

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS

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The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners

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May's Remote Demo: Steve Sinner

Our new SPSW Program Director, Doug Reynolds, just returned from a one-week course on deep hollowing at the Mark Adams School of Woodworking in Indiana. SPSW member Tim Tibbets also attended the same class!

The instructor of this course, Steve Sinner, has been woodturning full-time since 1998. He specializes in large cherry, maple and walnut vessels enhanced with silver leaf, acrylic finishes, and inks. His work is found in museums, galleries, and collections.

Doug was blown away by Steve's course, and invited him to present at the May and June's monthly IRD's. The May IRD will be held at 7:00PM on May 20th and will cover:

- How to mount a green "log" between centers.
- Complete the entire exterior shape of a vessel prior to beginning the hollowing process complete with WHEEL TRACKS.
- How to master the high efficiency boring bar.
- How to turn and dry green vessels with minimal loss to cracking.
- How to sand turnings quickly and thoroughly.
- How to apply various artists' materials including gilding, patina, pen and ink by brush, cloth and airbrush.
- How to easily apply protective finishes, including high gloss spar urethane to make your work stand out.



Class project vase



Hollow Vessel by
Steve Sinner

Steve has provided a handout, which can be found under the "members only" tab on our website (www.spswoodturners.org).

If you would like to see some of Steve's work, you can view some work under the Gallery tab on his website (advancedlathetools.com).

Please join us for Steve's presentations.

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Sawdust Sessions

After many years of generous support, Nancy Sweazey informed us that she will not be able to host our Saturday Sawdust Sessions when we resume our in-person meetings again. Nancy has supported us for many years in this capacity, and we are truly grateful for her making this wonderful shop available to us for many, many years.

We are looking for another shop where we can trailer in a couple of extra lathes, and have room for 10 – 15 people. If you have such a space, and would not mind hosting us about 10 times a year, please let me know.

For our newer members, or those that haven't been to a Sawdust Session before, these events involve meeting in a shop the Saturday morning after the regular membership meeting, and teaching woodturning to anyone that wants to come. Many new turners love these sessions. We actually put tools in their hands and show them how to make cuts on the lathe. We usually have 3 – 4 lathes available, and plenty of very experienced members helping people get started.

We are all looking forward to getting back to seeing each other in person as soon as restrictions are lifted. These in-person meetings involve getting back to monthly meetings in Fife on the 3rd Thursday of the month, and also our very popular Sawdust Sessions that usually happen on the Saturday after the regular membership meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month.



SPSW Board of Directors Election - Volunteer Still Needed!

This past month, Kent Horton volunteered and was appointed by the board to serve in the AAW Liaison position. Also, Doug Reynolds volunteered to take on the Programs position, and will be setting up all of our demonstrators, both virtual and in person, for the rest of the year. Sincere thanks to both Doug and Kent! It is people like this who step forward to help that keeps the SPSW the viable and enjoyable club that it is.

We still need someone to volunteer for the Vice President's position. Since Doug has taken over the programs part of it, the duties of the vice president are limited to being an active member of the Board, and stepping in when the president cannot or is not able to act. We could use your help and guidance to make the SPSW even more valuable to our members! You can call me at 263-370-5704 or email me at jhowardcdt@comcast.net if you have any questions or would like to talk about the position.



Q: What is the difference between a shop and a studio?

A: The last ZERO in the sale price.

(Say, \$1,000 versus \$100)



**AAW VIRTUAL
WOODTURNING
SYMPOSIUM**

The [2021 AAW Symposium](#) will be held on July 17th and 18th. This year's symposium will build on last year's successful

event. There will be multiple live demos, access to recorded IRDs, and a virtual trade show. I heard many comments from our members about how good, and how reasonably priced year's virtual symposium was and it looks like this one will be even better! Visit woodturner.org for the latest event details.

Classified Ads -Another Member Benefit

SPSW Members have access to the "Members Only" section of the SPSW's website. This includes access to those remote demonstrations we are allowed to copy (including John Jordan's demo), demonstrator's handouts, as well as the classified ads.

If you have a lathe, or lathe tools and accessories that you would like to sell, you can post those items there. If you are looking to buy, then check this out first, as the prices are great. Check it out at www.spswoodturners.org. Log in, and click on Classified Ads.

Free Woodturner Interview programs

Every few weeks, Pat Carroll, an Irish woodturner has been offering free Zoom programs featuring accomplished woodturners from around the world. His programs are called "Meet the Woodturner". If you would be interested in joining in, e-mail Pat at meetthewoodturner@gmail.com. Again, it is free. Sign up at patcarroll-woodturning.com

Get in on wood acquiring opportunities

If you would like to be notified when we are going out to cut wood, so you can get a little for yourself, please let our wood-rat, Doug Reynolds, know. You don't necessarily need your own chain saw. There are many things folks can do to help at these events. But you will see how to safely use a chain saw and also will see how to section the tree so you get the best and most interesting wood out of it. You will also have access to people who can help you get started on how to seal the wood to minimize checking, explain the advantages of green wood turning, rough turning, and coring processes. If that sounds interesting to you, please let Doug know, and he can put you on his list and you will be contacted by e-mail when he has wood we're going out to cut. You can e-mail Doug at dougr83@comcast.net.

