



Chips & Shavings

Jan. 12, 2015

January - Dan Stromstad



Like many of you I began turning wood in Junior High School. While visiting an uncle in Southern California he noticed my excitement about wood turning and gave me a lathe that he never used. With paper route earnings I purchased tools from Sears and my dad and I began turning on our midsize lathe. This ended when I left home for college except for visits home. When my father was gone my lathe came back to me.

After seeing pens in a woodworking store in Port Townsend I said to my wife like so many of you, "I could make that!" Years later I wandered into a store and discovered pen kits and asked how to make them. The owner gave me a three minute lesson and after purchasing the needed extras for the lathe I began my current wood turning adventures.

Delving into the many turnings that could be made on a small lathe with excitement growing a customer came to me for eyewear and I found that he rebuilds lathes as a hobby. We worked out a deal for a larger lathe. It was poor at best and eventually it was sold and a brand new General lathe came home. Borrowing a chuck from my friend Tom Bageant started me on the path to bowl turning.

The real turning point was Eric Lofstrom giving me a rough turned Madrone burl bowl. That was so exciting to turn. Dave Schweitzer noticed my excitement and asked me to come and see him. He had no idea what he was in for. After a long day at Dave's he finally got rid of me after six in the evening. This began a marathon of turning wet wood and learning and practicing the techniques that had been shown. Two hundred rough turned bowls later there were signs of hope in my finished bowls. A need for a larger lathe became very important and so the General lathe was sold and a Powermatic came home.

Back to Dave's and now hollow forms started popping up at home. A day with Roy Lane helped that experience as well. So much to learn and so little time, with lots of practice happiness ensued. Urns, baby rattles and vases appeared, some with dyed and some natural finishes.

The many demonstrators at our club and others continued to teach techniques that were new to me. With practice these new methods became easier to use and enabled me to produce better results.

At this meeting I will be demonstrating inside/out turning.

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Letter from the President



New Year, new things.

Hopefully everyone had as good of a time at the December meeting as I did and was able to take home a piece of wood or one of the many fabulous prizes that were so generously donated by our wonderful sponsors. A complete list of names can be found on the last page of our newsletter. Please promptly redeem the gift certificates and kindly thank them for their support.

2015 will be off to a strong start when we welcome President Emeritus Dan Stromstad to kick off the year with his first time under our spotlights. Dan is sure to impress us with some simple inside out turning. His clear directions and smooth technique will help us understand this unique section of woodturning.

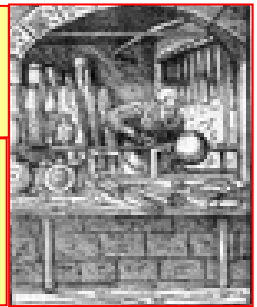
Thank you to everyone that has already paid your dues. Remember after February 1st the dues go up to \$35 for the year. We are entering the year on a positive fiscal trend and have paid our biggest expenses for the year.

One of my favorite parts of the monthly meetings is the “Show & Tell” lately however it has been taking longer to get through all the pieces that have been presented. To give ample time to our demonstrators we want to have them start at 7:30 or so. In an effort to speed things up we will be setting things up a little differently for the Show & Tell. We will be setting up the front row of tables for “Show & Tell” and the back row for “Show” only. If you bring a single turned piece please put it on the “S/T” table and proudly tell us all about it. If you are bringing multiple pieces pick out the one that you want to talk about the most and put it on the “S/T” table and place the remainder on the “Tell” table.

On Saturday the 17th we will be returning to the warm and comfy confines of Nancy Sweazey’s shop for our monthly sawdust session. New members are strongly encouraged to come out and get some free hands on training with quality tools and accessories. Experienced members are encouraged to come and share your talents and skills.

See you on the 15th, be safe, have fun, make shavings!

Pat



SPSW 2014 Event Calendar

January 2015

15th - Membership Mtg
Dan Stromstad
17th - Sawdust Session

27th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

February 2015

19th - Membership Mtg

21st - Sawdust Session

24h - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

March 2015

19th - Membership Mtg
Mini Symposium
21st - Sawdust Session

24th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

April 2015

19th - Membership Mtg

21st - Sawdust Session

28h - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

May 2015

21st - Membership Mtg

23rd - Sawdust Session

26th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

June 2015

18th - Membership Mtg

20th - Sawdust Session

30th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

July 2015

16th - Membership Mtg
Roy Lane
28th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's
TBD - Picnic & Wood Auc.
26th - Creativity in
Woodturning - Olympia
No Sawdust Session this month

August 2015

20th - Membership Mtg
Mini Symposium
22nd - Sawdust Session

25th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

September 2015

17th - Membership Mtg
Mini Symposium

19th - Sawdust Session

30th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

October 2015

16th - Membership Mtg

18th - Sawdust Session

27th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

November 2015

19th - Membership Mtg

21st - Sawdust Session

24th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

December 2015

17th - **Holiday Mtg**
No Sawdust Session

Jan 5th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

No Sawdust Session this month

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

This Month at a Glance

- Membership Mtg. - Jan. 15th (Thur.) 6:00 - 9:15 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Sawdust Session - Jan. 17th (Sat.) 9:00 at Nancy Sweazey's
- Board Mtg. - Jan. 20th (Tue.) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Pat McCart's, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)



Christmas Party Pics

Pictures courtesy of Dawn Shirron





Eric Lofstrom Demo Pictures

Photos by Fred Abeles: For additional Club photos by Fred please go to <http://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/Woodworking>





Christmas Party Pics (cont'd)

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We are collecting 2015 dues. Dues for the whole family are \$35 (\$30 dollars if you pay before February). We accept cash, check, credit card, and PayPal. This is still one of the best deals around. For this, 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 (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.

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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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- **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 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

MORE WOODTURNING

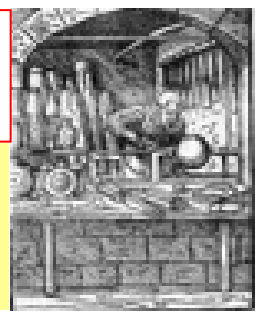
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Oregon Woodturning Symposium

March 6th - 8th, 2015 Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR.

Demonstrators include Mike Mahoney, Jimmy Clewes, Trent Bosch, Kirk DeHeer, Dale Larson, Lyle Jamieson, Molly Winton, Eric Lofstrom, Nick Stagg, Sarah Robinson, and Don Ward.

Find out more at their website: www.oregon-woodturningsymposium.com



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For Sale:

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Dan Stromstad

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