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The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners



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2022, Norfolk Island pine, wood bleach, oil/varnish mix,
10" x 7" (25cm x 18cm)

John Beaver

(From an article in Oct 2022 American Woodturner)

October President's Letter

By Kathy Garlick

As October rolls around, the temperature drops, the leaves start to change colors to a beautiful array of Autumn shades of red, yellow, orange and green reminding us that the year is certainly winding down and the leaves will start to fall. The memory of those warm summer days, hiking in the mountains, basking on the beach, seashells and agates, lush green gardens, beautiful and fragrant flowers will soon be a fond memory of a life well lived. Coming up in October for our Demonstration is an IRD via Zoom from your home or from our meeting facility at the WSU Extension in the DF Allmendinger Center, 2606 W Pioneer in Puyallup. We will have our usual social hour from 5:30-6:30 followed by announcements with show-and-tell and President's Challenge at 6:30 and our demonstration by Trent Bosch via Zoom with the big screen for all to see. Trent will be demonstrating Hollow Forms for us. I look forward to his presentation as well as seeing all of you there. We will be announcing our slate of officers for our November election as well.

Looking back to last month: Wasn't that a whirlwind of a September? The Washington State Fair demonstrations; the South Puget Sound Woodturner's filled sixteen 2.5 hour shifts with 34 people during the 24 days of the fair, mostly demonstrating and giving out tops to children 12 & under. It was fun to see the looks in both their and their parent's eyes when we would spin a top upside down. They were giddy with excitement when they could do it too. Being able to take a top home with them sure did put smiles on everyone's face.

To wrap up the activities, we had our semi-annual Mini Symposium in our new facility at the WSU Extension Campus in Puyallup. There we were able to visit many different stations including Jim Robson who demonstrated ornaments, both Christmas trees and icicle ornaments; Eileen Collins demonstrated inside-out turnings where she handed out instruction sheets and we were able to purchase at a reasonable price some pre-cut sets of wood to make our own inside-out ornaments; John Howard demonstrated making finials that could be used for lids or ornaments; Jeff Marshall demonstrated small birdhouses and figurines; our last learning station had Michael Poirer at our tool sharpening station. If this wasn't all, we were fortunate to have our favorite Tool Man, Jimmie Allen with his Boxmaster & DWay Tools; Wood Sales Table manned by none other than our Wood Rat specialist Doug Reynolds and Devin Garlick; Our SPSW Store and Membership table were represented as well, I call that a full house. I don't think we had a lull at all at any of the stations where there was a lot to learn. I hope that those in attendance came away with some added knowledge, tools, supplies and some great wood from the wood table. We are collecting dues for the 2025 year as well. Thank you all for your support of the SPSW and I look forward to many more great opportunities like those we have had this year!

A little bit of housekeeping: A big shout out to all who came early and helped set up the stations and to those of you who stayed to clean up afterwards. Many hands make light work, I was actually able to go home at a decent hour, THANK YOU! Don't forget to fill out tickets for helping. Those are entries for our Christmas Party in December. We are currently collecting prizes for that event, so if you have items that you would like to 'gift' for our party, please let me know.

Kathy Garlick



Participation Tickets

If you participate in **Show and Tell**, **Wood Donation**, or **Set-up / Clean-Up**, make sure you fill out a participation ticket. The tickets are for prizes at the December meeting!



October Demonstrator: Trent Bosch - Hollow Forms

How fortunate we are this month! Our October guest demonstrator is one of the most creative and prolific woodturning artists of our time. Trent Bosch is primarily a wood sculptural artist with a body of work stretching back into the late 1990's. Many of us know him for his bowl hollowing prowess. His line of hollowing tools are considered a gold standard for their ease of use and innovative focus on reducing workload and strain on the turner ([Trent Bosch Tools – Innovative Tools for Woodturners](#) | [Instructional Videos](#) | [Inspiring Workshops](#)).

Trent's website ([Trent Bosch](#) | [Wood Sculptor](#) | [Woodturning Workshops, Videos and Tools](#) | [Fort Collins](#) | [Colorado](#)) is a true joy to read and explore. He includes his resume with an extensive list of woodturning events where he has presented, demonstrated and taught. A visual tour of his creative expressions is found in his portfolio section and includes images of each of his major works: Aperture Series, Bronzes, Cactus Vessels, Carved Rim Sculptures, Kailee Series, Oyster Bowls, Relationship Series, Seft Portrait Series, Sienna Series, Surface Series, Treden Series, Utility Series, Vessels of Illusion. Below is his artist statement as published on his website.



