

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

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The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners

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by John Howard

Happy New Year: I sincerely hope that this finds you all safe and happy, but ready for a 2021 that brings us all renewed hope and a return to all of our "in-person" SPSW activities that we all are missing so much!

Among the hopeful signs that have recently emerged during this difficult time has been the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccine which, hopefully will become available to many of our members soon. I hope many of you will join me in getting vaccinated against this ugly scourge as soon as we are able. I think that this vaccine, when it gets to enough of the population, may be the key to enabling us all to return to a more normal life.

But for now, and until the Fife Center reopens for group meetings, we will continue to serve the SPSW membership as best we can, with our monthly remote demonstrations using Zoom. We have some great ones already lined up for your viewing pleasure.





Winged bowl - Lyle Jamieson

January's Remote Demo: On January 21st, we are honored to again host Lyle Jamieson, who was our very first remote demonstrator last April. We were very happy to have chosen Lyle as our first remote demonstrator because, in addition to being a great teacher, he also helped us to work through the process of getting set up to utilize the Zoom Meetings platform.

During this presentation, Lyle will show us how to make a bowl "bigger than the piece of wood you start with." This is often called a "winged bowl". It is an interesting project, and one that builds skills for any woodturner.

If you are paid up as an active member, look for the meeting invitation in your inbox on January 16th, and a meeting reminder on Wednesday January 20th. Then please join us all between 6:30 and 7:00 on Thursday the 21st for Lyle's remote demonstration.

February's Remote Demo: For our February offering, we will again partner with the Woodturners of Olympia to present a nationally recognized woodturner. Harvey Meyer is famous for his intricate "basket illusion" enhancements on platters, bowls, and hollow forms. These turnings look like American Indian basketry when completed.

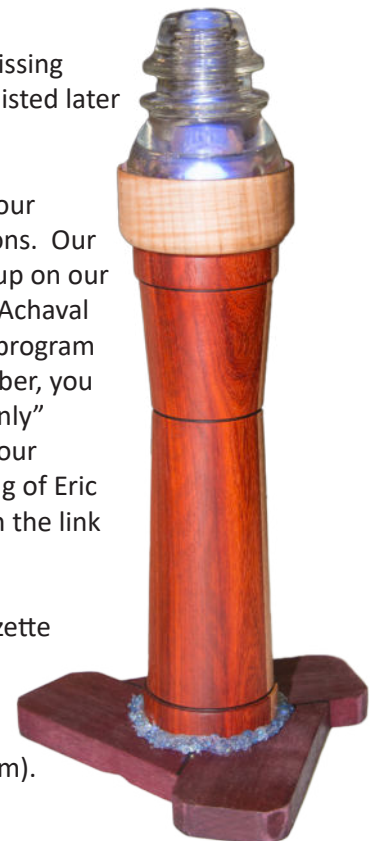
I am alerting you to the February demo now because it will be offered at an unusual date and time. This clinic will be offered on the second Saturday on February 13th from 3:00 – 6:00 PM. As usual, you will be sent the Zoom invitation link on Saturday the 6th, and there will be a reminder sent to all the active members on our list on Friday the 12th. Just use the Zoom link to join us any time after 2:30 PM. Please mark your calendar now so you do not forget about this event!

Please join us. If you are not currently using Zoom to attend these events, you are missing something really good. If you need help to get started, you can just follow the steps listed later in this newsletter, or just call me or Ramon Lyn.

Recordings of some of our previous remote demos available to members: A few of our remote demonstrators have given us permission to record these virtual demonstrations. Our video librarian, John Jacobs, has worked hard to edit these recordings and put them up on our website under the "members only" tab. So far, we have the recordings for Emiliano Achaval turning his "Hawaiian Calabash", Ed Pretty's "Beyond ABC", and Scott Grove with his program on using resins for inlays and accents. If you are not a current member, you need to renew your membership in order to access the "members only" section of our website. You may both see the recordings or renew your membership at our www.spswoodturners.org website. The recording of Eric Lofstrom's Skew demo is not on our website, but is available through the link that was sent on Tuesday, September 22nd.



