



CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

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SPSW 2019 MEMBERSHIP

Join or renew your membership for 2019. New membership information is under the "ABOUT" tab on our web site. Renewals can be found under "Members" tab. Also, you may join or renew membership at the membership table at each meeting.

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. See below for options!

AAW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

American Association of woodturners membership is in addition to membership in the SPSW. AAW offers a Guest Membership option to turners who have never been an AAW member before. Become a free Complimentary Guest Member for 60 days and enjoy sampling of AAW benefits and resources. Visit the website <http://www.woodturner.org> and check out Membership and Guest Services. For more information on membership options, visit the AAW website or call (877) 595-9094 M-F 8:30 to 4:30 Central time.

WE HAVE A NEW NEWSLETTER PERSON!

At the last meeting, Jeff Csisek (pronounced like "Sea- Zik) volunteered to take over the newsletter. Jeff attended his first board meeting last month, and was appointed to fill Leah's board position as our newsletter person. He will be working with both Leah Young and Don Westergard to get out the March edition, and then will be taking it on. Once again, when we need something, the members come through. Thanks, Jeff!

SPSW Social Media accounts:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/South-Puget-Sound-Woodturners-173957185984457/>
Pinterest - <http://www.pinterest.com/spswoodturners/>
Twitter - <https://twitter.com/spswoodturners>
YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE8ZRLhj4kVG_n8QqBST6pw



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President's Newsletter March 2019

Mini-Symposium: This month, we will be holding one of our two mini-symposia for the year. This time, Dave Best will be on the big lathe showing how his video camera guided hollowing system works. Harry Lincoln will show us all how he glues up the blanks for his beautiful segmented pepper mills. Jeff Marshall will demonstrate bottle stoppers and other entry-level lathe projects especially suitable for newer turners. Pat McCart will demonstrate sharpening, so bring some tools that you need to learn how to sharpen. I'll be showing how to add stone inlay to some of your turnings. Tim Spalding, our webmaster, will be there to help people having trouble get registered on the website for e-mail distributions and notices. We will also have a tool sales table so you can pass on some of those pieces of woodturning equipment that you don't use and would like to pass on to the next person. Please have your name and the price on any items you put on that table, so people can find you and get you paid.

Yellow Vests: Last month, we tried to get the mentors and directors into some yellow vests so that if people have any questions, they will know who to ask. This seemed to work well, and we got some positive feedback on it. These folks will be trying to remember to put these vests on for future meetings, so if you have any questions, be sure to ask someone in a yellow vest.

The last sawdust session was probably the best-attended one I have ever seen. We had more than 20 people, and there was a lot happening. We had lots of new turners, four lathes, and lots of different projects! Sawdust Sessions are a great benefit of membership in the SPSW, and I hope everyone has a chance to at least participate in a couple of these per year.

Dues: At the end of last year, we had about 170 paid members. This year, we are already up to 120. We have had a number of new members join, but it is mostly all of you that have taken the trouble to renew your memberships in a timely way. Thank you! If you haven't paid your dues yet, see Terry Broberg at the meeting, or you can do it online on our very excellent website under the "member's" tab.

Keep practicing, keep turning and have fun!
John



PLEASE GET REGISTERED

There are a couple of things going on with our monthly delivery of the SPSW newsletter.

We have about 20 members that receive their SPSW newsletter as a hard copy. If you do not have access to a computer or e-mail, that is just fine. But hard copies are both time-consuming and expensive to print, and mail. In an effort to conserve resources, we are asking members who can receive their newsletter electronically to please consider changing their preference to electronic delivery. If currently get your copy of the newsletter by snail-mail, and can change your preferred delivery method, please let Terry Broberg know either at the meeting or at (membership@SPSWoodturners.org).

In addition, we are now sending out the e-version of the newsletter through the SPSW Website. This method of transmission provides advantages over the old method. In order to receive it, you need to be registered as a "dues paying member". Our webmaster, Tim Spalding, has sent out a couple of emails to the membership requesting that they get registered as a member. If you need to do this, click on Tim's email, or go to the website and click on the members only section. The first item on the drop-down menu is a tutorial on how to get registered. We need everybody to get registered as soon as possible, and we are only about half way there as of the beginning of February.

Thanks!

Fractal Burning Has Killed and Could Kill You.

As of January 2019, we know of ten deaths caused using fractal, or Lichtenberg, burning. We only know of those deaths that are reported by the media and show up in internet searches; it is highly likely there are more.

The American Association of Woodturners has banned the use of this process at all of its events, has banned articles about fractal burning in all of its publications and will not allow the display of works that were created by the process at its events.

