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November  
2018

# AWA News



## Time for another president's message! This year is about D.O.N.E.

I want to start off this message by thanking Ken Northern on the awesome job that he did with organizing the State fair. There was a great schedule to work from and no one had to work any long hours. Thanks Ken, for a job well done.

I want to thank all of the Club members that volunteered to demo at the fair. We had 25 members that volunteered. Our club donated close to 2000 hours demoing at the state fair. I think all of the members that volunteered had a great time and enjoyed their time. I heard nothing but great praises from all of the fair staff and other vendors in our building showing their appreciation for us being there at the fair. This was one of the largest turnouts of volunteers for any event ever. Great job, keep up the good work.

I would also like to give a huge thanks to Pat Jones, our webmaster and newsletter editor. It is looking great.

As I mentioned last month, this is our busiest time of the year. Our next event will be at Timbers Woodworking

## Website news >>>

[Pay in advance for Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> all day](#)

OR pay by check or cash on Nov. 17th

Check out: Volunteer Event Schedule & Fair Fun on the website!



Pat, AWA Webmaster

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[www.azwoodturners.org](http://www.azwoodturners.org)

## President's message . . . [Jim McCleary](#) at the fair

Nov. 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have a volunteer slot open from 2:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.,

Next is Woodcraft, November 10th, turning pens for the troops. We have one open volunteer slot. We will be turning pens and assisting other people that are turning. Join us at Woodcraft and have some fun.

We have our all-day wood turning demo with Kelly Dunn on 17 November at the Pyle Center 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Don't forget if you are signed up for a class on the 18th, 19th, or the 20<sup>th</sup>! The classes will be held at Timber's from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our president's challenge for November is building the Wig stands. There will be no Instant Gallery in November. We will have a 50/50 drawing.

It is not too early to get started on your Christmas ornaments for the December potluck. For the new members, each year in December we have a Christmas party and potluck dinner. One of the traditions that we do each year is make a Christmas ornament that we will exchange with each other. This year we will change things up a little bit. There will be no stealing of the ornaments, whichever one you draw is the one you keep. For new members who have never turned a Christmas ornament, you can go on YouTube and type in "how to turn a wooden Christmas ornament" for some great ideas. If you are a new turner, don't feel intimidated about how your ornament turns out, this is how we learn. Do the best you can and nobody will judge you. My 1st Christmas ornament looked more like a plumb bob than an ornament. We will



have awesome food and great raffle items. Please come JOIN US for a good time. Also remember to bring your ornament wrapped.

I want to thank all of the members who turned a Beads of Courage Box last month, they all looked awesome. We will drop our boxes off at Phoenix Children's Hospital. Our boxes will be used in this area. I would like to do another session of the Beads of Courage boxes in March so that our Winter visitors will be able to participate in this event.

I am very proud of the direction our club is headed. Our membership is on the rise, we have an awesome website, our members are participating in events and a great board of directors that are working hard to keep us on track. Thanks everyone for a great team effort.

Recently a couple members asked me for some information I sent out last year on building a sawbuck bench for cutting bowl blanks, see info on the following page.

Enjoy this great weather, get out and do some turning. And I will see you at Timber's, Woodcraft, or Pyle Center.

Jim

# Building a Sawbuck Bench for Cutting Bowl Blanks

From Jim McCleary

[Fine Woodworking video](#)

Below are pictures and dimensions of the one that I built.

Buy 4- 8' pressure treated 2x4s cut each one @ 42", 37", 17".  
The cleat is 11 1/2x 6 1/2. Check the photos below.

"Holding fresh cut logs securely and in the proper orientation is key to being safe when using a chainsaw to convert timber into bowl and spindle turning blanks."



