



Chips & Shavings

June - Fred Abeles

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Fred was born and raised in Seattle, graduated from **Seattle's Queen Anne High School**, attended the University of Washington and studied professional photography at Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles, California. He has been married to his wonderful wife Donna for 53 years, has two sons Kevin and Ken and is a grandparent to 7 wonderful grandchildren and great grandparent to 3.

Fred has been woodworking most of his life and got interested in wood turning about 15 years ago when he watched John Swanson demonstrate pen turning at the Puyallup Fair.

He was hooked at that point and began gathering all of the tools necessary. He practiced, practiced and practiced. He made gifts for all of his and began gathering all of the tools necessary.

He watched many demonstrations over the next few years and practiced, practiced and practiced. He made gifts for all of his family and friends but **couldn't stop there**. He began selling his wares to friends and fellow workers, Saturday markets and Holiday Bazaars and has continued to do so.

Fred owned Kent Photography, a professional photography studio for 25 years followed by 18 years at Microsoft as the technical manager for **Microsoft's Visitor Center**. He retired six years ago and is currently a part-time sales associate at Woodcraft of Seattle sharing his passion and hobby.

Fred's demonstration will be pen making from start to finish including drilling of the blank, gluing the brass tube, shaping the pen on the lathe and finish sanding. He will then show you a new method of spray finish and final buffing and assembly of the pen.

Fred hopes that you enjoy his demonstration and that you are able to pick up some new tips and techniques.

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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

Spring cleanup at Nancy's

With spring well underway and the morning dew drying quickly, time has come for our annual clean-up of **Nancy's shop**. Each year the SPSW dedicates one of their sawdust sessions Saturday to cleaning up the wonderful shop that we are able to utilize each month. We also do some yard work and other outside projects. **As my Grampa used to say to me "Many hands make light work of a heavy load" This year we need all the help we can get.** We will be starting at 10 and most likely be done by 1. Lunch will be provided and a good time is guaranteed. I will be passing around a signup sheet with a list of tools that will be needed. If you have a gas weed eater or cordless trimmer we could certainly use you. **If all you have are gloves and a willing heart I can't wait to see you on Saturday June 17th. If you have ever had the chance to hone your skills at Nancy's shop please consider coming out for this opportunity to give back a little to someone that is so generous to us.**

Thank you to Eric Lofstrom for his outstanding demo and class last month. It is encouraging to see what each tool can do when sharpened correctly and used properly by skilled hands.

This month's challenge is 3 tops of similar size that are embellished and can spin on both the bottom and top.

AAW members be sure to check out this month's *American Woodturner magazine "Tips" section. On page 21 you will find a simple and useful tip from SPSW member Joe Zinski.

Not an American Woodturner member? See the special pricing on the New Gen program on page 6

See you on the 15^h, be safe, have fun and make shavings —Pat



Event Calendar

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

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



*Eric Lofstrom Turning Class photos by Paul Shirron

The Month at a Glance

- Membership Meeting: June 15th (Thursday) 6:00—9:00 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Sawdust Session: June 17th (Saturday) 10:00 am –1:00 pm Nancy Sweazey's shop
- Board Meeting: June 27th (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 th	Sphere	Challenge completed
April 20 th	Birdhouse	Challenge completed. Golf ball and tee was the winning bird house.
June 15 th	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 th	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 th	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 st	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 May 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

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

AAW's 32nd International Woodturning Symposium

The AAW's 32nd International Woodturning Symposium will be held in Portland, Oregon,

NEW GEN: AAW 50% Dues Discount Program

- * Chapter members can sign up for an AAW membership for \$30, which is a 50% reduction on the regular \$60 rate.
- * Only chapter members who have never been AAW members are eligible for the discount.
- * Each discounted one-year membership includes the printed bi-monthly *American Woodturner* journal (six issues).
- * The discount is an introductory offer and applies to first-year membership dues only.
- * Chapter members may sign up for the discounted AAW membership only during the exclusive sign-up period from April 1 to June 30, 2017 on this page -- or may call the AAW home office at 877-595-9094 (toll free) Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m., to 4:30 p.m. CST.

• 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

- 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](#)
- * 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 for



Membership

We are collecting 2017 dues. Dues for the whole family are \$35. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card. 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 pay at the meeting or mailing it to the address on membership form.

We now also have tile option for you to join, renew, purchase supplies or just donate, we are a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

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.

You can pay online! Go to our website, fill out the form, and pay with PayPal.

<http://www.spswoodturners.org/about/become-a-member>

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South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW) Membership Application

Name: _____ New membership _____ Renewal _____

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. 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.*

SPSW Membership only: Date _____
Check # _____ Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Card <input type="checkbox"/>



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 Tips for Woodturners

Accurate Drilling Depth: *Published March 23, 2017*

Some turning projects involve drilling stop holes (non-through holes) on a drill press. Some turners put masking tape on the drill bit to indicate the depth of drilling. If you have several objects of different depths to drill, you need a better solution than masking tape.

I learned this trick from a machinist.

1. **Attach a steel ruler with a 3/8" (10 mm) dia. magnet** to the drill press face vertically next to the depth gauge.
2. Lower the handle until the bit is flush with the surface of the stock (Photo 1).
3. Adjust the height position of the ruler to align its zero mark (end of the ruler) with the depth-gauge pointer. This will align both the bit depth and the ruler to zero (Photo 2).
- 2). Raise the handle and lower it to start drilling until the pointer points to the desired depth (Photo 3).

~ Charles Mak, Alberta



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

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