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January
2019

AWA News



Unexpected but pleasant surprise offer to AWA Members and friends!

Carl Jacobson from Woodshop.TV is the special guest for Woodcraft's Expo on January 26th.

He has graciously agreed to do two hand-on classes on Jan. 27 and 28th! One as a basic/refresher and a more advanced class. Our cost is only \$75 per person, 6-person limit per day! Sign up on our AWA Website!

GREAT HANDS-ON CLASSES:

Jan 27 & 28th Carl Jacobson

Feb 17, 18, 19th Cindy Drozda

President's message...

[Jim McCleary](#) at the fair



Can you believe it, the start of another year, 2019 has begun! I want to start off by thanking everyone for all the hard work they have done to make 2018 a huge success.

We had a great turnout for our AWA December Holiday party. We had some great food, and lots of awesome ornaments plus spectacular drawing gifts. I think a good time was had by all.

Our first event for 2019 will be at our annual Woodcraft Mini symposium. We will have a booth set up from 8:30am to 5pm on Saturday January 26. We will have 2 or 3 lathes set up for us to demo on. We never know what the weather's going to be like in January so we might be setting up a canopy to work under. Come out and turn at the AWA booth, or just come and enjoy!

One of the demonstrators who will be at this event is Carl Jacobson. He is well known on the YouTube channel, and is now demoing at national symposiums and hitting the road doing demos and classes. We have lined him up to do some classes for us after his event at Woodcraft. We can get some classes for as low as \$75 a person. Check out how to sign-up for this great event!

Don't forget our meeting on Saturday, January 19th, at the Pyle Center. I will be doing the demo on captive hollowing system by D-Way Tools. I will be doing some hollowing out of some vases. This is an inexpensive but effective way to get in to captive hollowing.

The president's challenge for January will be any project that you have used a texture tool on.

Pat has a list of all of the president's challenge for the rest of the year in the newsletter and on the website.

Well, that's it for now, get out there and make some sawdust. Turn safe, turn often and see you on the 19th of January.

Jim

Website – Newsletter ...



We will send an email when you can sign-up online for Cindy Drozda hands-on classes. Once all the paperwork is complete – we will open it up. More information online.

Also, starting Jan 10th you can sign up online for the February 16th all-day demo with Cindy Drozda. That makes it much easier on the day of the demo!

Thank you to everyone who responded if we should continue the newsletter. We heard from many of you! SO, we will stay going – but we sure would like your input. Send us links, pictures, articles – whatever you find interesting to share!

webmaster@azwoodturners.org.

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

December 2018 ...

A small sample of ornaments



Some amazing ornaments made for and by AWA members!
Great turnout for the holiday party!



President's Challenge Drawing
Winner: Sarah Slocum

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

- January 19 – demo – Jim McCleary
 - Board meeting to follow
- January 26 – Woodcraft Expo special guest Carl Jacobson – AWA Demos
 - January 27th – Hands-on Beginner class by Carl Jacobson
 - January 28th – Hands-on Stingray Lidded Box class by Carl Jacobson
- February 16 – demo – Cindy Drozda
 - February 17 - Cindy Drozda hands-on class
 - February 18 – Cindy Drozda hands-on class
 - February 19 – Cindy Drozda hands-on class
- 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 – Brian Lensink – Peppermill, Segmented or not
- May 18 – Bill Taggart – miniature bird houses
 - Meeting - elections

Keep enrolling! The money is coming in!

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!

2019 President's Challenges

January - Any project that you have used a texture tool.

Feb/Mar – None

April – Project with a finial

May – Turning a project with two or more different materials in it

June – Turn something with a handle

July – Hollowed out vessels

August – None

September – Natural Edge Bowl

October – Beads of Courage Lidded Boxes

Nov/Dec – None

The President's Challenge is a way for our members to try something new and raise skill levels. It is designed to be a good learning experience and fun to do. Discuss with others on lessons learned, techniques and procedures.

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

How many folks can we get to do all 7 challenges? Special drawing at the Holiday party for those who do turn in all 7 challenges!

2018 President's Challenge Drawing winner was Sarah Slocum, who received a woodturning tool set.

AWA 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](#)

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.

