

# Northwest Woodturners



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Northwest Woodturners,

Welcome to 2018. This should be a year full of learning opportunities given the AAW Symposium in Portland this June. Plan to attend. Even though admission isn't inexpensive, the AAW makes every effort to be inclusive by changing the venue to various regions of the country from year to year. This year you can attend without paying travel and lodging expenses, and should you volunteer as a videographer or a demonstration assistant, you'll have the best view in the house. You'll also get to meet famous Woodturners, as well as new, lesser known talent. Preparations will ramp up in the next several months so be prepared to step up.

Woodturning seems to have dominated my Christmas list so I'm eagerly awaiting the day. Everything from carbide tips so I can manufacture my own hollowing tools, wedges to prevent chainsaw bar binding while cutting logs, and one of those new, super quiet air compressors so that when it kicks on while I blow shavings out of hollow forms it doesn't startle me.

I fell victim to the Craft Supplies Christmas ad and bought gear to turn wooden rings. Wouldn't you know, it's a little more difficult to size the opening for the ring insert than it looks on YouTube videos. I guess I'll need more practice as repetition seems to be key in becoming skilled at any given task when turning.

My family insisted I see an audiologist, assuming that my equipment and my prior tendency to turn late into Sunday night while listening to the Sunday Night Blues show on the radio had impaired my ability to communicate. My audiologist assured me that I "can hear like a school child". My hearing protection is working, but now my family realizes that sometimes, I just don't listen. Next thing they'll tell me is that any shortness of breath is from insufficient exercise, and not inadequate dust protection.

Happy Holidays. Protect your ears, lungs, face and fingers, and I'll see you for a good year in 2018.

— Steve

## CLUB INFO

**Northwest Woodturners**

[www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://www.northwestwoodturners.com)

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**VP's CORNER**

I hope you all had a enjoyable holiday season however you celebrate it. After family visited and we did the gift exchange with our 3 families, they left for home and I was given 5 orders for pepper and salt mills! I took the approach of showing them what I'd made and let my two sons and daughter with their spouses decide what they wanted. This approach worked well as they chose what they will use rather than me "forcing the choice" onto them with my shop made gifts.

On January 4<sup>th</sup> we have our annual member tool sale and swap meet. Sales will start promptly at 7pm with the ringing of the opening bell, so come a few minutes early to set up your table with priced items and eye your possible purchases from others. We will also remind you to bring something to donate to the Club raffle table. I have in mind a few tool upgrades to buy, so am looking over my tool bench to see what I can donate or sell. Of course, really good wood is always welcome at our raffle table.

Signups for the Ashley Harwood all-day hands-on class are going well. As of this writing we have only 2 spots left! There is plenty of room in the all-day demo. I expect to fill both as registration now is open to all wood turners and I've asked all local clubs to help advertise these events. If you can't make the all-day class, I encourage you to attend the all-day demo. You'll be able to see a variety of skills demonstrated, and there will be a lot of back and forth interaction with Ashley to make the day part of your learning experience.

One new item...a request: I am looking to recruit two members to join me as part of an "Education Committee". The most enjoyable part of the VP job is to bring learning experiences to our membership. That is, simply put, our "raison d'être" as the French would say...our reason for being...our purpose as a Club. It would be helpful to me to have an Education Committee to work with. We will plan out the Club meeting night demos, decide on which classes to set up, pulse our membership for what you all want to see, then make it happen. Not hard but fun stuff like that. Would any of you like to join me and be on this committee? Shoot me an email ([tmikeporter@gmail.com](mailto:tmikeporter@gmail.com)) or call me (503-803-7231).

— Mike Porter

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

I have enjoyed being editor of our newsletter for the past four years, but my involvement in the Trail's End Art Association ([www.trailsendart.org](http://www.trailsendart.org)) in Gearhart has continued to increase over the past two years and I will be even more involved in 2018 as I have been elected President. Consequently, as announced at the November meeting I have decided I must retire as editor. Fortunately for all of us, Barb Hall, who did a fantastic job as editor for the four years prior to me, has agreed to accept the job once again. I will assist Barb as photographer for the Challenge and Show-n-Tell events and other events as necessary. Thanks to all who helped make my job easier and who I know will do the same for Barb.

