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Kent Horton

The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners

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President's Challenge
Winner
Ethan Green

September President's Letter By Kathy Garlick

There is no president's letter this month.

2025 Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
Sept 18th	7pm	Mini Symposium		Focus on Spindle Turning Holiday Decorations
Sept 20th	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*
Oct 16th	7pm	Craig Timmerman		Multi-Axis Weed Pot
Oct 18th	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*
Nov 20th	7pm	Mike Poirier		All About Sharpening
Nov 22nd	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*

* 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445

August President's Challenge Entries

Note: There was one entry that didn't get photographed.



Travis Miller - Myrtle & Epoxy



Ethan Green - Cherry



Chuck Burke
Padauk



Chuck Burke
Black Walnut



Brian Prigger
Maple



Don Norton
Cherry



South Puget Sound Woodturners – September 2025 Mini-Symposium

This month we will be focusing on holiday ornaments. Featured club member demonstrators include Eileen Collins, Jim Robson and Ethan Green.

Club member Eileen Collins will be helping interested club members with coloring their prepared bowls using fiber reactive dyes. Note there is still room for others to sign-up to color your own bowl. Reach out to me for further details.



Club member Jim Robson will be demonstrating how he turns holiday ornaments including tree and bulb shaped ornaments. He will cover: Materials and prep of the blank, tools needed, mounting the blank, turning the blank, sanding and finishing.

Club member Ethan Green will be demonstrating how he turns Mini-Hollow Forms with a very cool mini-hollowing kit he has assembled with simple components purchased online. Attendees will learn about the tools used as well as the techniques for working through a ¼" entry hole to hollow these miniature delights. These make great gifts as simply turned objects or can easily be embellished to make unique ornaments.



SPSW Webmaster Tim Spaulding will be available to aid club members with access to the SPSW website and the Member's Only section. Do bring your own computer if you need assistance.

Club Store Sales – John Howard and team will be on hand to help you stock up on shop supplies. Support the SPSW club through your wood purchases.

Club Wood Sales – Devin Garlick will be heading up the wood sales table. Support the SPSW club through your wood purchases.

Future Demonstrators & Workshops Club Survey – Ed White. In March club members identified a wide range of woodturning subjects of interest for future woodturning demonstrations. For our September Mini-Symposium I will be seeking further feedback from club members on specific opportunities for workshops and demonstrations. Please stop by the Members' Feedback Station.

Jimmie Allen – Tool Sale, Jimmie will be bringing his storefront of D-Way and Box Master tools for ease of shopping for your favorite woodturner's critical needs.

Always Turn Safe,

Ed White

Your SPSW Program Director



Michael Poirier



Roy Lane
Birch



Dave Best
Monkey Puzzle

A Word From Kent Horton

Hello, SPSW members, this is Kent Horton with another installment. If you are not a member of AAW you should be. The resources they provide will help elevate your turning skills – be you a beginner with the craft or someone with many years of turning experience.

I try doing at least one of the projects presented with each issue of the American Woodturner (AAW's flagship publication) – particularly those focused on skill building. Often these are rather simple projects that can be done with the tools and equipment I already have at my disposal. In the August, 2023 edition they have a short article by Tim Heil on turning corn cob holders. Since this is the season for fresh local corn, I thought I might give it a try. All I needed to do is go to my neighborhood McLendon Hardware store and pick up a packet of 5/8" diameter gas compression rings to use as the ferrule and use some cherry 1" by 1" stock I had around and I was ready to go. After turning the blank round I sized a tenon to fit snugly inside the brass ring and shaped the outside of the corn holder into a pleasing and comfortable shape. I then sanded and burned a few rings on the outside to help when gripping a corn cob dripping with butter. It was then a matter of snipping off the heads of a few finish nails, drilling holes in a line (I found using the drill press helped to ensure the nails lined up evenly) and putting a finish on the cherry. I have now made several pair as quick and easy "give aways" that have been well received by all who have received them. A great project for using some of those small bits of scrap wood we all seem to accumulate.



