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South Puget Sound Woodturners

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April President's Letter By Kathy Garlick

Hello and Happy April!

April brings us Elizabeth Weber: Turning & Embellishing Boxes. Zoom will be available for those of you who are unable to make it. Remember if you would like to help set up for the meeting, doors open at 5pm. Social hour starts at 5:30pm to 6:30pm and meeting starts at 6:30. Bring your Show & Tell, remember that we may only have time to show one item per person, so make sure you let us know which one you would like to talk about (all pieces will be pictured in the newsletter), and your President's Challenge entry.

We WILL have a President's Challenge in April, subject is "The Top". As simple as it sounds, I would like to see your top TOP! I will be looking for quality in design, function, size & proportion and 'the spin'. I will have a gift for those of you who enter. I hope to see your top on the table this month. If you would like to work on your technique, please attend one of our mentoring sessions: Mentoring Mondays @ Michael Poirier's (1-4pm each Monday) in Covington, Tuesdays with Brian & Friends in White Center or on the 1st Saturday of the month @ Chuck Stop in Ollala. Please reach out for contact info.


Another Mini-Symposium is in the books! What a wonderful meeting. Thank you to all who stepped up to demonstrate (Jim Robson, Pat McCart, Brian Finch, Jeff Marshall and Dennis Craughan), sat at sales tables (John Howard, Doug Reynolds & Devin Garlick), helped our members with website assistance (Tim Spaulding), membership enrollment (Brandi Lowrance and Hailey Liston) and of course those who participated in our Member Engagement (Ed White, Ethan Green and Travis Miller) and signed up for a focus clinic. And a big SHOUT OUT to all of those in attendance. We appreciate you and your feedback. I certainly enjoyed seeing all of your wonderful faces.

Membership Renewal: Please see Brandi at the membership table and she can help you become up to date.

Wood Rats Membership: \$10 year cash or check only.
I look forward to seeing you all at our April meeting! Be safe out there and in your shop!

Happy Turning,
Kathy



	<p>AAW 40th Annual Woodturning Symposium June 4-7, 2026</p>																			
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‘...Helping Other Discover New Ideas’

With the joy of Spring upon us, we're excited to once again host Elizabeth Weber as our April 16, 2026 demonstrator for her rendition of **Turning and Embellishing Boxes**. Returning on the 17th of April she will be teaching **Exploring Colors and Textures** for nine SPSW members who have signed up for an all-day workshop. Elizabeth first demonstrated for our club in April of 2024. She also visited us in January to catch Rick Rich's demonstration of a Turmkreisel (aka - Tower Spinner). Her over-the-top, artsy version is shown here. Unable to hook up by phone, I sent Elizabeth my interview questions. Her delightful replies follow.



Brief Bio: Born and raised in Tennessee, Elizabeth first specialized in engineering, earning an M.S. in civil engineering from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. In 2015 she began woodworking with her first creations including several pieces of furniture in the Arts and Crafts style, but she eventually turned to smaller objects and now specializes in bowls, spoons, and boxes. Her skills range from natural finish and simple forms to highly carved and painted forms that emulate natural motifs. She was awarded the American Association of Woodturner's 2023 Professional Outreach Program's Artist Showcase and teaches woodturning and carving across the country.



Is there anything you would like me to share with our members?

Elizabeth, "I'm excited to be back with your club. Your members are so nice and welcoming, and I'm really looking forward to sharing what I know with everyone."

What's new with you and your woodturning endeavor?

Elizabeth: "I have quite a few symposiums coming up, one of which will take me to Ireland in October, and I'm really excited about it. Lately, I've been experimenting more with cutting up turned pieces and reassembling them, along with adding surface embellishments. I've also been traveling and teaching quite a bit, so my time for personal work has been a little limited. I just got home from teaching two weeks at John C Campbell Folk School in North Carolina, and I really value the time I get to spend connecting with others in the woodturning community. I do have several pieces in progress right now, including a croissant box (a box in the shape of a croissant - yum yum) that I'm having a lot of fun with."

How has teaching impacted your art?

