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*The latest news and updates from
South Puget Sound Woodturners*



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December President's Letter By Kathy Garlick

Hello all and Happy December! This is the month of celebration in many cultures. To name a few that are prevalent here in the United States we see Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa to name a few, so Happy Holidays to you all!

In the South Puget Sound Woodturner's Club, we are all up to our eyebrows in preparing gifts to give to our family members both near and far as we near the end of the year celebrations. We would love to see you all out to our annual **Christmas/Holiday Party** this month on **December 18th @ 6pm!** We have some great things planned for the evening. Among those things are raffle drawings, ticket tin (helpers) drawing, gift exchange and pot-luck dinner, of course.

We would never turn away a helping hand on the 18th. We can always use some help to set up the facility to greet our guests. We need help moving around tables and chairs before (@5pm) and after. Taking out the trash is a biggie at the end of the night. We will also be setting up tables for the raffle and helping hands drawing and a special table for our 2025 President's Challenge Winner Display.

December: Annual Christmas Party for the family

- What to expect:
- Potluck food assignments by last name
 - o A—I: Main Dish
 - o J—P: Salad/Side Dish
 - o Q—Z: Dessert
- Gift Exchange: Does not have to be a turned piece, but exchanging wood turned items is okay. No gag gifts, please. ("My favorite wood turned piece in my home isn't something I turned." ~Pat McCart)
- General Raffle Tickets given 1 per membership
- Help tin ticket raffle for prizes. If you have not filled out your ticket for helping this year, please make sure you get your name in the tin.
- Pick up your 2026 meeting schedule.
- Bring your BEST TURNED Piece for 2025 to show. All Skill levels encouraged to bring your best work this year. Item must be started and completed in 2025.
- If you are brand new to turning or are a first year member with the SPSW, we encourage you to come and participate, let me know who you are because we have something just for you.

Thank you all who support the businesses that support the SPSW. We all appreciate you!

On a more serious note: We are looking for someone to be our Treasurer. Pam Parson has agreed to continue until we can find one, but we need someone to step forward sooner, rather than later. In an organization such as ours, it is imperative that as a functioning board of directors we must have a President and a Treasurer at the minimum to do business, meaning, I cannot be both President and Treasurer, for obvious reasons. Please see me or John Howard if you are able to fill this position for 2026. I hope I didn't forget anything, but it is a great possibility. I love you all and look forward to seeing you on the 18th!

As Always, Happy Turning!

Kathy



December Store



Since we will be so busy with other activities during our SPSW annual holiday meeting, we do not offer Store Sales at the December meeting. But we will be back with our full line of abrasives finishes and other useful woodturning items for the January meeting. I hope to see each of you at the party.

John Howard



Reminder: The ticket tin at the membership table is for those who help out each month with set up, take down, general helping as listed on the tin, bringing a President's Challenge Piece, bringing a Show-and-Tell item. Each one of these things gets you one ticket. (Just sign your name on the back and put it in the tin.) These tickets are for our Christmas Party Participation raffle. We have some wonderful items being collected throughout the year.

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help and those who keep on pitching in. You are appreciated immensely. I look forward to seeing you all this month at our meeting. Bring a friend and introduce them to this great group of individuals.

2025 Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
Dec 18th	7pm	Holiday Party		
Jan 15th 2026	7pm	Rick Rich		Turmkreisel & Spinning Top
Jan 17th 2026	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*
Feb 19th 2026	7pm	Doug Reynolds		Doug Reynolds version of John Beaver style Weave-bowl
Feb 21st 2026	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*

* 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445

Follow-up on Mike's wonderful Sharpening demonstration.

Many of our members were interested in the Tormek items that are needed to go with the Oneway Wolverine Grinding Jig to establish a Tormek style sharpening system without a Tormek grinder.

