



Fine Turnings

American Association of Woodturners Seattle Chapter, February, 2016



I want to thank everyone that came to the January club meeting and supporting the new president. I also want to thank Biz for the last 7 years she has taken care of the library! For medical reasons Jim Jaskovsky has stepped down from one of the Member at Large positions on the board and the board is seeking someone to fill that position. George Baskett has stepped up to take over the library and will be starting to do this job at the next club meeting.

Tom Johanson will be our demonstrator the club meeting this month showing us how he makes his magic wands that the kids really love.

There are many new changes coming in the club over the next few months. One of the first is we will have a cookie/ wood raffle break after all the announcements so people that bought raffle tickets can be closer to the table and give members that did not buy tickets more time to socialize, if they wish.

Jim Steck, Steve Gary and I went to the Northwest Wood Turners Alliance meeting on January 30th in Gig Harbor. Many other clubs had representatives there to talk about issues that their clubs are having and ways to resolve them.

For those of you that got wood for making tops at home please bring them in at the meeting so we make get a count. There will be more wood at the club meeting.

Lastly I want to remind everyone that the mentors and others are available to help people with any questions or turning challenges throughout the month, not just at the meetings or Saw Dust Sessions. I am more than happy to work with anyone anytime, just give me a

Seattle's AAW Web Site

www.seattlewoodturners.org

February is Magic

I found the bio information from Tom so interesting.

Describe the project and/or technique(s) you'll be demonstrating to Seattle Woodturners?

I'll be turning some magic - wands that is. I plan to demonstrate my process for turning 1-piece and 2-piece magic wands, with some tips on turning thin spindles and accurately joining spindles.

Can you name someone in Seattle Woodturners who you would describe as a mentor? Why?

Probably first got "the bug" after watching Bonnie Klein turn tops at a woodworking show in the late 1980s. Everyone who's ever demo'd at the club has taught me something.

2015 CALENDAR SEATTLE AAW

January

Jan 5 bd mtg
Jan 14 Club mtg.-AJ
Mearns on Coring techniques

February

Feb 2 bd mtg
Feb 11 Club mtg.-Tom
Johanson-"Turning Magic"

March

Mar.1 bd. mtg.
Mar 10 Club mtg. Stephen
Hatcher
Mar. 12 Stephen Hatcher
all day hands on workshop
@ AJ's shop 8 turners limit

April

April 4 bd. mtg.
April 14 Tool Swap and Expert
Panel Discussion

May

May 3 bd mtg
***NOTE DAY CHANGE FOR
MEETING AND DEMO***
May 5 Club mtg. Liam
O'Niell
May 7 All Day Demonstration
with Liam O'Neill

June

May 31 mtg
June 9 TBD

July

July 5 bd mtg.
July 14 mini demonstrations
by members

August

Aug 2 bd. mtg.
Aug 11 TBD

September

Aug. 30 bd. mtg.
Sept. 8 TBD

BEGIN THINKING HOW YOU
CAN HELP YOUR CLUB
BOTH ELECTED AND VOL-
UNTEER JOBS

October

Oct. 4 bd. mtg.
Oct. 12 TBD

SIGN UP TO HELP OUT
THE CLUB

November

Nov 1 bd. mtg.
Nov. 10 TBD

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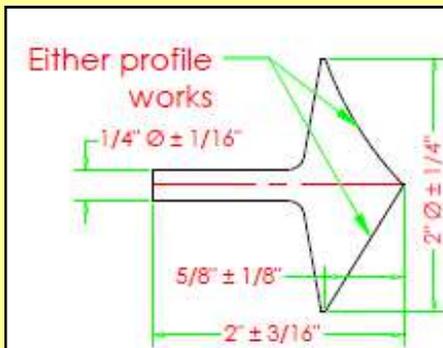
December

Nov. 29 bd. mtg.
Dec. 8 Christmas Party

Seattle Outreach to Bellevue Art Museum

Once again we are going to support the Bellevue Art Museum KIDSFair, which runs at the same time as the BAM Arts Fair: July 29, 30, 31, 2016. KIDSFair is an opportunity for the club to interact with kids who visit the Museum during the fair and learn a little about woodturning. To support the demonstrations, the club supplies over 600 tops for kids to decorate.