One of the strengths of AAW is their emphasis on mentoring. The idea of "Each one, Teach one" is a strong statement within the woodturning community. Michael Poirier has hosted his weekly mentoring session on Monday afternoons at 1:00 (31273 W Lake Morton Dr. SE, Kent) for quite a while now and has established a strong cadre of turners. More recently, Chuck Burke has begun hosting a West-side Mentoring on the 1st Saturday of the month (15511 Bandix RD, Ollala). And now, Brian Finch has opened up his shop for a weekly North-end Mentoring session at his shop in White Center (9849 17th Avenue SW, Seattle) at 12:00 noon on Tuesdays. Jeff Marshall and I have been able to join Brian for the past couple of these weekly meet-ups. We have been able to practice cutting beads and do a side-by-side comparison with Jimmy Allen's D-Way beading tools with Robert Sorby's (Note: Jimmy's beat out Sorby by a wide margin). During our time together we were able to cut turning blanks using John Beaver's style bandsaw jig (see picture) to make his iconic "Wave" bowls. Brian also shared his early attempts at using the Carter and Son threading tool. We had a good time "talking turning and tools." All are welcome to come and join us – lots more tools to try and topics to discuss. I am happy to report that SPSW's mentoring opportunities are increasing and getting stronger all the time.



John Beaver Bandsaw Jig



Thread Chasing Tool

Yours in turning,

Kent Horton,
Director-at-Large
AAW Liaison
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aawdirector@spswoodturners.org



Kent Horton
Walnut

Kent Horton
Cherry



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September Store

The SPSW Store Sales Table will be open for business as usual at the September meeting. We will have all our usual abrasives, adhesives, finishes, and turning accessories.

If you want to get a gallon of AnchorSeal, please call me at 253-370-5704 to make sure that I bring one for you.

Even if you're not buying anything, stop by the table to let us know how the things you bought from us work for you in your shop! And please let us know if you think of anything we should be carrying. We are always looking for products that we can offer at a discount and will help our members in their daily work.

Keep all those chips flying!

John Howard

[See page 11 for store product list with prices.](#)



Ed White
Hazelnut



Ed White
Rhododendron



John Howard
Walnut & Maple

SPSW - Westend Woodturners ~ Come Get Better ~ Sawdust Sessions

New to woodturning? Want to improve your turning? Stuck with a current turning project?

Come join us at The Chuck Stop! (shop)

Host: Chuck Burke

Location: 15511 Bandix Rd. SE Olalla, WA 98359.

When: First Saturday of the month from 1PM to 4PM. (Note our next meeting will be held on Saturday Oct 4th, 2025, from 1PM to 4PM at The Chuck Stop.)

Chuck Burke, Ethan Green & Ed White

Contact Ed White – eswhitearts84@outlook.com to join the SPSW Westend mailing list

Cover Photo

This month's cover photo was one sent to me by Kent Horton. Have an interesting photo to put on the cover? Send it on to me at newsletter@spswoodturners.org

Suzette



Devin Garlick
Maple



John Paul
Maple



Kathy Garlick
Maple

A few additional items of business/volunteer opportunities: (Many Hands make light work)

At the meetings, we could use a hand with our show and tell, getting items in front of the cameras and also making sure that during our demonstrations that a microphone is available to audience members for questions so all can hear, even those at home.

We would like to have a few more volunteers to be able to fill in when needed for the Club Store & Membership table so it isn't too much for John and Chuck when Terry Broberg is traveling for work. If you are familiar with how the Square card reader works is a bonus for us all!

We could use a couple of extra hands with our AV/Zoom with Ramon Lyn. Set up and take down takes a lot of time for one person causing us to start a little late each month and getting out of the building after our meetings. Ramon is happy to train you on set up and take down to store our cameras and equipment. Having an extra boom operator when Ken Huff is not available is helpful.



Bob Sievers
Walnut



Joe Kubistek

Ethan's Wood Prep Clinic

Purpose: This is a three-hour introductory session for members of South Puget Sound Woodturners who currently own a bandsaw. Members will learn techniques for preparing rough wood for the lathe through hands-on and demonstrated instruction.

Sign-up: A sign-up sheet will be available for our August and September meetings

Activities:

A three hour session describing the following:

- Bandsaw selection, setup, and blade selection
- Safety equipment and practices
- Considerations for a sled for crosscutting round pieces
- Discussion of various wood shapes to process
- Considerations of the wood
- Cutting for a specific shape or design.

Ethan Green's Shop:

2918 Sylvan Drive W.
University Place, WA. 98466

Please carpool if possible,
parking is limited.

Participants should bring a
piece of wood for discussion
and possible use.

