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The latest news
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South Puget Sound
Woodturners



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Happy
New
Year

January President's Letter By Kathy Garlick

Happy New Year! Another year under our belt, another trip around the sun, another chance to do it all again: Goodbye 2024 and HELLO 2025! A new year full of hope and the opportunity for each of us to try to be better, to shake off the old and bring on the new, setting goals to help us grow and excel in our knowledge, skill or whatever it is we set our mind to do, let's rock and roll! I am looking forward to the new year and seeing our club grow in membership, talent and artistry as we bring items to our show-and-tell. All items will be pictured in our monthly newsletter, so don't forget to add your name to your entry with wood species.

Sorry to have missed a great Christmas Party with you all last year, but I look forward to 2025 and all that it has to offer. We have a whole new set of President's Challenges that we can all participate in regardless of your skill level or expertise. We will start off this year with something that we can all bring to the table: Bring your FIRST turned piece. I hope you all still have your first piece and that it did not end up in the firewood pile. I am excited to bring mine. I think this year's prizes will be worth your effort and entry. The President's Challenge will be bi-monthly, so you have time to turn your piece. All entries, with the exception of January 2025, must be produced in 2025. At the end of the year at our Christmas party we will have a BEST IN SHOW contest that we hope you will all enter! (More details will be forthcoming in 2025.)

I would like to give a big shout out to Jimmie and Cindy Allen and their company [D-Way and Boxmaster Tools](#) for all of their continued support of our club. We LOVE their tools and look forward each year to their attendance at our Mini-Symposiums and for their generosity at our Christmas Party in gifting to us tools for our raffle gifts. We would also like to give a big shout out to [Sumner Woodworking](#) for their continued support as well and the gift of the grinder for the raffle. Thank you to Pat Mc Cart, Dan Stromstad, John Howard and Dave Best for their donations of one on one mentoring sessions; MiniLogger LLC and the Wood Rats for your donations of wood blocks for our door prize give-aways; Jim Higgins for his donation of replacement blades for a Jet planer, Dave Peters for his yummy Smoked Salmon. The biggest THANK YOU goes out to WAYNE WELLS for hosting each of our monthly Sawdust Sessions at his shop; and also to MICHAEL POIRER for hosting Mentoring Mondays at his shop. I would also like to thank the many others of you for the donations of your time and many talents given so freely.



As Always,
Happy Turning!
Kathy Garlick

Participation Tickets

Want more chances for prizes at the December meeting?

If you participate in **Show and Tell**, **Wood Donation**, or **Set-up / Clean-Up**, make sure you fill out a participation ticket.



Michael Poirier

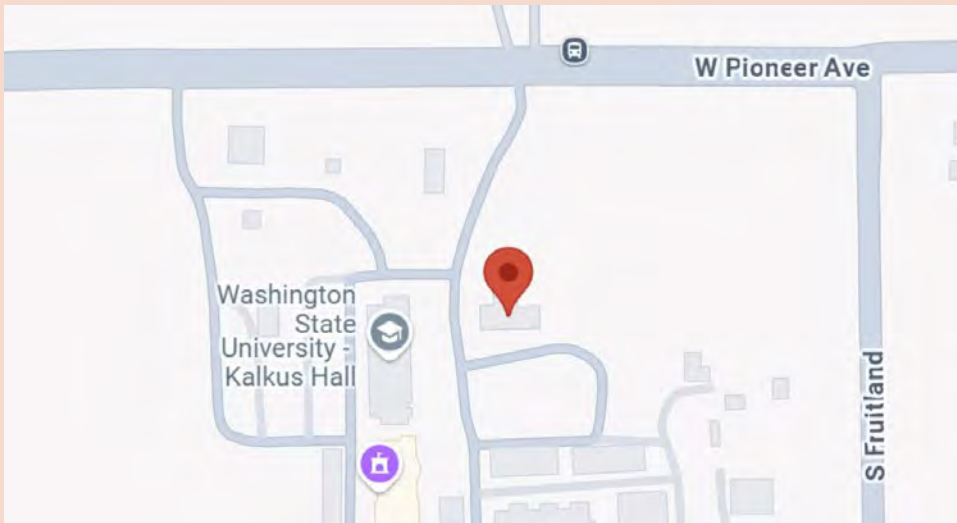
Meeting Location and Time**:

WSU Extension in the D.F. Allmendinger Center
 2607 W Pioneer Ave, Puyallup WA 98371

Social Hour 5:30 – 6:30 pm (bring your show-and-tell, President’s Challenge or just mingle)

Meeting Starts 6:30 – 7:00 pm
 (Announcements, show-and-tell, President’s Challenge, etc.)