Elizabeth: "Teaching has pushed me to articulate the methods I use in my work. It's also shown me that people learn in different ways, so finding multiple approaches to explain the same concept has deepened my own understanding of woodturning and carving. I'm continually inspired by my students' creativity, and I often say I learn just as much from them as they do from me. What I enjoy most are the "aha" moments, the instant when something clicks, or seeing the pure joy that comes from being fully immersed in the creative process. Growing up with parents who were history professors, I was surrounded by people who loved sharing knowledge and helping others discover new ideas. That influence shaped how I approach teaching, and I find real satisfaction in helping others experience those same moments of discovery in their own work. Because everyone comes from a different background, seeing how each person approaches problem-solving expands my understanding of creativity. It pushes me to experiment, adapt, and think in new ways."



What do you think of the health of woodturning as a craft and hobby in 2026?

Elizabeth, "I'm optimistic about the health of woodturning as we head into 2026. People are joining classes, eager to get their hands dirty, and we're seeing some fresh, young talent in the woodturning scene. These new faces are not only carrying on the craft's traditions but also pushing the boundaries of what we thought was possible. Its future will largely depend on teaching and community, as we pass down our knowledge to a more diverse but still growing next generation. So, it's crucial that we keep sharing our expertise with others."

What are you looking forward to in 2026 and 2027?

Elizabeth, "I'm really looking forward to continuing to grow alongside my students, refining how I teach while staying open to the ways they challenge and expand how I think. I'm excited about some of the ideas I have for my own work, and how new techniques and perspectives will keep pushing me to experiment and evolve. I'm also excited to keep deepening my role as both a maker and an educator, creating meaningful work and getting to witness those "aha" moments in the studio. More than anything, I hope to keep being part of a larger shift in craft, where woodturning continues to grow through community, creativity, and the sharing of knowledge."

Helping Members Turn Better Every Day,

Ed White

SPSW –VP & Program Director



April Store

The store sales table will be up and running again at this month's SPSW meeting.

We recently reordered and now have most grits of our Green Wave mylar-backed sanding discs available. We still have some sizes and grits on back order and those should be available soon.

We have also restocked more of the High-Build Friction Polish and Pens Plus finishes that people have requested. There have been recent requests to get more of the medium black and brown glues which many members rely on to fill small cracks and defects. These products can be used to quickly turn a small blemish into a feature accent. We now feature a full array of Starbond's superglue products.

Original Ultra-Thin Clear	\$10
Medium Viscosity Clear	\$10
Medium Viscosity Light Brown	\$16
Medium Viscosity Black	\$16
Thick Clear	\$10

Come by the table and check these superglues and finishes and stock up on what you need. Also feel free to stop by and let me know how you like the materials you have gotten from our club's store. We are always interested in both your feedback and suggestions for things we might want to add to our inventory in the future. Until then, stay sharp and keep those chips flying!

John Howard

[Store product list is on page 11](#)

A Word From Kent Horton AAW Liason

Hello again, this is Kent Horton, your SPSW/AAW liaison with another newsletter installment speaking to the advantages of becoming a member of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Yes, I know it can be expensive to be a member of both the SPSW and the AAW, however, I do feel it is a worthwhile expenditure considering what you get in return.

AAW Symposium

AAW's 40th International Symposium in Raleigh, North Carolina, is just around the corner on June 4-7, 2026. The lineup of presenters includes some truly outstanding woodturners from near and far – several of whom are from our neck of the woods here in Washington and Oregon. Not being able to attend in person, I have been anxiously awaiting news regarding who will be included in the virtual symposium whereby several of the presentations will be recorded and those who wish, can sign-up to watch these from home. I am hoping that in next month's newsletter I will be able to provide specific information regarding who these select presenters are and how you too can participate.

Demonstrator Training

I have recently been in conversation with Ed White regarding our club's need to develop a process to help teach needed presentation skills so that more club members are comfortable with standing up in front of a group of folks and demonstrating safe turning skills. In checking with the AAW and talking with other clubs, there is a wide range of approaches to providing this training – some more structured and some less so. Rick Rich mentioned that all persons who demonstrate at the Clark County Fair are required to go through a training program to ensure that all who demonstrate are competent and safe – this after a near tragic mishap at a public demonstration. The Seattle club has a similar program from what I understand, however, the policy tends to limit their number of volunteers – which puts added pressure on those who do volunteer. As a club, we have demonstrated at the Washington State Fair for many years. The question is – Do we need to institute a requirement that those who demonstrate go through a formalized training program – beyond a basic “How to turn a top.” One suggestion was to take 5-10 minutes at a membership meeting and go through a checklist of those necessary safety items that need to be included in any and all public demonstrations. *Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome – Let us know.*

