



# Chips & Shavings

**SOUTH PUGET SOUND  
WOODTURNERS  
SPSW**

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## August - Special Event

August is the month for our surprise turning event. This will be an opportunity for all members to participate. Prizes will be given. It will be an event with emphasis on fun for everyone.

Don't forget to bring your safety equipment!

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## 2010 Picnic & Wood Auction



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## Letter from the President



### Sharper is better

The pile of chips on my shop floor continues to grow as each block of wood that I won at the club's annual wood auction is slowly transformed into what I hope will be a treasured gift. The quality of wood was very good this year and the amount was abundant. Thank you to all the hard working members who stepped up to the task at hand. Without your help we would not be able to pull off this fun and important club function. I'm sure that this month's show and tell will feature several items turned with freshly won wood.

The Woodturners of Olympia hosted their yearly symposium with over 80 eager attendees, who spent a wonderful day broadening their skill base with a fun and informative demonstration by the tandem turning talents of Dave Schwietzer and Bill Luce. The "Mutt & Jeff" show wowed the crowd with their synchronized shavings showers and dual tool turnings.

Alan Lacer then showed what a scary sharp tool can do in the hands of a true master turner. His slide show of extreme close-up photos of tool edges removed any question as to what a good edge looked like and how, with just a little honing, your tool edges will be transformed from dull serrated steak knife into a scalpel sharp tool of creativity.

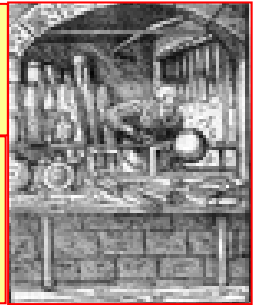
The SPSW hosted Eli Avisera for an all day class and we were able to see another world class woodturner turn out several examples of items that can be turned using the varied styles of both turning and sharpening that he has developed over his lifetime.

The longer I turn the more I realize how important it is to properly sharpen your tools. I heard several years ago that all good woodturners are also good tool sharpeners. It has also become apparent that good turners also understand the how and why their tools cut the way they do.

The more I learn about turning, the more I know how much I don't know!  
See you on the 19th. Be safe, have fun, make shavings... Pat

### Special Notice

It has been several years since the cost of the all day special events has been raised. In an effort to continue to try and provide the best demonstrators we can, the cost will be increased by \$5.00 to \$30.00 for these sessions. Where else could you find demonstrators of the caliber of Eli Avisera or Malcolm Tibbets or any of the other excellent demonstrators we have had for \$30.00. This is truly a superb value. The \$30.00 payment will be expected at the time of sign up.



## SPSW 2010 Event Calendar

<b>January</b> 21st - Membership Mtg <b>Art Liestman</b> 23rd - Sawdust Session 26th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	<b>February</b> 18th - Membership Mtg <b>Bob Espen</b> 20th - Sawdust Session 23rd - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	<b>March</b> 18th - Membership Mtg <b>Symposium</b> 20th - Sawdust Session 30th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	<b>April</b> 10th - Spring Clean-up 15th - Membership Mtg <b>Eric Lofstrom</b> 17th - Sawdust Session 27th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's
<b>May</b> 20th - Membership Mtg <b>Stephen Hatcher</b> 22nd - Sawdust Session 26th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's 6th-8th - Utah Woodturning Symposium Provo, UT	<b>June</b> 17th - Membership Mtg <b>Symposium</b> 19th - Sawdust Session 29th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's 18th-20th - 24th Annual AAW Symposium Hartford, CT	<b>July</b> 15th - Membership Mtg <b>Paul Crabtree</b> <b>16th - Eli Avisera Event</b> 17th - Picnic & Wood Auction 27th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's 24th-27th - Olympia 2010 Woodturning Symposium	<b>August</b> 19th - Membership Mtg <b>Special Event</b> 21st - Sawdust Session 31st - Board Mtg Les Johnson's 20th-22nd - Turn-On! Chicago 2010 <a href="http://www.chicagowoodturners.com">www.chicagowoodturners.com</a>
<b>September</b> 16th - Membership Mtg <b>Open</b> 18th - Sawdust Session 28th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's 10th-12th - West Coast Roundup Surrey, BC	<b>October</b> 21st - Membership Mtg <b>Symposium</b> 23rd - Sawdust Session 26th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	<b>November</b> 18th - Membership Mtg <b>John Shrader</b> 20th - Sawdust Session 30th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	<b>December</b> 16th - Membership Mtg <b>Annual Holiday Mtg</b> 18th - Sawdust Session 28th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's