We have given out a lot of donated wood to members who are going to turn tops, but so far we have collected only 125 tops. So let's get turning!!



Top Drawing

This drawing is a guide to basic dimensions and not meant to limit your creativity. It is important that the shaft not be tapered or too large to fit in the chucks for coloring. Also you do not want too much weight in the shaft making it spin poorly.

TOPS TOPS TOPS TOPS TOPS

Don't forget we are always encouraging folks to make a few tops in preparation for our work with Bellevue Arts and their kids program. This also gives folks a good introduction to turning. In general, tops should be around 3 inches tall with the stem being the longest part. The bottom should be

about one third the total length. Usually the more weight on the bottom the longer the top will spin. This may be something of a guide in turning yours. **One thing, though, make your handle straight so it will fit in our color wheel the kids use.** Of course use your own design. The Outreach Committee will have a container available at each meeting for you to drop your tops off.

Seattle Mentors

Below are listed the current mentors for Seattle Woodturners. They want to help! They are excellent sources. Should they not know an answer, they will know how to find an answer.

Bob Sievers (off-center work)	<i>woodchipper1@comcast.net</i>	(360) 897-8427
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AJ Mearns	<i>aj-17@juno.com</i>	(425)-501-0020

When and why did you join Seattle Woodturners? How long have you been turning?

Not exactly sure when I joined - over 10 years ago (Molly Winton as president). Got a lathe over 25 years ago and started slowly.

What is your favorite tool and/or wood and why?

Go-to tool is probably the $\frac{3}{8}$ " spindle gouge.

Every wood has its good qualities. I like even-grained, dense hardwoods for most small objects, but will try just about anything.

What do you see as the biggest change in the field? How about changes in the Seattle Woodturners Club?

Round and brown and thin was all the rage when I started. Bonnie Klein was chatter texturing and coloring, but the wood was still there. I've seen much more postturning manipulation - burning, coloring, piercing, etc, - and I've become immersed in Ornamental Turning. The Seattle Chapter "old guys" have gotten older but there are many "younger" members now too (or is it just that I'm getting older?).

What's your favorite project/piece?

That's like asking which is my favorite child. I like a balance between the instant gratification of quick projects and the planned "challenge" pieces. I like boxes as a compact, complex and quasi utilitarian project, but like turning simple spindles too.

If you could give new/newer Woodturners advice what would you say?

Try to test drive tools, accessories, and lathes before you buy. Buy good tools individually as you need them instead of a "set". Get some personal instruction somehow - it'll catapult you more quickly up to the "having fun" level, which is what this is all about. Ask for some honest critique of your work from someone whose work you admire and you'll learn faster.

call to set up a time. The mentors also feel the same way, so you should not feel like you are putting anyone out. ***That is why we are here!***

BE SAFE OUT THERE!

Thirty Years-WOW!

In 1986 a bunch of dusty folks got together at Denver Ullery's shop at Overlake School to talk woodturning. Out of those discussions came the vaunted Seattle Chapter, American Association of Woodturners which was one of the first 5 chapters of the American Association of Woodturners. Peter Palmer has been researching our history. If you have pictures, any "STUFF" from those early times let Peter know. His history of the club will be posted on the website.

February 2016 Sawdust Session Is on the 13th!!!!

This month we will be doing two items:

Bowls - We need to get those empty bowls done for the March meeting.

Platters - We will have a demonstration on turning small platters for the all day workshop with Hatcher on March 12th.

Mentors will be there to assist new members with basic turning and sharpening.

We will have a donation jar out and money will go to the club to help defray costs.

When: Saturday ***February 13th***

Where: AJ's Big Yellow Shop in back (19304 Filbert Road, Bothell)

Time: 9:00AM- 5:00PM (or whenever)

Why: Help turners with techniques, sharpening or whatever you like.

What to Bring: Your turning tools, a special piece of wood you have been wanting to turn. I will have wood available.

Parking: *Please park along the sides of MY driveway or in front on the street. Please stay off the grass.*

Extra Info: I will be more than happy to band saw any wood for those that may not have the equipment.

Lunch is not provided.

Bathroom services will be available in my house. Be very careful of the locals and do not let them out (My Cats).