Kent Horton,
 Director-at-Large
 AAW Liaison
 206.909.2701

Yours in turning,

aawdirector@spswoodturners.org

2026 Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Demonstrator(s)	IRD	Subject
Apr 16th	7pm	Elizabeth Weber		Turning and embellishing boxes
Apr 18th	00	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*
May 21st	7pm	Ethan Green		Multi-Axis Box
Msy 23rd	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*
June 18th	7pm	Tremblers (Trembleurs)		Kathleen Duncan
June 20th	9am	Sawdust Session		Wayne Wells' Shop*

* 12012 28th Ave E, Tacoma 98445

Hello and welcome to The Harvest

In March we had a quick cherry harvest at Doug's in Auburn, followed by an impromptu demonstration of a tree removal and wood harvest at Wayne Wells' during the sawdust session. Those who attended the sawdust session were able to receive a piece of history: a 120 year old King Apple tree. The remaining pieces will show up again at the July Picnic & Auction.

Wood sales at the Mini-Symposium had a lot to offer. We had a wide variety of wood for sale, including Pear, Wild Cherry, highly figured Lombardy Poplar (which is what Mike Mahoney started out turning), Mungo Pine, Ironwood, Mesquite, Ash and Elm to name a few. Thank you to all who stopped by the table and support the club with your wood purchase.

We have added three more members (WELCOME) to the Wood Rats and have more harvests coming up.

Head Rat,

Devin Garlick



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

Meeting Location and Time**:

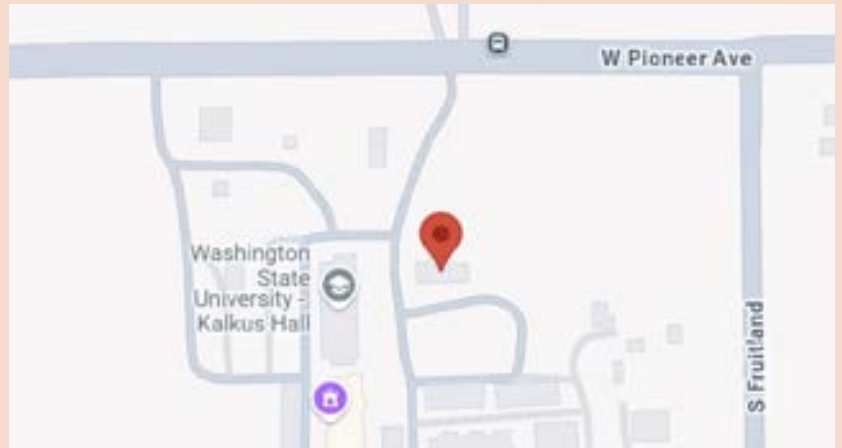
WSU Extension in the D.F.Allmendinger Center
2607 W Pioneer Ave, Puyallup WA 98371

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 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 Affiliate Membership (free 3-month trial membership.)** 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.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Show and Tell

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.

Store



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

AV Assistance

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.



Support the Businesses that Support SPSW

(Image is a link to the site)

**Selling Premium
Hardwood Lumber**



**10% Discount for SPSW
cardholders**



**A Family Owned
Business Since 1996**



Woodcraft of Seattle



10% Discount for SPSW cardholders

**Expert Industrial
Sharpening Solutions for
Every Blade**



**5% Discount for
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Looking for some inspiration?
Check out the
[SPSW YouTube Channel](#)

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.

Brandi Lowrance, 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. For new members, the dues are prorated from the month you join. 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**

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

South Puget Sound Woodturners
PO BOX 1792
Milton WA 98354

Office Use Only:

 Payment Type:

 Check
 Cash
 Credit

Store Product List

Brand	Description	Unit Size	Price
Sanding			
Woodturners Wonders	Tuffy 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(800-3000)	25 Discs	5
	Wonderweave 3X8" 60-600 Grit sheets Assortment	Pack	5
	1/3 Sheet Hook and loop Flexible Hand Sanding Pad	Ea	8
Uneeda 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 spray bottle	8 oz	13
	StarBond Thin, set	16 oz	35
	StarBond Medium	2 oz	10
	Starbond Medium Brown, kit	2 oz	16
	Starbond Medium Black, kit	2 oz	16
	Starbond Thick	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



1. **The Zoom meeting invitation is only sent to active members.** So, if you have not paid your dues since October 2025, you will need to go to the members tab on the [SPSW website](https://www.spsw.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.