# October Meeting...



## WIG STANDS for cancer victims

BRING November 17th

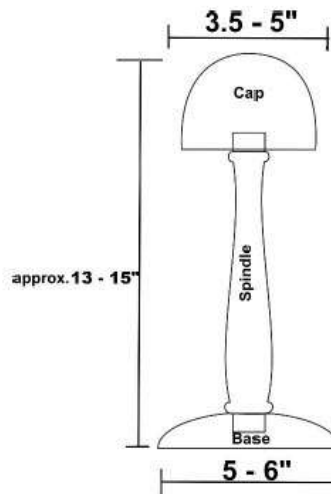
More info on [AWA website](#)

Height 13 – 15 inches



The overall design of the wig stand can be as *creative* as possible within the following guidelines:

- Height 13-15" high approximately
- Cap – 3 ½ to 5" Rounded
- Base - 5 to 6" to complement the cap  
Should be heavy enough to provide stability  
A preference is to be dished out slightly to hold jewellery. This is not a requirement.
- Finish –
  - Since it is possible that these will get wet that varnishes, waxes and oils be avoided.
  - Polymerized tung oil
  - Polyurethane
- Wood -
  - Any type of wood can be used.
  - Segmenting and laminating possible but it would be recommended that a waterproof glue like Titebond 3 used and be completely sealed with poly.
  - Softwood woods like pine and cedar can be used but be aware that if you plan on staining there is lots of end grain visible that absorb a lot of stain



**Quick Poll**



### Question of the Month

**Best woodturning gift you received – and use all the time!**

#### **#1 best gift – LATHE**

- Tools
- Week turning class with Dale Nish
- Super Nova 2 chuck
- Wood/Olive wood
- Praise
- AWA Club member advice
- Toothpick box

## **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 11/17! \$25 for AWA members, \$35 for non-members (includes lunch).

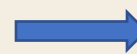
**Plus, Kelly will be doing three classes – limited to 6 enrollments per class.**

Hands on translucent Norfolk pine. He is bringing roughed and dried Norfolk bowls for the class!

The Calabash, lidded or not. Pewas – can be put in side or end grain bowls. Bring a bowl with a nasty crack, either end or side grain, to repair in the class!

- November 18 - full
- November 19 - full
- November 20 - full

Pewas in cracked bowl –  
Learn hands on in Nov.  
18, 19, 20 classes!



Wait list option online or email [webmaster@azwoodturners.org](mailto:webmaster@azwoodturners.org)

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

More information and sign up options at <http://www.azwoodturners.org/wood/kelly-dunn/>

### **SOMETHING NEW:**

Pay in advance for Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday all day demo – online

Shorter line – easy access day of demo! Click the AWA link above to pay in advance!

# 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 January 2019*

## October 13, 2018 Board Meeting Notes

The Vice President is working on getting live demonstrators for February and November 2019 as first priority, then filling in the rest of the months. Board suggested doing a mini-symposium in March. Vince/David confirming all the dates for next year – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays (except Oct?)

Try new for 2019 –

- Show N Tell from Instant Gallery (first 6 who sign up/time limit 3 mins each)
- Critique (Evaluation/Commentary/Analysis) Table (first 6 who sign up/wish their work to be evaluated)
- Have Guest commentary/critique people – possibly from local galleries/college

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> lunch will be lasagna/salad. Looks like we can get in early to setup. All day demo, 9:30 – 3:00pm

December potluck – club supplies meat (Jim & Sarah will bring turkey; Jerry will bring ham)

- Divide members by alpha to bring side dishes/desserts
- Club provides drinks/paperware
- Raffle – David & Jim will get gift cards/prizes for raffle
- Ornament will be by drawing, not a white elephant or trading
- Magazines will be brought to the December potluck to give away

## THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered at the State Fair!

Volunteers even survived record breaking rain and the fair closing!

### November 17 meeting:

- No Instant Gallery
- No meeting
- Only 50/50 raffle (no wood)



### **BUT INSTEAD OF MEETING:**

- **ALL DAY demo**
- Kelly Dunn from Hawaii
- Starts 9:30am
- Cost: \$25 members
- Lunch included (lasagna)
- **BRING your wig stands!**

Option to pay in advance on the AWA website = get thru line quick for seat!