Upcoming national & international events courtesy of Fred Holder and More Woodturning

### This Month at a Glance

- Membership Mtg. - Aug 19th (Thur.) 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Sawdust Session - Aug 21st (Sat) - 9:00 am to mid-afternoon at Nancy Sweazey's
- Board Mtg. - Aug 31st (Tue.) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Les Johnson's, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)



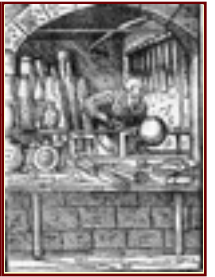


## Last Month's Demonstration

Photos by Fred Abeles: For additional Club photos by Fred please go to <http://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/Woodworking>

### Paul Crabtree





## Last Month's Show & Tell

(Photo's by Bob Sievers)





## Announcements

### *Are you a new member or visiting our club for the first time?*

We are glad you are here and want to welcome you to our general membership meeting. **Please introduce yourself to an officer or mentor so we can welcome you.**

#### *Need help with a splintering question?*

**Contact one of our "MENTORS"**. These club members have stepped up and would like to use their knowledge and expertise to help other turners with their questions. If these turners aren't able to answer your question, they will do their best to help you find a solution.

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- **SEATTLE AAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – 2nd Thursday of each month, Kenmore Community Club, 7304 NE 175th St, Kenmore, WA
- **OLYMPIA AAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – 4th Thursday of each month, Thurston County Fairgrounds
- **Wooden Laser Engraved Name Tags** are now available. The cost is \$10. To order a name tag please see Les Johnson at our supplies table at the monthly meeting.
- The South Puget Sound Woodturners now has a club policy for harvesting wood as a club function. Please go to our website <http://www.SPSWoodturners.org> for details.
- In order to receive club discounts from some of our mail order vendors we are required to provide them with an up-to-date membership list. This is so to verify that you are a member in good standing with the club and therefore entitled to the discount they provide us. If you would prefer not to be included on the list please email Fred Reinke at [reinkefnd@comcast.net](mailto:reinkefnd@comcast.net).

Please note that if you remove your name from the list the vendor will not honor a club discount for your phone or (e)mail purchases.

**~Keith Palmer SPSW Librarian**

## International Wood Collectors Society (ICWS) Meeting

The International Wood Collectors [IWCS], a great club for all wood workers, is having a two day meeting in Florence, Oregon on September 25 & 26. Lots of demos, a saw mill, a good show, and lots of wood at a cheap price.

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## Next Month - Surprise Demonstrator

# American Association of Woodturners

[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

## July 2010 AAW Board Letter

### Message from Jean LeGwin

So much to see, so little time! That was the dilemma for those who attended the [Hartford symposium](#) a couple of weeks ago. There was the AAW talent show (hula dancing, musical magic), special interest night (segmented, pen turning, ornamental turning, and collectors of wood art), three gallery shows (Maple Medley, The Teapot, and a Gathering of Spoons), the instant gallery showcasing extraordinary work, an amazing group of vendors eager to show off new tools and products, and finally, the incredible selection of demonstrations. There was truly something for every woodturner.

The intimate gallery critique was a new addition to symposium activities. Those who wished could have their pieces critiqued in a small gathering by experts in areas such as hollow forms (David Ellsworth), surface treatment (Jacques Vesery), natural edge forms (Jerry Kermod), sculptural work (Betty Scarpino), segmented work (Curt Theobald), and everything else (Jim Keller). This was a very successful event and we hope it will become a regular event in future symposiums.