There will be many lathes available to turn on. Don't be shy!! (We have room for more than 10 lathes)

I live 2 miles east of Lynnwood; 19304 Filbert Road, Bothell, WA 98012

Google it, very easy to find. Hope to see you there.

Thanks everyone,

AJ Mearns

President Seattle Wood Turners AAW



Hands-On Workshop: Stephen Hatcher

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2016 **Time:** 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Cost: \$120* (8 students)

Location: AJ's Shop, Bothell

This workshop will introduce several new techniques for creating attractive accent rims to platters, bowls, and vases. Metals, minerals, micas, shell, and guitar inlay materials will be explained and demonstrated in detail. We will make two projects: one using CA glue as a binder to allow quick work, followed by a more complicated design that will use clear epoxy. The latter project will have to cure at the student's home but I will bring pre-cured examples to show the finishing processes.

Students will need to bring two small platters, about 6" in diameter, with a 2" tenon turned for chucking. Do not turn the face before the class. Bring a basic gouge and parting tool, power sanding tools, plus safety equipment for eyes and breathing. You will work in teams of two on the lathe but make individual projects.

About Stephen Hatcher: has taught at six woodworking/art schools, most several times. His artwork is in numerous collections including two national parks and two museums, while being featured in seven books, numerous magazines, and exhibits internationally. More information about his work can be found at www.stephenhatcher.com and <http://collectorsofwoodart.org/>.

Attendance is limited to 8 students. Support Seattle Woodturners and see Jim Steck or email james_steck@comcast.net to reserve your spot. *Class fee includes \$25 in materials, including inlays and adhesives.





