



## Chips & Shavings

May 2017

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May — Eric Lofstrom

Eric Lofstrom, has been a SPSW chapter member since 2002. Eric will be demonstrating how to turn a Square-Ripple Bowl. Eric is a woodturning artist, demonstrator, passionate teacher and private instructor who is excited about the creative process and exploring the quest for clean forms and "pure" curves. Eric enjoys turning all styles of pieces- anything from pens, peppermills, fitted-lid boxes, utilitarian bowls and serving utensils, to sculptural one-of-a-kinds!

Thursday evening:

Square-Ripple Bowl: During this demonstration, Eric will create a bowl with an outward flowing square rim. Created from a square-corner blank with basic turning tools, this project will showcase the bowl gouge, finishing scrapers, and several methods of mounting a facegrain blank to the lathe for turning. He will emphasize tool control and creating a flowing form, while aiming for the cleanest cuts possible from my tools. The square-winged bowl demonstration is sure to tease your mind and resonate with your imagination!

**Visit Eric's website for a description of his woodturning experience, look at his Bio page: <http://ericlofstrom.com/bio/>**  
Photos can be found in the gallery section of his website: [http://ericlofstrom.com/gallery\\_photos/](http://ericlofstrom.com/gallery_photos/)

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## Annual Dues Reminder

If you have not already done so, please get this year's dues in as soon as possible. You can find a renewal form in this newsletter, or on our web site.

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## Letter from the President

### **"Tiny acorns to giant oaks"**

In 1374 Chaucer said "Mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow".

I thought of that quote when I was thinking back to our April meeting and also thinking about our upcoming May 18th meeting.

In April Mike Poirier's presentation on turning a segmented coffee cup was one of the clearest and easiest to follow demonstrations that I have watched since I have been coming to SPSW meetings. The simple step by step process, combined with outstanding preparation resulted in a great demo. To think that was the first time Mike has given a 90 minute demonstration in front of the entire club makes it even more impressive. I am sure we will see Mike behind the lathe at future meetings.

This month we will get to see what becomes of an acorn that gets the right conditions and time to grow. SPSW member Eric Lofstrom will be bringing his ever growing tree of wood turning knowledge to our May 18th meeting. Eric has developed into a woodturning artist and highly sought after teacher doing demonstrations across America and Canada and Australia. If you have not watched Eric before you are in for a treat. His definitive explanations and polished teaching style will help you understand what happens when your turning tools come into contact with the wood. I am sure you will learn something to make your time at the lathe little more productive and pleasurable.

Saturday, May 20th we will host Eric for an all-day class at Nancy's shop. Class will go from 9 till 4 with a lunch break. Cost is \$30.00 and we still have a few seats available. I am sure that we will fill all the seats available so if you haven't signed up already be sure to at the start of the May meeting to ensure yourself a seat. Eric has a wonderful website that you can visit [www.ericlofstrom.com](http://www.ericlofstrom.com)

Please save Saturday, June 17th on your calendar for the SPSW annual clean- up of Nancy's shop. Starts at 10 and we are over by 1 or so. Lunch is provided and everyone is invited!

A big thank you to the 3 members that stepped up to fill the club positions mentioned at the April meeting.

And last but not least, I failed to announce the winner of the bird house challenge. Drum roll please, the winner is the golf ball and tee. I didn't catch the winners name but was won over with his charming design. Make sure to pick up your fabulous prizes. Thanks to everyone that brought in a bird house. President's challenge for June is 3 spinning tops of similar size with embellishments. See the January newsletter for complete guidelines. See you on the 18th!

Be safe, have fun and make shavings. Pat



## Event Calendar

<p>May 2017</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Eric Lofstrom</p> <p>20<sup>st</sup>: Eric Lofstrom Turning Class \$30 <b>Nancy Sweazey's shop</b></p>	<p>June 2017</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Fred Abeles</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Sweazey shop clean up</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup>: Board Mtg <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>	<p>July 2017</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Panel Discussion (No Sawdust Session)</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup>: Wood Auction (Sunday)</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup>: Board Mtg <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>	<p>August 2017</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg TBD</p> <p>No Sawdust Session</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>
<p>September 2017</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup>: Membership Mtg TBD</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>	<p>October 2017</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg TBD</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>31<sup>st</sup>: Board Meeting <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>	<p>November 2017</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg TBD</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>	<p>December 2017</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Mtg</p> <p>no Sawdust Session</p> <p>Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>: Board Mtg <b>Pat McCart's</b></p>

