

in this issue >>>

- *President's message*
- *Mini-symposium*
- *Woodworking tips*
- *New password*
- *Google group update*



March
2019

AWA News



Website – Newsletter ...



Members Only section **PASSWORD WILL CHANGE** and **Google email group** will be updated to “members only” on March 6, 2019. An email will go out to all 2019 members with the new password on March 6, 2019.

New IDEA by AWA member. Question and answer section.

Submit your questions – we will ask other members to give their thoughts/answers on the question(s). This is a great way for new turners or perplexing questions to be answered by experienced turners. Let's all share and grow thru each other's knowledge. Submit questions at monthly meetings or [online here](#).

[Online](#) registration available or print [application](#) here.

Pat Jones,
AWA Webmaster/Newsletter
WWW.AZwoodturners.org
webmaster@azwoodturners.org

I want to start this message by thanking everyone for the awesome turn out for the Cindy Drozda all day demo. We had around 115 people at this event. One of the highest attendances for any all-day demonstration.

I also want to thank Sarah and Dave Slocum for hosting Cindy at their home for this event. I know it was a lot of planning, trips, and scheduling before and during this event.

Thanks to Pat and Dick Jones, for the great job they did for planning and serving us an awesome chicken dinner at the all-day demo. That was mighty tasty. Be sure to thank them all the next time you see them.

I heard nothing but great feedback from all of the classes that Cindy held at Timbers. I know I enjoyed my class on Tuesday. I learned a lot and had fun doing it. Cindy is a great teacher and instructor.

Don't forget that March is our mini symposium. We will have six demo stations for you to choose from, 30 minutes for each demo and three rotations. You can bring the tools that you no longer use, to sell or trade. For larger items that you would like to sell, take a picture of it, write out a description, and place it on one of the tables. Pat will have a list of the demonstrators and what they are demonstrating.

President's message...

[Jim McCleary](#) at the fair



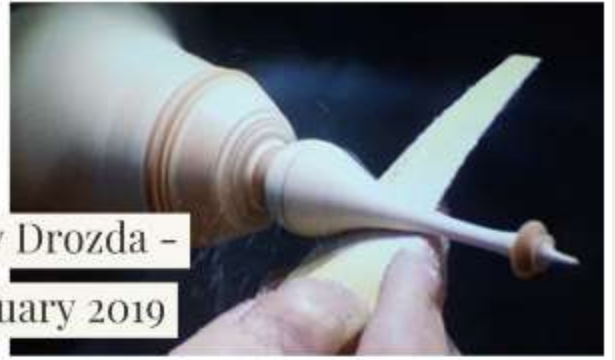
Pat Jones, our webmaster, will be at station seven. She will be taking photos of each member, who chooses to do so, so we can put them in our members only portion of our website. This way you can put a face to a name if you are looking for a member. So, brush your teeth, comb your hair and stop and see Pat to get your picture taken.

We will be having nominations for board members at our March meeting. You can either volunteer yourself or nominate someone you think might do a great job guiding our club to become more successful. Having a strong Board of Directors is what will keep us heading in the right direction. Be part of the process.

Well, that's all for now. Turn safe, turn often and see you Saturday, March 16th.

Thanks, and have a great day.

Jim



Cindy Drozda -
February 2019



Sp Adobe Spark



When we share all, we all grow!

Cindy Drozda hands-on classes at Timbers Woodworking!



Thanks, Cindy, for great classes!



Silent Auction items on March 16th!

Four Cindy Drozda items!

Finial Box 1



Finial Box 2



Bud vase



Triangle Box (inlaid top of box)



One Kelly Dunn bowl!



All items will be by silent bid – bidding will start at \$25.00. Silent auction will take place at the March 16th meeting. If the minimum bids are met, winners will be notified at the end of the meeting. If a minimum bid is not met, the item will not be sold on March 16th.

Are you new to the AWA meetings?

