

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

The latest news and updates from South Puget Sound Woodturners

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September President's Message

by John Howard

September's Remote Demonstration: On Thursday, September 17th at 7:00, please join us to see our own Eric Lofstrom, who will present his "Skew Skills "Making the Cuts" demo! I have seen Eric demonstrate skew skills several times, and anything I know about using a skew, I learned from Eric. I assure you that you will see a real master teacher and woodturner. If you apply what Eric will show you to your own work, it will result in cleaner forms and cleaner cuts!

Eric is an artist who is well known for lathe-turned projects featuring clean-lined forms. He has several series of turnings that are related to each other, but at the same time they vary from each other in grain, color, and texture. He has presented demonstrations and hands-on classes all over the US, including AAW clubs, woodworking stores, and symposiums. In the past, Eric has presented at the Creativity in Woodturning Symposium in Washington State (2008, 2009), Oregon Woodturning Symposium (2015, 2019), Utah Woodturning Symposium (2015), Mid-Atlantic Woodturning Symposium (2016), Rocky Mountain Symposium (2017), Southwest Area Turners Symposium (2017), AAW National Symposium (2018), and the Tennessee Association of Woodturners Symposium (2020).

In this session, you will learn basic spindle turning with the skew, simple sharpening techniques and methods to obtain an ultra-clean cut. You will experience several exercises using biomechanics to increase tool control and gain confidence at the lathe. This demonstration will also showcase skill-building projects; the egg and my version of the finger-tip spinning tops. The experience of using the skew and the lessons learned during this demo will expand your success with ALL cutting tools!

Tools Available: We often get questions about where can I buy a lathe or equipment. Well, here is your chance! Long-time member, Alan York is retiring from the hobby and is selling all his turning equipment. He has a 24" swing Jet lathe, chucks, tools, faceplates, wolverine sharpening jig, and all the little things that woodturners accumulate. Call or email Alan at 253-925-9177 or alayo51@gmail.com to schedule a time to see what he has available.

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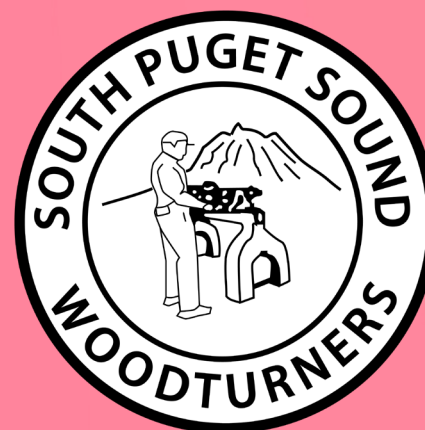
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Recordings of some of our previous remote demos now available to members: A few of our remote demonstrators have given us permission to record these virtual demonstrations. Our video librarian, John Jacobs, has worked hard to edit these recordings and put them up on our website under the “members only” tab. So far, we have the recordings for Emiliano Achaval turning his “Hawaiian Calabash”, Ed Pretty’s “Beyond ABC”, and Scott Grove with his program on using resins for inlays and accents. If you are not a current member, you need to renew your membership in order to access the “members only” section of our website. You may both see the recordings or renew your membership at our www.spswoodturners.org website.

Thoughts on Recordings: It seems the whole world is using Zoom these days. Recently, there have been some recent incidents where newscasters did not realize that others could see what they were or weren’t wearing, and was going on behind them. As John Jacobs edited these recordings, he thought that we should mention that you may want to be aware of what you are wearing, grooming, and what you want others to see. Also, be aware that what you say or ask becomes part of these recorded presentations.

Please join us for these remote demos: Group meeting limits imposed during the pandemic have affected our ability to meet in person, and made many of the benefits we have traditionally offered to members much more difficult until we are able to meet in person again. But two things we are still able to provide. One is that Michael Poirier continues to offer mentoring up in the Lake Morton/Covington area. We have also been able to offer world-class demonstrators during our regular meeting time on the third Thursday of the month. If you are not joining us for these remote demos, you are missing out! You helped fund them when you paid your dues. There is no extra charge for access to instruction from some of the finest woodturners in the world! We would like to see more of our members taking advantage of this wonderful resource! Please join us. If you haven’t used Zoom to join a similar event before, just follow the directions at the end of this newsletter.