— Jim Schoeffel

**Happy New Year!**  
**Best Wishes for a**  
**Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous 2018!**

**PORTLAND AAW SYMPOSIUM UPDATE**

The Portland symposium will be June 14-17, 2018 at the convention center. Sometime in January the AAW office will post a link to sign-up to volunteer for the symposium. Volunteering is a great chance to jump in and help out. The side benefit is meeting a lot of new friends. We are still looking for someone to lead the Youth Turning Room assistants. This person will organize helpers in the Youth Room. If it sounds like something you would like to help with, contact Dale Larson. The AAW Board will be here in January to do the early planning. The local committee leads will meet with the Board and regional chapter leaders at that time. AAW has announced a discount program for chapters that have more than 10 members attending, which will be all the local chapters I am sure. It is a chance to save a little money on attending.

Lets help AAW have a great symposium here in 2018.

— Dale Larson

**AAW SYMPOSIUM VIDEOGRAPHER OPPORTUNITIES**

We still need more local videographers for the AAW Symposium this summer. AAW registration for volunteer videographers is now open – register at <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2018PortVolunteer> and please let me know if you register. **Registration for volunteers ends January 15.** Registration will include an interview by the AAW committee on your qualifications. I had a three-hour training session at Dale Larson's shop for five people in November and it went very well. If we have more volunteers, I'm happy to do this again. Remember, videographers who volunteer for a minimum of six shifts will **receive a free symposium pass which is a \$325 value.**

— Roger Crooks

**TURNIN' N LEARNIN' — CHAPTER 21 by Mike Porter**

Hi, once again, fellow turners. I experienced another "learning" this past month in lathe safety. A close call.

Did you know that if you are turning a piece and use only the speed dial to turn it down to zero rotation... meaning you don't also push the red Stop button, you just turn the speed dial to zero...and if you accidentally bump the speed dial, the chuck will start spinning? Did you know that? It's a fact!

So visualize this...I'm working with a spindle piece, in this case it was pepper mill body. I had to reverse the piece and remount it onto a jam chuck mounted in my Nova G3. I was using the long nose 75mm jaws with a piece of Doug Fir as the jam chuck, but that is incidental. I was loosening, retightening, fiddling around with the piece to minimize the wobble. The chuck key was inserted into the Nova G3. While adjusting the piece in the jaws, my left elbow touched the speed dial and turned it off the zero setting. Odd, isn't it, how electro mechanical devices do just what they are designed to do?

Machines do not do our thinking for us but will certainly tell us when we're not thinking. When the speed dial was bumped by my elbow off the "zero" position, the chuck key became a participant in a perfect demonstration of the laws of physics. I proved that the conversion of angular acceleration and motion can be instantly transformed into linear velocity and will launch a chuck key airborne out of the chuck and across my shop. Take my word for it.

Stop your lathe with the red Stop button, and then turn your speed dial to zero...every time. Oh, and that "don't stand there zone" in front of your lathe where a spectator might stand to get a good view? That place that is in line with the spinning work? Don't let people stand there. Keep turning and be safe.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Library news: I think every club member needs to say a BIG Thank You to Jim Schoeffel for doing such a fine job on the newsletter. Thank You Jim!

Ok you members that have checked out DVDs or Books and have not been able to bring them back to the NWWT library, now is your chance. **January 4<sup>th</sup>** will be **National Return Your Library Check outs**, and that corresponds with our meeting date, so bring our stuff home so that someone else can look at it and learn.

— Lynne Hemmert.

## MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Many of you have received your membership renewal messages. If you pay before the January meeting, I will have your card at the meeting. If you plan to pay at the meeting, bring your check (made out to NWWT), or cash, and I will laminate your card there. As always, paying on-line is the easiest but we appreciate your money anyway you want to pay. Just a reminder, last year we moved our membership plan from an annual plan (Jan-Dec) to an anniversary plan (12 months from when you join). You get a renewal message a month before your membership expires. Also don't forget to renew your AAW membership.

— Roger Crooks

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**JANUARY PROGRAM — Member Tool Sale & Swap**

Sales will start promptly at 7pm with the ringing of the opening bell, so come a few minutes early to set up your table with priced items. Also, if you can, bring something to donate to sell on the Club table and for the raffle table.

