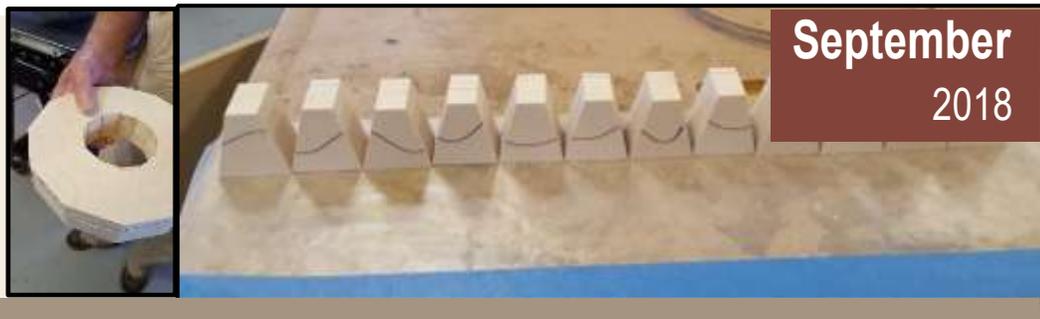


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September  
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# AWA News



## Website news >>>



Website "Announcements" – check them out frequently!

The Calendar on the website includes woodturning events at the club and others in the area. Please let us know if you know of a "woodturning" event going on!

The Members Only section is for paid AWA members. There is a link on the front right section of the website or clicking on the words "Members Only" link on the top navigation.

The "Members only" section will have the link to sign up for the three-day Kelly Dunn classes on November 18, 19, 20 starting September 1. The classes will open to the public on October 1<sup>st</sup> if they are not full.

Pat Jones  
Webmaster

## President's message... *Jim McCleary*

I would like to start off by thanking all of the members that demonstrated at our mini Symposium in August. We had seven different stations for people to choose from. I think everyone had a great time and learned something new, including myself, and I was one of the demonstrators. That is one of the great things about woodturners they are always willing to give you some good tips on how to do things easier and more efficient techniques.

We had a lot of cool items that came in for selling and trading. I know I did my share of buying and even sold a couple items.

With September here, we will be starting to get busy for the rest of the year. Pat will have a list of events for the rest of the year in this newsletter.

The presidential challenge for September will be a project turned using a mandrel, not limited to Pens. As long as a Mandrel was used to create the project, that will work. I use a mandrel to turn some Christmas decorations.

We are in the process of creating some committees within our Club. We will be having a board meeting after the September meeting to work on the creations of these committees.



Jim at Pinal County Fair

I personally like the direction that our club is headed. We have an awesome web master, who keeps all of the board members on our toes. We also have a great Board of Directors, that are continually working to enhance our club.

We encourage all members who have suggestions that would help our club improve, to please let us know.

Well, hopefully we will be starting to get some relief from the super-hot weather, so we can get out and do some more turning.

That's all for now, happy turning, and see you on September 15th.

*Jim*

## Welcome New AWA Member

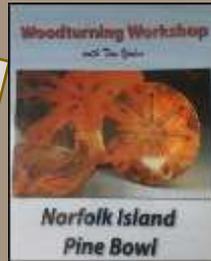
Each month we will list members who are new since the last edition

# Library is for you to check out and learn...

Woodturning Workshop with Tim Yoder  
Norfolk Island Pine Bowl

Pete Beschenbossel  
Librarian

In review



This is a good video to watch simply because Tim Yoder always makes his turning episodes fun and informative. I think he is an excellent turner and really knows his stuff. It's an entertaining half hour and would be good to watch and compare to what we see from Kelly Dunn in November!

In this episode he explains where he got the Norfolk Pine, why it is interesting and fun to turn, how to turn end grain wood and the characteristics to look for in Norfolk Pine. He also covers safety steps as he does in all of his videos.

Tim does take a large piece of wood and turns away most of it, however it does make for a lot of chips and ribbons and is good TV!

If you get a chance, check out this video from the AWA library and as Tim Yoder says, "Keep Turning!"

reviewed by Dick Jones

## Check out material

Stop in the library at our next monthly meeting. Talk to Pete (Librarian), he can suggest items for you to view.

The materials can be checked out for the month and returned at the next monthly meeting.

## Quick Poll



### Meeting Question of the Month

**What is your favorite wood to turn and why?**

Most votes top to bottom (top 3):

- Olive
  - Beautiful grain, cuts smooth, smells good, color design, rings
- Mesquite
  - Stability, plentiful, wonderful finish, color, turns good green
- Cherry
  - Turns easy, finishes great
- African Sumac
- Apricot
- Ash (grain)
- Black Limba (grain pattern)
- Burl (looks good)
- Carob (cuts clean, finishes well)
- Cascara buckthorn
- Clara walnut
- Holly
- Jacaranda
- Juniper burl (beautiful grain)
- Maple
- Padauk (color, turns/finishes well, looks good)
- Walnut

## WIG STANDS for cancer victims

\*Due November meeting

More info on website



\*In the August Newsletter the above Wig Stands and Beads of Courage due dates were backwards. This now matches the website. But whichever month you bring them – they will be given and put to good use!