Artist Statement

"Working with wood is part of my everyday life. It is my connection to the earth and the environment in which I live. While pursuing my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in photography and sculpture, I became interested in the art of woodturning.

My philosophy has always been to work in harmony with our environment and not to destroy something in order to create something. In all my art, I use only recycled and easily sustainable woods. Being conscious of this has allowed me to work with the subtle beauty and dimension this discarded wood possesses.

My intent as an artist is to express my feelings about nature, my family and natural processes. I work in series or bodies of work, which allows me to explore these issues in depth. Throughout the creative process I am continually reminded that I have not and will not ever be content. I will continue to create and strive for that body of work that has yet to be conceived."

-Trent Bosch

Trent will be demonstrating **Hollow Forms - Hollowing for Anyone** during our October meeting as a remote demonstration from his home in Colorado. The October meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Which means we will meet at our new normal location in the Allmendinger Cener and watch the IRD from that location via Zoom.

Always Turn Safe,

Ed White

October President's Challenge

This month's President's Challenge will be Ornaments. Let's all bring our A-Game this month! We had some fabulous demonstrations and I am looking forward to some amazing ornaments from you! Ornaments must be made this season, made preferably between September 20th and October 17th of this year. I have already heard from someone who is venturing an inside-out turned ornament, so Bring It! Only one entry per person, all extras will be for show-and-tell where you can talk about one item. All ornaments will be photographed for the newsletter.



John Howard showing some spindle work at the September Sawdust session.



Some spindle practice at the September Sawdust Session

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
Oct 17th	7pm	Trent Bosch	X	Hollow Forms
Oct 19th	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*
Nov 21st	7pm	Eileen Collins		Design Your Custom Logo and the LaserPecker
Nov 23rd	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*
Dec 19th	7pm	Holiday Party		
Dec 21st	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*

* 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445

SPSW 2025 Program Development

The SPSW Demonstration Program for 2025 is coming together well. Here are two highlights that I'd like to share. The first one is our April demonstration titled The Best Techniques. For this demonstration we need club member input during our October and possibly our November meeting. Our demonstrator for April will be none other than our very own Dave Best. Many of you know that Dave creates some spectacular next level pieces with striking embellishments. Dave is offering to demonstrate key steps and techniques he has learned or developed on his own in the making of these gems. Our plan is to have Dave bring these pieces to our October and possibly November meetings for viewing by the club membership. During the meeting and after I will collect member votes as to which of Dave's pieces will be the focus of our April demonstration. Then in April Dave will demonstrate the answers to the questions, 'How in the world did he do that?'

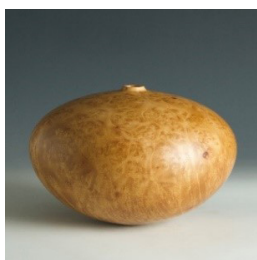


SPSW members will have the opportunity to choose our April demonstration from among these works by Dave Best at our October and if needed our November meeting(s).

My second highlight is our May 2025 demonstration and next day workshop by Kevin Jesequel ([ForLou Studio](#)). This will be the club's first workshop of this type in many years and our first one at our new facility. We currently have six attendees signed-up for the workshop with three potential attendees signed-up on the wait list. At this point we are looking for at least two additional attendees for the workshop for a total of eight attendees. The attendee cost for the workshop is \$100 per attendee. Here is Kevin Jesequel's description of the workshop:

Kevin Jesequel – Hollow Form Workshop – May 16th, 2025 at the Allmendinger Center.

In this one-day workshop, we will begin with a wide mouth closed form with a high shoulder, similar to a Native American Olla Pot, to get familiar with the hollowing tools and practice on our technique. Next, we will move on to hollowing through as small an opening as we feel comfortable attempting.



The goal of this workshop is to introduce you to the techniques that I use to create my hollow forms and for you to leave the class with confidence to continue honing your skills in your own shop. You may go home with a couple pieces ready to finish, or you may break a couple pieces as you learn the process. Either way, I guarantee you we will have fun as you learn valuable techniques in free-hand hollowing. Even if you use a captured system in your shop, free-hand hollowing will help you better understand what the cutter is doing inside the vessel.



Workshop administrative note: To facilitate this workshop the club will need to provide enough lathes for up to 8 students. The ideal size is a mini/midi with a 12" swing (i.e. something like a 12 x 21 lathe). The club has two lathes that meet this requirement. Thus, we will need to arrange for an additional six lathes to support the workshop. If you might have a lathe that you would be willing to bring to the Allmendinger Center to support this workshop in May of 2025, please reach out to me and let me know.