**FEBRUARY PROGRAM — Ashley Harwood**

NWWT is very fortunate to host Ashley Harwood from Charleston, SC in February. Ashley is recognized as a premier turner and teacher.

Ashley currently lives in Charleston, SC, where she creates her work and teaches at her personal studio. She has demonstrated in a number of professional venues throughout the US and abroad – as far away as Australia. Her teaching focuses on fine spindle turning and the “push cut” method of bowl turning along with the 40/40 grind on a bowl gouge. She received a BFA from Carnegie Mellon with a focus in sculpture and installation; and her design aesthetic is heavily influenced by her background in glassblowing. Ashley focuses on works that are completed entirely on the lathe, without carving, texturing, or burning. She uses simple, classic forms along with distinctive design elements that result in an approachable body of work with a high level of craftsmanship. Primarily, she makes utilitarian bowls, ornaments, and jewelry. Her teaching has a strong focus on tool control and sharpening.

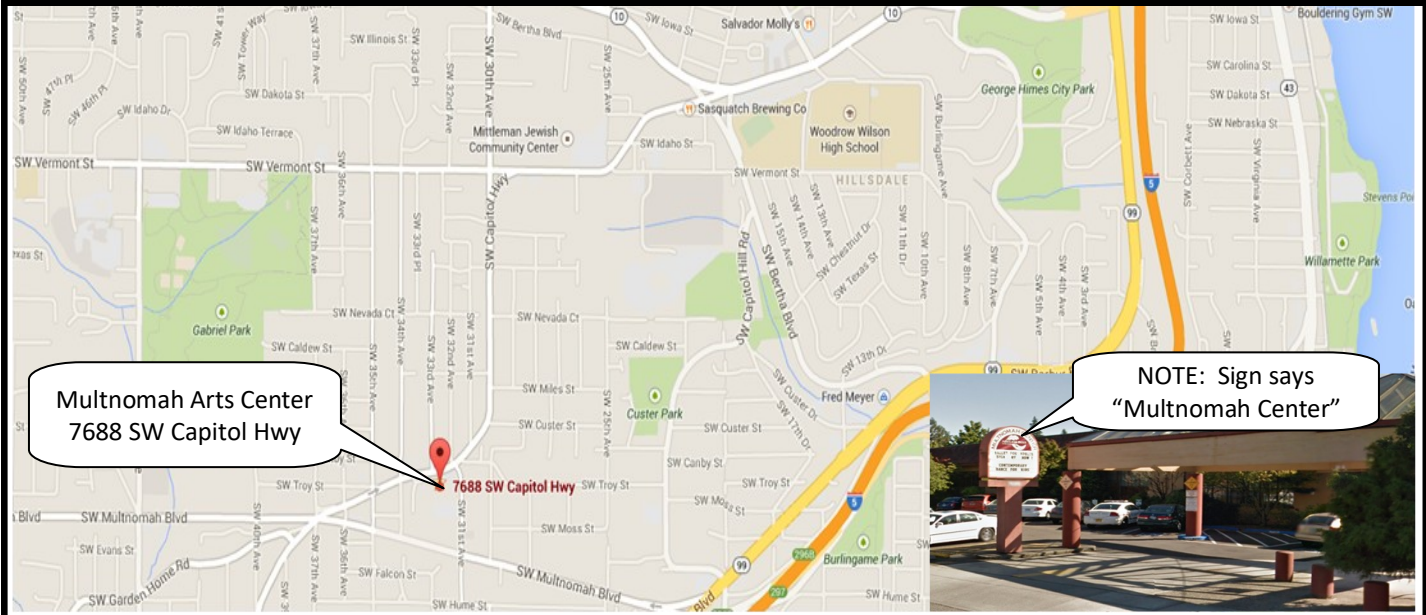
Ashley has studied with Stuart Batty and our own local premier bowl turner, Dale Larson. Here is what Dale has to say about Ashley:

*“I have one of Ashley's bowls in my collection. It is beautiful. I think it is important to be exposed to different ways of turning. I learned a little from Richard Raffan, Ray Keys, John Jordan, Mike Mahoney and many others. Then I developed my own style and ways that work for me. Ashley offers an approach to woodturning that is unique. She understands wood grain and how to use the tools. She uses tools and tool grinds that work for her. She is a good teacher. You will be able to pick up some pointers and methods that will make your life easier in the shop.”*

Ashley will present a custom program for us at the Club meeting on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, and then will teach an all-day hands-on class Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and an all-day demo on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This order is the reverse of what we usually do but was dictated by the availability of the Cottage 5 wood shop at the MAC. More information about the all-day class and all-day demo can be found on the Events page of our web site (<https://northwestwoodturners.com/events>).





