

# CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

The latest news and updates from South Puget Sound Woodturners



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## President's Message

*by John Howard*

### October Pyrography with Cynthia Gibson Demonstration and Seminar:

This month Cynthia Gibson will be our demonstrator at the regular October membership meeting. The opportunity to attend demonstrations at regular meetings are a part of what your SPSW dues pay for each year.

But in addition, and at extra cost, the SPSW is sponsoring Cynthia's 2-day wood burning seminar on Wednesday and Thursday. This is a rare opportunity to get some world-class instruction to expand your skills locally, without having to pay for travel and hotel costs! **As I write this, we only have 5 slots remaining for members to enroll.**

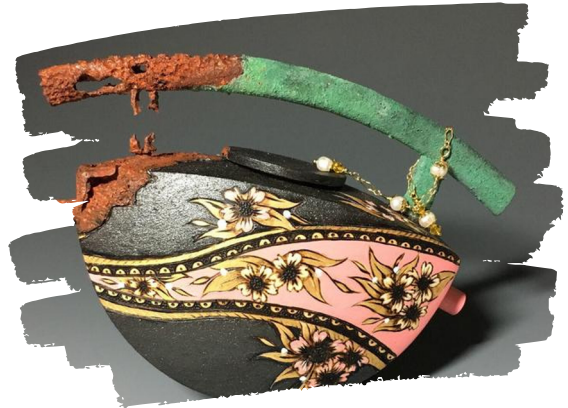




On Wednesday, Oct. 16th from 9:00 – 4:30, participants in Cynthia's seminar will see what she calls "**Pyro 101**" during which she discusses wood choices and proper preparation for wood-burning. Participants will gain practice by creating a grid with various wood-burning textures and patterns. Participants need to bring a wood burner, tips, and a dry, well sanded maple board approximately 8"x 10". More detailed information will be sent to participants after enrolling for the classes. Let us know if you need to borrow a wood-burner. We have a few wood-burners that people have offered for those that don't have one.

On Thursday Oct 17th from 9:00 – 4:30, Cynthia will demonstrate the design process she uses and then participants will apply those principals to enhance a bowl, platter, or hollow-form project they bring with them. Students should give prior thought to what they want to do, and also bring either a project or a flat board sanded to 600 grit. Light colored woods such as maple, box elder and pear are preferred.

Costs for the seminar are \$100/day or \$180 for both days. The seminar will be at Nancy's shop in Bonney Lake. There will be a lunch break where people can either eat a sack lunch they bring with them, or they can go to one of the many fast food venues in the area.



If you would like to attend, please let David Best, our program chair, know ASAP. You may reach David at (253) 732-5654 or e-mail him at [boompadavid@gmail.com](mailto:boompadavid@gmail.com). Slots are very limited, so this will only be available on a first come, first served basis. I hope you can join us at this seminar. I am really looking forward to it!

### **Mentorship – Moving Forward Quickly!**

Having someone to help you get started in woodturning can advance your skills very quickly. At our last mini-symposium meeting, Michael Poirier set up a mentorship table and various SPSW club mentors were available to answer basic questions about woodturning. In addition, Michael was working to connect less experienced members with very experienced turners. Efforts are being made to connect folks with interest in the same kinds of woodturning (pens, bowls, hollow forms, etc.), and also hook people up with mentors in their same geographic area. Several connections were made at this last meeting. Invitations to visit shops and get some one-on-one instruction were extended. The SPSW's Board of Directors hopes to expand a more formal mentorship program within the club. Take advantage of this opportunity! See Michael, or any of the people you see walking around in yellow vests at the next meeting to get connected.

### **Sawdust Session – Restart:**

Our very popular Saturday Sawdust Sessions started up again this past month. About 13 members met the Saturday after our regular meeting at Nancy's shop in Bonney Lake at 9:00 AM. We had a number of newer turners attending, and each of them got to turn some wood and practice new skills. Some more experienced members, who do not have access to a large lathe at home, used the big lathes at Nancy's to rough turn some larger bowls. These sessions are a huge benefit of membership in the SPSW, and I hope more of our members will be able to attend future sawdust sessions. Please join us. I assure you, that you will be glad you did!

### **We need a new Treasurer:**

Board member Dan Dickey has capably served as our Treasurer for several years. Dan is retiring from his position, and we need someone to step into this role on our Board of Directors. If you are interested in that job or any other on the board, Past President Pat McCart is in charge of the Nominations Committee, and he will present a slate of officers at the October general membership meeting. Members will vote to elect officers at the November meeting. If you are interested in serving on the SPSW's Board of Directors, please contact me or nominations chair-person Pat McCart and let him know that you would like to run for the Board.

**Store Sales:**

AnchorSeal II and small bottles of Star-Bond thin super glue are now available through SPSW store sales. There will also be a “half-off” sale on some very good sandpaper and emery cloth. These are highly recommended products available at significant savings to our members. So, if you need some, now is the time!

**Next Month’s President’s Challenge:**

At the November meeting the President’s Challenge will be Holiday Decorations. This could be ornaments, displays, menorahs, candle holders, etc. Try your luck! Bring something along these lines and see how you do.

Keep practicing, keep turning, make some shavings, but be safe, and have fun!

*John*

<b>2019 / 2020 Monthly Schedule</b>		
<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Demonstrator</b>	<b>Subject</b>
9:00am Oct. 16-17th	Cynthia Gibson	Pyrography 2-day Seminar
7:00 Oct. 17th	Cynthia Gibson	Pyrography Demo
9:00am Oct. 19th	Sawdust Session	Nancy’s Shop
7:00 Nov. 21st	Kathleen Duncan, AAW Secretary	Pierced work
9:00am Nov. 23rd	Sawdust Session	Nancy’s Shop
7:00 Dec. 19th	Annual Holiday Dinner	Dinner, Fun, & Giveaways of Wood and Tools
7:00 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

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## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGES

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**November - Holiday Decor**

Ornaments, table decorations,  
Menorahs, candle holders and other  
items used to decorate for the holidays.  
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## AAW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

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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.



We are collecting 2019 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

Milton WA 98354

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