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May President's Message

by John Howard

Many important updates – please read carefully!

I hope each of you, and all your friends and families, are safe and healthy! Like everyone else, the SPSW has been dealing with major changes in how we need to function during these difficult times. The Fife Community Center closed its facility in February, and remains closed for our use until at least after our July meeting. There is no guarantee that the facility will be even be available then.

Until we are able to meet in person, we need to find a different way to serve our members. As a direct result of this situation, we hosted our very first “interactive remote demonstration” with Lyle Jamieson last month. Lyle was in his Michigan shop, and he “live-streamed” the demo directly into the homes of all the active members who logged into the “Zoom meeting”. Lyle did a fantastic job, and I think that he is a good example of some of the world-class demonstrations available through these remote demonstrations.

The feedback on Lyle’s demonstration was universally positive! Everybody could see and hear what was going on even better than in our normal “in-person” meetings. The Zoom program was easy to download, and it was easy to use. Members could participate, ask questions, and get those questions answered in real time. Although we were forced by events into trying this “remote demonstration” format, it was so good that it may be something we want to do once in a while at regular in-person meetings when we are able to get back to normal.





Looking for some inspiration while you are staying home? Check out the [SPSW YouTube Channel](#)

Our May Meeting on Thursday May 21st, at our regular 7:00 PM meeting time, will be another Zoom-based remote demonstration; this time featuring Emiliano Achaval, from Maui. Emiliano has demonstrated at the AAW Symposium, and is a contributing writer for Woodturning Magazine. During this virtual meeting, he will demonstrate how to turn a historically accurate “Hawaiian Calabash”, which is a round bottomed bowl with a pleasing curved form that is slightly narrower at the top. When Captain Cook first sailed to Hawaii, he found the people there already making these magnificent bowls at a level that was probably beyond what was being done in Europe at the time. In addition to turning the calabash, Emiliano will demonstrate how to make repairs and stabilize cracks in the side of a bowl using a butterfly-shaped inlay. This will be useful to many of us since the woods that we use here in the Pacific Northwest can often crack. The ability to use what Emiliano calls a “pewa” patch to repair such a crack can turn a disaster into a design opportunity that enhances the beauty of the bowl. I know you will benefit from seeing this demo.



Maui Koa Crotch Calabash
Emiliano Achaval

Zoom Meeting Please Join us for this and future remote demonstrations: We need more members to take advantage of this opportunity! Please join us. You will be glad you did! If you haven’t done this before, just follow the steps below. If you have been in a zoom meeting before, just start at step 3.

1. The meeting notice is only sent to active members. So, if you have not paid your dues, please go to the members tab on the [SPSW website](http://spswoodturners.org) (<http://spswoodturners.org>) and do so. Please note that it would normally cost more to attend one of these just one of these demonstrations in person than SPSW dues for the entire year.
 - a. Please note: Those of you that get the newsletter by snail-mail, will need to get us an e-mail address where we can send your meeting invitation. Please send it to (membership@spswoodturners.org). You will also need either a smart-phone, lap top, or computer with video capability to view the demo.
2. Before the scheduled meeting, you need to go zoom.com and download the free Zoom Meetings application.
3. We will email out “meeting invitations” on May 18th, the Monday before the May 21st meeting, to all active members. A separate invitation to a practice session (see below) will be sent on that same day.
 - a. If you don’t see the invitation(s) in your inbox, then please check your “junk” or “spam” folder. But if you get our newsletters, the meeting invitation should come right into your inbox.
4. We will send out a meeting reminder in May 20th, the day before the meeting. (Several people indicated that they just forgot about the last meeting.)
5. On May 21st, just click on the link in that meeting invitation.
 - a. It will load you right into the meeting. Just follow the directions on the screen of the device you are using to view the program.
 - b. Devices can be smartphones, tablet computers, laptops, etc. To fully participate, the device needs to have audio and a camera.

Practice Session Available: For those of you that may be unsure about how to use Zoom, I assure you it is really easy! But if you would like to “check it out” before the actual meeting, please try the practice session that Ramon and I will host on Wednesday May 20th at 7:00 PM. We will send out a separate meeting notice to all of you for this practice session. Again, before joining us, you will need to go through steps 1 and 2 above. You will see how to log into the meeting, we keep control of the meeting, how to mute or unmute your microphone, how to pose a question to the demonstrator. You can ask us any questions you might have about zoom during this practice session and Ramon and I will do our best to answer them.

Show and Tell: Fred Abeles usually takes beautiful photos of all the show and tell items at the meetings, and Suzette Edwards puts as many as she can into the newsletter. We know a lot of you are doing some great stuff in your shops right now. If you would like to share some of your work, send photos of your work done during this self-isolation time to Suzette (winginsue@gmail.com). We can't promise we have room for everything, but we will do the best we can.

Be healthy, be safe, and keep making shavings!



John Howard

SOME WORK BY YOUR BOARD

Send your pictures to winginsue@gmail.com to get them put in the newsletter.



2020 Monthly Schedule

Date	Demonstrator(s)	Subject
7:00pm May 21st	Emilliano Achaval (remote)	Hawaiian Calabash with inlayed "pewa" repair
9:00am May 23rd	Sawdust Session	Canceled
7:00pm June 18th	Cindy Drozda (remote)	Turned box with Finial
9:00am June 20th	Sawdust Session	Canceled



2020 President’s Challenges: President’s challenges require a physical meeting. As soon as we are able to hold conventional meetings at our regular Fife, we will continue with the evaluations of the President’s Challenge contestants. If we need to evaluate entries and award winners for several months of President’s Challenges all at one meeting, then that is what we will do.

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

Milton WA 98354

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