July Picnic and Wood Auction Remains Cancelled: Although our “woodrats” have some great wood ready for the annual auction, the North Lake Improvement Center, where we usually have the event, remains closed to group meetings. We had tried to reschedule it, but the current restrictions still do not allow group meetings of this size. Therefore, the board has cancelled the wood auction for now. We will see what we can do after restrictions ease to the point where we can safely hold this event.

Sawdust Sessions Cancelled: As soon as it becomes possible to safely meet in groups, we hope to be able to get back to providing this important SPSW member benefit.

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 our monthly newsletter. We know a lot of you are doing some great stuff in your shops right now, and Suzette would love to put more examples of members’ work in the newsletter. If you would like to share some of your more recent work, send photos of your work to Suzette (winginsue@gmail.com). We can’t promise we have room for everything, but we will do the best we can.

Note from Suzette:
PLEASE send some pictures!



Free AAW Trial Membership Available to SPSW Members: SPSW is a Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Many of our members are just members of the chapter but not the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). The AAW offers an introductory free 3-month trial membership to chapter members. The free membership allows access to all online publications like The American Woodturner, Woodturning FUNDamentals magazine, and AAW newsletters. I recommend that you check it out! If you are interested, just click on the link below and it will connect you to the AAW's website and a simple sign-up process.

FREE: Chapter Affiliate Membership

Be healthy, be safe, and keep making shavings!



John Howard

2020 Monthly Schedule

Date	Demonstrator(s)	Subject
7:00pm Sept 17th	Eric Lofstrom	Skew Skills
9:00am Sept 19th	Wood Auction Canceled	North Lake Improvement Center
11:00am Saturday Oct 24th	Glenn Lucas	Thin walled Bowl
7:00pm Nov 19th	Trent Bosch (tentative)	TBA

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 location, 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.



Zoom Meeting If you haven't been on Zoom before, just follow the steps below. (If you have been in a Zoom meeting before, just start at step 3.)

1. The Zoom meeting invitation is only sent to active members. So, if you have not paid your dues since October 2018, you will need to go to the members tab on the [SPSW website](http://spswoodturners.org) (<http://spswoodturners.org>) and renew your membership. Please note that it would normally cost more for just one of these demonstrations than your SPSW dues for the entire year.
 - a. Those of you who 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)
2. Before the scheduled meeting, you need to go to [zoom.com](https://zoom.us) and download the free "Zoom Meetings" app. The Zoom download is quick, easy, and free!
3. **Information and Invitation Delivery Schedule:**
 - a. **Saturday Sept. 12th** – The Zoom Meeting Invitation will go out to our active member's distribution list.
 - i. This invitation contains a link that appears in blue letters. Just click it to join the remote demo on Thursday.
 - ii. Please save this where you can find it.
 1. If you don't see the invitation(s) in your inbox, then please check your "junk" or "spam" folder. If you get our newsletters, the meeting invitation should come right into your inbox.
 - b. **Wednesday Sept. 16th** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member's distribution list.
 - c. **Thursday Sept. 17th** - Log into the meeting between **6:30 – 7:00**.
 - i. **The meeting will start at 7:00 PM PDT.**
 - ii. When you click on the link, you will be asked if you want to join with video and audio. Answer "yes" to both, then you will enter a virtual waiting room. Wait just a few seconds and one of the co-hosts will admit you into the actual meeting.
 - iii. **Note:** If you have previously downloaded the app, you may see an update is available. If you see it, please update your app. Zoom is making frequent changes to the program to strengthen security.
 - iv. Devices used to view the demo can be smartphones, tablet computers, laptops, etc. To fully participate, the device needs to have audio and a camera.

For Zoom Security, Please Rename If Needed: We have a number of people that participate in the Zoom demos. When you join the session, you will be able to see yourself and the other participants in thumbnail photos with the name of each person under their picture. If your name appears as "John's iPad", or "iPhone 189567", then we don't really know who you are, which is a security issue. If that happens when you join the meeting, please just click on your name, and then click "rename" and change it to your full name. It will help Ramon and me as we co-host the meeting. Thanks!

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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 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), 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