

## Presidents Message -- Arizona Woodturners Association -- February 2015

As I sit on a plane writing this month's presidents message, I am reminded of the bitter cold, as most of the country is locked into a deep freeze. I have been in Texas and it snowed three of the four days and the 6.5 mile drive from the airport took over 30 minutes. I was never happier when the taxi driver said he was from Iowa. Texas drivers can't drive in the snow and ice. That included me when I lived in north Texas. When I arrive home tonight, after the kids are in tuckered into bed, I can't wait to get into my workshop tonight. My message is to take advantage of the incredible weather while you can, climbing temperatures and heat are not that far away. I need to get serious about installing that commercial air conditioner I bought this fall so I can use my shop all summer long. I look forward to seeing your new creations at the March new critic table.

Back to the present. joHannes Michelsen will be our demonstrator this month on Saturday at the Fairway Recreation Center, 10600 W. Peoria Ave, Sun City, AZ. Entrance fee is \$20 which includes lunch and runs from 9am to 4pm. We will be raffling a CBN wheel as well. joHannes is world renowned as "The Hat Man." It will be a great day and a step by step handout will be distributed. Ken and Ana have been working hard to enhance the clubs video and sound system. If you want more information, please go to the clubs website [www.azwoodturners.org](http://www.azwoodturners.org) and click on the flyer link for photos from the main page. Please come out and support your club. We look forward to seeing you there.

Marvin Fretwell our webmaster has worked very hard and took care of some of the website legacy ownership issues, so we will soon be revamping our Desert Woodturners Roundup web page. Thank you Marvin for your persistence! Speaking of this our Google Groups Message Board is up and running and hopefully you are getting e-mails specific to woodturning from other club members. Once again, thank you Marvin for setting this up.

Ana will also be collecting dues at the door, if you have not paid for 2015.

Speaking of fellow clubs in the state, The Prescott Area Woodturners has been gracious enough to invite anyone from our club to attend an all-day demo for Michael Mocho on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The meeting is at the YEI building, 6708 Corsair in Prescott. Demonstration begins at 9:00am and cost including lunch is \$25. Space is limited and you must be pre-paid (i.e., no day of walk in's). Your check is your reservation. Please send to: Prescott Area Woodturners (PAW) PO Box 12346, Prescott AZ 86304. Please note any food allergies on your check.

We have the A Team going to Sunnyslope High School on 3/5/15 to work with the kids and hopefully recruit some up and coming wood turners. Thank you Mike Lucckino and Vince Sichmeller for stepping up to make this happen. If you are interested in helping please send me a line or speak with Mike or Vince.

Lastly, I want to thank Jason, Ana and anyone else who volunteered over the holiday weekend for the Desert Woodturner's Show. It was a lot of time over the weekend and away from family.

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