Always Turn Safe,

Ed White

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A Word From Kent Horton

Hello, this is Kent Horton, once again with another installment of my AAW (American Association of Woodturners) articles encouraging all SPSW members to join AAW.

As always, my mantra – *“If you are serious about improving your woodturning skills, no matter your current level, you owe it to yourself to consider joining AAW and take advantage of their print, video and on-line resources to become an even better woodturner.”*

Create great gifts and build turning skills by making holiday ornaments for everyone on your list

Here are 19 delightful holiday projects for woodturners of all skill levels, shop-tested projects selected from the pages of *American Woodturner*, journal of the American Association of Woodturners.


Holiday woodturning projects are so popular because they are still build big and remain challenging to make. They are always fun to give, and they are a delight to receive. Better yet, they are unique expressions—no one will find another of the kind. The 19 holiday projects in this book include:

- **Two legless and lovely angels** to hang on the tree or place on a holiday market display.
- **Two designs for snowman ornaments**, three designs for tree-themed ornaments, and five variations on the classic cone ornaments.
- **A Santa Claus nutcracker** with a jaw that really works, along with a plan for Mrs. Santa Claus.
- **Ornamental snowflakes and a string of lights** made entirely of wood.
- **A commemorative medallion** that can be unique for each recipient.
- **Delightful snow globes**, or ornaments from pine, cedar, larch, and spruce, and igneous hollow bottles.

There's something here that you can make for everyone on your gift-giving list.

Since 1986, *American Woodturner* has been the leading journal for practical and helpful information written by woodturners for other woodturners. *Turning Holiday Ornaments*, which has been endorsed from the authoritative industry, is available as a 44-page printed book or as a digital e-book available on all your electronic devices.

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After watching Jim Robson’s excellent presentation on turning holiday ornaments, I knew I wanted to learn more and see different kinds of ornaments. One of the resources Jim had available to review was AAW’s [Turning Holiday Ornaments](#). When I got home, I ordered this book with the idea to turn Christmas trees as stocking stuffers for members of my family. Jim’s demonstration made this project seem reasonable and doable regarding needed materials and the time required to complete this goal between now and Christmas. AAW’s resource book is an excellent compliment to what Jim shared at our September Mini Symposium. In addition to turning Christmas trees, this book shows a variety of holiday ornament projects for woodturners – such as, snowmen, angles, icicles, tree toppers, textured medallions and inside-out turning. If you are interested in turning ornaments, I strongly encourage you to check out this AAW resource.

Kent Horton,

Yours in turning,

Director-at-Large

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Pat McCart giving some instruction at the September sawdust session.

October Store Sale

Overstock Reduction Sale: Our members seem to know when to jump on a great deal. We sold out of the fine WonderWeave high-grit 3” sanding discs at the September meeting. We still have a great deal on some of the Eka-Blue Swedish discs, but they are going fast. This month I am adding some Uneeda Industries cloth backed sanding sheets to our sale list. I use these in my shop all the time. They resist clogging up and the abrasive grit seems to last much longer than most paper-backed sandpapers. We’re cutting the price in half to get these moving. Take advantage of this price!

ITEM DESCRIPTION	# IN STOCK	SALE PRICE
Eka-Blu Sandpaper disks 2” 280 grit 10ea.	11	\$1.00
Eka-Blu Sandpaper disks 3” 180 grit 10ea.	11	\$1.00
Eka-Blu Sandpaper disks 3” 280 grit 10ea.	4	\$2.00
Eka-Blu Sandpaper disks 3” 400 grit 10 ea.	11	\$2.00
Uneeda Emory Cloth sheets 4.5”X11” 80 – 220 grit	Many	\$2.00 per 2 sheets

As always, if you need AnchorSeal or would like to buy one of the SPSW green polo shirts, then please let me know before the meeting so I bring it with me. You can call me at 253-370-5704 or email me at jhowardcdt@comcast.net.

John Howard

The 2024 Puyallup Fair

Washington
STATE FAIR

PUYALLUP

As we have for many years now, we demonstrated wood turning on Saturday afternoons, at this year’s Puyallup Fair. We had our new Jet lathe there and at least two volunteers per shift filling 16 different 2.5-hour time slots. Thanks to all of you that volunteered to do this, and I hope that you had as much fun as I did! This activity helps us qualify as a charity and is one of our most effective methods to inform the public and promote SPSW membership. We handed out stacks of our new brochures to those who expressed interest in our hobby. There seemed to be many people interested, especially now that we are meeting in Puyallup.