**MAP TO THE MULTNOMAH ARTS CENTER****7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219****NORTHWEST WOODTURNERS MEETING SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMS****1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM****The Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219**

<b>2018</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Challenge</b>
Thursday, January 4	Annual Tool Swap Meet	Two-of- a-Kind/Matching Pieces
Thursday, February 1	Ashley Harwood (Bowl turning)	TBD
<b>Friday, February 2</b>	<b>Ashley Harwood: Hands-on Class – Bowl Turning Skills, at the MAC, Cottage 5</b>	N/A
<b>Saturday, February 3</b>	<b>Ashley Harwood: All-day Demo – Turning Skills and Design, at the MAC, Classroom 7</b>	N/A
Thursday, March 1	Mike Meredith (Pepper and Salt Mills)	TBD
Thursday, April 5	Multi-Station Technique Demos	Pepper and/or Salt Mills
Thursday, May 3	Demonstrator TBD (Turning a Sphere)	TBD
Thursday, June 7	TBD	Sphere(s)
Thursday, July 5	TBD	TBD
<b>Saturday, August 4</b>	Picnic and Wood Auction	none
Thursday, September 6	TBD	Winged Bowls
Thursday, October 4	TBD	Carved or Textured work
Thursday, November 1	<b>Elections</b>	Holiday Pieces
Thursday, December 6	<b>No Meeting</b>	<b>Happy Holidays!</b>

**OTHER WOODTURNER CLUBS 2018 MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS**

*Please visit the individual club websites to verify the information presented below.*

**Cascade Woodturners (Portland, OR) ([www.cwa49.wildapricot.org](http://www.cwa49.wildapricot.org))**

3rd Thursday, 6:45 PM at the Willamette Carpenters Training Center,  
4222 NE 158th Ave., Portland, OR 97230

January 18, 2018: Jim Piper

**Willamette Valley Woodturners (Salem, OR) ([www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com](http://www.willamettevalleywoodturners.com))**

2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM at the Salem Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd, NE Salem, OR 97303

January 11: Rick Rich (Cake Stand)

**Beaver State Woodturners (Eugene, OR) ([www.beaverstatewoodturners.com](http://www.beaverstatewoodturners.com))**

4th Thursday, 6:00 PM at the Woodcraft Store, 155 Q St., Springfield, OR 9747 7

January 25: TBA

**Southwest Washington Woodturners (Vancouver, WA) ([www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com](http://www.southwestwashingtonwoodturners.com))**

4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM at The Friends of the Carpenter's Center, 1600 West 20th St, Vancouver, WA

January 24: TBA

**Woodturners of Olympia (Olympia, WA) ([www.woodturnersofolympia.org](http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org))**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 PM at The First Baptist Church of Olympia, 904 Washington St. SE, Olympia, WA 98507

January 9: Setting Up Shop – the basics of what to get, what to avoid, ideas, and tips.

**2018 NATIONAL & REGIONAL SYMPOSIA****January 26-27, 2018****Tennessee Association of Woodturners 30th Annual Symposium  
Franklin, TN****January 27-28, 2018****Alaska Woodturners Association Annual Symposium  
Anchorage, AK****February 9, 2018****Florida Woodturning Symposium 2018  
Leesburg, FL****March 10-11, 2018****Honolulu Woodturners Symposium  
Honolulu, HI****June 14-17, 2018****AAW 32nd Annual International Symposium  
Portland, OR****August 3-5, 2018****Turn-On! Chicago 2018 Symposium  
Mundelein, IL****October 12-14, 2018****2018 Segmented Woodturners Symposium  
St. Louis, MO****November 3-4, 2018****2018 Virginia Woodturning Symposium  
Fishersville, VA****2019 & 2020 AAW NATIONAL SYMPOSIA****July 11-14, 2019****AAW 33rd International Woodturning Symposium  
Raleigh, NC****June 4-7, 2020****AAW 34th International Woodturning Symposium  
Louisville, KY**