Demonstration 7:00 – 8:30
 **If you would like to help with the set up or clean up, please plan to come at 5 or stay after and help to clean up.



2025 Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
Jan 16th	7pm	Jimmy Allen		Turn Your Own Handles
Jan 18th	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells’ Shop*
Feb 20th	7pm	Finishing		Jay Sheppard
Feb 22nd	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells’ Shop*
Mar 20th	7pm	Mini Symposium		TBD - Volunteer!
Mar 22nd	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells’ Shop*

* 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445



Craftsmanship. The marriage between the hands and the soul.
 - Author Unknown



John Howard

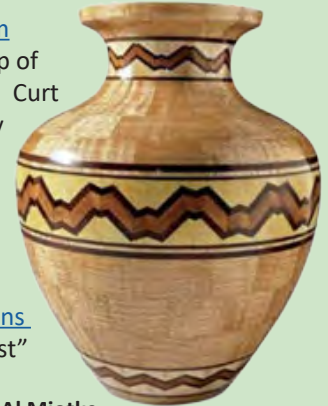
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A Word From Kent Horton

Hello again and Happy New Year! This is Kent Horton your SPSW/AAW Liason attempting to keep my fellow SPSW friends informed about AAW matters,

As always I will begin with my mantra: *“If you are serious about improving your woodturning skills, you owe it to yourself to join AAW. They provide a number of resources focused on woodturning skill development.”*

I recently received a packet of notices concerning [AAW’s Segmented Woodturning Symposium](#) on September 26-28, 2025, in Northbrook, Illinois. This event produced by and for a subgroup of AAW features demonstrators that include Robin Costelle, Tom Lohman, Malcolm Tibbetts and Curt Theobald. I did a Google search for each of these individuals and was completely blown away by the WAY BEYOND “next level” of segmented turnings they each produce. If you are at all interested in developing your segmented turning skills, I would STRONGLY recommend you contact Michael Poirier and join him for his weekly mentoring session (contact information: mentorship@spswoodturners.org).



Al Miotke,
Laminations Galore, 2024,
 Figured silver maple, maple, katalox,
 chakte viga, yellowheart, 8” x 6½”
 (20cm x 17cm)

In this month’s (December 2024) issue of “American Woodturner” magazine, [Al Miotke explains the process of making multigenerational lamination](#) zigzag patterns to create amazing “interest” bands for segmented bowls and closed forms or urns. The patterns created this way are truly amazing and add a wonderful “WOW” factor to any segmented turned piece. I have recently completed making a wegie sled and a “ring press,” and have resolved for 2025, to try my hand at creating a few segmented turned pieces. I would appreciate having others in the club join me in my journey and help keep me focused on my quest. Any takers?

Kent Horton,

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Yours in turning.

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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](#).

January Demonstrator - Jimmie Allen: Turn Your Own Handles

Jimmie will show us three different ways to turn your own handle so that no matter what stage you are at in your woodturning journey or what tools you prefer to use you will gain knowledge for creating your own tool handles. The demonstration also includes the installation of the new tool insert Jimmie



developed that facilitates the removal of tools for ease of sharpening or simply swapping out to a different tool with your new handle.



Do Your Best

The Pacific Northwest is blessed with so many talented and impactful woodturners. For some of these woodturners, finding a better way to accomplish your goal is integral to their craftsman DNA. Jimmie Allen is the current generation in the evolution of PNW woodturning tool innovation we all know and love as D-Way Tools. He shares that same innovation DNA that sparked the development of the Sweezy gouge (a ½" bowl gouge) by Bob Sweezy (original maker) and Dave Schweitzer (designer).

Jimmie magnetically connected with woodturning and woodturners at the first meeting he attended some 22 or 23 years ago. Dave Schweitzer was demonstrating at the Bemerton Woodturning club that night that Jimmie attended. He instantly felt accepted by the members and knew he had found an awesome new family. Schweitzer quickly became a mentor and before long a father-son level friendship anchored their relationship that endures today.

