Wood Rat" and he and his team are responsible for supplying our club with the wonderful wood we are able to share amongst our members for all of our turning projects.



## WOOD STABILIZATION with Doug Reynolds January 20, 2022



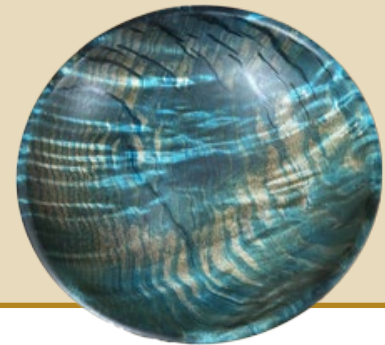
Doug Reynolds began woodworking when, on a layover, he found Woodsmith magazine at the airport bookstore with FREE Plans for a router table. He didn't have a router table and wasn't sure what it did but, HEY! FREE PLANS.

He has done commission work and was a founding member of the Evergreen Woodworkers' Guild. Now he limits his flat woodwork to making furniture for his two children. "They have better furniture than Mom and me", he says.

Doug has also been a member of SPSW further back than our records go. He learned turning at Ted Bartholomew's shop then, started taking turning classes at Marc Adams School of Woodworking in Indiana. Doug is our current WoodRat Chair and a member of the Board.

During his presentation on Wood Stabilization he will cover:

- Why to stabilize
- Wood selection
- Equipment required
- Wood Prep
- Dying, Double dying and triple dying
- Process of stabilization
- Curing the blanks
- Finish



## 2022 Membership Renewals

It is time to renew your membership for 2022.

Despite the global pandemic. Our membership has stayed relatively stable and last year we ended up with about 130 paid members. But it is time to renew membership for 2022.

Technically, SPSW membership runs by the calendar year, but as we have always done, Terry Broberg, our Director of Membership, started taking dues for the 2022 year in October. As I write this, there are 32 already signed up for next year. I hope each of you will join us again for another event-filled year. I would like to encourage everyone to get your 2022 dues paid as soon as possible. Your dues are what enable us to rent our great meeting facility, provide equipment like the new multiple camera system used to enable members to better view demonstrations, and purchase the tools and equipment we need to run demonstrations and sawdust sessions.

You can either pay your dues at the meeting, or an even easier method is to do it online through the members only tab on the SPSW website at [spswoodturners.org](http://spswoodturners.org)



# 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
January 20th, 2022	Doug Reynolds	X	Stabilization
January 22nd 2022	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
February 17th, 2022	Ken Light	X	Resin Casting for pens
February 17th, 2022	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop *
March 17th, 2022	Mini Symposium		TBA
April 21st 2022	Michael Dresdner	X	Finishing
April 23rd 2022	Sawdust Session		Wayne Well's Shop*

\* 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445

**X Note: In house demos will be broadcast on Zoom from the Fife Center. DO NOT MISS OUT! Read the ZOOM instructions on the last page.**



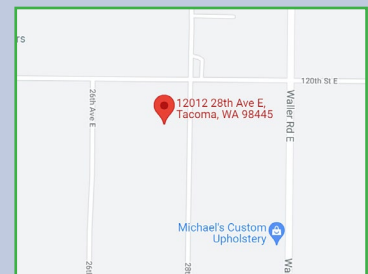
## Saturday Sawdust Sessions

Our Sawdust Sessions return in January with our first one for 2022 happening on January 22nd, the Saturday after the January general membership meeting. The sawdust session is an excellent opportunity for all members to come, join in the camaraderie of working with other members to learn a variety of new skills or improve on some old ones and share with new turners a skill they may be struggling with. We meet in a member's shop and we have three or four lathes all going at once. Wayne has generously offered us the use of his shop for these activities. If you would like to attend, just join us at Wayne's. The address is 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445. It is just off 112th, between the Summit and Parkland areas.



One of our more experienced members is at each lathe showing people how to make good, clean, and safe cuts at the lathe. We can usually put the tools in the hands of people who have never turned anything before. We can also assist with learning how to sharpen tools.

Sawdust sessions are one most valuable benefit of belonging to the SPSW. We usually 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. We all have great time!



This is a great opportunity for everyone. If you are a new turner, please come! I guarantee you will get to make some cuts, will have a good time, and will make some great friends. Please take advantage of this opportunity and join us.

## A Word From Kent Horton

Hello, again, this is Kent Horton, your SPSW/AAW Liaison. For the past several months I have shared with you what AAW has available to you via their website ([woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org)) and have been encouraging all our members to consider becoming an AAW member alongside membership in SPSW.

This month I want to focus on bringing the woodturning craft to the next generation. My own interest in turning stems directly from my 8th grade shop class where I turned a walnut candle stick as a Christmas gift for my mother in 1966. I have recently received it back as my mother had to downsize to move into an assisted living facility. I am still proud of that old candle stick.

AAW provides help and support to those members interested in working with students through **AAW Membership Scholarships for Accredited Educators**. For the past several years (except for 2021), AAW has awarded ten lathe packages consisting of a Jet Mini Lathe, set of Crown tools, set of Easy Wood Tools, Nova chuck and a face shield. All of this in an effort to get school-age youngsters actively involved and excited about woodturning. If you are interested and able, I would encourage each of you to consider contacting and volunteering to help teach woodturning skills. All too few schools still have a shop program or even an after-school club dedicated to woodworking. (Don't get me started about the ongoing demise of hands-on woodworking programs – A TRAVISTY!) Anyhow, it doesn't generally take much of a financial outlay to get a small program (Pen turning club perhaps?) up and running. Talk with Jeff Marshall, an SPSW Director-at-Large – He has been successfully mentoring woodturning at few different high schools and would love to talk with you about his experiences.

I mentioned before about AAW's Online Teaching Resource book. It is a great guide to anyone interested in teaching woodturning skills safely and includes step-by-step instructions for 18 entry level turning projects. One of my New Year's resolutions is to use lathe time at upcoming Saw Dust Sessions to complete each of these projects to have examples to share with students and teachers when I work with classes in the future (once the threat of Covid is reduced to the point I feel safe in a classroom.)

Something to think about as you make plans to attend AAW's 2022 Annual Symposium in Chattanooga, Tennessee on June 23-26.

*Kent Horton,*  
Director-at-Large  
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### Want to Teach Future Woodturners?

Woodcraft in Seattle is looking for the possibility of adding some instructors to their staff of woodturning instructors. If you or anyone you know would be interested in teaching woodturning to beginners, intermediate and advanced students, please contact Woodcraft in Seattle at (206) 767-6394, by email at [woodcraft307@woodcraftseattle.com](mailto:woodcraft307@woodcraftseattle.com) or contact one of the employees when you're in the store.

Hawaiian Guava Bowl  
John Howard



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

Visit the website [www.woodturner.org](http://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.



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## Wood Rats

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](mailto:dougr83@comcast.net).



# BOWLS!



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We are collecting 2022 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 issues starting with the issue published after you join or renew.

### 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



**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](https://www.spsw.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](mailto: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, Jan 15** – 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, Jan 19th** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member's distribution list.
  - c. **Thursday, Jan 20th** - Log into the meeting between 6:30 and 7:00pm
    - i. Doug's demo will start 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.



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