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# CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

The latest news and updates from  
South Puget Sound Woodturners

## February President's Message

by John Howard



**February's Remote Demo:** For our February Zoom meeting, we are again partnering with our friends in the Woodturners of Olympia (WOO) to present Harvey Meyer, who is a nationally recognized woodturner. Harvey is well known for his intricate "basketry illusion" enhancements on platters, bowls, and hollow forms. These designs are often inspired by the patterns on American Indian baskets.

During his **3-hour** demonstration, Harvey will take us through the creation of the design, how to print out index wheels for various projects, wood turning, using a beading tool to create concentric rings on the project, wood burning the radials in the wood to create individual cells, and coloring those cells individually to create patterns in the "weaving". If you would like to see some of Harvey's work, please check his website at [www.harveymeyer.com](http://www.harveymeyer.com).

Due to Harvey's schedule, length of this demo, and the time zone difference, this demonstration will be held on **February 13th**, which is the **second Saturday of the month, from 3:00 – 6:00 PM**. This is an unusual time for us, so please put it in your calendar to be sure you don't miss it! As usual, you will be sent the Zoom invitation link on Monday February 8th, and there will be a reminder sent to all the active members on our list on Friday the 12th. Just use the Zoom link to join us any time after 2:30 PM.



Harvey Meyer

[www.harveymeyer.com](http://www.harveymeyer.com)

Please join us. If you are not currently using Zoom to attend these events, you are missing something really good. If you need help to get started, you can just follow the steps listed later in this newsletter, or just call me or Ramon Lyn.



Salt & Pepper Grinders - Bob Custer

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**Speaking of IRDs:** There is a series of free remote demonstrations sponsored by Record Power, a manufacturer of quality woodturning chucks and equipment. Almost every week, Mike Davis sends out a notice to woodturners all over the world inviting them to view the next free IRD. There are usually 500 – 700 people viewing these demos from all over the world! But they work just like our IRDs. All I have seen so far have been excellent. To be notified of future events, all you need to do is email [miked@recordpower.co.uk](mailto:miked@recordpower.co.uk) and put **RSVP** in the subject line of the email, and he will invite you to the next offering. I recommend this highly!

**LIVE WOODTURNING DEMONSTRATION**  
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**Woodrat:** Director Doug Reynolds is our “woodrat”, which is a very important position in the SPSW. This position means that Doug has volunteered as our contact person for when a hardwood tree that we might use comes down. Doug checks out the tree, determines whether it is desirable and useful to us, and if so, then he contacts those members to have expressed interest and organizes a cutting party. Most of the wood from these events usually goes to the club for our annual wood auction, but everyone that shows up and helps goes home with some prime pieces of free wood too.

To participate in these wood cutting events and get some of this free wood, you just need to show up and help. You don’t necessarily need your own chain saw. There are many things folks can do to help at these events. But you will see how to safely use a chain saw and also will see how to section the tree so you get the best and most interesting wood out of it. You will also have access to people who can help you get started on how to seal the wood to minimize checking, explain the advantages of green wood turning, rough turning, and coring processes. If that sounds interesting to you, please let Doug know, and he can put you on his list and you will be contacted by e-mail when he has wood we’re going out to cut. You can e-mail Doug at [dougr83@comcast.net](mailto:dougr83@comcast.net).

**Newsletter photos:** Our newsletter editor, Suzette Edwards, is begging for some pictures of your recent work to spice up the newsletter. Please take a few pictures showing what you have been doing in your shops during this period when we all have a little more time to be in our shops! Just email your photos to [winginsue@gmail.com](mailto:winginsue@gmail.com)

Be healthy, be safe, and keep making shavings!.



*John Howard*

**Recordings of some of our previous remote demos 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. 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 along with videos of some of our on site demonstrators. 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](http://www.spswoodturners.org) website.



Segmented Spalted Alder Vase  
 Michael Poirier

**Craft Supplies USA** has begun a series of educational videos called Woodturning 101. Check them out on YouTube on their playlist page. For you printed newsletter folks, the URL is [www.youtube.com/c/CraftSuppliesUSA/playlists](http://www.youtube.com/c/CraftSuppliesUSA/playlists).

For those of you receiving the newsletter via email, just click on the image to the right.





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Michael Poirier



**Active Member Registration:** Have you noticed that you don't get all the communications that some other SPSW members get or that you are unable to view the meeting/remote demo videos? In order to get all benefits for active members, you need to be registered on our website and signed up for our member communication email list. Only about half of our paid-up members are completely registered and signed up. If you aren't registered, it is an easy problem to correct. Open our webpage at [www.spswoodturners.org](http://www.spswoodturners.org) and click on the "For Members" tab. The drop-down menu's first choice is "How to Register". Click on it, and there will be a short video that explains exactly how to get registered. After your registration is approved, the second step is required to complete the process. Go to our webpage and click on the "**Member Communication Sign-up**" under the For Members menu and follow the instructions.



