

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

The latest news and updates from South Puget Sound Woodturners



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DEMONSTRATION**

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President's Message

by John Howard

November General Meeting Program:

Kathleen Duncan is a Vancouver Washington woodturner, who also serves as the AAW Secretary.

During her presentation she'll discuss thin-walled turning; form, design and layout for pierced pieces; and demonstrate piercing and texturing.



November EWWG Director Elections: At this month's general membership meeting, we hold our annual elections for officers and directors. The following people have volunteered to serve in these positions next year:

- **President** - John Howard
- **Vice President and Program Chair** - Dave Best
- **Secretary** - Fred Abeles
- **Treasurer & Newsletter** - Suzette Edwards
- **Membership Director** - Terry Broberg
- **Webmaster** - Tim Spalding
- **AAW Liaison & Video Librarian** - John Jacobs
- **Store Sales** - Ken & Polly Light
- **Industry Liaison and Immediate Past President** - Pat McCart
- **AV Coordinator** - Ramon Lyn
- **Wood Rat** - Doug Reynolds
- **Mentorship** - Michael Poirier
- **Director At Large** - Jeff Marshall
- **Director At Large** - Stan Gardner



Several people have mentioned to me over the years that they feel that they have gained so much from the SPSW that they would like to find a way to “give back”. Here is your opportunity. We need a couple of volunteers. I am concerned that asking Suzette to take on both the newsletter and the treasurer position may be asking too much of her. I don't want to risk overload or burnout. So, if anyone out there could volunteer to serve in the treasurer's position I would appreciate it.

Mentorship – Newer turners – take advantage of this opportunity!

Having someone to help you get started in woodturning can advance your skills very quickly. Michael Poirier will man the mentorship table at many of our meetings. He will be with Terry Broberg on the Membership/Mentorship table at most of our monthly meetings. Michael is working to connect less experienced members with very experienced turners who have offered to host people asking for help in their shops. 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 begin getting connected.

What is the “Wood Rat?”:

Doug Reynolds has been doing a great as our “wood rat”. His job is to be the point of contact for the club when people have a tree down and want to donate the wood, and he coordinates the work party when we go and get the wood. He also works through the year to make sure we have enough great wood for the annual wood auction in July.

Join us when we go to get some of this wood. Gloves, hearing protection, and safety glasses are needed. You don’t even need to have a chain saw, because there are lots of other ways to help. This is good way to get hold of some great wood where “the price is right”. It also gives you the chance to work with some green wood, which is a joy, and learn how to process wood from log to finished project!

Doug has an email notification list of people that are interested in helping when we go get wood. Everyone that helps goes home with at least a few pieces of wood too. We have an opportunity to go get some wood about once a month. Just last week, we had about 8 people go and get some great black walnut! If you want to get on this list, please contact Doug.

Also, Doug will have some of the great wood we have gotten for sale at the next meeting.

Turnings for Vendors: As Industry Liaison, Pat McCart will be visiting with several of our vendors over the next month soliciting donations of tools and equipment for the Christmas Party in December. Several of the vendors like to have examples of turned bowls and other lathe projects on display to inspire customers to try various woodworking challenges. Pat has requested some donations of turned bowls, hollow-forms, boxes, wine stoppers, etc., so that he can give these to our vendors. If you have anything you would like to donate, please bring it and give it to Pat at the November.



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. The best entry, as determined by selected EWWG directors will win a \$25 gift certificate generously donated by Woodcraft.



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

John



2019 / 2020 Monthly Schedule		
Date/Time	Demonstrator	Subject
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

SHOW AND TELL



The Pacific Northwest: A Woodturning Mecca.

PERHAPS it is due to the abundance of forests, or the cold winters that drive us indoors, or it might just be the expressive, hands-on culture found in the Upper Left-hand Corner of the United States, but I'm convinced there are about 5000 serious woodturners within 250 miles of this venue. That's a whole lot of wood chips!

Woodturners are a remarkably clever, resourceful bunch. They come from all walks of life—metal workers, carpenters, fine artists, and fashion designers. These men and women spend their time “spinning wood”—shaping pieces of madrone or big leaf maple or other hardwood into wonderful bowls, urns, bottle stoppers, and even useful utility items. You can see evidence of that here. They employ sharp cutting tools and a machine called a lathe using technology that dates back thousands of years. Certainly, the art is alive and well in the Pacific Northwest.

To give woodturning a try, contact your nearest American Association of Woodturners chapter.

— Russell Neyman, Professional Woodturner



The Possibilities!

A SALAD BOWL, right? That's the first thing that comes to mind when you think of a craftsman working at a lathe — a simple, food-safe vessel. And that's where most of us start, but it doesn't take long before the myriad of possibilities becomes evident.

Add an imaginative mind to the countless variables — technology, wood species, embellishments, dyes, and finishes — and you have a wonderment of possibilities ahead of you. Lathes range in size from a sewing machine to a small farm tractor. Tools can be had that will cut, texture, chatter, core and color almost anything, and when you add the variety of wood types available (not to mention synthetic products) and inlay agents, you can understand why there are so many different types of woodturned art. Look at all the different things in this display— hollow forms, small



boxes, tall skinny finials, large flamboyant platters, seed pods, decorative wall hangings, pens, bottle stoppers — the choices are endless!

So, where do you start? What would you like to try? Something simple and functional, like a fruit bowl? Or a piece that is 'out there' and satisfies your creative

itch, like a segmented platter made from ten types of exotic woods? Are you primarily a practical personality? Or would you prefer to create something that serves no purpose other than being pretty?

We suggest you contact a local club and visit one of their meetings. Or, you can take a class, either at one of the local community colleges, a woodworkers store (some offer classes), or even a professional instructor. Those people will give you good advice, help you make the right choices, and share their passion.

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PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGES

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

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 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:

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PO Box 1792
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If paying online, visit our website, fill out the online form and pay with Paypal