Newsletter photos: Would you like to see some of your work in the newsletter? Suzette Edwards puts as many members' photos as she can into our monthly newsletter. We know a lot of you are doing some great stuff in your shops right now, and Suzette would love to put more examples of members' work in the newsletter. If you would like to share some of your recent work, send photos to Suzette (winginsue@gmail.com). We can't promise we will have room for everything, but we will do the best we can.



Dues: Thanks to all of you, we had a very successful 2020, despite all the challenges we all have dealt with this year. As of the end of 2020, we had about 140 active-dues paid members. In October we started taking new dues payments for the 2021 year and we already have more than 40 renewed 2021 memberships.



I hope you will join us again for another event-filled year as we, hopefully, get back to in-person meetings, sawdust sessions, picnics, wood auctions, and all the other activities that we enjoy so much.

The easiest way to renew your membership is online through the SPSW website www.spswoodturners.org (click on "for members").

Alternatively, you can fill out the last page of this newsletter and send it to the PO Box with a check, if you prefer.

Active Member Registration: Have you noticed that you don't get all the communications that some other SPSW members get or that you are unable to view the meeting/remote demo videos? In order to get all benefits for active members, you need to be registered on our website and signed up for our member communication email list.



Only about half of our paid-up members are completely registered and signed up. If you aren't registered, it is an easy problem to correct. Open our webpage at www.spswoodturners.org and click on the "For Members" tab. The drop-down menu's first choice is "How to Register". Click on it, and there will be a short video that explains exactly how to get registered. After your registration is approved, the second step is required to complete the process. Go to our webpage and click on the "**Member Communication Sign-up**" under the For Members menu and follow the instructions.

Free AAW Trial Membership Available to SPSW Members: SPSW is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Many of our members are just members of the chapter but not the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). The AAW offers an introductory free 3-month trial membership to chapter members. The free membership allows access to all online publications like The American Woodturner, Woodturning FUNDamentals magazine, and AAW e-newsletters. I recommend that you check it out! If you are interested, just click on the link below and it will connect you to the AAW's website and a simple sign-up process.

FREE: Chapter Affiliate Membership

A few words about Harry Lincoln: For those that did not see the e-mail that went out just before Christmas, I am very sorry to have to convey the sad news that a dear friend and member of the SPSW, Harry Lincoln, passed away in late October. Harry was one of those members that worked behind the scenes, but did so much for the SPSW and its members. For many years, Harry was the moving force behind having enough wood to have a wood auction. He arranged to get beautifully figured and colored tree trunks (usually big leaf maple) delivered to his house, led the crew cutting it up, sealed it, and then delivered it to where we had the auction. Harry also hosted many new woodturners in his shop where taught them to turn, gave them unbelievable exotic woods, and loaned out tools and equipment. Harry taught me a great deal about using a chain saw to process wood for turning seasoning, and how to glue up for laminated projects. Harry was a wonderful person, and I will miss him greatly!

Be healthy, be safe, and keep making shavings!



John Howard



Zoom Meeting If you haven't been on Zoom before, just follow the steps below. (If you have been in a Zoom meeting before, just start at step 3.)