As his woodturning matured, Jimmie began to focus more and more on lidded boxes. He first learned boxes from Dan Ackerman, who Jimmie nicknamed the Box Master. The nature of a lidded box demands mastery of woodturning craft. All surfaces outside and inside are on show full time for the eyes and the fingers to interrogate. Boxes are a form that allows the craftsman to use one-off pieces of highly valued wood, too small to work for other projects. Timeless and true craft pieces, Jimmie's boxes are intimate, functional treasures that are beautiful to see, sumptuous to touch, balanced when held, smooth and secure when closed and utter a quiet friendly greeting when opened.

Jimmie's nature has always been to do something to the best of his ability. If that means taking the extra time to sand a surface to 1200 or more, then buffing the final surface to a high sheen the result is worth the effort. Whomever enjoys the piece will know it was hand made by a supreme craftsman for their everlasting enjoyment.

As his box skills and craftsmanship grew, he began to see a better way to go about making boxes that involved different tools. Tools that could make a lidded box easier, faster with great quality. Leveraging his relationship with Schweitzer, Jimmie purchased a few tool blanks to develop his box specific tool innovation – double ended tools, with a negative rake scraper grind in various orientations. In his initial development, he ended up with two sets of tools. One he would keep and one he could sell, if someone was interested. Dave told him that once people see what his tools could do, they will buy them. Sure enough, after his first demonstration showing how to make a lidded box with his new tools, he quickly sold his few extras. Jimmie shared that "This was never a planned thing".



Jimmy Allen - continued

But soon after, the word got out and the interest in the new tools grew, he made a second batch of 25 box specific tools in Dave's shop. When those sold out, Jimmie made a batch of fifty and then another batch of 100. That first year something like 300 tools were sold. As the popularity of his new tools grew there came a time to name the product. Jimmie adopted his old nickname for Dan Ackerman and named his tool line, [Boxmaster Tools](#). Jimmie's negative rake scrapers truly change the woodturning community forever!

interlaced with this initial success with Boxmaster Tools, Jimmie and Dave discussed a transition of ownership for D-Way Tools. So, in the 2018 – 2019 timeframe Jimmie took over [D-Way Tools](#) from Dave. Jimmie liked the idea of working in a shop and had some ideas for putting his influence on the product. As the new owner of D-Way Tools, Jimmie later developed additional negative rake scraper tools within the D-Way Tool line.

For me, Jimmie is innately passionate about craftsmanship whether the subject is lidded boxes, woodturning tools or hot rods. He holds himself to high standards of craft simply because it is important to Do Your Best. Jimmie takes quiet joy from a customer response to the quality and craftsmanship uniquely found in his products.

Those of us who earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts will recognize the title of this article as the Eagle Scout oath. It's an achievement that guides and influences us throughout our lives. Visit Jimmie's shop and you will find his Eagle Scout badge quietly displayed at eye level. Jimmie earned his Eagle Scout at the age of 15.

As always, turn safe.

Ed White



Dan Stromstad
Big Leaf Maple

AAW
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF WOODTURNERS

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.



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

January Store

AnchorSeal is back: We were considering not carrying the freeze-stable AnchorSeal in the store anymore until several members asked us to please continue with it. Due to increased product, delivery, and container costs, the Store Sales price for AnchorSeal will increase to \$24/gallon. That is a little more expensive than it was, but that is still about half of what it costs from on-line sources. **If you would like us to bring a gallon for you at the next meeting, then please let me know and we will reserve one for you.**



Great Prices on sanding abrasives: We need to reduce inventory, and have marked down various “close-out” abrasives until they are gone. I would especially like to draw your attention to the cloth-backed material I use in my shop on most projects. These heavy cloth abrasives seem to outlast anything else I use. We also still have some 2” and 3” paper-backed sanding discs. All sales items are all sold on a “first come first served basis, so get yours while they are still available.

We will also have all our regular items available at the table for this month’s meeting. Please stop by the sales table and stock up on these excellent deals! Also, please stop by and let me know how you like the materials you get from our club’s store. We are always interested in your feedback and suggestions for things we might want to add to our inventory in the future.

Until then, keep those chips flying!