- Short member meeting - inform members of activities and happenings
 - Board Nominations/elections in March & April
- Live or remote demonstrations
- Instant Gallery (come view fellow woodworkers' woodturning display)
 - Members bring a woodturning vessel in to display for fun
 - Pictures are taken and put on the website photo gallery
- 50/50 raffle – Red Tickets (half the money goes to ticket winner - other half goes in the Shorty Fund)
 - Shorty fund money goes in to woodturning education in the high schools
- Wood Raffle - lots of wood blanks raffled off monthly!
 - After the \$\$ 50/50 raffle - donated wood is raffled off
- President's Challenge Gallery -
 - most meetings have a "challenge" - listed in the meeting or newsletter
 - members bring in pieces for others to view for the challenge
 - each entry in to the President's challenge receives a "blue raffle ticket" for end of year prize
- Show N tell (limit to 6 speakers)
 - Members get time to tell about a turned vessel.
 - The type of wood, process (good and bad) and techniques used.

Next Month – April Newsletter

- **Learn more about Bridging AZ** – a way for you to volunteer. Engage veterans in making custom pens on a wood lathe. In a 2-3-hour class vets make (and keep for free) a beautiful custom pen.
- **Maricopa County Fair Volunteer info**
- **April President's Challenge** – a project with a finial
- Did you know someone in our club is involved with making the Phoenix Open/Waste Management golf trophy?

AWA Elections 2019

Nominations for 2019 board members will be held at the March 2019 meeting. Positions are elected for two years. In April we will have Board elections/voting and the new board will be effective in May.

At this time board meetings are held every other month, following the regular general meeting/demo.

Why would you want to be on the board? What do we do? Working together lets us be a successful woodturning club. Our goal is to make the meetings interesting; to inform the public and promote AWA and woodturning; education; inform members of new and exciting techniques – join in the fun! But it's always going back to the basics -- our Mission Statement and Objective from the AWA bylaws:

The mission of the AWA is to provide education and information to those who are interested in woodturning.

Purposes and Objectives In following the thrust of the Mission Statement, the Arizona Woodturners Association, LLC shall promote an interest in woodturning for persons of all levels of competence and experience, including beginners and advanced professionals; to provide up-to-date information, education and guidance for all Members; to stimulate creativity, and to explore new methods and techniques for advancing woodturning as both a creative craft and as a unique art form; and to encourage membership in, and continued support for, the American Association of Woodturners.

By-laws on elections: Number and Manner of Election: The Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) elected Executive Officers and five (5) elected Directors, and the Board-appointed Club Librarian and Club Webmaster. The Board of Directors shall determine the number of Directors requiring election, select a slate of nominees, present it to the Membership in March, and accept any nominations from the floor at that time. Elections shall be conducted at the April meeting with newly elected Directors assuming duties on May 1st. Election shall be by a simple majority of votes cast by the membership present.

[Link to By-laws of AWA](#)

Interested in being on the board?
Talk to a board member or volunteer March 16th!

**Taking nominations at
March 16th meeting!**

Position	Election Year	Nominations so far
President	2019	Jim McCleary
Vice President	2020 (William Taggart)	
Treasurer	2019	David Slocum
Secretary	2020 (Richard Ivy)	
Director 1	2019	Nominations at this time for directors: Linda Peterson Brian Mason Dale Guilford
Director 2	2019	
Director 3	2019	
Director 4	2019	
Director 5	2020 (Brian Lensink)	

Current 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

March 16th (more info on [website](#)) Mini-Symposium

Six turners - 3 demos

30 minutes each

Choose 3 demos to attend:

- Baby rattle
 - Gerard Merchant
- Pens
 - Jim Picospi, BridgingAZ
- Lidded Salt Pig
 - Bill Kram
- Goblets
 - Ed Morabito
- Frugal Vacuum chuck
 - Bob Leonard
- Craft Show items
 - Ken Waller



PHOTO booth – stop by and get your picture taken – we are going to have a “Members Only” photo directory!