1. Oneway Wolverine Grinding Jig is the starting baseline element.



Oneway Wolverine Grinding Jig

Quick look
On-line pricing range \$92 to \$103



1. Four Tormek items:
 - b. OWC-1- Bench Grinder Adapter (on-line pricing \$27...)



Adapter mounted

- c. BGM-100 Bench Grinder Mounting Set (commonly \$117)
- d. TTS-100 Turning Tool Setter (commonly \$43)
- e. SVD-186R Gouge Jig (commonly \$147)



BGM-100 Mounting Set



TTS-100 Turning Tool Setter



SVD-186R Gouge Jig

- 3) Also mentioned Tormek item: Straight or Curved End Sharpener Tormek SVS-50 (commonly \$99)



Straight or Curved End Sharpener
SVS-50

Turning Better Every Day,

Ed White

Your SPSW Program Director



Miguel Fuentes
Mimosa / Walnut

Beech

Steve Swanlund
Maple

Joe Kubistek

Cherry

Birch

Don Norton

Cedar / Redwood / Olive

Pat McCart
Doug Fir &
Redwood

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.

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.



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

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



Expert Industrial Sharpening
Solutions for Every Blade



5% Discount for
SPSW cardholders



A Family Owned
Business Since 1996



10% Discount for SPSW cardholders

Meeting Location and Time:**

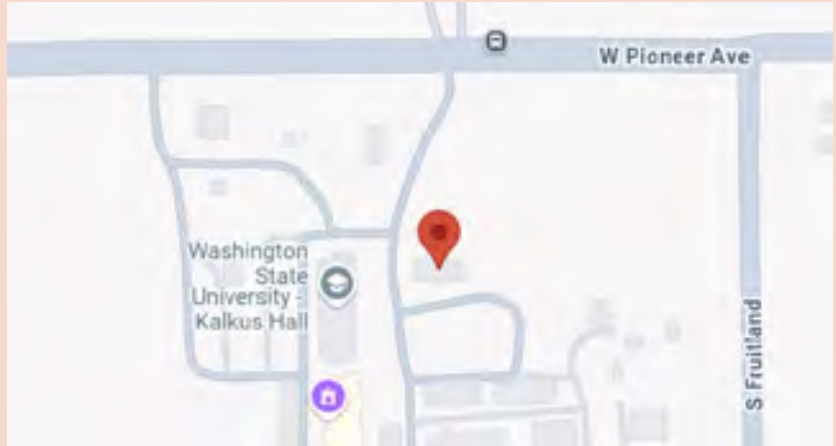
WSU Extension in the D.F. Allmendinger Center
2607 W Pioneer Ave, Puyallup WA 98371

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.



If you are traveling from the north and don't want to wait out in the bumper to bumper of Hwy 167, you can travel down I-5 and take the S 72nd St Exit and head east. S 72nd turns into Pioneer and passes right in front of WSU. You might have a few stop lights along the way, but you will be turning right into WSU at Fruitland Ave, well before downtown Puyallup avoiding the atrocious fairground and bottlenecked traffic. Give it a try and let Kathy know how it worked out.

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.

Chuck Burke, Ethan Green & Ed White

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



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.

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2026 Membership Renewals



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

The dues for 2026 are only \$55 for the entire year and that is for your whole family.

Terry Broberg, our Director of Membership, is taking dues for the 2026 year. I hope each of you will join us again for another event-filled year. I would like to encourage everyone to get your 2026 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](#).

We are now collecting dues for 2026. Dues for individuals or for the whole family are \$55/year. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card.

This is still one of the best deals around. For just \$55 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 at that time.

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.

SPSW Membership Application

Membership Year 2026

☐ New Membership
☐ Renewal

Name (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How long have you been turning? _____ AAW Member?: Yes / No

Areas of Interest: ☐ Spindle Turning ☐ Bowls ☐ Vases ☐ Segmented turning ☐ Tool making
☐ Tool Sharpening ☐ Pen Making ☐ Other

Membership Dues \$55

☐ **\$55 Family Membership** includes: Chapter & Zoom monthly meetings, Sawdust & Mentoring sessions, free focused clinics, members only website access, annual picnic & auction, holiday dinner & prizes.

☐ **\$55 Gift of a Family Membership**

Office Use
Only:

Payment Type:

Check
Cash
Credit

If Paying by mail, make checks payable to South Puget Sound Woodturners or SPSW and mail this form to:

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