A proud chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



Founded 1986



Founded 1989

American Association of Woodturners



Two classes are being offered for the AWA members and friends by Carl Jacobson. Carl will be at the Woodcraft Expo on January 26th! This well-known and very popular turner has offered to do two hands-on classes! Only 6 spots per class - \$75 per class.

January 27th – 9am to 4:30pm – Beginner/Back to Basics Turning

January 28th – 9am to 4:30pm – Stingray Lidded Box

Beginner / Back to Basics turning with Carl Jacobson

Beginner turning class bowls and tool or utensil handles

The goal in this class is to help new turners and those wanting a refresher – sharing tips he's learned over 23 years of woodturning. Including tips for using the skew chisel, bowl gouge, sanding pad Carl uses, and how to sand out end grain. Also, a quick tip for sharpening gouges, how to cut a tenon to get the best fit in your chuck. Several projects will be made during the class (basic bowl, handles).



Participants bring: Bowl blank and spindle blank (6"-10" long)

Tools: basic set of tools either gouge or carbide

Stingray Box class with Carl Jacobson.

Carl says this is a good challenging project! In this class we'll make a winged lidded box that looks like a stingray.

Participants bring: 6" x 6" x 4" turning blanks (Carl used Maple and Walnut but whatever you have is good).

Tools: Basic set of tools ether gouge or carbide. (Carl will bring a few tools for cutting off the extra wings that everyone can use.)



ABOUT CARL:

Carl Jacobson enjoys sharing his woodworking and wood turning passion to inspire others. Carl and his wife have a mobile shop traveling the country promoting the craft of woodworking, and has weekly how-to-videos on The WoodShop.TV.

Carl Jacobson started woodworking with his grandfather as a young boy in Oregon. He continued woodworking through high school, and started wood turning after seeing a turned project in a friend's shop. Shortly after YouTube started, he was looking for a how-to video for duck calls. With no results he decided to make his own video. He is now turning full time and producing his own videos. Almost eight years later, he has over 85 thousand YouTube subscribers.



Many intricate shapes and designs can be made by turning wood. Some of Carl's fondest memories are working with his grandfather in his wood shop. Being able to share his passion for wood turning with others ties it all together.

Carl's website is: <http://thewoodshop.tv/>

Volunteer Demonstrators needed for the AWA Booth at the Woodcraft Expo on January 26th. Sign-up at the January 19th meeting or email webmaster.

Carl Jacobson will also be doing demonstrations at the expo from his “traveling woodshop” – as seen on YouTube.

Come on out: Woodcraft, 3002 N Arizona Ave #12, Chandler, AZ 85225

**10th ANNUAL WOODWORKING
EXP 2019**

Mark Your
Calendars For This
Great Event!

Featured Guests:

John Malecki
“The Builder”
Former NFL football player turned woodworker, maker and craftsman. His new mission is to inspire a new generation of makers and craftsmen. Show this ever changing world that paving the way with your hands is not dead. It is actually very much alive!

Anne Briggs
“Anne of All Trades”
Anne is a self-taught woodworker and maker, with the goal of gaining and sharing knowledge and living as an example to empower and inspire her peers to get outside, to take risks, to pick up tools and explore their own creativity.

Woodworking Contest
Get started making your woodworking projects to enter our woodworking contest. Projects will be judged by featured guests, nationally known woodworkers, John Malecki and Anne Briggs. Great prizes will be awarded to the winners!

VENDOR SPECIALS

- Great Professional Woodworkers On Hand
- Vendor Demonstrations
- Featured Demonstrator Throughout The Day
- Product Vendor Reps On Hand To Answer Questions & Give Demos On Their Products

*Exclusions Apply. See Store For Details.

Arizona Woodturners Association presents



Cindy Drozda

“The Fine Art of Woodturning”

February 16th – 9:30am to 3:00pm

All-day demo: Fabulous Finials & Maximizing Burl Figure
Plus 3 hands-on classes



Cindy shows her knowledge, years of turning experience and love of woodturning through numerous books, published articles, exhibitions, awards, demonstrations and workshops! She is known as the “Queen of Finials” – don’t miss her demonstration on Fabulous Finials and Maximizing Burl Figure.