## 2018 BASIC SPINDLE TURNING COURSE

The ***Southwest Washington Woodturner's Club*** is hosting a Basic Spindle Turning Course consisting of ten 4-hour class sessions over the year with 40 total training hours. Due to space and lathe restrictions, course participation is limited to four students with a minimum enrollment of three.

The course covers basic spindle turning principles completely. Making each of the exercise pieces provides knowledge, understanding and ability to correctly use the tools. Each exercise utilizes the skew chisel. This course is for the skew-phobic. It is a major player and by the end of the course, a beloved friend. There is no escaping the tool in this course, no matter what the plans of the pupil might be.

The arrangement and the exercises of the course are from a woodturning instruction manual for school shop teachers titled ***Elementary Turning***, written by Frank H. Selden and first published in 1907.

**WHEN:** Class 1: Saturday, **January 13** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.  
 Class 2: Saturday, **February (TBD\*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.  
 Class 3: Saturday, **March (TBD\*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.  
 Class 4: Saturday, **April (TBD\*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.  
 Class 5: Saturday, **May (TBD\*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

**No class in June – AAW Symposium** in Portland, OR.

Class 6: Saturday, **July (TBD\*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

**No class in August – summer vacation!**

Class 7: Saturday, **September (TBD\*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.  
 Class 8: Saturday, **October (TBD\*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.  
 Class 9: Saturday, **November (TBD\*)** from 8:00am to 12:00pm.  
 Class 10: Saturday, **December (TBD\*)** from 8:00 am to 12:00pm.

Completion: Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Friends of the Carpenter workshop. This is the **January 2019** SWWWT club meeting guest-hosted by graduates of the course demonstrating their finely honed spindle turning skills!

\*The dates after Class 1 are listed as TBD (To Be Determined). Because of the varying schedules of the participants, in January we will decide the February date and so on throughout the remainder of the year.

**WHERE:** Rick's shop in Yacolt, WA – directions provided to participants.

**TOOLS:** All Tools, lathes, supplies and blanks are provided. Four tools are provided for use during class: Spindle Roughing Gouge, Skew Chisel, Spindle Gouge and Parting Tool.

**COST:** The entire course is \$295.00, payable to the Southwest Washington Woodturners club. AAW and SWWWT Club members receive a tuition discount of \$45.

**REGISTRATION:** Contact SWWWT Treasurer Brian Harte at [blharte@gmail.com](mailto:blharte@gmail.com) or 360-225-8265 to enroll. Registration deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**LOCAL WOODWORKING STORE FREE DEMOS**

*Please visit the store websites to verify the information presented below.*

Date	Demo	Location	Time
01/06	TBA	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
01/06	Dovetail Jigs	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
01/06	TBA	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
01/13	TBA	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
01/13	Bandsaw Tune-up	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
01/13	TBA	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
01/20	TBA	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
01/20	Shop Safety	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
01/20	TBA	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
01/27	TBA	Rockler, Beaverton	11:00 AM
01/27	Carving	Woodcraft, Tigard	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
01/27	TBA	Woodcrafters, Portland	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Many other fine classes and demos are available from these local stores:

Rockler, Beaverton, 503-672-7266, <http://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/or/portland-store>

Woodcraft, Tigard, 503-684-1428, <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=312>

Woodcrafters, Portland, 503-231-0226, <http://www.woodcrafters.us/>

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**EDITOR'S NOTES**

All Newsletters can be accessed from the NWWT website [www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://www.northwestwoodturners.com). If you do not have internet access, provide me with your mailing address and newsletters will be sent via USPS.

If you do not receive a courtesy email from me by the beginning of the month indicating that a new newsletter is available on line, please send me your current email address.

**Submissions to the newsletter are due by the last Thursday of the month.** Articles, tips, web links, classified ads, or other woodturning-related items are welcome.

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