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December
2018

AWA News



Wishing all of you a very safe and happy Holiday season and a joyful New Year!!

Website – Newsletter ...



Paying in advance for the Nov. 17th demo was a great success! A big thank you to everyone who paid online. Made it much easier the day of the demo!

Do we continue the newsletter? 6-month trial ends this month. Let us know – there are over 100 people in the AWA club. Are the majority of you reading it? Or just a few? We need to know if we should continue! Shoot us a quick email with a “yes” or “no” to webmaster@azwoodturners.org.

[Online Membership renewal](#) for 2019 is ready!

Pat Jones,
AWA Webmaster/Newsletter
WWW.AZwoodturners.org

President's message...

Jim McCleary at the fair



The last AWA club meeting of the year!

I would like to acknowledge all those who have helped make this year at AWA successful – that is all the volunteers. AWA is all about volunteers: setting up demos, organizing demos, board members, demoing at fairs and events, keeping the books and money straight, doing minutes, tracking membership, librarian, videographer, photographer, doing the website/newsletter, hosting visiting woodturners, proofreaders, organizing/making/serving food, planning events, setting up and taking down tables, driving/picking up equipment...just to mention a few tasks! Thanks for a great year.

December 15th is the AWA Members Holiday Potluck Party. Please attend! Bring your spouse! It is a good time to visit with your fellow turners, eat good food and maybe win a raffle prize! All turners are asked to bring a wood turned Christmas ornament. Beginner turner or experienced – all the ornaments are appreciated. If you need ideas search on YouTube for some examples – here are a couple:

[Simple – one piece](#)
[Inside out Ornament](#)
[Sphere ornament](#)

Remember the club will provide the meat – so members are asked to bring a side dish. You can see later in the newsletter – what your item to bring by your last name. Plan to come!

Looking forward to 2019 – I will be doing the demo in January. We will have new President Challenges. In February we will have Cindy Drozda visiting us for the all-day demo and then 2 all day hands-on classes to follow. In March we will do a mini-symposium and swap meet.

The weather is great to be out turning in the shop and making all those presents.

Wishing all of you a safe and happy holiday!

Keep turning! See you at the holiday party on December 15th.

Jim

November Demo & Classes ...

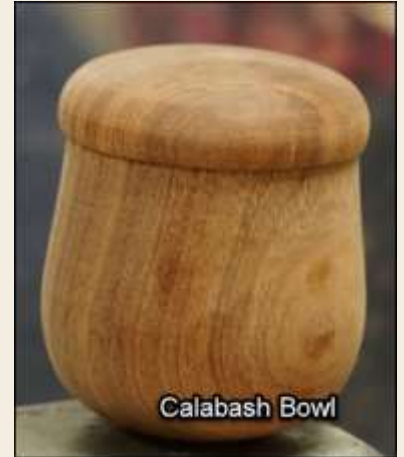


Kelly Dunn -
finished translucent
bowl - Norfolk Pine



Straka Chuck

Mahalo, Kelly!



Calabash Bowl



In class a PEWA Patch start



Class is ready to Start!

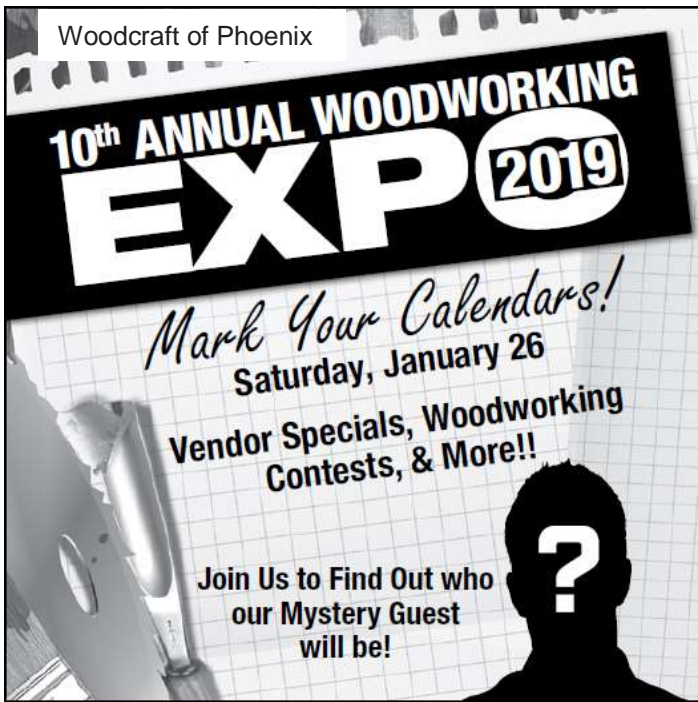


A Class Calabash



Tuesday Class

Calabash bowls



Question of the month...