SWAP MEET – bring your items

Meeting starts 12:00, Noon

1st demo session 12:30pm

30 min session, 15 min break

2nd demo session 1:15pm

30 min session, 15 min break

3rd demo session 2:00pm

30 min session

Raffle - clean up

Bring your items to sell – bring your \$\$ to buy!

Turners will be set up for a great mini-symposium on the outside walls and swap meet will be set up in the middle! Plan to attend!

WOODTURNING TIPS And SAFETY

REMEMBER:

- Prior to starting the lathe, rotate the work piece by hand to make sure that it clears the tool rest support and the lathe bed. Also, make certain that all clamping devices are locked and that the tailstock is properly seated against the piece
- Keep your tools sharp and properly ground. Dull tools are dangerous as they require excessive pressure to make them cut

Shared website from Dale Guilford:

<https://turnawoodbowl.com> Yes, the theme is turning bowls, but it covers all aspects of turning from harvesting green wood to photographing your finished projects. It also addresses the needs of the new turner to the more experienced. Major categories listed are: Basics, Advanced, Tools, Sharpening, Safety, On the lathe, Design, Wood, Finishing, and Reviews.

Thermal Finger Covers

Are you doing some woodburning and find your fingers getting hot?

There's a product available from Treeline – Thermal Finger Covers.

A 3 pack of the covers costs just \$4.99!

The covers are made of heat resistant silicone and designed to be resistant to 400 degrees.

They fit almost any size finger and easy to put on. They come in various colors. Treeline is at www.treelineusa.com.



CA glue clogs?

When you finish using your glue, always tap the bottom onto your work surface. This will return the excess glue to the bottom of the bottle. You may also want to keep extra tips in an old jar filled with acetone. You can purchase extra tips online or order occasionally from a company that gives you extra tips.

Thank you to all our volunteer demonstrators!

Lie-Nielsen
TOOLWORKS®
INC.
Heirloom Quality Tools®

HAND TOOL
EVENT®



HOSTED BY

PORTER BARN WOOD

901 SOUTH 7TH STREET
PHOENIX, AZ 85034

MARCH 1-2, 2019

FRIDAY 10AM - 6PM & SATURDAY 10AM - 5PM

DEMONSTRATIONS • WOODWORKING TIPS & TRICKS • SHARPENING TECHNIQUES

Free Admission, all are welcome!

FOR DETAILS, VISIT WWW.LIE-NIELSEN.COM
OR CALL US AT 1-800-327-2520

What is a SALT PIG?

A salt pig is a container used to hold salt, to make it easily accessible to pinch or spoon measure into dishes. They are available in many materials, but are generally ceramic, porcelain, wood, earthenware or clay. The earthenware construction of a salt pig can help keep the salt from clumping in humid kitchens.

A popular train of thought attributes the name of the salt pig to their typically round and snout-like openings but some investigating of an old Scottish dialect revealed that "pig" was a common word for an earthenware jar or pot. A salt pig was simply an earthenware jar for salt (although some take it a little more literally).

Check out the demo at the Mini-symposium on March 16th!



SEEDs for Autism

SEEDs provide education and vocational training for all functional levels of autism as well as providing resources for those on the autism spectrum. They are proud to be one of the leading Phoenix resources for autism and their programs let those with autism spectrum disorders explore possibilities and discover new skills in a structured environment.

Two men (Cal Vander Kooi & Chuck LaRue) from AWA volunteer weekly to teach students woodturning! One AWA member (Ed Morabito) works at Seeds. These men take the time to teach, educate, train and help students with social development.

Their woodturning products are sold online and in the Seeds gift shop.

Seeds provide a path from "learning to earning" for young adults with autism through education, vocational training and social development in Phoenix, Arizona.

Did you know? We borrow four mini-lathes from SEEDs for our mini-symposium!

