



# Chips & Shavings

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## Vern Tater

### ABOUT VERN

I was born in Connecticut and grew up racing sailboats on Long Island Sound and skiing in Connecticut and Vermont. I had my first turning experience in high school during the early 60's. After graduating from the University of Denver with a degree in Marketing, I moved to Vail Colorado and taught skiing and worked as a carpenter. I built my first cabinet for hire in the summer of 1971. I bought a Sears lathe and a set of turning tools in 1973. My dad, who still lived in Connecticut, and I both bought Dale Nish's first woodturning book in 1975. We would practice and then phone each other once a month to see how we were doing.

I moved from Vail to Henry Island, in the San Juan Islands, in 1980. The lathe came with me. In 1989 I decided to take a long sailing trip, perhaps around the world, so I sold most of my tools. I bought a 45' yawl in Newport Rhode Island and started sailing south. After six months I decided that while I loved the boat, outfitting and upgrading it for a long offshore voyage was more money that I was willing to invest, so I had it trucked back to Washington. I lived on the boat in Friday Harbor for four years and restarted my cabinet shop. I turned a little during this time on borrowed lathes. I joined the Northwest Corner Woodworkers, which meets in Mt. Vernon, in about 2002. That was the start of a slippery slope. Many members of the group belonged to the Northwest Washington Woodturners. I soon joined that group and bought a used Jet mini lathe. After a year or so I had the urge to turn bigger bowls, so I bought a Vicmarc VL300 shortbed. Today I have a 450 sq ft shop in the Maple Leaf neighborhood of Seattle.

I am an active member of the American Association of Woodturners, Northwest Washington Woodturners, and the Seattle Woodturners.

Most of the wood used in my creations comes from downed trees. With the exception of some peppermill and hollow form woods all of the wood is locally sourced. I have a following of people that call when they see a tree being cut. They know if I make a bowl out of it, they will also get a bowl.

Don't forget that this month we will be drawing for the lesson with Eric Lofstrom. It includes a D-Way Skew Chisel sharpened by Eric Lofstrom

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## Letter from the President



### September thoughts

Now that summer is almost over my mind starts to think about Christmas and the turnings that I need to get done by then. Most of the clubs members know that I turn mainly bowls. With almost 300 already turned, I have given one or more to every member of my rather large family and most of my close friends. I needed another idea of what I could turn and give as a gift and this month will surely provide me with a great item that every family needs.

This month our demonstrator will be Vern Tatter who creates one of a kind peppermills. He will show us his wonderful techniques and well thought out processes that combined produce stunning peppermills that are both a pleasure to turn and use.

September has traditionally been a very good month for getting demonstrators who show us different items that we can turn and give away as treasured Christmas gifts. We've seen ornaments, finials, toys and small liddedboxes that would be cherished by the lucky recipients.

I am also happy to remind everyone that we will be resuming our sawdust sessions on Saturday the 20th. This month we will be working with a coring system to produce multiple rough turned bowls from a single blank.

Just like a coring system that can get more out of a single blank you can get more out of your membership by simply volunteering for one of the many positions that need filling for next year, no experience required.

See you on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

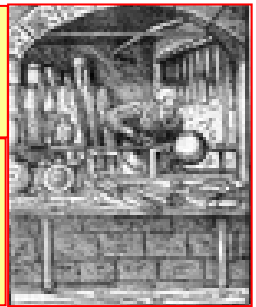
Be safe, have fun, and make shavings.

Pat

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Pat mentioned the need for volunteers. All groups like ours run with volunteers. Without a few people willing to give up a little bit of their time there would be no South Puget Sound Woodturners. Right now we need a volunteer to take over the library and a volunteer to be the AAW rep. Neither job requires a great deal of time, but they are both very necessary.

We are in desperate need of help in setting up the filming stand and the acoustic system for the meetings. All these jobs require is that you get to the meeting a few minutes early. No experience necessary. On the job training will be happily provided.