A pair of nested bowl  
from using a coring jig  
Pat McCart

## Membership Dues

Thanks to all of you, we had a very successful 2020, despite all the challenges we all dealt with this year. In October, we started taking new dues payments for the 2021 year and we already have more than 70 renewed 2021 memberships.

However, I do need to alert everyone to something that is coming up. We have a number of members currently on our active list that have not paid dues in either 2020, nor so far in 2021. **I want to ensure that everyone is aware that on or about April 1st we will be doing our annual purge of the membership roster that will remove access to SPSW services that are available only to active members for those folks that have neither paid membership dues in either 2020 or 2021.** If you need to check your status, just call me (253-370-5704) and I can verify your status on the membership roster.

That said, we do not want to lose anyone because of an inability to pay dues due to pandemic-related financial hardship! I mentioned in last month's newsletter that the SPSW Board of Directors authorized a free hardship membership renewal to previous members adversely impacted by the all the self-isolation and business closures and cutbacks. Our intention is to support members who may need help. The decision to grant these requests rests with me, and the information will be strictly limited to the treasurer, membership chair and the president. We do not want to lose members in these situations, so please call me if this is an issue for you at the number above.

I hope you will join us again for another event-filled year as we, hopefully, get back to in-person meetings, sawdust sessions, picnics, wood auctions, and all the other activities that we enjoy so much.

The easiest way to renew your membership is online through the SPSW website [www.spswoodturners.org](http://www.spswoodturners.org) (click on "for members"). Alternatively, if you prefer, you could fill out the last page of this newsletter and send it to the PO Box with a check.



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 e-newsletters.

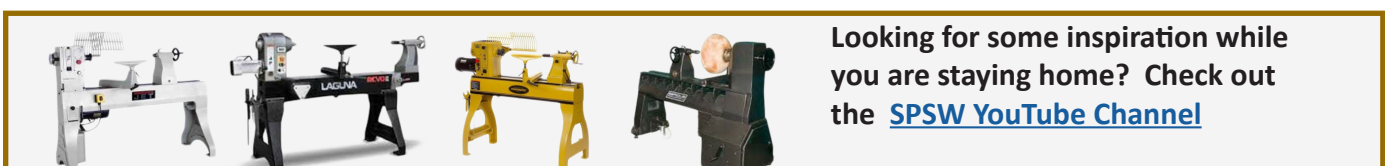
Visit the website [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) (or click the link if you are an email newsletter subscriber) and look under Membership then Join Today. Scroll to the bottom of the page. The above hyperlink will also take you there. For those who prefer to do it by phone, call 877-595-9094 M-F 8:30 to 4:30 Central time.



**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](mailto:membership@spswoodturners.org))
2. Before the scheduled meeting, you need to go to [zoom.com](https://zoom.com) and download the free "Zoom Meetings" app. The Zoom download is quick, easy, and free!
3. **Information and Invitation Delivery Schedule:**
  - a. **Saturday February 6th** – 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. **Friday, February 12th** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member's distribution list.
  - c. **Saturday February 13th** - Log into the meeting between **2:30 and 3:00pm**
    - i. Harvey's demo will start **promptly at 3:00pm**.
    - 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!



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

# 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Demonstrator(s)	Subject
<b>Heads up – Different day &amp; time!</b> <b>Saturday February 13th 3:00 – 6:00pm</b>	Harvey Meyer	Basket Illusion enhancement
7:00pm March 18th	John Jordan	Use Carved Fluting to Enhance Hollow Forms
April 15th	TBD	TBD
May 20th	TBD	TBD
June 17th	TBD	TBD
11:00am July 17th - Saturday	Wood Auction/Pot-Luck	North Lake Community Improvement Center

**SPSW Board of Directors - Volunteers Still Needed!** We still have slots on the board open. We need people to act as the vice-president/program chair, and another to take the position of director at Large - AAW Liaison. According to the bylaws, the board has the authority to fill vacancies by appointment. If you think you might be interested in serving on the board, please let me know. We could use your help and guidance to make the SPSW even more valuable to our members! You can call me at 263-370-5704 or email me at [jhowardcdt@comcast.net](mailto:jhowardcdt@comcast.net).

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Monkey Puzzle Tree  
Stacked Boxes  
Pat McCart

We are collecting 2021 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

PO Box 1792

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