JoAnn Amberg
Cherry



JoAnn Amberg
Maple



Pat McCart
Boxelder



WOOD AND TOOL SWAP

Sponsored by:
Mid-Columbia Woodturners

OCTOBER 3-4, 2025

Location:
1131 N CHERRY DR
PASCO WA 99301

Buy, Sell, or Trade
Slabs and Blanks
Excess Tools
Demo's, Vendors and Food

Seeking Demonstrators
1-2 Hour Segments for
Simple Projects and
Techniques

Open to the Public
Overnight Camping \$20/night - Vendors \$20
Credit Cards Accepted
Open-Air Spaces
15ft Wide, Bring Your Own Tables and Tents
<https://midcolumbiawoodturners.org/>

RSVP: flosayre1948@gmail.com Call/Text 509.539.3161

Support the Businesses that Support SPSW

(Image is a link to the site)

Selling Premium Hardwood Lumber



10% Discount for SPSW cardholders

Woodcraft of Seattle



A Family Owned Business
Since 1996



Expert Industrial Sharpening
Solutions for Every Blade



5% Discount for
SPSW cardholders

Meeting Location and Time:**

WSU Extension in the D.F. Allmendinger Center

2607 W Pioneer Ave, Puyallup WA 98371

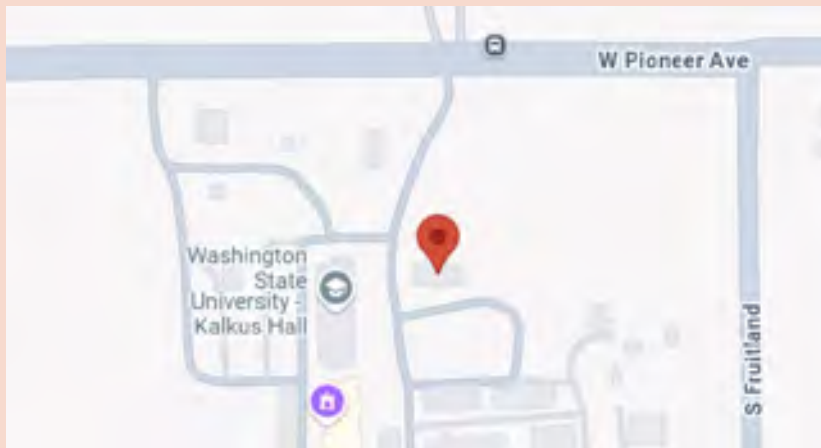
Social Hour 5:30 – 6:30 pm (bring your show-and-tell, President's Challenge or just mingle)

Meeting Starts 6:30 – 7:00 pm

(Announcements, show-and-tell, President's Challenge, etc.)

Demonstration 7:00 – 8:30

**If you would like to help with the set up or clean up, please plan to come at 5 or stay after and help to clean up.



Looking for some inspiration?
Check out the [SPSW YouTube Channel](#)

2025 Membership Renewals

If you enjoy SPSW please take the time to renew your membership.

The dues for 2025 are only \$45 for the entire year and that is for your whole family.

Terry Broberg, our Director of Membership, is taking dues for the 2025 year. I hope each of you will join us again for another event-filled year. I would like to encourage everyone to get your 2025 dues paid as soon as possible.

Your dues are what enable us to rent our great meeting facility, provide equipment like the new multiple camera system used to enable members to better view demonstrations in person and on-line, and purchase the tools and equipment we need to run demonstrations and sawdust sessions.

You can either pay your dues at the meeting, or an even easier method is to do it online through the members only tab on the [SPSW website](#).

Title	Name	Phone	Email
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Director at Large	Pat McCart	253-337-8986	atlarge@spswoodturners.org
Director at Large	Jim Higgins	206-870-4107	atlarge2@spswoodturners.org

Participation Tickets



Want more chances for prizes at the December meeting?

If you participate in **Show and Tell**, **Wood Donation**, or **Set-up / Clean-Up**, make sure you fill out a participation ticket.



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.

We are now collecting dues for 2025. Dues for individuals or for the whole family are \$45/year. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card.

This is still one of the best deals around. For just \$45 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 on-line! Just go to our website (www.spswoodturners.org), fill out the form, and pay with Square.

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 issues starting with the issue published after you join or renew.