[More fair pictures and video on the AWA Website!](#)



Thank you, Doug Forsha, (and Rhonda) for the demo on October 13th

Their website is: [www.delamadera.com](http://www.delamadera.com)



Rhonda shared the following list of items from her demo on Sept 15:

## Finishing Items and Suppliers

### Artist Oil Paints, Acrylic Paints, Artist Brushes, Poppy Oil and Brush Cleaners (Soap):

1. Michaels Art Supply – various AZ locations
2. Arizona Art Supply – various AZ locations
3. Dick Blick – 940 E. University, Tempe

### Mineral Spirits, Paint Thinner, Alcohol, Lacquer Thinner:

1. Rockler or Woodcraft
1. Sherwin- Williams – various locations
2. Dunn Edwards – various locations

### Clean Rags:

1. Home Depot or Lowes

### Dyes and Pigments and other finishing items:

1. Rockler or Woodcraft (more expensive for solvents but they come in smaller containers)

### Chip Brushes and Nitrile Gloves:

1. Harbor Freight

### Respirator:

1. Amazon –3M Half Facepiece Reusable Respirator 6300/07026
2. Amazon - 3M Safety 6001 Low-Maintenance Organic Vapor Cartridge, For 6000 and 7000 Series Air Purifying Respirator (Pack of 2)

## Welcome NEW Members

Dale Abbott  
J Heddles-Flint  
Anders Nilsen

## Turn for Troops coming November 10<sup>th</sup> at Woodcraft of Phoenix!

You can turn in your pens to be shipped to the troops at Woodcraft of Phoenix.

Volunteer turners needed on November 10<sup>th</sup> at Woodcraft in Chandler. 9am to 5pm Even if you didn't sign up to volunteer -- stop in to support the event!

Questions? Want to sign up to volunteer? Email: [webmaster@azwoodturners.org](mailto:webmaster@azwoodturners.org)



Join the American [Association of Woodturners](http://www.aaw.org) (AAW) for more resources and videos.



# TIMBER



Woodworking Machinery  
& Hardwoods

## Woodworking & Craft Show



Where: Timber Woodworking Machinery  
935 E Southern Ave Mesa AZ 85204

Woodworking Fri. Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 am – 5 pm

(Vendors/Demos): Sat. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 8 am – 4 pm

Craft Show: Sat. 8 am – 4 pm

*In Store  
Specials  
&  
Door Prizes!*



Timber Woodworking Machinery is hosting a Woodworking and Craft show. Friday and Saturday mfg reps will be demonstrating their products. Saturday only, local artists, clubs, and woodworkers will be showing and selling their work in the craft show. If you have a woodworking related product you want to display or sell (the space is free) call RaeAnn at 480-926-2131 to register.

# WOODTURNING TIPS

## Make a Burning Wire

<http://aroundthewoods.com/tips.shtml>



A simple decorative line can be made on a piece by holding a wire to it while it turns. Holding both ends of the wire in your bare hands can be hot and cutting. A quick solution is to go to the sports store or the sports section of the hardware and buy a few wire leaders from the fishing section. One is sufficient but they are usually carded so make a few for friends. Take or make a couple of dowels and insert screw eyes in the centers. Clip one end of the leader to one eye and open the other eye with pliers. Inert the loop on the leader and close the eye. To try it out first cut a small groove in a spindle. Holding one handle of the wire in each hand,

press the wire into the spinning wood until the smoke comes up. Done.

Hint: I find the leaders come with a wire braid that quickly heats off but the core lasts for ages.

I got the larger hacksaw for around \$6 and the smaller for about \$4. I removed the saw blade and fastened my burning wires to each end. It's quick, easy, and cheap! There are a couple of things to be careful about:

### Why not use a hacksaw?

1. Don't leave excess wire hanging from the attachment points once you've wrapped each end on the hacksaw frame.
2. Don't leave too much slack in the wire between the attachment points – the wire doesn't have to be taut, but shouldn't be so slack that it will hit the frame when in use.