Watch for more info on their Open House on May 4th!



2019 - upcoming events



- March 1-2 Porter Barn Wood Customer Appreciation
- March 16-17 – Desert Woodcarver's Show & Sale
 - Mesa Centennial Hall
 - Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun 10am to 4pm
- March 16 – Wine Glass Bar Sawmill – Open House/Expo
 - 9am to 1pm
 - 401 S 40th St, Phoenix, AZ
- March 16 – mini-symposium/swap meet
 - No instant gallery or critique or show 'n tell
 - Meeting – board nominations
 - Board meeting to follow
- March 20-24 – Pinal County Fair AWA Demos
- April 10-14 – Maricopa County Fair AWA Demos
- April 20 – Brian Lensink – Peppermill, Segmented or not
 - Meeting elections
- May 18 – Bill Taggart – miniature bird houses
 - New board in place

**More information
available online.**

[AWA Website](#)

check out “announcements” for
up to date information



Need volunteers to load and unload lathes & equipment for the meetings.

[Click here](#) to sign-up to help load and unload equipment for the meetings or email [webmaster](#) with the dates you can assist. A truck is helpful but sometimes we just need the bodies to help lift.

We could really use your help! Let's fill up the next 6 months!



AWA will demonstrate the following fair hours:

3/21 Thursday – 4 to 7pm

3/22 Friday – 10am to 7pm

3/23-24 Saturday/Sunday – 11am to 6pm

Can you help demonstrate turning tops and pens? Talk with people as they ask questions about woodturning?

Watch for the volunteer schedule on the AWA Website.

Looking for volunteers!

[Email Dick Jones](#) if you can help demonstrate/volunteer. Tell him what days/times work well for you OR what times don't work for you. He will make a schedule and email it out.



Meet our members...

Each month we will highlight one or more AWA members.



"Here are some colored pencils." Cal's wife of 52 years, Nancy, brought him hundreds of colored pencils and asked him to create an artistic colorful piece! He did. Since then he has created numerous colored pencil vessels, many are shaped into a sphere with a pedestal base and finial top! The first-time process of turning colored pencils has been Cal's biggest turning challenge so far.

Cal Vander Kooi



Although born and raised in Minnesota, Cal moved his family (wife and three high school kids) to Arizona in 1985. His kids have stayed in Arizona and his family now consists of eight grand-children and five great grandchildren.

After 46 years as an auto repair technician, Cal found a new way to use his hands and create. After being inspired by his brother-in-law who had taken a woodturning class – Cal got his first lathe Christmas 2009. From day one he says he has been inspired by the natural beauty of the wood itself and every piece is different and beautiful in its own remarkable way. He joined AWA right away and started taking classes to hone his new hobby.

What pushes Cal to his limits? He says large hollow forms are a challenge. Each time he tries turning something new it's an enjoyable challenge. He likes learning new techniques and processes – and starting a new challenge. His advice to new turners – take classes, learn techniques, learn your tools and how to use them. Does he have a tip for other turners? He likes using a bowl gouge on spindle turning.

Cal has many artistic wood pieces in galleries and features a large woodturning open house yearly in November. Customers enjoy the unique artistic pieces he makes and check out his website for new pieces: www.calvanderkooi.com. Watch for the *South Scottsdale* magazine, that will be running an article about Cal and his artistic woodturning.

Other than working daily in his workshop, for the last five years he has volunteered weekly at Seeds for Autism. Cal, Chuck LaRue and Ed Morabito teach autistic students to turn – making bowls, bottle stoppers, gardening tools (just to list a few) to sell for their non-profit organization.

When Cal started turning many years ago he thought his 10 x 10 room would be plenty big. Now years later Cal has created a much larger work shop and his original 10 x 10 room houses glass cabinets with many amazing artistic turned pieces that show his free spirit!



Send your shop tips or questions!

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

Questions? Email: ContactUs@AZwoodturners.org