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November - Alan Carter



Alan Carter Woodturner

Background

I can trace my current status in life back to the third grade, when they needed trombone players for the grade school band. That started a lifelong interest in music which led ultimately to my graduation from Indiana University with a degree in music.

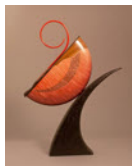


After a stint in retail management, I discovered painting and became a "professional artist" for 22 years. In 1999 I shifted my attention to furniture design and for ten years I designed and built contemporary furniture and accessories, drawing on my painting experience to develop a signature style.

In 2009, I discovered woodturning and began another chapter in my creative life. I knew that I needed to find a way to use all the knowledge and understanding I had acquired in a lifetime in the arts. I consciously worked at developing a unique style.

I'm now represented by a number of nationally recognized galleries, have been featured in a variety of woodturning publications and woodturning exhibitions, and travel the country and abroad giving demonstrations and workshops in the fine art and craft of woodturning.

Alan has written articles for *Woodturning Magazine*, *More Woodturning*, *Woodturning Design*, and the American Association of Woodturners journal, *American Woodturner*.



Alan Carter is an excellent artist. Search his name on YouTube for some excellent examples of his work. It is not often that we get a presenter with his credentials. I encourage everyone who can to attend his all day session. This will be well worth your time and investment. We do not have many opportunities to see someone with his talent. We certainly do not get that opportunity for the price of this day long presentation.

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Letter from the Editor



Wow, it is time for Thanksgiving already. We have so much to be thankful for in our lives. Hope you all have a nice restful time counting your blessings.

One blessing is that Alan Carter will spend an entire day with us Thursday, November 21st. In case you did not know this there is still time to participate. Alan Carter is an outstanding woodturner with very creative ideas. He has been featured in many magazine articles, symposiums and other venues. It is a real thrill to be able to spend a day learning from him. He will be at Nancy Sweazey's for an all-day learning experience and then he will be at our regular meeting that evening. The all-day demonstration is \$30.00 dollars at the door. No charge for the evening meeting. It is time to renew your membership for next year. Membership is also only \$30.00 for the whole year. We also strongly encourage you to join the AAW. The AAW has many benefits not to mention their magazine filled with ideas and inspiration.

I am already excited about the Christmas Party. We are at work preparing to have a wonderful time with lots of great gifts. Be sure and get your participation tickets in this month so you are ready for the drawings for the special gifts. You may be thinking about what great food you will share with the rest of us at our pot luck celebration.

I have been spending time thinking of the last three years in my life and how you all helped me through those times. More on that later.

Keep turning and learning.

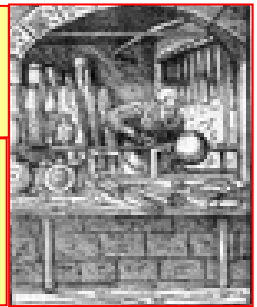
Dan

PS; My lathe is finally up and running after three months of being in pieces on the floor of my shop. It is great to back turning. It will be even more enjoyable when my shop is actually organized.

We have reached that special time of year. Stores have bypassed advertising for Thanksgiving and have jumped right ahead to Christmas. There is nothing more heart warming than seeing all of the Christmas advertisements arriving in the mail. In my neighborhood there are already some houses beginning to show signs of decoration. It really puts you in the spirit of giving.

While you are in that spirit it is a good time to remember that it is also time to pay your annual dues. Dues are still only \$30 for the whole family. And, we have made it even easier to pay. You can pay at the meeting, online, or by mail. See page 7 for the form and all of the details.

Also please take this opportunity to check your email address on the official roster. There are several people not receiving the newsletter because of incorrect email addresses.



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 Bob Espen 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 Eric Lofstrom 21st - Sawdust Session 24th - Board Mtg	October 2013 17th - Membership Mtg Symposium 19th - Sawdust Session 29th - Board Mtg	November 2013 21st - Membership Mtg Alan Carter 21st - All Day Session with Allen Carter 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. - Nov 21st (Thur.) 6:00 - 9:15 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Sawdust Session - Nov 23rd at Nancy Swezey's
- Board Mtg. - 26thth (Tue.) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Pat McCart's, members welcome (RSVP to Dan Stromstad)



September - Erik Lofstrom

Pictures courtesy of Fred Abeles





Lathe Safety

Safe, effective use of a wood lathe requires study and knowledge of procedures for using this tool. Read, thoroughly understand, and follow the label warnings on the lathe and in the owner/operator's manual. Safety guidelines from an experienced instructor, video, or book are a good source of important safety procedures. Please work safely.

Safety is YOUR responsibility.

1. Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses that include side protectors. Use a full faceshield for bowl, vessel, or any turning involving chucks and faceplates.
2. Fine particles from a grinder and wood dust are harmful to your respiratory system. Use a dust mask, air filtration helmet, proper ventilation, dust collection system, or a combination of these to deal with this serious issue. Be especially mindful of dust from many exotic woods, spalted woods, or any wood from which you notice a skin or respiratory reaction.
3. Wear hearing protection during extended periods of turning.
4. Turn the lathe off before adjusting the tool rest or tool rest base, i.e., banjo.
5. Remove chuck keys, adjusting wrenches, and knockout bars. Form a habit of checking for these before turning on the lathe.
6. Tie back long hair; do not wear gloves; and avoid loose clothing, jewelry, or any dangling objects that may catch on rotating parts or accessories.
7. When using a faceplate, be certain the workpiece is solidly mounted with stout screws (#10 or #12 sheet metal screws as a minimum). Do not use dry wall or deck screws. When turning between centers, be certain the workpiece is firmly mounted between the headstock driving center and tailstock center.
8. Ensure the belt guard or cover is in place.
9. Check that all locking devices on the tailstock and tool rest assembly (rest and base) are tight before operating the lathe.
10. Ensure the blank is securely fastened.
11. Rotate your workpiece by hand to make sure it clears the toolrest and bed before turning the lathe on. Be certain that the workpiece turns freely and is firmly mounted. A handwheel on the headstock simplifies this process of spinning the lathe by hand before turning on the switch.
12. Be aware of what turners call the "red zone" or "firing zone." This is the area directly behind and in front of the workpiece, the areas most likely for a piece to travel as it comes off the lathe. A good safety habit is to step out of this zone when turning on the lathe, keeping your hand on the switch in case you need to turn the machine off. When observing someone else turn, stay out of this zone.
13. Always **check the speed** of the lathe before turning it on. Use slower speeds for larger diameters or rough pieces and higher speeds for smaller diameters



Lathe Safety (cont'd)

and pieces that are balanced. Always start a piece at a slower speed until the workpiece is balanced. If the lathe is shaking or vibrating, lower the speed. If the workpiece vibrates, always stop the machine to verify why. As a starting point, consult your operator's manual for recommended speeds for a particular lathe. Ensure the lathe speed is compatible with the size of the blank.

14. Exercise extra caution when using stock with cracks, splits, checks, bark pockets, knots, irregular shapes, or protuberances. Beginners should avoid these types of stock until they have greater knowledge of working such wood.
15. Hold turning tools securely on the toolrest, holding the tool in a controlled but comfortable manner. Always contact the tool rest with the tool before contacting the wood.
16. Note that, when running a lathe in reverse, it is possible for a chuck or faceplate to unscrew unless it is securely tightened or locked on the lathe spindle.
17. Know your capabilities and limitations. An experienced woodturner is capable of lathe speeds, techniques, and procedures not recommended for beginning turners.
18. Always remove the tool rest before sanding, finishing, or polishing operations.
19. Don't overreach, keep proper footing, and keep your balance at all times.
20. Keep lathe in good repair. Check for damaged parts, alignment, binding of moving parts, and other conditions that may affect its operation.
21. Keep tools sharp and clean for better and safer performance. Don't force a dull tool. Don't use a tool for a purpose that it was not designed for or intended for.
22. Consider your work environment. Don't use a lathe in damp or wet locations. Do not use in presence of inflammable liquids or gases, and always keep a fully-charged fire extinguisher close at hand. Keep your work area well lit.
23. Stay alert. Watch what you are doing. Pay close attention to unusual sounds or vibrations. Stop the lathe to investigate the cause. Don't operate machines when you are tired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
24. Guard against electric shock. Inspect electric cords for damage. Avoid the use of extension cords.
25. Never leave the lathe running unattended. Turn power off. Don't leave lathe until it comes to a complete stop.
26. Many accidents to woodturners occur while using saws, especially band and chain saws. Learn and follow the safety guidelines for this equipment.



We are collecting 2014 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.

We now also have the option for you to join, renew, purchase supplies or just donate (we are a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit) using Square. You can use your Visa®, Mastercard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card.

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.

South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW)

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Woodturning interests: Spindle turning _____ Bowls _____ Vases _____

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Tool sharpening _____ Other _____

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.

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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. **Need a WoodRat!**

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I have a JET Mini Lathe for sale, model number JML-1014, I also have the manual for it. I was given the lathe in exchange for some woodworking equipment, and have never used it. The lathe is in excellent condition. Any one interested in it can contact me at:

Jim Fehr
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253-854-5896

I have a Delta DP350, bench top, variable speed, used, drill press for sale, \$100.

Tom Bageant
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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.

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GLUE			
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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
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