This type of burning wire is more convenient to use than the two-handle type. It can be used with one hand if desired. It doesn't require you to reach over the spinning workpiece to apply tension to the wire, and is therefore safer.



<https://www.highlandwoodworking.com/woodturning/make-a-woodburning-wire-tool.html>

## Money is rolling in....

(kinda 😊)

**We have received checks from both Fry's and AmazonSmile!**

### Keep enrolling!

AWA is 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

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



December 15 - Holiday Party  
Bring a wrapped wood ornament that you turned  
Spouses welcome!

Lots of great raffle items!

Club will provide meat!  
Members potluck – please bring item below by last name

A-G -- DESSERT  
H-O -- SIDE DISH  
P-Z – SALAD

More info in December newsletter



# NOVEMBER 17, 2018 KELLY DUNN

9:30am to 3pm (lunch included)

Members: \$25.00 Non-members: \$35.00

Payment at the door – cash or check only

Location: Pyle Center, 655 E Southern Ave, Tempe, AZ

More information at: [www.azwoodturners.org](http://www.azwoodturners.org)

Sign up for one of Kelly's individual hands-on classes  
Nov 18, 19, 20 – limited enrollment - \$100



**KELLY'S ALL DAY  
PRESENTATION WILL  
COVER:**

**TRANSLUCENT NORFOLK PINE  
BOWL**

**CUTTING TECHNIQUE FOR SOFT  
END GRAIN**

**OIL PROCESS FOR  
TRANSLUCENCE**

**A LIDDED CALABASH**

**BUTTERFLY PATCH ON A CRACK**

**SIDE GRAIN TURNING  
TECHNIQUES**

**STRAKA CHUCK FOR REVERSE  
TURNING THE BOTTOM**

**JAM CHUCK FOR CALABASH  
BASE AND LID**



# Meet our members...

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



“Concept guy” and inventor, that is how George Kick has been described. In his “working life” he could take a surgeon’s idea and turn it in to the next step. He says it was all about the scientific method of seeing how it is currently done, paying attention, and learning how it can be better – then creating and formulating the plan to make it happen. He retired 8 years ago from the medical field and now is enjoying his grandchildren and learning a new passion in woodturning!

Although he turned and did woodworking on and off over 15 years, he didn’t really start turning until the last 2 years. But George had the foresight to plan 20 years ago, when he moved to Casa Grande, and built a large woodworking shop! His space to play is 30’ x 30’ with lots of tools. He says he knew how to buy tools, long before he knew how to use them. He would advise new turners to get a mentor, go to classes, join a club, talk to other turners – learn to turn a little before you start buying lots of tools. What you might actually need is going to be different, once you start turning. AND LEARN TO SHARPEN tools, it makes a huge difference on your projects.

“You can’t turn if you are afraid of failure” – it’s all about learning, don’t be afraid to let that project be firewood or even blow it apart. Keep going forward, keep opening new doors, keep learning, be a perpetual student. His motivation is also to teach his five grandchildren about woodturning. He hopes he can “pass on the passion” and the challenge to turn wood.

He learned through books, videos and feels the biggest help was taking classes. George started at Southwest Woodworking school and hopes to have his grandchildren also take classes there! Recently he took a Jimmy Clewes’ woodturning class, and felt it was well worth the time and money. “Jimmy actually teaches you the different ways to turn and sharpen, he is really hands on – literally his hands on yours.” So, you learn.

George is a new member of AWA – he feels it is invaluable time spent and enjoys learning from everyone at the meetings and the demos.

Biggest challenge? Patience. Biggest mistake? Buying too many tools before he knew what he needed. Favorite wood? Cherry, Pine, Maple – whatever he has.

Born in Pittsburg, PA – always a Steelers fan. Although he has lived in PA, MI, OH, CA – he has settled in to Arizona just fine. That air-conditioned shop – gives him woodturning time year around!

Jimmy Clewes’ class work by George



## 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