Bob Sievers



Jose Pantoja



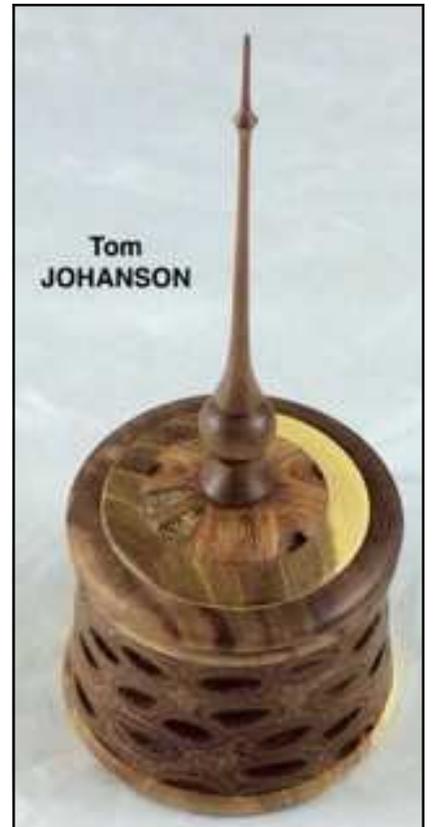
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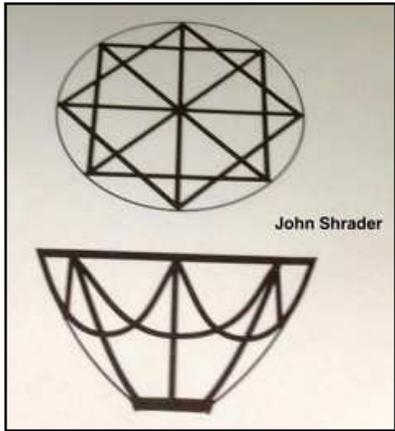
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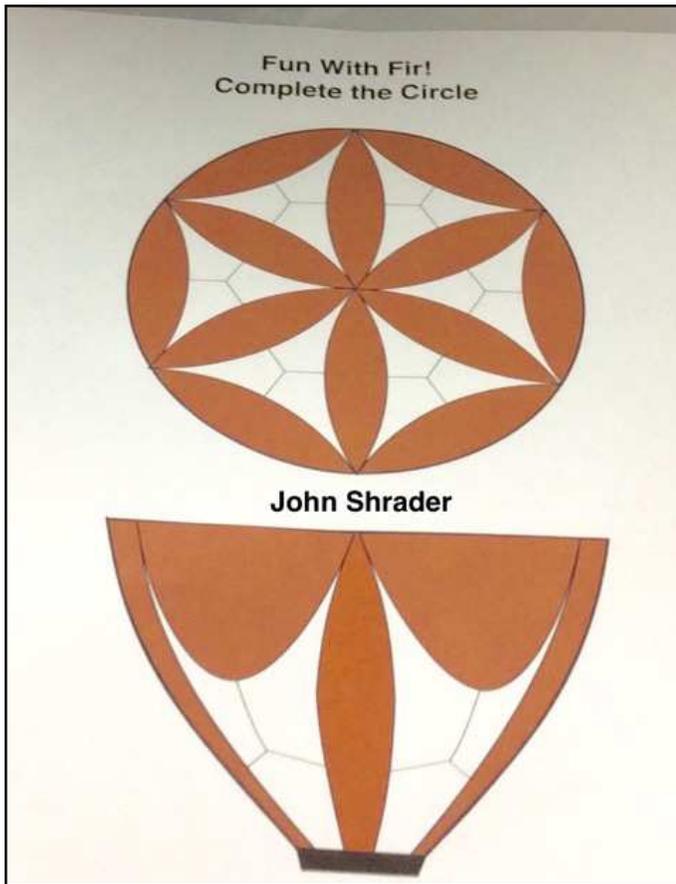
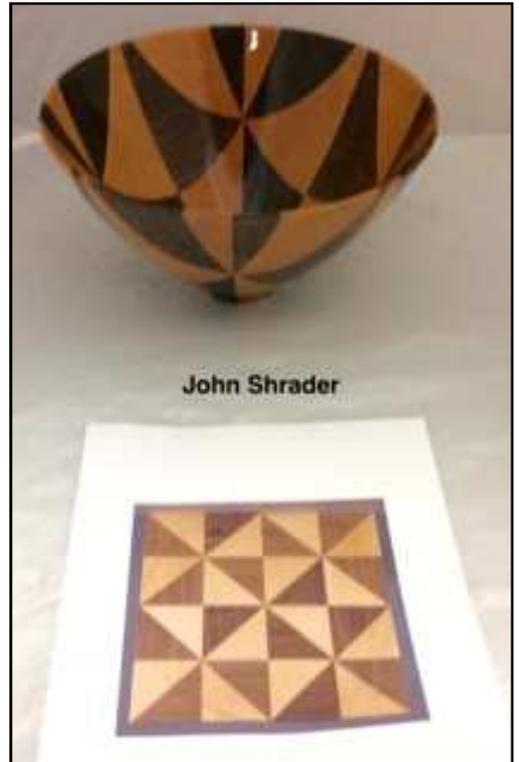


Tom JOHANSON



Thanks again to George McNeil for doing his usual great job on pictures!





Important Membership Information

Hi Folks,

Membership cards are available for pick up at the monthly chapter meetings for those who have paid their dues. If you would like your card mailed, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address below.

Membership renewals went well through December. We currently have a couple dozen members who have not renewed. Please remember that to take advantage of the newsletter, library, mentors, sawdust sessions, and wood rats your membership needs to be current.

To renew using PayPal go to our website and on the right hand side of the home page under '**Pages**' you will find and click on '**Pay Membership Dues**', This will take you to the website page where you can select to renew membership or new membership. Click the '**BUY NOW**' button in (A) RENEW MEMBERSHIP and this will take you to PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to pay through PayPal. You can pay with your credit card, debit card, or use a PayPal account.

For members that prefer not to use PayPal mail a check made out to, Seattle Chapter AAW

Mailing address: Steve Gary, 17701 108th Ave SE, Unit 345, Renton, WA 98055.

I encourage those members, who are financially able, to make **voluntary** donations to the **Refreshment Jar** and the **Sawdust Session Jar**. These donations help us to pay the costs incurred in these activities and leave more of our money to pay demonstrators and maintain or update our equipment.

The **Wood Raffle** is an excellent way to make a small donation to the Chapter. Some members don't buy tickets having little room for more wood. **Taking the wood is optional**. If you wish, you may give the wood you won to someone else. Please do not leave it as if left someone else will have to take it out-some times this can be a chore.

The money generated from the Wood Raffle is an important source of funding for the Chapter, last year generating about 6% of our income.

