



Chips & Shavings

June 15, 2013

June - Bob Sievers



This month's demonstrator is our own Bob Sievers. Bob will be demonstrating his technique for turning bird houses.

Bob is a member of the American Association of Woodturners, the South Puget Sound Woodturners and the Seattle Woodturners. He likes to experiment with



new techniques he sees at frequently attends. Bob enjoys enhancing the natural beauty of wood on a wood lathe and has been turning recent months you have seen his Rose Engine turning. For years, Show and Tell turnings. He recently had to retire from this position because of his failing sight.



Bob is a remarkable and talented artist.



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Don't forget this month there will not be a Sawdust Session. In it's place will be the annual cleanup at Nancy Sweazey's. This is our way of saying thank you for her generosity in opening her shop for our Sawdust Sessions and special demonstrations. It only takes a couple of hours. So please show up with your rakes, gas weed whackers, etc. And join the fun.



Letter from the President



This month I thought I would explain why I am so passionate about this club. Every month I look forward to our meetings with excitement. What a silly old guy I am. Why would a man feel this way?

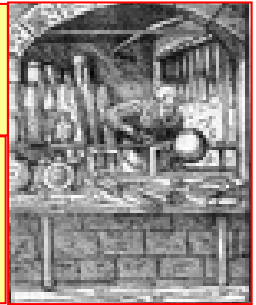
When I was in junior high school my favorite class was shop. In seventh grade we did a variety of projects with many different materials. Metal, leather, plastic and wood were used. In eighth grade we were able to pick our projects and I made a coffee table of walnut that my folks used until they were gone. I also made a small chest of drawers which is in my home now. In ninth grade we were able to use the lathe for the first time since it was dangerous to use. I was so intrigued that I made many projects on the lathe. The first bowl sits under our phone in the kitchen. It sits on a board that I turned and carved to fit both the bowl and a letter opener and it was returned to me as well when my folks had no more need.

That summer we visited an uncle. He had a lathe he had never used and he gave it to me. My dad put it in the trunk and we took it home from Southern California. I bought lathe tools from Sears or Montgomery Ward with earnings from my paper route. I still have those tools on my tool cart for memory sake. With those basic tools my dad and I created all sorts of things over the years. Then I left home for college. Before college was over Gail and I were married just before our senior year began. My lathe stayed at my parents home until my father was gone. I brought my lathe home to Issaquah and our boys and I made a baseball bat. Then it sat as life went on busily. While visiting Port Townsend I saw wood pens in a store and I said to Gail I could make those and she giggled because I said that quite often about lots of wood things. A few years later I wandered into a woodworking store and spotted kits for pens and asked the owner what was needed to make a pen. He gave me a two minute lesson and a list of items needed for the lathe. I bought all the accessories and that is when my lathe interest reignited. I actually had to sit down and spread my legs in order to hold the lathe still since it was mounted on a rickety metal stand with casters by my father. I made quite a few pens in this way and finished them with wax.

Chatting with a customer about my lathe experience, he mentioned that he rebuilt old lathes and we worked out a deal that really benefited him and I had a larger lathe. It was less than wonderful, but I managed to use it to make all sorts of things and a multitude of pens. My friend Tom Bageant had a lathe and he bought a chuck that expanded to hold things and I borrowed it and made my first bowl since junior high. It was extremely poor at best, but inspirational. After much thought I decided to purchase a real lathe and bought a General lathe with a headstock that rotated and moved along the lathe bed. It was wonderful.

Tom and I were at Woodcraft in Seattle when Jack Wayne encouraged us to come to the South Puget Sound Woodturners Club meeting. We had heard of the woodturners club many times and thought it was probably a few old guys sitting around telling stories of the past. After Jack's encouragement we decided to go to the meeting. We were stunned at what we encountered. There were over fifty wonderful turnings on display. There were over a hundred folks at the meeting, all ages and both men and women. My friend from the past, Lynn Olinger, was at the meeting and we had not seen each other in several years. We rekindled our friendship. Tom and I joined that night. That was the beginning of a wonderful journey.

One of the first meetings Dale Larson was there as a demonstrator and taught about turning wet wood and bowl turning in general. I took notes and tried to do this at home with limited success. I then went to a few sawdust sessions and learned from Eric Lofstrom, Jim Cotter and Bob Sweazey. Eric taught me how to sharpen tools by hand without a jig. Bob taught me about cutting the outer edge of a bowl to size and shape before going deeper into the bowl to maintain stability. Jim Cotter taught me all sorts of general turning information. He continues to be a wonderful source of help to me as president.