\* **Sawdust Sessions: Bring safety equipment (eyewear, hearing, etc), bring a lunch, bring your tools if you have them**

**Eric Lofstrom's** Saturday all-day demonstration at **Nancy Sweazey's**. May 20. \$30 9am-4pm

Spindle, Endgrain & Facegrain Technique Building Treasures: This all-day demonstration will showcase several projects, ranging from very simple to advanced turning and embellishing techniques. The morning will focus on showing fundamental spindle and endgrain turning techniques I use to turn spinning tops and endgrain bowls/boxes. After lunch, I will turn a square-winged bowl, then complete the day with turning a small rice bowl. All projects will **focus on tool control, form, and exploring embellishments. The day's turning will showcase several tools; skew, bowl gouges, scrapers, chucking methods, embellishing tools, etc. All skills and projects turned during this day's demo are worth adding to every turner's toolbox of techniques!**

### The Month at a Glance

- Membership Meeting: May 18<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 6:00—9:00 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Sawdust Session: May 20<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 9:00 am –3:00 pm **Nancy Sweazey's shop**
- Board Meeting: May 30<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 7:00—8:30 pm at **Pat McCart's**, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)



## President's 2017 Challenges

We are starting a new feature for SPSW general meetings in 2017, a President's Challenge, which will be open to all members who wish to participate. The purpose of the challenge is to take you out of your 'comfort zone' and encourage you to learn new techniques, the use of different tools, and encourage problem solving. The idea is to make the item (s) which meet the requirements listed in the chart below and bring it or them for Show and Tell at the specified monthly meeting. Please note some items set a test parameter.

Just bring your completed piece to the general meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the listed month. Each "challenge" allows you freedom of expression and there is no expectation regarding what you turn, so long as it meets the criteria listed.

Items will be judged by an impartial panel, based on the description in the requirements section. All participants will get a round of applause and the satisfaction of having acquired some new skill and knowledge. Each entrant will get a Participation Award ticket for the annual PA drawing in December. The winner will get 2 tickets.

The bi-monthly President's Challenge schedule is as follows:

Meeting	Challenge	Requirements to be met
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sphere	Challenge completed
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Birdhouse	Challenge completed
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 Tops	Any size. Must be embellished using the method of your choice. Test will be that it spins without being unbalanced both right-side up and upside down. The embellishment must compliment the piece and each of the 3 tops must be of the same dimensions. Your choice of woods.
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Footed natural edged vessel	Any size. Wall thickness at rim must not be more than 3/8ths of an inch thick and the edged vessel rest of the bowl must have a consistent wall thickness dimension which may differ from edged vessel rest of the bowl must have a consistent wall thickness dimension which may differ from the rim. The footed base may have 3 or more feet and the piece must stand with the rim parallel to the surface on which the piece sits No test to this. Originality, adherence to the requirements, style and effectiveness of footing, and amount of natural edge bark are the judging criteria. Your Choice of woods.
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lidded box	Any size or style, May be single box or stacked boxes, Requirement is that the piece must be a box with a lid. Test is how well the lid fits (not how tight the fit is). Extra points for innovative design, integrated knob (turned from the same piece of wood and not added onto the lid), threading the box and lid, originality, and overall aesthetic appeal. Your choice of woods.
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Holiday ornament	Be creative. Do something you have not done before using at least 2 species of wood. No test to this. Judging criteria include lightness (weight), originality, and design balance. Your choice of woods.



## Photo's from the April Meeting

Photos by Fred Abeles. For additional club photos by Fred please visit his web site.

