



Chips & Shavings

November 2017

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November – Dennis (Tones) Briggs

Turning since 1991 and have explored hollow forms, bowls, boxes as well as my favorite which is Christmas Ornaments. I will place emphasis on "finials" which can also potentially enhance some of your work. I use a system introduced to me by Dan Ackerman which allows for do multiples without compromising the use of your lathe for other turning. Looking forward to sharing the evening with all of you.
Tones



2018 Annual Membership Dues October 1

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Starting October 1 you can join or renew your membership for 2018. You can find a renewal form in this newsletter, or on our web site.

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YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE8ZRLhj4kVG_n8OqBST6pw



Letter from the President

AAW international Symposium 2018

Each month one of my duties is to write a few paragraphs for the monthly newsletter. Occasionally I struggle to come up with new and interesting comments and topics to put in the newsletter. This month is totally different.

A few weeks ago the AAW monthly magazine "American Woodturner" turned up in my mail box. With great eagerness I started my typical front cover to back cover reading session. To my wondrous surprise on page 5 was the announcement of the upcoming AAW 32nd Annual International Symposium slated for June 14th through 17th in Portland. My excitement grew as I read through the list of world class demonstrators; many have shared their skills and knowledge at an SPSW meeting throughout the years. Club members Stephen Hatcher and Eric Lofstrom are scheduled to demonstrate.

Regardless if you are new to turning or have been at it for decades there is one thing I can recommend to you. Go to the AAW symposium. It is a truly wonderful event with dozens of classes to attend. There will also be a tremendous vendor display area showcasing the latest and greatest tools and equipment. Wood suppliers from around the world will have pieces of wood that will make you stare in amazement. One of my favorite parts is the instant gallery that displays the turnings of the people in attendance. Think giant show and tell with 2000 pieces to look at over the 4 days. This is a once in a decade opportunity for this region.

November is the month where we select Board members for the upcoming year. This year I am excited to bring a strong panel of candidates for your approval.

This month our demonstrator is Dennis Briggs. He will be demonstrating how he turns ornaments. His feather weight orbs will amaze you and his simple techniques will have you wanting to try your own hand at it.

Have fun, be safe, make shavings and have a Happy Thanksgiving. Pat





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 August Presidents challenge of a 3 footed bowl has been moved to September 21st

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	Challenge completed
*September 21 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.

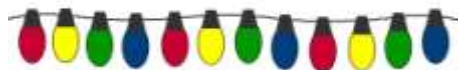


2017 Event Calendar

<p>September 2017</p> <p>21st: Membership Mtg Mini Symposium</p> <p>No Sawdust Session</p> <p>26th: Board Meeting Pat McCart's</p>	<p>October 2017</p> <p>19th: Membership Mtg Michael Dresdner</p> <p>21st: Sawdust Session</p> <p>24th: Board Meeting Pat McCart's</p>	<p>November 2017</p> <p>16th: Membership Mtg Dennis (Tones) Briggs</p> <p>18th: Sawdust Session</p> <p>28th: Board Meeting Pat McCart's</p>	<p>December 2017</p> <p>21st: Membership Mtg Holiday Mtg</p> <p>no Sawdust Session</p> <p>Jan 2nd: Board Mtg Pat McCart's</p>
<p>January 2018</p> <p>18th: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>30th: Board Meeting</p>	<p>February 2018</p> <p>15th: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>27th: Board Meeting</p>	<p>March 2018</p> <p>15th: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>27th: Board Meeting</p>	<p>April 2018</p> <p>19th: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>24th: Board Mtg</p>

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

December—Holiday Party



**Happy
Holidays!**

The Month at a Glance

- Membership Meeting: November 16th (Thursday) 6:00—9:00 pm at Fife Senior Ctr
- Sawdust Session: November 17st (Saturday) Sawdust Session
- Board Meeting: November 28th (Tuesday) 7:00—8:30 pm at Pat McCart's, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)



Photo's from the September Meeting

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

[South Puget Sound Woodturners Newest Photos](https://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/Woodworking/South-Puget-Sound-Woodturners)

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Announcements



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. <http://www.woodturner.org>

The SPSW Board currently has 4 openings.

- Librarian: Responsible for the chapters DVD's, books and digital library
- Industry Coordinator: Responsible for chapters relationship with vendors, suppliers, location businesses and sponsors
- A/V Coordinator: Responsible for the chapters Audio/Video equipment. Captures video at meetings, sawdust sessions and special events.
- Equipment Coordinator: Responsible for the chapters trailer and it's contents' (lathes, tools, video equipment).
- Please contact Pat if you have questions or are interested in one of the openings.

- 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 more information about wood harvesting.



AAW Tips for Woodturners

Tips: Attaching Items with Velcro

I glue strips of Velcro (or hook and loop; hook side up) to pieces of plywood and attach magnets to the back of the plywood. The Velcro holds my sanding disks and the magnets hold the plywood onto my lathe. I have one for 2" (5 cm) disks and another for 3" (8 cm) disks. I mark the grit for each disc on the back of the disc using permanent marker and put them in progressive order by grit number.

I also glue Velcro to the headstock of my lathe to hold a 3M buffing pad and a pencil.

~ Dan Burleson, Troy, MO





2018 Membership

We are collecting 2018 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 _____ 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.*