



Chips & Shavings

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WOODTURNERS
SPSW

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March - Eric Lofstrom



There is nothing more powerful than being inspired by an idea and having the confidence to create that one-of-a-kind piece on the lathe...this is what woodturning is all about!- E.Lofstrom

Woodturning adventures began for me in October of 2001 at a woodworking store in Sumner, WA. Attending a free woodworking demonstration on turning pens and letter openers was all it took to hook my curiosity. Creating shavings on a lathe consumed my thoughts for the next few weeks as

I wrapped my brain around how a finished piece could emerge from rough materials so quickly! After hearing all the details (several times), my wife pursued this spark of excitement and set my woodturning journey in motion with a mini lathe and tool set for Christmas. Years later, my woodturning enthusiasm continues to grow. Like many turners, my woodturning adventures began with scraps of 2x4s and "factory sharpened" tools. Several startling catches in the first few projects quickly focused me on the why and how of creating curls instead of settling for sawdust. Gaining tool control and improving my technique became a personal quest. Whether creating a fitted lid box or multi-axis turning, a translucent or winged bowl, a hollow form or exploring surface embellishments, I enjoy projects which challenge my skills and stretch my creativity.

In the fall of 2002, I began my membership in the South Puget Sound Chapter of the AAW. I served on the board of directors from 2005-2012 and have enjoyed representing our club at several woodworking shows in addition to mentoring others at our club's monthly sawdust sessions. I began demonstrations and teaching woodturning classes at local woodworking stores in 2006. Since then, I have demonstrated at several symposiums and woodturning clubs around the Pacific Northwest. The constant exposure to other turners continues to transform my awareness and understanding of turning fundamentals.

Conscious of the importance tool control plays in creating pieces, I believe it is not only important to know which techniques work but also why they work. As a passionate teacher and woodturner, I hope to impact the world of woodturning by helping others build confidence in tool control and developing their own voice in woodturning!

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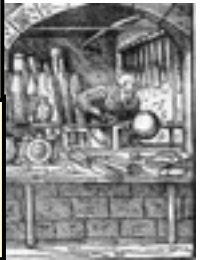
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Letter from the President



Spring is on its way!

Let me start this month's newsletter note with a quick and enthusiastic thank you to our terrific members Tammie Bachmeier and Harry Lincoln for boldly stepping up and offering informative and creative demos at our February meeting. I have received several positive comments about the 2-person format; we are looking to do more in the future. For those of you that have shown your skills and talents at any of our mini symposiums but don't think you could fill a 90-minute demo this could be just for you. Think about it and contact Dave Best for your opportunity to shine.

Our March 17th meeting will be featuring a SPSW favorite when Eric Lofstrom shares his mastery of the often intimidating, but wonderfully versatile, skew. Eric will follow up our monthly meeting with an all-day class on Saturday March 19 at Nancy Sweazey's shop. His 4-part class will cover 1- proper body mechanics 2- tool sharpening 3-lidded box construction and 4th will be a rice bowl with surface embellishments.

For those of you who signed up at last month's meeting we will be accepting payment of the \$25 admission price at this month's meeting. There are still a few spots open for the class but we are limiting the total a 35 or so. If you haven't signed up yet don't delay and be sure to bring \$25 to guarantee your spot.

Spring is just around the corner and the annual dues for the SPSW are due for 2016 membership. If you are current with your dues thank you. If you have yet to pay now is the time.

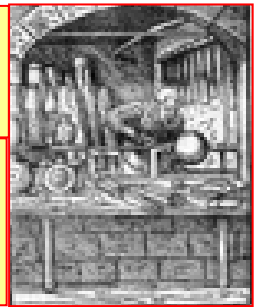
We will be requesting members interested in sharing their individual skill set and talents at our April mini symposium. Please let Dave Best know what you can demo, all sizes and styles are encouraged.

See you on the 17th, be safe, have fun and make shavings.

Pat

Annual Membership

Once again we have reached the first of a year and it is time to renew your club membership. Dues have stayed the same at \$35 per family. These dues pay for the rental of the hall we meet in, the equipment we use to put on the monthly presentations, payment to the presenters, and a myriad of other things like: website, library, newsletter, etc. Please get those dues in as soon as possible.



