

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

The latest news and updates from South Puget Sound Woodturners



Lyle will cover all aspects of Hollow Form Turning. He will stress control, safety and fun at the lathe. Turning is not work anymore. If time permits topics include mounting and preparing blanks, grain orientation, preventing catches, chucking options, vibration issues, design options, boring bar use, Laser measuring techniques, reverse chucking, finishing, and whatever questions come from the participants.



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Hollow Vessel with Voids
Lyle Jamison



President's Message

by John Howard

Important updates – please read carefully!

SPSW's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: First of all, I hope each of you are safe and well! The governor's "shelter in place" directive and the resultant closure of the Fife Community Center required cancellation of our regular March meeting, Sawdust Session, and the Board of Directors meeting too. The center is still closed, and will be until at least early May. Our club, and others like it, serve a membership predominantly composed of people very vulnerable to serious complications from this virus. Directives are changing far too rapidly for me to make any firm announcements about future in-person meetings. But, I can tell you that we will be following all directives from the governor and Washington State Health Department.

So, if we can't have our normal meetings for a while, what are we going to do? Last week, I listened in on the AAW's webinar discussion addressing the advantages of doing "remote demonstrations" at chapter meetings. For the past 2 years, several AAW Chapters have been using internet technology that allows a person in their own shop to beam 2-way audio/visual feed to a regular chapter meeting. All the chapters that have used this method report great success! Members like it, world class demonstrators are available, and the club avoids the high cost of travel expenses. Importantly, this technology also allows people to view the demonstration from their home! This additional benefit makes this seem like a viable solution in this time of mandatory social distancing.

The April 16th Meeting: We held a board meeting using the Zoom program, just to test the ease of using this program. It worked very well! The board voted to try presenting a remote demonstration at our next meeting. So today, I called Lyle Jamison, who is well known for his hollowing system, and invited him to present on hollowing at the upcoming April 16th SPSW Meeting. Lyle has accepted and will be our speaker at this month's meeting. Lyle will be demonstrating from his own shop in Michigan, and each of us can see it from our own homes!

We will be sending directions by e-mail to all current members, for whom we have email addresses, on how to log into the meeting from your house. This e-mail will answer a lot of the questions I know you will have about how to download the app and participate in the meeting. All you need is a computer, tablet, or smartphone. You can fully participate with any of them. It helps if the device you use to view the demo has both video and audio capability. This is exciting!



Mantle of Power
Lyle Jamison



Temptation
Lyle Jamison



2020 AAW International Symposium Canceled: The AAW Board of Directors unanimously approved the cancellation of the 2020 AAW Symposium on March 30, 2020. Complete details about the cancellation, including process for full registration, refunds, and future plans, will be provided very soon. As we continue to address the impacts of this challenging situation, we thank you for your patience, understanding, flexibility, and support. We know this is disappointing for all of us, and we thank you for the notes of support we've received during this process.

Sawdust Sessions: Canceled until the restrictions on holding person-to-person meetings are lifted.

2020 President's Challenges: President's challenges require a physical meeting. So as soon as we are able to hold conventional meetings at our regular meeting facility in Fife, we will continue with the President's Challenges. If we need to evaluate each entry and award winners for several months of President's Challenges all at one meeting, then that is what we will do.

Be healthy, be safe, and keep making shavings!



John Howard



2020 Monthly Schedule

Date	Demonstrator(s)	Subject
7:00pm April 16th	Lyle Jamizon (remote demo)	Hollowing
9:00am April 18th	Sawdust Session	Canceled
7:00pm May 16th?	Pat McCart	3 Footed Bowls
9:00am May 18th?	Sawdust Session	Nancy's Shop



2020 Bi-Monthly President's Challenges

Month	Challenge	Description
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 and 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 Decor 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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Become a free Complimentary Guest Member for 60 days and enjoy sampling of AAW benefits and resources. Visit the website 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.

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), 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

PO Box 1792

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If paying online, [visit our website](#), fill out the online form and pay with Paypal