SPSW 2013 Event Calendar

January 2013 17th - Membership Mtg John Hampton 19th - Sawdust Session 29th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	February 2013 21st - Membership Mtg Larry Hauch 23rd - Sawdust Session 26h - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	March 2013 21st - Membership Mtg Paul Crabtree 23rd - Sawdust Session 26th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's	April 2013 18th - Membership Mtg Jack Wayne 20th - Sawdust Session 30th - Board Mtg Les Johnson's
May 2013 16th - Membership Mtg Mini Symposium 18th - Sawdust Session 28th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	June 2013 20th - Membership Mtg Bob Sievers 22nd - Clean Up Session 25th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's 28th-30th - 27th Annual AAW Symposium - Tampa, FL	July 2013 18th - Membership Mtg TBD 20th - Sawdust Session - 30th - Board Mtg Annual Picnic Sunday, July 21st	August 2013 15th - Membership Mtg Andy Firpo 17th - Sawdust Session 27th- Board Mtg
September 2013 19th - Membership Mtg TBD 21st - Sawdust Session 24th - Board Mtg	October 2013 17th - Membership Mtg Symposium 19th - Sawdust Session 29th - Board Mtg	November 2013 21st - Membership Mtg TBD 23rd - Sawdust Session 26th - Board Mtg	December 2013 19th - Holiday Mtg No Sawdust Session Jan 7th - Board Mtg No Sawdust Session this month

Upcoming national & international events courtesy of Fred Holder and More Woodturning

This Month at a Glance

- Membership Mtg. - June 20th (Thur.) 6:00 - 9:15 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Clean Up Session - June 22nd at Nancy Sweazey's
- Board Mtg. - June 25th (Tue.) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Pat McCart's, members welcome (RSVP to Dan Stromstad)

May Prersentation - Symposium

Photos Courtesy of Fred Abeles



After spending an afternoon with Eric at his home I was inspired yet again. The next meeting at Show and Tell I displayed this little bowl that I had made using techniques that Eric had shown me. At the meeting Dave Schweitzer taped me on the shoulder and suggested that I spend some time with him. He thought he could teach me some things that I had not learned yet. Wow! What a great experience.

I spent an entire day with Dave listening and learning and turning. I was there for over eight hours. Dave jokes now about how he and Lu thought I would never leave. After returning home I was definitely inspired and turned around 250 wet wood bowls. That way I was able to practice the techniques that Dave had taught me. By the time some of the bowls had dried and were ready to be returned my skill level had improved. After turning another fifty or so bowls my techniques were far more refined.

I spent more time with Dave as he helped me refine my methods. Then Dave did an all day demonstration at Nancy Sweazey's. I learned even more. The thing that stuck in my head was Dave saying that if it took more than twenty minutes to sand a bowl he figured he had not done a very good job of turning it to begin with. This was another challenge for me to improve my techniques to accomplish using less sand paper and less time to finish a bowl.

Now, after many demonstrations and learning so many things, it is always exciting to come to our meetings. No matter what is being taught one can always take something from the teaching and incorporate it into what you're turning at home. Tom Bageant is a fine example of doing that with his turning. His light houses, and now his light house pepper mills, are a result of using the many techniques he has learned at club meetings over the years. I can hardly wait to see what he will come up with next.

Now that you know why I am excited about coming to our meetings I hope that you too are inspired to come and learn and use what you have learned in your turning.

See you at the next meeting.

Dan



May Symposium

Pictures courtesy of Fred Abeles





WOODTURNERS OF OLYMPIA

PRESENTS : John Jordan & Jack Wayne

Woodturning Symposium: Creativity in Woodturning Vol 9

July 27, 2013 And 4 Work Shops July 28-31, 2013, Lacey, Wa. 98503

Cost : \$100.00

Youth under 18yr's with paying adult \$10.00

Symposium Registration & Information @ www.woodturnersofolympia.org

Work Shops : Contact Al Price @ aprice44@aol.com or 360-791-0396

John Jordan

John is famous for his wonderful textured and carved hollow vessels. His work has received numerous awards, and are in permanent collections of many museums and Corporations. His pieces are turned from fresh, green logs, then hand carved and textured. He will explain how the Characteristics of wet wood affects the preparation and

outcome of turned pieces as well as hollow form techniques and surface treatments.