What is the best woodturning gift you made to give to someone?

- Pen
- Vessels from family farm building parts for my siblings
- Hollow form
- Ring bowl
- Pennsylvania spice box
- Olive wood vase with solid turquoise inlays
- Wenge & purple heart beer mug
- Cheese cutter & board
- Segmented platters
- Wig stand
- Basket weave illusion hollow vessel
- Beads of Courage box

What is coming in 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

[Cindy Drozda](#) -- February 16th all day demo plus 2 hands-on classes!
“The Fine Art of Woodturning”

Cindy Drozda, Boulder Colorado, has worked with wood professionally since age 19. She has been turning since 1985. Her elegant lidded vessels with delicate finials bring a contemporary flair to classic forms. Her work can be seen at the finest juried shows and exhibitions in the USA, as well as in several books. Cindy shares her woodturning knowledge and passion as an international demonstrator, teacher, writer, and producer of instructional DVDs. She has been invited to teach in Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, and at symposia and clubs across the US. Before choosing woodturning as a career Cindy worked as a cabinet maker, rebuilt airplanes, and made hang gliding equipment.

Cindy says: *I always put together an exciting program full of techniques, tips, tricks and ideas! My presentations include informative handouts on the subject, plus a source list. I like to put variety into my presentations; even if someone has seen me before they will see something new.*

- January 19 – demo – Jim McCleary
- January 26 – Woodcraft Expo – AWA Demos
- February 16 – demo – Cindy Drozda
 - Two all-day hands-on classes
- March 16 – mini-symposium/swap meet
 - Meeting –board nominations
- March 20-24 – Pinal County Fair AWA Demos
- April 10-14 – Maricopa County Fair AWA Demos
- April 20 – Bill Taggart – miniature bird houses
 - Meeting - elections

[Renew your membership](#) today!!

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 Board meeting
December 15th – short
meeting after holiday party!!



December 15 - Holiday Party

Bring a wrapped wood ornament that you turned.
Spouses welcome!

Lots of great raffle items!
Hundreds of dollars in prizes!
Each member gets free raffle ticket upon entry!

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

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

Where: Pyle Center, Tempe

Time: Noon

Remember – to sign up for these programs!

As you shop for the holidays – it will earn money for the AWA!

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!

All the same stuff as "regular Amazon" but sign-in to Amazon Smile to make money for the AWA!! Sign-up today!

President's Challenge

This past year we had

- Project made from a limb
- Easter Eggs
- Platters
- Green Wood turned
- Bottle Stoppers/Pizza cutters
- Pepper, Salt, Spice Mills
- Crotch wood
- Turned on mandrel (not just pens)
- Beads of Courage boxes
- Wig Stands

Did you know?

Each month when you participate in the President's Challenge you are entered in an end-of-the-year drawing for a great prize!

2019 AWA Membership

Form is online and ready for you to renew your membership!



Join the [American Association of Woodturners](#) (AAW) for more resources and videos.

With the largest portfolio of woodturning-related material in the world, AAW is the **go-to source** for woodturners of all skill levels. A membership with the AAW can help you learn and thrive in your woodturning experience, as well as connect with others who share your passion.

Become part of a community of nearly 16,000 woodturning enthusiasts globally.

AAW's new complimentary Guest membership, offers limited access to AAW member resources for a full 60-days. Explore, kick our tires! **Sign-up for a free limited, 60-day Guest membership.**



Why AAW & WIT?

By Ana Lappegard
(Ana's husband, Ken, died October, 2017)

American Association of Woodturners (AAW) -- what does it do for me?

I have been an AAW member for many years. At the beginning it was because Ken and I wanted to receive the magazine that came with being a member. However, that changed in the past several years as we really started using the AAW Website. All of the resources that are available to a member are more than one could possibly use. All the videos, the fundamentals, the instructions and access to publications from the first magazine to the latest one.

