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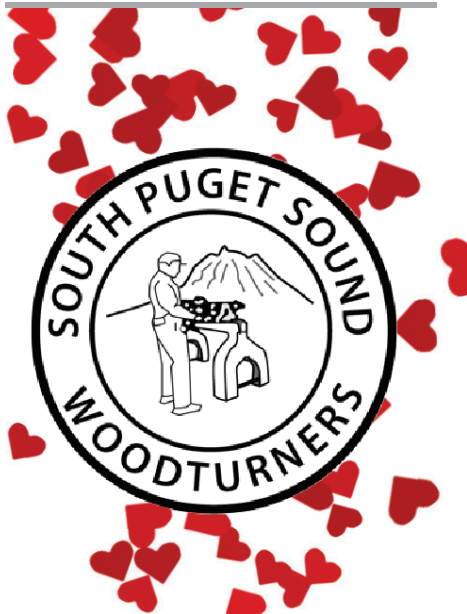
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## President's Message

*by John Howard*

**February 20th Demonstration:** Over the years, SPSW member Bob Seiver has amazed us during the "Show and Tell" part of our meetings with his art, creativity, ingenuity, and skill in turning with the rose engine. Because the equipment is not easily portable, he has not been able to be a presenter of his techniques at any of our meetings, he's only been able to show us his phenomenal pieces.

During this presentation, all of that will change, and we will get to see Bob demonstrating for us via a video taken by John Jacobs over the course of a couple of days several months ago. Bob will be in attendance to answer our questions and to provide more information about working with the rose engine.



MDF Do-It-Yourself Rose Engine promoted by Jon McGill. This design was published in the American Association of Woodturners Magazine

### Sawdust Session:

As usual, we will have another of our popular “Sawdust Sessions” on February 22nd, the Saturday after the monthly meeting. It will be held at Nancy Sweazy’s shop in Bonney Lake. These sessions are open to everyone, but newer turners are especially encouraged to attend. There will be three or four lathes in the shop, and we do our best to make sure that everyone gets a chance to make some cuts at the lathe with an experienced turner providing guidance. We start up at 9:00 and usually run until about 1:30PM when we all clean up the shop and reload the club’s lathe into the trailer. Everyone is welcome, so please join us. Be sure to bring any projects you are working on or tools you need to learn how to sharpen. See our mentor coordinator, Michael Poirier, at the meeting if you need the address or directions to Nancy’s shop.



The **2020 AAW Symposium** will be held this year from June 4th through June 7th in Louisville, Kentucky. The event is being held at the Kentucky Exposition Center (Kentucky State Fair Grounds). [There is a wealth of information about the event on AAW’s new website.](#) (See the information about logging into the new AAW website below.)

Each year, we have a number of SPSW members that attend this meeting, and each of them will tell you it was one of the best tradeshow they ever attended. Many manufacturers and vendors of woodturning equipment and supplies exhibit there, and the prices are usually substantially discounted. There are classes from world-renowned demonstrators going on each day, and all that is included in the registration price.

[Click this link](#) to view a short video from the AAW that shows you what it is like to attend an AAW Symposium.

**AAW Website:** The AAW has recently upgraded their [website](#). It seems to be better organized and nicer to look at. The first time you log into it, you may need to change your login ID and passwords to access the new website. They now require an e-mail address as the ID, and then you will need to change your password.



**Dues:** I would like to encourage everyone to get your 2020 dues paid as soon as possible. We already have 94 members that have signed up for the 2020 calendar year. 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. I hope each of you will join the SPSW again for another event-filled year. If you haven’t already paid your dues for this year, probably the easiest way to get it done is to do it online through the SPSW website (<http://www.spswoodturners.org> (click on “for members”). Otherwise, you can just see our Membership Director, Terry Broberg, at the membership desk at any of our regular meetings.

**2020 President's Challenges:** See the new list of President's Challenges for the 2020 year. Our first one for this year will be some sort of turned lidded box, which will be judged during the March meeting.

**March Mini-Symposium:** The SPSW hosts two mini-symposia per year, one in March and the other in September. We have one coming up next month! At these popular meetings, we try to have a number our members doing table demonstrations on a wide range of subjects. We usually have someone teaching how to sharpen, someone doing just basic spindle turning, and someone doing bowls, or pens, and perhaps embellishment, since these are all areas in which many of our members are interested. Dave Best is our program chairperson, and is looking for some volunteers willing to share their methods with others. Please e-mail Dave (bompada-vid@gmail.com) or see him at the meeting if you would be interested in putting on a demo.

Be safe and keep making all those shavings!

*John* 

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## SHOW AND TELL

Our photographer was unable to make it to the meeting so here are some photos from past meetings. We are sorry to anyone who brought an item.



## 2020 Monthly Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Demonstrator(s)</b>	<b>Subject</b>
7:00pm Feb 20th	Bob Sievers and John Jacobs	Decorative Rose Engine Turning
9:00am Feb 22th	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop
7:00pm Mar 19th	Mini-symposium	TBA
9:00am Mar 21st	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop
7:00pm April 16th	Ed Pretty	TBA
9:00am April 18th	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop

## 2020 Bi-Monthly President's Challenges

<b>Month</b>	<b>Challenge</b>	<b>Description</b>
March	Lidded Box	Lathe-turned lidded boxes
April	Shop Built Jigs	Items built to help make lathe turning more efficient or safer. Examples include, but are not limited to circle cutters, items used to make segments, and stabilizing blocks for cutting off spindles and tenons.
June	Use of Color & Texture	Turned projects enhanced with paint, resin or stone inlay, pyrography, paint, dyes, etc.
August	Children's Toys	Lathe turned items to play with, such as, but not limited to tops, toy rockets, croquet mallets, automatons, cryptic boxes, or other items that are lathe turned.
November	Holiday Décor or Gift	Ornaments, table decorations, Menorahs, candle holders and other items used to decorate for the holidays, or a holiday gift that was turned on the lathe.
January 2021	"The Podiatrist's Special"	Any lathe turning enhanced by unusual foot treatment. Judging will be based on how the foot design contributes to the aesthetics of the overall project.

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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 [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) and look under Membership then Join Today. Scroll to the bottom of the page. The above hyperlink will also take you there.

For those who prefer to do it by phone, 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.

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 and pay at the meeting or mail 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 ([www.spswoodturners.org](http://www.spswoodturners.org)), fill out the form, and pay with PayPal.

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

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