

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

The latest news and updates from South Puget Sound Woodturners



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by John Howard

Christmas Party: One of the biggest events on the annual SPSW calendar is our annual holiday dinner. This is a potluck event, and the food is always great. Each year, we purchase gift certificates or high-quality turning tools from the many vendors that support all of us through the year. We also will be buying about 70 excellent bowl blanks and other wood. All of this will be given away to members attending this event. Our goal is for each active member attending the dinner to go home with at least a piece of wood to turn. **DON'T MISS IT!!!**

The 70-plus pieces of turning wood will be given to people that attend the event. This year, each member or family will be given two tickets. We will try to do a better job of mixing them up this year, so you might end up with a bowl blank and perhaps a nice billet suitable for pepper mills and similar projects.



We also have a participation raffle where we give away new tools, gift certificates, and some spectacular bowl banks. I call this a "participation raffle" because we use it to encourage members to be more active. Over the year, anytime you help set up for the meeting, clean up, bringing show-and-tell items, serve as a director, etc., you can get a ticket and put it in the can on the membership desk. This way, you can earn up to 3 tickets per meeting. If you have not gotten your tickets in, stop by and see Terry and catch up. For example, if you know you helped set up at 5 meetings, get 5 tickets and put your name on them, then put them in the can. But get your tickets in the can, as these are what will be drawn to distribute the tools, gift certificates, and a few special pieces of wood.

Last year, we changed the rules for the participation raffle, so that more members go home with something from the drawing. The raffle will be done mostly the same way this year. If we pull your ticket, you get the prize that was being raffled. But if you have second ticket pulled, you have a choice to make. Either you may keep the prize you already won, or if you like the new item better, then you can give the first item back and take the new one. You can only do this one time. Either way, you hopefully will go home with one, and only one prize. We hope that each of you that participated in club events and have tickets can go home with something you really like!

The Board hopes that this change will further encourage participation in meetings, but also spread the wealth a bit further than has sometimes happened in the past.

Please note that I changed the food just a bit from what I announced at the last meeting, so we have a little better distribution of food for the event. So...

- **If your last name starts with A – K:** Please bring a main or vegetable dish
- **If your last name starts with L - Q:** Please bring Salad or chips
- **If your last name starts with R – Z:** Please bring dessert

December Cancellations: There will be no Board of Directors meeting in December.

Also, there will be no Sawdust session on the Saturday after the holiday dinner. Regular sawdust sessions will start again in January.

Dues: Thanks to all of you, we had a very successful 2019, and our membership grew to more than 170 paid-up members for the year. But it is time to pay dues again for the 2020 calendar year.

Last month, we started taking dues for the 2020 year. As I write this, 39 people are already signed up for next year. I hope each of you will join us again for another event-filled year. I would like to encourage everyone to get your 2019 dues paid as soon as possible. Your dues are what enable us to rent our great meeting facility, provide equipment like the new camera boom needed for members to better view demonstrations, and purchase the tools and equipment we need to run demonstrations and sawdust sessions.

You can either pay your dues at the meeting, or online through the SPSW website (<http://www.spswoodturners.org> click on "for members")

Be safe and keep making shavings!



John

2019/ 2020 Monthly Schedule

Date/Time	Demonstrator	Subject
7:00pm Dec. 19th	Annual Holiday Dinner	Dinner, Fun, & Giveaways of Wood and Tools
7:00pm Jan. 16th	Dave Best, John Howard and Jeff Marshall	Sharing lessons learned at Arrowmont with Avelino Samuel
9:00am Jan. 18th	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop
7:00pm Feb. 20th	Bob Sievers and John Jacobs	Decorative Rose Engine Turning
9:00am Feb. 22nd	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop

President's Challenge



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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. or call (877) 595-9094 M-F 8:30 to 4:30 Central time.

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We are collecting 2020 dues. Dues for individuals or for the whole family are \$35/year. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card. T

This is still one of the best deals around. For just \$35 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” (our Sawdust Sessions) 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 the option for you to join, renew, or just donate. We are a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. You can pay at the meeting, or online! Just go to our website, fill out the form, and pay with PayPal. (<http://www.spswoodturners.org/about/become-a-member>)

AAW membership is separate from membership in the SPSW Chapter. 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 yearly anniversary cycle, whereby your membership will start with your join date and continue until the same date the following year.

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

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South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW)

Membership Application

Name: _____ Membership: ☐ New
☐ Renewal

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

How would you 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
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If paying online, visit our website, fill out the online form and pay with Paypal