## Beads of Courage Bowls

\*Due at the October Meeting

More info on website



## November 17- Kelly Dunn from Hawaii

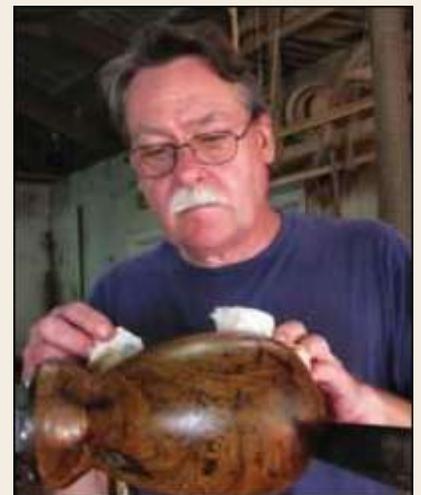
Lidded calabash, Norfolk Island Pine bowl, Pewas (butterfly patch) - You won't want to miss the all-day demo by Kelly on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>! \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members (includes lunch).

Plus, Kelly will be doing three classes – limited to 6 enrollments per class. Open to AWA Members Only for limited time.

- November 18
- November 19
- November 20

Sign-up starts online in the "Members Only" section (AWA website) September 1. Open to the public to sign-up October 1, 2018.

On the "Members Only" section of the AWA website is a password-protected video from Kelly Dunn – check it out!



Kelly polishing a pheasantwood vessel on the lathe



Norfolk pine bowl, 350 x 100mm (13 3/4 x 4in)

# Volunteer Board Members

## Officers:

President: Jim McCleary  
Vice President: William Taggart  
Treasurer: David Slocum  
Secretary - Richard Ivy

## Directors:

Larry Hudson  
Rich Fairbourn  
Brian Lensink  
Vince Sichmeller  
Jerry Witt

## Appointed:

Librarian: Pete Beschenbossel  
Webmaster: Pat Jones

Next AWA board meeting September 15

## WOODTURNING TIPS



Tip from AWA member Edward Jones:

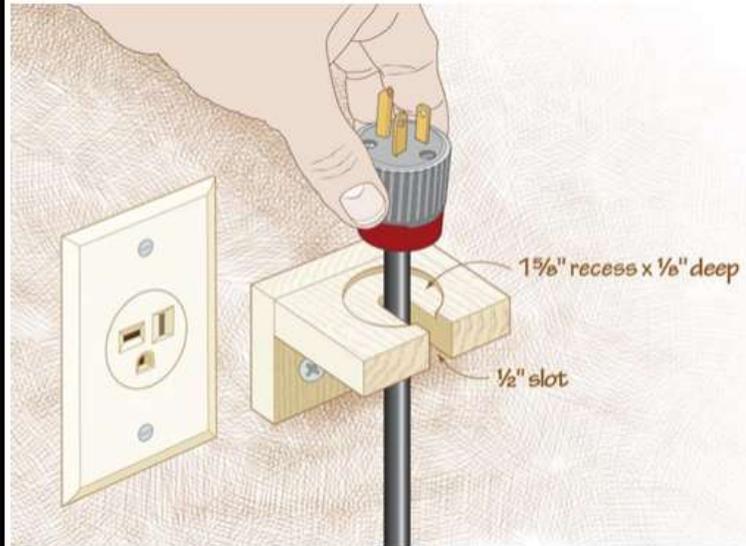
Using a magnetic tilt box for the table saw is a must for accuracy.

I have found the Tiltbox by Beall Tool Co works great.

Zero out the box on flat surface (above). Attach to your blade of your table saw and rotate until you get the degrees you want (below at 10 degrees).



## Perch plugs in plain sight



**F**or safety's sake, I unplug woodworking machinery when not in use. To make it obvious whether a machine is plugged in, and for added convenience, I slotted a small shelf near each machine's electrical outlet, as shown. A shallow recess keeps the plug from sliding to the floor.

—Tim Wolf, Carlisle, Pa.

No matter how complex it might look, every turned spindle consists of four basic shapes, shown below—bead, cove, vee, and straight—used alone or in various combinations. In this article, you'll learn to make each shape individually; then you can begin blending them to create more complex profiles.

## [Tips for Better Spindle Turning](#)



## DEAD TREE SALVAGE in Casa Grande

PH: 520-560-0763

John Goodwin is the owner of “Dead Tree Salvage” in Casa Grande, AZ. He has WOOD! And more wood! John enjoys talking about wood and has a gallery of photos from customers who have shared their creations! Below are lots of fun pictures of some of his wood and some of the creations! All turners love a deal – of course, the best deal is free wood! But if you are looking for mesquite, pistachio, eucalyptus, China Berry, mulberry, pale verde, olive, pecan at great prices – check him out. He is “retired” – although it looks like he works full time with all that wood! It is best to call before you go there, to confirm he is open.

