

What's a woodturner?

A woodturner is someone who is skinny, fat, tall, short, old, young, male, female, from all walks of life and educational levels. They are anything but average. However, they all have one thing in common: they are entranced by transforming the natural wonder of wood into a work of art.

From novice to expert, this seems to be a unifying attraction. They are fascinated by the effect of creating an object of beauty and/or utility from such a simple material. Even though the final product may come in a myriad of forms, each piece spends some time spinning on a lathe to be formed.



So who is a woodturner? They are artists, craftspeople, designers, and fabricators. Most of all, though, they are common people with a passion to bring out the beauty in wood! Members of the SPSW are people that love to gather together to compare, share, learn about, and perhaps even teach woodturning.



Become a Member

Join online or complete a paper application at the membership desk at one of our monthly meetings.

Types of memberships:

Individual/Family - \$55.00 (subject to change)

Dues are paid for a calendar year.

Location and times of our monthly meeting

We meet at the

Washington State University
Research & Extension Center
2606 West Pioneer
Puyallup, Washington 98371
(a.k.a. Allmendinger Center)

Our membership meetings start at 7:00pm on the third Thursday of each month.
Social time starts at 5:30 PM.
Announcements and Show and Tell starts at 6:30

The meetings are also available on Zoom.



South Puget Sound Woodturners is one of the largest chapters in the American Association of Woodturners (AAW).

From beginners to internationally acclaimed professionals, **SPSW** covers the entire spectrum of woodturning.

Our monthly membership meetings have a varied program. Many months you will find a renowned expert in their field demonstrating material selection, tool usage, segmenting, wood coloring, ebonizing, and lots of turning techniques.

Two times a year we have a mini-symposium where members demonstrate everything you could imagine.

The many membership benefits and learning opportunities in the **South Puget Sound Woodturners** are listed inside.



SPSW MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

Monthly Meetings

Each month there is a regular meeting at which we have a presentation, a demonstration, or a Mini-symposium. There is also a 'Show and Tell' session and wood sales.

Store Sales

The club sells a variety of frequently used items such as sandpaper, finishes, wood sealer and more, which are discounted for members.



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Newsletter

A great way to keep abreast of the latest happenings within SPSW, AAW, and other clubs in the Pacific NW. Find out what occurred at the last meeting, view pictures of a number of pieces that were shown, and learn about the previous and next presenters.

Website

The place for everything about the club, its resources, events, calendar, and access to woodturning information.

Visit us at spswoodturners.org



Sawdust Sessions

These are monthly day long sessions with other members at the lathe. A great opportunity to learn the basics, acquire new techniques and ideas, and problem solve with other turners.

Mentors

As a member you may take advantage of the knowledge and experience of members who have volunteered to be a mentor, or you may choose to become a mentor to share your experience.

Monthly Demonstrations

We are able to draw world class demonstrators to our meetings. We have classes and we attend other clubs' events to expand your knowledge and experience as a turner.



American Association of Woodturners

Membership in AAW provides access to all of the AAW resources in addition to what membership in SPSW offers. AAW membership is in addition to and separate from the SPSW membership.



Wood Auction

We have a Wood Auction each summer during the annual summer club pot luck. This is a great opportunity to acquire special pieces of wood at a fantastic price.

Vendor Discounts

A number of our sponsors offer discounts to SPSW members when purchasing tools, wood, shop items, etc.

Show and Tell

At each meeting members have an opportunity to display and talk about pieces they have turned. Seeing and hearing about other members' work is a great way to get inspired, find ideas, learn about techniques, finishes, and problems they have solved.



Wood Rat

Our Wood Rat does a great job of locating and obtaining wood for the club's members. Aiding the Wood Rat in the acquisition of wood is a good way to ensure you have first 'cut' at the good pieces.