Most of our demonstrators made toy tops which we gave to “children” (Children is loosely interpreted as under twelve years of age). It is always great fun to turn a top and then see a bunch of kids spinning their new toys on the floor. I think that most of us had as much fun as the kids did! Think about joining us if we do this again next year.

This year, there were some changes to how things worked at the fair. I am in the process of talking to the leadership at the fair about some issues we need to resolve before we agree to do this again, but we hope to work everything out and be able to continue making this enjoyable activity available to our members. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped out!

Congratulations to SPSW member Joann Amberg, who entered a very nicely turned bowl in this year’s competitive display and won the Grand Champion ribbon!

John Howard



Photographs

2024 Washington State Fair



*Derek Riggle
(1st time fair turner)*



*Jim Robson
(2nd time fair turner)*



*Justin Parson
(3rd time fair turner)*

Photographs

2024 Washington State Fair



Ramon Lyn & His Daughter Doing a Demonstration



Kids (?) Enjoying the Tops Turned by SPSW

Nominating Committee

Our bylaws require us to elect SPSW Board members annually. The nominating committee, (Wayne Wells, Terry Broberg and I) are presenting a slate of proposed officers and directors for a vote at the regular November meeting. Most of the current officers have offered to continue in their current positions, as is reflected in the attached chart.

We have two new officers who have volunteered to serve on the board. Ethan Green would like to engage in some outreach from the club to businesses and possible new members. Jim Higgins has offered to work on creating a photo directory for the club, which will really help us all when we talk to someone at a meeting and would like to put a name to whom we were speaking. I know I can use that!!!

John Howard

	Position	Name
1	President	Kathy Garlick
2	Vice President / Programs	Ed White
3	Treasurer	Pam Parson
4	Secretary	Mark Gilbert
5	Newsletter	Suzette Edwards
6	Membership	Terry Broberg
7	Webmaster	Tim Spaulding
8	Store Sales	John Howard
9	At Large	Pat McCart
10	AV / Technology	Ramon Lyn
11	AAW Liason	Kent Horton
12	Mentorship	Michael Poirier
13	Wood Rat	Doug Reynolds
14	At Large	Jim Higgins
14	At Large	Ethan Green

September President's Challenge Winner

The September president's challenge was to turn a three footed bowl as demonstrated by Pat McCart in August. There was one entry by Derek Riggle. Derek's bowl wasn't quite the three footed bowl but it was close with a nicely turned base. Here is Derek's bowl from the top and from the bottom.



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Looking for some inspiration?
Check out the [SPSW YouTube Channel](#)

2025 Membership Renewals



If you enjoy SPSW please take the time to renew your membership.

The dues for 2025 are only \$45 for the entire year and that is for your whole family.

Terry Broberg, our Director of Membership, is taking dues for the 2025 year. I hope each of you will join us again for another event-filled year. I would like to encourage everyone to get your 2024 dues paid as soon as possible.

Your dues are what enable us to rent our great meeting facility, provide equipment like the new multiple camera system used to enable members to better view demonstrations in person and on-line, and purchase the tools and equipment we need to run demonstrations and sawdust sessions.

You can either pay your dues at the meeting, or an even easier method is to do it online through the members only tab on the [SPSW website](#).



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 (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.

We are now collecting dues for 2025. Dues for individuals or for the whole family are \$45/year. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card.

This is still one of the best deals around. For just \$45 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 on-line! 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 issues starting with the issue published after you join or renew.

South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW) Membership Application

Name: _____ Membership: New
 Renewal

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

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 \$45.00 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 on-line, [visit our website](#), fill out the on-line form and pay with PayPal



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.)b.**

1. **The Zoom meeting invitation is only sent to active members.** So, if you have not paid your dues since October 2023, you will need to go to the members tab on the [SPSW website](https://spswoodturners.org) (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 and download the free "Zoom Meetings" app. The Zoom download is quick, easy, and free!
3. **Information and Invitation Delivery Schedule:**
 - a. **The Wednesday the week before the meeting** – The Zoom Meeting Invitation will go out to our active member's distribution list. (This is if we get the link by then)
 - 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.
 2. If you did NOT get the email, the link will be posted on the SPSW website under [For Members/Zoom Meeting Link](#)
 - b. **The Saturday before the meeting.** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member's distribution list.
 - c. **The day of the meeting** - Log into the meeting by 6:30pm
 - i. The demo will start at 6:30pm
 - 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.