Be healthy, be safe, and keep making shavings!

John Howard



Vase - Terry Broberg

A Word from Kent Horton, the AAW liason

Hello again SPSW members, I thought that it would be a good idea to focus on yet another benefit to belonging to the AAW (American Association of Woodturners) – the American Woodturner magazine, a bimonthly publication of the AAW. This is one of the few magazines I read cover to cover. There are always useful tips of better methods for doing something related to woodturning.

Most organizations have a publication to keep its members informed of regional and national events. American Woodturner is no different in this regard. It is interesting to learn what other clubs across the US are doing to keep their members engaged in the craft of woodturning.

Each issue offers detailed instructions on creating a variety of projects – for me, this often includes an "I can do that" moment. My challenge is finding the time to try out these ideas. Though, I have to admit, that turning a "Steam Punk Pen" is not exactly my cup of tea. In addition to project ideas, nationally and internationally recognized turners are highlighted with examples of their works of art. I particularly enjoy the "Members' Gallery" section of the magazine. I often remark to myself, however, "How was a lathe involved in creating that?" Sometimes it is more than a fine line between turning, carving and embellishing.

This year the annual AAW Symposium will be again presented virtually on July 17 and 18. I encourage all SPSW members to participate – you won't be disappointed with the on-line offerings. I am already saving my nickels and dimes to attend the 36th Annual International Symposium in person on June 23-26, 2022, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Care to join me?

Note: Be sure to check out upcoming AWW on-line demonstrations – they are great and quite reasonable for the quality of instruction provided. Here is the demonstration calendar community.woodturner.org/events/ird-demonstrations



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Membership

Thank you to all of you that have already renewed your membership in the SPSW for 2021! So far, we already have 89 renewed 2021 memberships.



Alert! We have a number of members currently on our active list that have not paid dues in either 2020, nor so far in 2021. Everyone should be aware that on or about April 1st we will be doing the annual purge of the membership roster. This action removes access to SPSW services available for those folks that have not paid membership dues in either 2020 or 2021. People who are removed from the active members roster will be not receive invitations to the Zoom remote demonstrations, nor will they have access to the "Members Only" tab the SPSW webpage. If you have any question about your membership status, just call John Howard (253-370-5704) and I can verify your dues status on the membership roster.

That said, we do not want to lose anyone because of an inability to pay dues due to pandemic-related financial hardship! I mentioned in last month's newsletter that the SPSW Board of Directors authorized a free hardship membership renewal to previous members adversely impacted by the all the self-isolation and business closures and cutbacks. Our intention is to support members who may need help. The decision to grant these requests rests with me, and the information will be strictly limited to the treasurer, membership chair, and the president. We do not want to lose members in these situations, so please call me if this is an issue for you at the number above.

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, if you prefer, you can fill out the last page of this newsletter and send it to the PO Box with a \$35 check.



Looking for some inspiration while you are staying home? Check out the [SPSW YouTube Channel](#)

Newsletter Photos

Our newsletter editor, Suzette Edwards, is always looking for more photographs of members work to spice up the newsletter. Many members enjoy seeing their work, and other members love to see what you have been doing. It is sort of a show-and-tell! Please take a few pictures showing your recent work and she will do her best to get it in the next newsletter. during this period when we all have a little more time to be in our shops! Just e-mail your photos to winginsue@gmail.com.



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.



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 2019, you will need to go to the members tab on the [SPSW website](http://spswoodturners.org) (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 and download the free "Zoom Meetings" app. The Zoom download is quick, easy, and free!
3. **Information and Invitation Delivery Schedule:**
 - a. **Saturday, May 15th** – 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, May 19th** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member's distribution list.
 - c. **Thursday, May 20th** - Log into the meeting between 6:30 and 7:00pm
 - i. Steve's demo will start promptly at 7:00pm.
 - 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!



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.

Visit the website www.woodturner.org (or click the link if you are an email newsletter subscriber) 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.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
May 20th	Steve Sinner Part I	✓	Deep Hollowing
June 17th	Steve Sinner Part II	✓	Embellishment
July 15th	Mini Symposium		
Saturday July 17 th 2021 11:00AM	North Lake Community Improvement Center		Wood Auction/Pot-Luck
August 19, 2021	Kirk DeHeer	✓	Tips and Tricks
September 16th	Fred Abels		Pen Turning
October 21st	Cindy Drozda	✓	Sea Urchin Ornament
November 18th	Jimmy Allen	✓	Beaded Box
December 16th	Holiday dinner/wood giveaway		

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Spalted Maple Bowl
Eileen Collins

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

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