The reported cases of fractal burning deaths range from hobbyist woodworkers through experienced woodworkers to an electrician with many years (of)experience working with electricity. It only takes one small mistake and you are dead; not injured, dead. Some of those who died were experienced at using the process and some were not. What is common to all of them: fractal burning killed them.

High voltage electricity is an invisible killer; the user cannot see the danger. It is easy to see the danger of a spinning saw blade. It is very obvious that coming into contact with a moving blade will cause an injury, but in almost all cases a spinning blade will not kill you. With fractal burning, one small mistake and you are dead.

This is true whether you are using a homemade device or a manufactured one.



There are many ways to express your creativity. Do not use fractal burning. If you have a fractal burner, throw it away. If you are looking into fractal burning, stop right now and move on to something else. This could save your life.

—Rick Baker, Chair, AAW Safety Committee

—Harvey Rogers, AAW Safety Committee

The SPSW Needs You!

We still need some help. I notice that for the past few months, we have had difficulties getting the audio and video equipment set up. Pat and John spent several hours eliminating extra cables, and labeling the ones that we use, to simplify set-up of the system. If you have experience, or interest in doing something like that, please let me know, or just show up to the meeting a little early so you can see how we set it up. Later, I would like to have one person very familiar with the system, and then we could train several other people to help, or step in if someone is unable to make one of the meetings.

If you have such skills, and are interested, please call me or see me at the meeting.

We Have a New Wood Rat!

We often have members that hear about a tree that is down and available to the SPSW just for going out and sawing it up. If it is something we can use, we get a work party together, and go get it. Then we make it available to members at monthly meetings, or at the summer wood auction, or at the Holliday dinner.

We are mainly interested in highly figured or colored big-leaf maple, walnut, monkey puzzle, or other interesting woods.

We now have Doug Reynolds, who had volunteered to coordinate these activities. If you hear about wood being available, please get hold of Doug Reynolds who will check it out, and then if it works for us, get up a work party to go cut it up, anchor-seal it and get it ready for distribution to the members. Doug can be reached at dougr83@comcast.net, or you can call or text him at (253) 951-5513.

March At A Glance

March 21th: Membership Mtg
Mini symposium
March 23th: Sawdust Session
26st: Board Meeting



SPSW Classified ads

A classified ads page has been added to our web site. You can access the page through "For Members" tab on our web site. You must be a SPSW member to access this tab.

2019 Events



AAW'S 33rd Annual International Symposium
Raleigh, North Carolina July 11-14, 2019
<https://www.woodturner.org/page/2019Raleigh>

2019 Regional Events

Oregon Woodturning Symposium March 15-17, 2019
Linn County Expo www.oregonwoodturningsymposium.com

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON WOODTURNERS presents
A Day with Mike Mahoney
COMING ON MARCH 23rd!
<http://www.nwwwt.org/MahoneyDemo.pdf>

Local AAW Chapter Meeting Information

- Seattle Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of each month, VFW Hall, 4330 148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052 <https://seattlewoodturners.org>
- Woodturners of Olympia Membership Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of each month, Olympia First Baptist Church, parking and entrance is located behind the church off Franklin St. SE, between 9th & 10th. <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org>
- Olympic Peninsula Woodturners Meeting - last Wednesday of each month. Kitsap Adventist School Gymnasium 5088 NW Taylor Road, Bremerton. <http://opcaaw.com/>



The SPSW Openings

Contact AlisaBeth if you have question or are interested in becoming a Mentor AlisaBeth Nash ,
atlarge@spswoodturners.org

Month	Challenge	Description	Winner
January 2019	Pepper Mill	Create a pepper mill or salt/pepper combination. This project will be graded on pleasing form, beauty if the wood and grain pattern, texturing. Mills may be laminated or solid wood	
March 2019	Staved Segmented Turning	This project involves gluing up a turning blank out of angled sticks, like a tall ring on a normal segmented turning.	
April 2019	Collaborative Project	Use this as an opportunity for two or more members to work together to create an art like project. Perhaps one member could design, another member could do the turning, one could apply surface texture or color.	
June 2019	Suspended Form	This is a lidded hollow form using an undercut rim design that is supported by legs that are connected to the vessel body by metal or wooden cross members. This is an “artsy” project. Let your imagination run wild!	
August 2019	One tool	Make any sort of turning using only a single tool. No finish, no sanding, one tool only. Entry’s will be judged on how clean the cuts are.	
November 2019	Holiday Decor	Ornaments, table decorations, Menorahs, candle holders and other items used to decorate for the holidays	

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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SOUTH PUGET SOUND WOODTURNERS

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2019 Membership

We are collecting 2019 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.

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If your level of membership includes a printed copy of the American Woodturners journal, you will receive six is- sues 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>

Become a Member « South Puget Sound Woodturners

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.*