[POP](#) supported a series of demonstrations by merging artists that was also a crowd pleaser. Pascal Oudet, Tucker Garrison, David Belser, and Nick Agar were featured this year.

Historical Woods sponsored an exhibit celebrating the use of woods from trees felled on national monuments and sites including Mount Vernon, and Monticello. Artists created pieces in their own style referencing the historic site of the wood from which the piece was made. We thank William Jewel for sharing this with the AAW.

The symposium itself was made possible by the dedicated help of the hundreds of volunteers who offered their time and energy. They were everywhere and visible from the first moment to the last: registration, the instant gallery, *Handout Handbook* production, room assistants, youth room instructors, merchandise sales, auction assistants, videographers, and setup/cleanup. We can't thank them enough for their generosity and willingness to give something back to the AAW.

The *Handout Book* was bigger and better than ever this year with 238 pages of information covering most of the demonstrations, symposium activities, and programming. For those of you who weren't able to attend, you can purchase a copy from the AAW. You can call the office at (651) 484-9094 or place an order [on line through this link](#).

There is one event of the symposium that I think deserves more attention: The [Chapter Collaborative Challenge](#), or C3 as my local club as dubbed it. It is a terrific opportunity for local clubs to come together in ways not possible during normal club meetings and activities. Planning, designing, and executing a collaborative project requires a team effort and can entice members who would usually stay on the sidelines to become in-

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## Classified Ads

Would you like to place an ad? Contact Bill Wood at (253) 891-2887 or [tapsturner@comcast.net](mailto:tapsturner@comcast.net)

2010 SPSW Membership: \$30 for single / family membership (only one card issued per \$30). Contact Fred Reinke at the general membership meeting or contact our treasurer, Les Johnson at (253) 896-0650 or [grandpasturn@comcast.net](mailto:grandpasturn@comcast.net)

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volved. There are jobs for every level of skill and interest in the creation of most projects. Working with other club members in the way that a C3 project requires is a great way to get to know other club members, learn new techniques, and just have fun.

It also offers the opportunity for public outreach and education in finding venues for your clubs project to be displayed whether that be in a local library, museum, or gallery. In talking with our local museum, my chapter has been offered an opportunity to display our project *and* to put on an evening demonstration of woodturning as part of a fund-raiser. Educating the public about woodturning is one of the primary missions of the AAW, and showing of your wonderful project is a great way to attract interest from the public.

We had eleven clubs participate in the Chapter Collaborative Challenge this year. Best of Show was awarded to Wilmington Area Woodturners Association from North Carolina for their 1850s Waterwheel Powered Woodturning Shop. The Fantasy award went to the Association of Revolutionary Turners from Massachusetts. The Technical award was won by First State Woodturners from Delaware for Tilting at Windmills. Nested Spheres by Granite State Woodturners from New Hampshire won the artistic category. Western Mountain Woodturners from Maine, Bucks Woodturners from Pennsylvania, Long Island Woodturners from New York, Central New York Woodturners also from New York, Space Coast Woodturners from Florida, Big Island Woodturners from Hawaii, and Central Connecticut Woodturners from Connecticut also participated with stellar entries.

All the clubs produced amazing pieces displaying an incredible variety of creativity and techniques. The Chapter Collaborative Challenge received a lot of attention from Instant Gallery visitors who seemed fascinated by the variety of work. For the 25th anniversary celebration next year, I hope many of the chapters who have never submitted a project will accept the challenge to join in, and that those who have previously submitted a project will [start planning for 2011](#). All who participate in the Chapter Collaborative Challenge come away winners.

Jean LeGwin  
Board member  
American Association of Woodturners





## Club supplies

The following items are available for purchase at the monthly meetings. Proceeds earned from the sale of these items go back into the club.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
	<b>GLUE</b>	
HS-4	HOT STUFF (Thin) 2 oz	9.00
HST-4	SUPER "T" (GAP) 2 oz	9.00
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