South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW) Membership Application

Name: _____ Membership: ☐ New
☐ Renewal

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

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 \$45.00 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 on-line, [visit our website](#), fill out the on-line form and pay with PayPal

Store Product List

Brand	Description	Unit Size	Price
Sanding			
Woodturners Wonders	Toughy Tapered Sanding Disc Mandrels 2"	ea	7
	Tuffy Tapered Sanding Disc Mandrels 3"	ea	10
	Soft Intermediate Sanding Pad 2"	ea	4
	Soft Intermediate Sanding Pad 3"	ea	5
	Green Remover Smoother (2" oversized)	25 Pack	4
	Green Wave Mylar backed Sanding Disks, 2" Oversized	25 Pack	5
	Green Wave Mylar backed Sanding Disks, 3" Oversized	25 Pack	7
	Wonderweave 2" disk Kit, Low Grits (60- 600)	40 Discs	9
	Wonderweave 3" disk Kit, Low Grits (60- 600)	40 Discs	10
	Wonderweave disk Kit 3" High Grits Grits (800-3000)	25 Discs	5
	Wonderweave 3X8" 60-600 rit sheets Assortment	Pack	5
	1/3 Sheet Hook and loop Flexible Hand Sanding Pad	ea	8
Unedda NW	Sand Paper, Ekablue from Sweden 120 - 360 grit	2 Sheets	1
	EkaMant Blue Sanding Discs 2" 120 - 400 Grit	10 Pack	1
	EkaMant Blue Sanding Discs 3" 80 - 1000 Grit	10 Pack	4
	Emory Cloth Sheets 8.5X11" (120, 180, 220, 320)	ea	1
	9x11 Wet Dry Sand Paper 400 - 600 Grit	4 Sheets	3
Ultra Flex	Micromesh Wet/Dry Sand Paper 3"x6"	12 pack	24
	Micromesh Wet/Dry Sand Paper 3"x6"	6 pack	13
Finishes and Finishing Materials			
GluBoost	Fill n Finish Kit	ea	43
Doctors Workshop	Walnut and Waxpaste	Jar	10
	Walnut Finishing Oil	ea	14
	Microcrystal Wax Bowl Finish	Pint	14
	Walnut Oil and Wax Woodturning Finish	Pint	14
	Walnut Oil/Carnuba Wax & Shellac Woodturning Finish	Pint	18
	High Build Friction Polish	Pint	18
	Pens Plus Finish	Pint	18
Doctors Woodshop	Cutting Board Wax	4 oz	12

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Brand	Description	Unit Size	Price
Lathe & Turning Accessories			
	Nomar Grinder Angle Gauge	ea	5
	Anchor Seal 2	1 Gal	24
	E-Z Lock Metal screw inserts, 10/bag	Pkg	5
	E-Z Lock Metal screw inserts, 25/bag	Pkg	13
Multi-Marketing Group	Index Wheel for 3/4", 1" or 1-1/4" spindle	ea	20
	Dyna-Glide Plus dry lubricant, 13 oz. Aerosol Can	ea	16
Adhesives			
Starbond	Starbond Thin, kit	2 oz	10
	Starbond Instaset accelerator	2 oz	9
	StarBond Thin, set	16 oz	35
	StarBond Medium	2 oz	10
	Starbond Brown Medium, kit	2 oz	16
	Accelerator, Pump	2 oz	9
Bob Smith Industries	MaxiCure, Extra Thick Gap Filling	2 oz	9
	Maxicure Medium, Gap Filling	2 oz	9
	20 minute cure epoxy resin	13 oz Kit	12
Insta-Set	Insta-Set Accelerator, Pump Spray	2 oz	10
Adhesive Accessories			
	Extender tips	3 ea	1
	Extra fine glue tips	3 ea	1
	Tubing (2 feet)	ea	1
	CA Applicator, Fine	3 ea	1
	Glue Cap Replacement	ea	1
	SuperSolvent	2 oz	7
	Superglue Pipettes (Eye Droppers)	3 ea	1



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.)b.**

1. **The Zoom meeting invitation is only sent to active members.** So, if you have not paid your dues since October 2023, you will need to go to the members tab on the [SPSW website](https://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.
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. **The Wednesday the week before the meeting** – The Zoom Meeting Invitation will go out to our active member's distribution list. (This is if we get the link by then)
 - 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.
 2. If you did NOT get the email, the link will be posted on the SPSW website under [For Members/Zoom Meeting Link](#)
 - b. **The Saturday before the meeting.** – A reminder will be e-mailed to our active member's distribution list.
 - c. **The day of the meeting** - Log into the meeting by 6:30pm
 - i. The demo will start 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.