1. The Zoom meeting invitation is only sent to active members. So, if you have not paid your dues since October 2018, you will need to go to the members tab on the [SPSW website](http://spswoodturners.org) (<http://spswoodturners.org>) and renew your membership. Please note that it would normally cost more for just one of these demonstrations than your SPSW dues for the entire year.
 - a. Those of you who get the newsletter by snail-mail will need to get us an e-mail address where we can send your meeting invitation. Please send it to (membership@spswoodturners.org)
2. Before the scheduled meeting, you need to go to [zoom.com](https://zoom.us) and download the free "Zoom Meetings" app. The Zoom download is quick, easy, and free!
3. **Information and Invitation Delivery Schedule:**
 - a. **Saturday January 16th** – The Zoom Meeting Invitation will go out to our active member's distribution list.
 - i. This invitation contains a link that appears in blue letters. Just click it to join the remote demo on Thursday.
 - ii. Please save this where you can find it.
 1. If you don't see the invitation(s) in your inbox, then please check your "junk" or "spam" folder. If you get our newsletters, the meeting invitation should come right into your inbox.
 - b. **Wednesday January 20th** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member's distribution list.
 - c. **Thursday January 21st** - Log into the meeting between 6:30 and 7:00
 - i. Trent's demo will start shortly after the vote, at about 7:05 PM PDT.
 - ii. When you click on the link, you will be asked if you want to join with video and audio. Answer "yes" to both, then you will enter a virtual waiting room. Wait just a few seconds and one of the co-hosts will admit you into the actual meeting.
 - iii. **Note:** If you have previously downloaded the app, you may see an update is available. If you see it, please update your app. Zoom is making frequent changes to the program to strengthen security.
 - iv. Devices used to view the demo can be smartphones, tablet computers, laptops, etc. To fully participate, the device needs to have audio and a camera.

For Zoom Security, Please Rename If Needed: We have a number of people that participate in the Zoom demos. When you join the session, you will be able to see yourself and the other participants in thumbnail photos with the name of each person under their picture. If your name appears as "John's iPad", or "iPhone 189567", then we don't really know who you are, which is a security issue. If that happens when you join the meeting, please just click on your name, and then click "rename" and change it to your full name. It will help Ramon and me as we co-host the meeting. Thanks!



2021 Monthly Schedule

Date	Demonstrator(s)	Subject
7:00pm January 21st, 2021	Lyle Jamieson	A bowl bigger than the Tree (Winged Bowl turning)
Heads up – Different day & time! Saturday February 13th 3:00 – 6:00pm	Harvey Meyer	Basket Illusion enhancement
7:00pm March 18th	John Jordan	TBD
April 15th	TBD	TBD
May 20th	TBD	TBD
June 17th	TBD	TBD
11:00am July 17th - Saturday	Wood Auction/Pot-Luck	North Lake Community Improvement Center
August 19th	TBD	TBD
September 16th	Mini Symposium	
October 21st	Cindy Drozda	Sea Urchin Ornaments
November 18th	TBD	TBD
December 16th	Holiday Dinner / Wood Giveaway	

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AAW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS



Become a free Complimentary Guest Member for 60 days and enjoy sampling of AAW benefits and resources. Visit the website www.woodturner.org and look under Membership then Join Today. Scroll to the bottom of the page. The above hyperlink will also take you there. For those who prefer to do it by phone, call 877-595-9094 M-F 8:30 to 4:30 Central time.

We are collecting 2021 dues. Dues for individuals or for the whole family are \$35/year. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card.

This is still one of the best deals around. For just \$35 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" (our Sawdust Sessions) on the Saturday following the meeting. Use the membership application below and pay at the meeting or mail it to the address on membership form.

We now also have the option for you to join, renew, or just donate. We are a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. You can pay at the meeting, or online! Just go to our website (www.spswoodturners.org), fill out the form, and pay with PayPal.

AAW membership is separate from membership in the SPSW Chapter. Now is also a good time to sign up for the [American Association of Wood turners](#) (AAW). Annual memberships in the AAW operate on an yearly anniversary cycle, whereby your membership will start with your join date and continue until the same date the following year.

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

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South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW) Membership Application

Name: _____ Membership: ☐ New
☐ Renewal

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

How would you like to receive the newsletter? Email: ☐ US Mail: ☐

How long have you been turning? _____ AAW Member?: _____

Interest: Spindle Turning ☐ Bowls ☐ Vases ☐ Segmented turning ☐ Tool making ☐

Tool Sharpening ☐ Pen Making ☐ Other ☐

Membership dues for South Puget Sound Woodturners are \$35.00 annually. IF paying by mail, make the check payable to South Puget Sound Woodturners (or SPSW) and mail this form to:

South Puget Sound Woodturners

PO Box 1792

Milton WA 98354

If paying online, [visit our website](#), fill out the online form and pay with Paypal