SPSW 2016 Event Calendar

January 2016

21st - Membership Mtg
Dan Stromstad
23rd - Sawdust Session

26th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

February 2016

18th - Membership Mtg
Tammie Bachmeier
Harry Lincoln
20th - Sawdust Session
23rd - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

March 2016

17th - Membership Mtg
Eric Lofstrom
19th - Demo
29th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

April 2016

21st - Membership Mtg
Mini- Symposium
23rd - Sawdust Session
26th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

May 2016

19th - Membership Mtg

21st - Sawdust Session
31st - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

June 2016

16th - Membership Mtg

18th - Sawdust Session
28th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

July 2016

21st - Membership Mtg

23rd - Sawdust Session
26th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

August 2016

18th - Membership Mtg

20th - Sawdust Session
30th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

September 2016

15th - Membership Mtg

17th - Sawdust Session

27th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

October 2016

20th - Membership Mtg

22nd - Sawdust Session
25th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

November 2016

17th - Membership Mtg

19th - Sawdust Session
29th - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

December 2016

15th - **Holiday Mtg**
No Sawdust Session
Jan 3rd - Board Mtg
Pat McCart's

No Sawdust Session this month

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

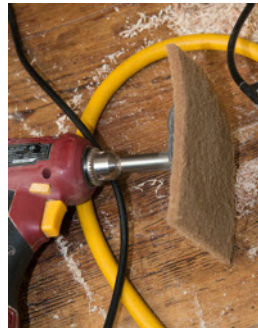
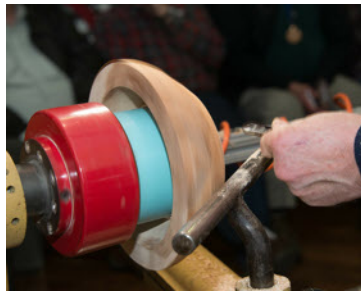
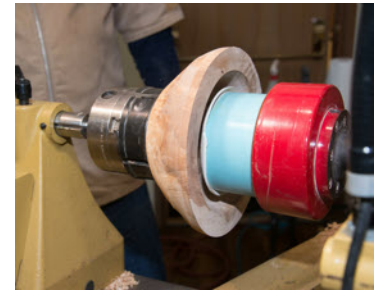
This Month at a Glance

- Membership Mtg. - Mar. 17th (Thur.) 6:00 - 9:15 pm at Fife Senior Center
- Eric Lofstrom All-Day Demo - Mar. 19th
- Board Mtg. - Mar. 29th (Tue.) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Pat McCart's, members welcome (RSVP to Pat McCart)



Pictures from January & February Meetings

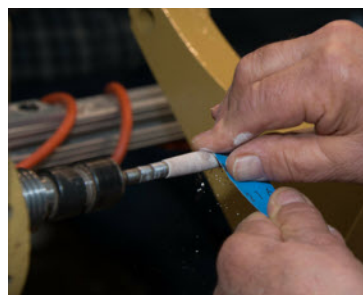
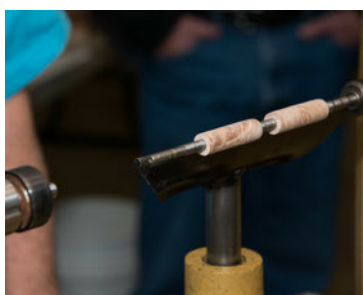
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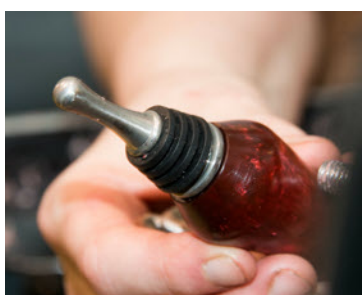
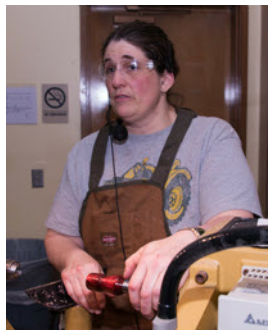
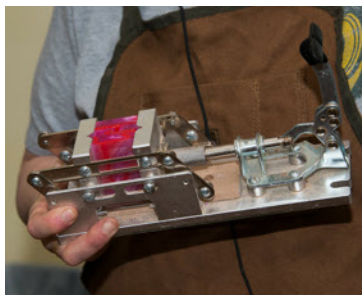
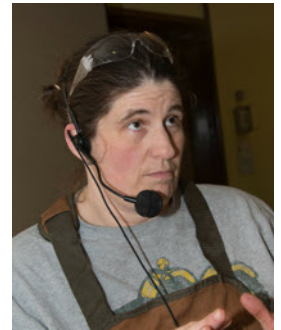
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Pictures from December Meeting

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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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- **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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We are collecting 2016 dues. Dues for the whole family are \$35. 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.

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

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Segmented turning _____ Tool making _____

Tool sharpening _____ Other _____

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