[South Puget Sound Woodturners Newest Photos](http://SouthPugetSoundWoodturners.com/NewestPhotos)

<https://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/Woodworking/South-Puget-Sound-Woodturners>





## Announcements

The Olympia Woodturners will be hosting Michael Mocho, an award winning woodturner, in July. Michael has been a full-time craftsman since 1976 with extensive experience in furniture design, woodturning, pattern making, and stringed musical instruments. He has completed residencies at the Arrowmont School of Craft, Anderson Ranch Arts Center, and the International Turning Exchange program. He is known for his intricate containers that often combine bent wood with turned, carved, and textured components, which have won numerous awards and are in many private and public collections. For more information contact: George Macauley at 360-438-9032 or e-mail: [gmacauley@comcast.net](mailto:gmacauley@comcast.net)  
[www.woodturnersofolympia.org/](http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org/) [Woodturners of Olympia - Home](#)

The Seattle Woodturners are hosting a hands-on workshop and an all day demonstration with Glenn Lucas from June 9th through June 13th. Glenn will be demonstrating his Utility Bowl, his Traditional Irish platter, and the techniques used in sharpening his tools. Visit the web site below for more information and cost. If you have any questions please contact Tim Tibbetts at: [seattle.aaw.events@gmail.com](mailto:seattle.aaw.events@gmail.com)

- Seattle AAW Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of each month, VFW Hall, 4330 148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052 <https://seattlewoodturners.org>
- Olympian AAW Membership Meeting - 4th Thursday of each month, Thurston County Fairgrounds. <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org/> [Woodturners of Olympia - Home](#)  
May presenter Jay Shepard, Finishes and Buffing
- \* The South Puget Sound Woodturners now has a club policy for harvesting wood as a club function. We also have a Wood Rat. Contact Jerre Griffin [jgriffin@centurytel.net](mailto:jgriffin@centurytel.net) for more information about wood harvesting.

- More Woodturning Magazine

The magazine for turners. Published electronically 12 times a year by Dennis Daudelin. One yr: \$25.00; Two yrs: \$50.00; Three yrs \$75.00. Effective immediately More Woodturning is published only electronically. Lots of great information for your browsing pleasure.

[www.morewoodturningmagazine.com](http://www.morewoodturningmagazine.com)

Drill Press for sale, JET JDP-17DX floor model, 3/4 HP totally enclosed fan cooled motor, 16 speed, 5/8" capacity chuck, 115 volt, drill press for sale. Comes with a built in light and laser cross-hair guidance and the cast iron table is equipped with 5/16th T-slots. It is 2+ years old, lightly used and like new. It has a wheeled base. It retailed for \$640 plus tax and shipping and I will sell it for less. All reviews said this is a great drill press. If interested, contact John Jacobs at 253 581-0290.

<http://www.jettools.com/us/en/p/17-drill-press/716300>



## Membership

We are collecting 2017 dues. Dues for the whole family are \$35. We accept cash, check, credit card, and PayPal. This is still one of the best deals around. For this, 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 (Sawdust Session) on the Saturday following the meeting. Use the membership application below or pay at the meeting.

[And now a new way to pay. Go to our website, fill out the form, and pay with PayPal.](#)

We now also have tile option for you to join, renew, purchase supplies or just donate (we are a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profits using Square®. You can use your Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card.

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 anniversary cycle, whereby your membership will start with your join date and continue for one year.

If your level of membership includes a printed copy of the American Woodturners journal, you will receive six issues starting with the issue published after your join or renew date.

[See http://www.woodtumer.org/org/mbrship/index.htm](http://www.woodtumer.org/org/mbrship/index.htm) for the various levels of membership.

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### South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW) Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How would 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 \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues for South Puget Sound Woodturners are \$35.00 annually. Please make your check payable to South Puget Sound Woodturners (or SPSW) and mail this form to:

South Puget Sound Woodturners  
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## Our Sponsors (Under Construction)

The previous Sponsorship list was out of date and work is needed to reconnect with our past sponsors and recruit new ones. Contact Pat if you have any questions.

AAW International Symposiums  
<http://www.woodturner.org>

### AAW's 31st International Symposium

The 2017 Symposium will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 22-25, 2017, at the Kansas City Convention Center. Visit homepage the AAW home page, [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) for details or [Symposium details](#)

Don't miss the discounted early bird rate!

How to register:

Click [Register online today](#)

<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2017Registration> for online registration.

Or call AAW at 877-595-9094 (US toll-free) or 651-484-9094 (M-F between 8:30am and 4:30pm CDT)

### **AAW's 32nd International Woodturning Symposium**

The AAW's 32nd International Woodturning Symposium will be held in Portland, Oregon, June 14-17, 2018. Visit the AAW website for more information.