John Howard

Brand	Description	Unit Size	Price
Adhesives			
Starbond	Starbond Thin, kit	2 oz	10
	Starbond Instaset accelerator	2 oz	4
	StarBond Thin, set	16 oz	35
	StarBond Medium	2 oz	10
	Accelerator, Pump	2 oz	9
Bob Smith Industries	MaxiCure, Extra Thick Gap Filling	2 oz	9
	Maxicure Medium, Gap Filling	2 oz	9
	20 minute cure epoxy resin	13 oz Kit	12
Insta-Set	Insta-Set Accelerator, Pump Spray	2 oz	10
Adhesive Accessories			
	Extender tips	3 ea	1
	Extra fine glue tips	3 ea	1
	Tubing (2 feet)		1
	CA Applicator, Fine	3 ea	1
	Glue Cap Replacement	ea	1
	SuperSolvent	2 oz	7
	Superglue Pipettes (Eye Droppers)	3 ea	1

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Brand	Description	Unit Size	Price
Sanding			
Woodturners Wonders	Toughy Tapered Sanding Disc Mandrels 2"	ea	7
	Tuffy Tapered Sanding Disc Mandrels 3"		10
	Soft Intermediate Sanding Pad 2"	ea	4
	Soft Intermediate Sanding Pad 3"	ea	5
	Green Wave Mylar backed Sanding Disks, 3" Over-sized	25 Pack	7
	Wonderweave 2" disk Kit, Low Grits (60- 600)	40 Discs	9
	Wonderweave 3" disk Kit, Low Grits (60- 600)	40 Discs	14
	Wonderweave disk Kit 3" High Grits Grits (800-3000)	25 Discs	12
	Wonderweave 3X8" 60-600 rit sheets Assortment	Pack	5
	1/3 Sheet Hook and loop Flexible Hand Sanding Pad		8
	Sand Paper, Ekablue from Sweden 120 - 360 grit	2 Sheets	1
Uneda NW	EkaMant Blue Sanding Discs 2" 120 - 400 Grit	10 Pack	3.00 1.00
	EkaMant Blue Sanding Discs 3" 80 - 1000 Grit	10 Pack	4
	Emory Cloth Sheets 8.5X11" (120, 180, 220, 320)	ea	1
	9x11 Wet Dry Sand Paper 400 - 600 Grit	4 Sheets	3
Ultra Flex	Micromesh Wet/Dry Sand Paper	2 Pack	24
Finishes and Finishing Materials			
GluBoost	Fill n Finish Kit		43
Doctors Workshop	Walnut and Waxpaste	Jar	10
	Walnut Finishing Oil		14
	Microcrystal Wax Bowl Finish	Pint	14
	Walnut Oil and Wax Woodturning Finish	Pint	14
	Walnut Oil/Carnuba Wax & Shellac Woodturning Finish	Pint	18
	High Build Friction Polish	Pint	18
	Pens Plus Finish	Pint	18
Doctors Woodshop	Cutting Board Wax	4 oz	12
Lathe and Turning Accessories			
	Lyn Grinder Angle Gauge	ea	5
	Anchor Seal 2	1 Gal	24
	E-Z Lock Metal screw inserts, 10/bag	Pkg	5
	E-Z Lock Metal screw inserts, 25/bag	Pkg	13
Multi-Marketing Group	Index Wheel for 3/4", 1" or 1-1/4" spindle		20
	Dyna-Glide Plus dry lubricant, 13 oz. Aerosol Can	ea	15

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Empty Bowls



Presents
The 10th Annual

A FUNDRAISER

EMPTY
BOWLS

SAVE THIS DATE!

SATURDAY MARCH 1, 2025

BECAUSE NO CHILD SHOULD GO HUNGRY

11 am to 2 pm * **Chapel Hill Church** * 7700 Skansie Avenue, Gig Harbor

Empty Bowls is an initiative of the local club under Altrusa International, a network of clubs largely in the US but with some clubs in other countries. Originating in the early 1900s, Eleanor Roosevelt was an early member. Our local chapter may be visited at altrusagigharbor.org which, by way of the annual Empty Bowls event, funds other local charitable efforts. Seems their main byproduct is cash, and the shoppers who lined up outside the church at least an hour early were well prepared.

I can't think of a more worthy use for our numerous unused finished pieces. Instead of gathering another year's layer of dust let's help Altrusa and the Empty Bowls Club and Foundation feed children and families who may otherwise go hungry.

Last year we featured about thirty turned pieces, raising \$1320. This year I'd like to have around a hundred pieces or more to display.

Please bring any extra pieces you'd like to donate to this wonderful cause to this month's meeting for me to collect. Bring a box full! These should be completed and ready to display, and any unsold pieces will either be held for sale next year or become property of Altrusa so we'll never see them again. Think of all that new room for new pieces!

Ethan Green



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 7:00pm
 - i. The demo will start at 7:00pm
 - 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.