Thank you for supporting and being involved in our Chapter.

Keep Turning,
Steve Gary, Treasurer
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Beads of Courage Boxes Still Needed

So far we have about 10 Beads of Courage boxes turned in to Children's Hospital. They say they can use up to 30 a year, so your work is still needed!

These kids go through some painful tests and procedures. As they reach milestones they are given beads to recognize their progress that are placed in these boxes.

Boxes need to meet minimum size requirements:
6" diameter and 5" height



Another Take on a Bead Box

At this month's Board Meeting George McNeil talked about his son's club in Illinois and their take on the Bead Box.

They use a 6" plastic tube, make a top and bottom and then paint the plastic with a compatible paint.

The child can then decorate the box as he/she wishes.

Want Ads

For members to sell or purchase tools, wood, etc.

Get ads to Les Dawson by the 3rd Thursday of the month for the next newsletter.

For Sale: Very gently used, just collecting dust, prices firm: Jet benchtop Table saw JBTS-10LS-2 , Fixed Stand/Storage Shelf \$225.00 Jet 6" Open stand jointer (JJ-60S) Two Way Tilting Fence \$250.00 DEWALT DW788 20-Inch Variable-Speed Scroll Saw w/stand & light, blades included \$400.00 *Contact Corey Markus (425) 432-5435 2pm & 7pm (night worker) or tahomabox@aol.com*

For Sale: Oneway 1640 Purchased 2007 from Craft Supplies. In excellent condition. Used by one person, Arnold Bowman. Also have woodturning tools compatible with this lathe. Also has a dust control attached which works well. *Contact Stacy Bowman (253) 589-1783*

For Sale: circa 1992 Powermatic table saw, long table on wheels, approx. 12-15 total hours, \$400 (obo). *Contact Dave (206) 290-3276*

For Sale: JET JWBS-14CS Bandsaw with Riser and Jet re-saw fence. \$500. Includes 14 misc. blades. *Contact Ross Nooney (206) 510-2730 or ross@nooney.net*

Wanted: Tools for my Woodturning workshop. 14" Bandsaw; 1 HP or larger (110V/220V) similar to a Grizzly G0550. Wood Lathe: 2 HP or larger, similar to a Powermatic 3520 or a Jet 1642. Blades, chucks, etc. for the above. *Contact Jim Kief (425)885-4471 or chabotkief@comcast.net*

"Empty Bowls" Is on the Horizon

Empty Bowls is one way our group pays back the community for its support. An Empty Bowls event sells bowls made from ceramics, wood, glass, or just about anything, as a symbol of all of those who do not have enough to eat. The tickets are typically \$20-\$25 and all, 100% of the proceeds, go to supplying food for food banks. The food bank we participate with is the Ballard food bank and we have been supplying them bowls for the past 6 years.

If every member of our club were to bring one bowl, we would be doing them a great service. The bowls do not need to be good, you don't even have to like them to donate them. Size does not matter, big or small, suit yourself. I have seen bowls that I thought were dog dishes become favored family treasures and bowls I thought were beautiful bowls become dog dishes.

Anyone who can turn a bowl can participate. Please bring them to the meetings in February and March.

Sponsors

We encourage members to shop at club sponsors. Sponsors give a discount when showing your membership card and/or provide the gift certificates/equipment to the club.

AJ's Custom Portable Saw Milling

AJ Mearns 425-501-0020

Custom milling of your logs onsite or at my facility. Limited hauling of logs available. Special pricing for club members.

19304 Filbert Road, Bothell, WA 98012



Woodcraft Seattle features one of the largest inventories of turning tools & supplies in the NW. Club members get a 10% discount. Easy off and on I-5 at Exit 162 ("Corson/Michigan").

5963 Corson Ave S, Seattle 98108



Rockler has two location in the Seattle area. Club members get a 10% discount.

South Seattle - 345 Tukwila Parkway, Tukwila, WA 98188

North Seattle - 832 NE Northgate Way, Seattle WA 98125



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The club is always looking for volunteers. It is an excellent way to make the club stronger. We are currently seeking a person with knowledge creating custom Facebook pages and an assistant Webmaster.

***Next Club Meeting: February 11, 2016
6:00 PM (social time) 6:45 (meeting time)***