# SPSW 2014 Event Calendar

<b>January 2014</b> 16th - Membership Mtg <b>Andy Firpo</b> 18th - Sawdust Session  28th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	<b>February 2014</b> 20th - Membership Mtg <b>Carol Zandell</b> 22nd - Sawdust Session  25h - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	<b>March 2014</b> 20th - Membership Mtg <b>Don Derry</b> 22nd - Sawdust Session  25th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's 22nd - Cindy Drozda - Anacortes	<b>April 2014</b> 17th - Membership Mtg <b>Mini Symposium</b> 19th - Sawdust Session  25h - Board Mtg Pat McCart's
<b>May 2014</b> 15th - Membership Mtg <b>Larry Miller</b> 17th - Sawdust Session  27th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's  15th - 17th - Utah Symposium  Orem, Utah	<b>June 2014</b> 19th - Membership Mtg <b>Molly Winton</b> 21st - Sawdust Session  24th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's  13th - 15th - AAW Symposium  Phoenix, AZ	<b>July 2014</b> 17th - Membership Mtg <b>Roy Lane</b> 29th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's 20th - Picnic & Wood Auc.  26th - Creativity in Woodturning - Olympia  <b>No Sawdust Session this month</b>	<b>August 2014</b> 21st - Membership Mtg <b>Mini Symposium</b> 23rd - Sawdust Session  26th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's
<b>September 2014</b> 18th - Membership Mtg <b>Vern Tater</b> 20th - Sawdust Session  30th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	<b>October 2014</b> 16th - Membership Mtg <b>Open</b> 18th - Sawdust Session  28th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	<b>November 2014</b> 20st - Membership Mtg <b>Eric Lofstrom</b> 22nd - Sawdust Session  25th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's	<b>December 2014</b> 18th - <b>Holiday Mtg</b> No Sawdust Session  Dec 30th - Board Mtg Pat McCart's  <b>No Sawdust Session this month</b>

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

## This Month at a Glance

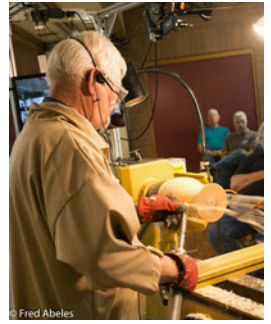
- Membership Mtg. - Sep. 18th (Thur.) 6:00 - 9:15 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Sawdust Session - Sep. 20th (Sat.) Bowl Coring Demonstration
- Board Mtg. - Sep. 30th (Tue.) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Pat McCart's, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)





# Roy Lane Pics from July Meeting

Pictures courtesy of Fred Abeles  
(View more photos at <http://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/>)







## Mini Symposium Pics

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## Mini Symposium Pics (cont'd)

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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.

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## South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW)

### Membership Application

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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

- **Jim Cotter**  
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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 stop in 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. We also have a Wood Rat - Jerre Griffin. You can contact Jerre at [jgriffin@centurytel.net](mailto:jgriffin@centurytel.net)

## MORE WOODTURNING

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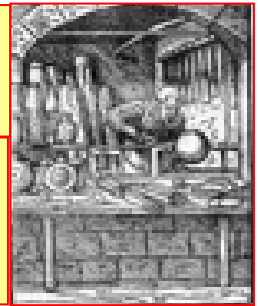
Please call or email Tom if interested.

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## For Sale

Alan York has a list of tools from an estate. All items are near new condition

Powermatic Lathe w/extension - model 3520B + 2 extra tool rests + multiple live centers + multiple spur centers \$3500

Hold Fast vacuum system + small and medium chuck - \$240

Vicmarc chuck VM 120 w/ jaws & plates - \$250

Vicmarc chuck VM 100 w/ jaws & plates - \$220

Rikon 14" bandsaw - model 10-325 + extra blades (some new) - \$680

Jet 1 hp vacuum + stand and hood - \$250

Jet air filtration unit with remote switch - model AFS 1000B - \$300

Stihl chain saw - model MS391 + 5 extra chains (3 new) - \$500

Porter Cable pancake compressor - \$80

8" double-speed grinder - \$130

OneWay grinding guide system + jigs - \$100

Sorby 3/8" bowl gouge - \$40

Sorby 3/4" roughing gouge - \$45

Pinnacle parting tool - \$40

D-way 1/2" bowl gouge w/ fingernail grind - \$100

D-way 1/2" bowl gouge w/ bottom feeder grind - \$100

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Shopsmith five-piece turning tool set - \$50

double-ended caliper - \$20

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