Fabulous Finials: Learn all of my “secrets” to successful finials! A Finial adds a whole new dimension and personality to a vessel or box. This presentation covers my signature style of Finial turning, including the tools, how I use a gouge to make basic spindle cuts, my finial turning method, and design philosophy

Maximizing Burl Figure: Cutting into a burl is like cutting a gemstone. To make my vessel the best art piece possible, I want to cut the burl so that the figure is placed to advantage on the form. This presentation explains what I have learned about the anatomy of a burl, and how to cut it to show its best figure on your turnings. I will make a natural edged burl bowl, showing how I orient the piece on the lathe to get a balanced edge, turning and sanding the unsupported edge, and reverse chucking of a piece with an uneven rim.

3 Hands-on classes offered:

Feb.17 – Woodturning Essentials
Feb 18 – Finial Box
Feb 19 – Triangle Box (tentative)

\$150 each – limit 6 per class
Sign-up info on AWA Website
www.AZWoodTurners.org



- \$25.00 Members
- \$35 Non-Members
- All day demo
 - 9:30am – 3:00pm
 - Includes lunch

Buy ticket in advance at
www.AZWoodTurners.org

Pyle Adult Recreation Center

655 E Southern Ave, Tempe, AZ.

(SE Corner of Rural Rd & Southern Ave.)



Finial Box

Meet our members...

Each month we will highlight one or more AWA members.



Sarah &
David Slocum

Visiting with the Slocums can be very entertaining. How did they meet? Who started turning first? What do they like to turn? What pushes them to their limits? By the time you are done talking to them – you understand their comment of “opposites attract”!

David discusses how he baled hay (hard for a small guy – his words) but worth it so he could see Sarah and get to know her as a teenager in Upstate New York. Sarah took woodshop in school with all the “boys” and her older brothers had to lay down the law for classmates to stop picking on her. Sarah was found many times in David’s grandfather’s woodshop working away! His determination to get to know her has led them to 35 years of marriage. Moving to Arizona 21 years ago with a job opportunity was an experience that had us laughing. Seven years ago, they decided to build an amazing shop behind their house. Another great story of how friends showed up, 20+ neighbors and their 24’ x 36’ shop was built in 5 weekends!

How did they start woodturning? Although Sarah had done it years ago, now they were making furniture and needed legs for their projects! So, turning became a bigger reality three years ago and they joined AWA in 2015. David has been the AWA Treasurer for two years.

David wants his woodturning project to be more exact, and as he tries to make it “better” it gets smaller or blows apart. His latest project is a large platter. He has found his biggest mistake is to not make it too thin (and possibly blow it out). Deep bowls and proper tool position push him to his limits. He likes using a scraper to remove tool marks which creates less sanding (Sarah would rather sand). His advice to new turners is to ask for help and don’t give up.

Sarah enjoys turning finials, wands and ornaments. She likes the challenge of long thin finials. She is looking forward to Cindy Drozda (the queen of finials) coming to town. Her “Harry Potter” wands show off her great woodworking patience. Trying to get the bowl shape to match what’s in her mind pushes her to her limit. Biggest mistake; not stopping when she is tired and going for that one last turn. So far, she finds wet mesquite to be the most challenging wood to turn. She advises new turners to keep a few of those beginning pieces to see over the years how you have progressed.

Who is their favorite woodturner? They were unanimous – Vince Sichmeller. Vince befriended them when they were new to the art, he mentored them, he pushed them to grow in their skills. They both agree Vince’s work is amazing and they couldn’t have found a nicer/better person to teach them woodturning skills.

David and Sarah are looking forward to retirement one day as they say work gets in the way of the “fun stuff.” Sarah is very talented with painting, gardening, cooking and raising/releasing butterflies. David has made some amazing wooden toys (low boy with a semi, excavator, trucks). They enjoy making furniture together (and their house shows off the beautiful work).

As Sarah says - with both of them turning, it does take on a competition sometimes and adds to the fun, but to watch both these turners talk about each other’s work, what they have learned and done together – shows that they work well together!

The newsletter continues.

We do, however, need your input.

Can you submit an article? A Tip? A picture of a shop technique?

Pat & Dick Jones - webmaster@azwoodturners.org

Monthly Meetings

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

Email:
ContactUs@AZwoodturners.org