No Refunds after May 31, 2013

2013 Symposium Work Shops

Woodturners of Olympia

One on One Hands on Class with John Jordan

Cost of each class : \$150.00ea

8 students in each class // No Refunds after May 31, 2013

2013 Sym. Jordan Work Shop Schedule

WS # 1 Sunday, July 28, 2012 // Bowl Turning

WS # 2 Monday, July 29, 2013 // Turning w/ Carving & Texturing

WS # 3 Tuesday, July 30, 2013 // Tea Pot (Intermediate Level)

WS # 4 Wednesday, July 31, 2013 // Hollow form or Bowl

For Information and to Reg. Contact AL Price 360-791-0396 or aprice44@aol.com



We are collecting 2013 dues. Dues for the whole family are still only \$30.00. We accept cash, check, and credit card. This is still one of the best deals around. For this, you receive get a monthly meeting featuring top notch presenters, an avenue to display your talents, and a forum to seek advice and ask questions. You also have access to a group of mentors who can help you improve your skills. There is also a monthly open turning session (Sawdust Session) on the Saturday following the meeting. Use the membership application below or pay at the meeting.

And now a new way to pay. Go to our website, fill out the form, and pay with PayPal.

Now is also a good time to sign up for the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Annual memberships in the AAW operate on an anniversary cycle, whereby your membership will start with your join date and continue for one year.

If your level of membership includes a printed copy of the American Woodturner journal, you will receive six issues starting with the issue published after your join or renew date.

See <http://www.woodturner.org/org/mbrship/index.htm> for the various levels of membership.

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How do you want to receive the newsletter? By: _____email _____US Mail

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Membership dues for South Puget Sound Woodturners are \$30.00 annually. Please make check payable to South Puget Sound Woodturners (or **SPSW**) and mail with this form to:

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Announcements

Are you a new member or visiting our club for the first time?

We are glad you are here and want to welcome you to our general membership meeting. **Please introduce yourself to an officer or mentor so we can welcome you.**

Need help with a splintering question?

Contact one of our "MENTORS". These club members have stepped up and would like to use their knowledge and expertise to help other turners with their questions. If these turners aren't able to answer your question, they will do their best to help you find a solution.

SPSW Mentors

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- **Dave Schweitzer**
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- **Bob Sievers**
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- **Jack Wayne**
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- **SEATTLE AAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – 2nd Thursday of each month, VFW Hall, 4330 148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052
- **OLYMPIA AAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – 4th Thursday of each month, Thurston County Fairgrounds
 - **Wooden Laser Engraved Name Tags** are now available. The cost is \$10. To order a name tag please see Steve Solatka at our supplies table at the monthly meeting.
- The South Puget Sound Woodturners now has a club policy for harvesting wood as a club function. Please go to our website <http://www.SPSWoodturners.org> for details.

MORE WOODTURNING

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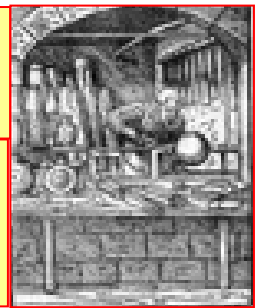
Homemade wood turning lathe fo sale

The specs. are as follow:

Turning length is 80", (total length 9 feet). Turning capacity is 16" (8" center). Double ball bearing head. 4 pulley speed selection with tensioner. 2 or 3 hp elect. motor (AC or DC). Bed is made of heavy 6" channel, legs of 1/2 " angle iron. Some attachments are included. I have no idea what it is worth. but would like to have some more than scrap value, if anyone is interested. Oddvar Ronhovde oddvarm@msn.com

SPSW Library Usage Depost

Due to the large number of items missing from our library, a decision was made at the January 31, 2012 Board of Directors meeting to require a \$5.00 deposit to checkout items from the library. The \$5.00 will be returned when the item is checked back in.



Club supplies

The following items are available for purchase at the monthly meetings. Proceeds earned from the sale of these items go back into the club.

CODE	DESCRIPTION		PRICE
GLUE			
HS-4	Hot Stuff (Thin) RED	2 oz	9.00
HST-4	Super "T" (gap) YEL	2oz	9.00
HS-4T	Special "T" (thick) GRN	2oz	10.00
ACCELERATOR			
QA-6	NCF Quick Can	6oz	11.00
COMPANION PRODUCTS			
US-1	Ultra Solvent	2oz	8.00
HT-600	Replacement Glue Caps		1.00
PT-100	Pro Tips	4	1.00
301	Extend Tips	3	1.00
302	Extend Tips	3	1.00
303	Long Tips	1	1.00
305	Tubing		1.00
322	CA Applicator Fine		1.00
OTHER			
IND	Index Wheels		20.00
SEL	Sealer 1 gal	1 gal.	18.00
Finish	Walnut Oil	1 qt.	12.00
Finish	Friction Polish	1 qt.	14.00
Lube	DynaGlide Tool Lube		12.00
SANDING			
Micro M	3"X6" Sheets	6	13.00
Micro M	3"X6" Sheets	12	24.00
DISCS	2" Discs grits 80 - 400	10	3.00
	3" Discs grits 80 - 400	10	4.00
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