Pictures below show some of his selections – natural edge boards, bowl blanks, hobby wood, logs, branches – lots to choose from. Top right picture is a wood burning process – Lichtenberg – high voltage electricity through the wood.



Date	Presenter	Description	President Challenge/misc
9/15/18	Rhonda Forsha	Surface preparation and finishing	Project turned on a mandrel (not limited to pens)
10/5-28		State Fair – remember to signup to help out	Check the website on how to volunteer
10/13/18	Doug Forsha	Turning a square bowl	Beads of Courage Lidded Boxes
11/17/18	Kelly Dunn - all day demo	Lidded calabash, Norfolk Island Pine bowl, Pewas (butterfly patch)	Turn in your wig stands
11/18/18	Kelly Dunn	Class – limited 6 enrollments	AWA Member signup September 1
11/19/18	Kelly Dunn	Class – limited 6 enrollments	AWA Member signup September 1
11/20/18	Kelly Dunn	Class – limited 6 enrollments	AWA Member signup September 1
12/15/18	Holiday Party	Potluck luncheon – Ornament Exchange	

**Calendar of Events - more on website calendar!**

# August Mini Symposium

Thank you demonstrators!



## Snowbirds –

Send us your hometown club website link. Have you read a book or watched DVD that you would recommend? Send us a note or review of club projects! Have you seen a great woodturner demo – someone worth recommending?

[webmaster@azwoodturners.org](mailto:webmaster@azwoodturners.org)



**FREE MONEY for AWA \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$**

(kinda 😊)

AWA is now part of the **Fry's Community Rewards program** – if you shop at Fry's – designate AWA as your non-profit!

To Use the Fry's Community Rewards Program visit: <https://www.frysfood.com/account/communityrewards>. Log in to your Fry's account, change drop down to "all" search for VD448 or Arizona Woodturners Association then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

### **Amazon SMILE**

*We have already received a check from Amazon!*

Remember to shop thru "Amazon Smile" and designate Arizona Woodturners Association as your choice to receive a 0.5% donation from Amazon!



**Remember** - Mark your calendars – start planning to help!  
October 5-28th – Arizona State Fair

# Meet our members...

*AWA members live all over the US and Canada. Each month we will highlight one or more AWA members.*



Don Mitchell's interest in woodturning started in 8<sup>th</sup> grade shop class when he turned a mahogany and ash laminated bowl! He turned professionally in the 80's and sold his work at Craftsman Co-operative Gallery in Heritage Square. While working on his degree in Microbiology he worked part time in a custom cabinetry shop in Tucson to supplement his GI bill. Custom cabinetry production and design became his career spanning 40 years.

He met other woodturners and, with the help of John Lea, Greg Campbell, Phil Brennon, Neal Butterfield and Jim Stephenson, founded the Arizona Woodturners Association. In 1989 the AWA organization became a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. "I am so pleased to see how far the AWA has come. It provides a platform for turners to showcase and share their skills and diverse techniques."

His biggest challenge is showcasing the natural beauty of the wood. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't, one more cut and BAM! His turning preference is hollow turnings, natural edge and burl woods. His favorite woods to turn are Juniper Burl and Western Maple Burl.

One of his more memorable experiences was meeting Rude Osolnik at a California Symposium and then getting a follow up call from him while he was visiting his sister in Scottsdale. Rude came over with some curly maple and we spent the day turning. A very enjoyable and great experience with a renowned wood turner. Other turners Don follows are David Ellsworth, Michael Peterson, Todd Hoyer and Del Stubbs.

Don advises new woodturners to go to local meetings, watch videos, and if the opportunity arises, go to symposiums. Make sure to ask a lot of questions. It is amazing what little tricks you can pick up. Be open to constructive criticism, it will only help you. It is always important to use your safety equipment. Get a good face shield and respirator and use them! A lifesaver tip for Don is CA glue.

A notable collector Bud Jacobson came into the gallery and said "I see David Ellsworth and Michael Peterson. Where is Don Mitchell?" He had me reevaluate my turning techniques and develop my own style. Time passed, Bud came in and bought one of my pieces and said "Now I see Don". It was a very moving experience and changing moment for Don.

After retiring from custom cabinetry Don opened DM Design Studio to sell his artwork (so much for retirement). It really sums it all up when Don said: "I just love turning, there is something magical about creating a vessel out of a beautiful piece of wood for other people to enjoy."



## finalthoughts...

*This newsletter is all about the audience – you! It is intended to be a communication tool that keeps everyone informed of club happenings, a teaching forum, tips/techniques to share, meet members, fun, informative, classifieds, happenings in the area AND with lots of member input! Trial run for 6 months (July -Dec 2018) – let us know what you think!*

*We want to hear from you!*

Pat & Dick Jones

webmaster@azwoodturners.org

## Monthly Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, all our Club meetings are held at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, which is located at 655 E Southern Ave, Tempe, AZ, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.  
Time: 12-3:30pm

Email:  
ContactUs@AZwoodturners.org