I no longer have Ken to talk me through a woodturning project. I now need to rely on other means of getting help with my turning needs or questions. I have been using the AAW resources to get answers and to learn something new.

Women in Turning (WIT) – the newest AAW committee

Another WONDERFUL thing that has been huge for me this past year is Women in Turning. I have been a member of WIT since 2014 when it started. This past year I have really felt the effects of being a member. The support from fellow women turners around the world has been very helpful for me. I became more active with WIT and have attended several special events. Attending the WIT meetings at some of the Symposiums and attending the WIT eXchange in Gatlinburg, Tenn. I am meeting more women turners, learning new turning techniques, new ideas, and different tools to embellish the turned piece. Yes, it is true; I have taken on Ken's role of "I really need that new tool".

I encourage any women turners to join the group. It is a great way to talk with others through the website or to be a part of the group through Facebook.

Some pictures from the WIT eXchange in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Working with assigned group to develop a project from two words we pulled from a bag.



Getting instructions on use of all the equipment available



Turning on the mini lathes



The whole group having a great time.



Meet our members...

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



Jim McCleary

It all began with this pen...



A volunteer at the VA Hospital introduced Jim to the art of woodturning. Jim went to a class with him on turning pens at Woodcraft in 2011 and that was the beginning of a full-blown hobby. A domino effect that has led to a beautiful 24' x 35' shop to work on the hobby that started with pens and developed in to peppermills, hollow forms, bowls, yard rake (that's another story) to mention just a few of the areas Jim has ventured in to.

Retiring from the Federal Service after 39 years and Air Force after 20 years – Jim was born in Washington State. He moved to Arizona in 1995.

Jim joined the AWA in 2014, and became the club president in 2016, but was a member of American Association of Woodturners (AAW) first. Why does he think people should belong to the AAW? The information that is shared on their website, magazine, symposiums is invaluable. He says anything you want to learn about is at your fingertips on the AAW website. Why did he join AWA? Learning from fellow woodturners is what it's all about. Each monthly demo you learn something new, whether it's big or little, there is always something to learn. His advice to new turners is practice, practice, practice and ask questions – join the local woodturning club and ask lots of questions. He says woodturners are great at sharing and teaching others the art form.

Favorite wood to turn? Jim says that would have to be Olive wood – smells good, turns nice and great looking! The trifecta for woodturning. Depending on the year, what is his favorite item to turn – for years he was into pens, then peppermills, but right now he is enjoying turning big and little bowls! All sizes, all wood, all kinds of bowls and experimenting with different colored fillers. His wife, Sandy, proudly showed us many, many beautiful pieces of art that Jim has created – bowls, vases, hollow forms, and eggs just to mention a few!

He chuckled when asked what was his biggest woodturning mistake or learning mistake. Jim said he went from a small old Delta lathe with variable speed and pulleys to a PowerMatic Lathe several years ago – that was a big step and there he learned quickly to respect the power. He said that was a learning curve. Definitely RESPECT the power of the machine – he repeated.

What pushes him to his limit in woodturning? Hollow forms. Favorite professional woodturner: Jimmy Clewes. He says Jimmy keeps it simple, very easy going, entertaining and is a good teacher.

What tip/technique have you found you can't live without? Jim didn't hesitate, once he used a Vacuum Chuck, he knew it was a game changer. He built his own, he had the motor from his days of working with HVAC systems, and put it together from directions on the internet. Jim would definitely recommend buying or building a Vacuum Chuck to finish the bottom of your bowls or even help with finishing. Jim is always on the internet searching to learn how to do something or for a better way – an example was the Sawbuck Bench for Cutting Bowl Blanks that was featured in last month's newsletter.

Although Jim is retired, he is always learning and perfecting his woodturning craft – that he fits in between golf, landscaping his backyard, building a putting green, patio, travel and enjoying his amazing shop!



Trial Period – should we continue the newsletter?

This newsletter was set for a trial run for 6 months (July -Dec 2018) – so what do you think? Should it continue? Are members reading it? We need to know what you think.

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 3rd Saturday of the month. Time: 12-3:30pm

Email:
ContactUs@AZwoodturners.org