

President's Message -- April 2015

Our April meeting our own Ken Northern will demonstrate vacuum stabilization for turning. If you have ever wanted to incorporate a soft wood or burl into a turned piece, this is a must see demonstration. I am the proud owner of one of Ken's gorgeous resin and mesquite burl pens and they are amazing. Ken has written a very detailed step by step article that will be posted to the clubs website. As part of Ken's demonstration we was able to obtain a Curtis Seebeck of "Turntex.com" and "Cactus Juice" fame stabilizing chamber, which we will sell raffle tickets for. Once again, I guarantee you will come away learning something new.

This month the president's challenge is wings. You get to decide what constitutes a wing for your turning. I will not be able to attend the meeting this month as I have a commitment with daughters that takes me out of town. We will also auction off the CBN wheel we have been selling tickets for from D-Way Tools. Speaking of CBN wheels, please give your check (made out to the club) to Ana for your CBN wheels and lights during the meeting as part of our group buy. Each wheel is \$130.75, with the exception of the 4 in 1 CBN Wheel which is \$174.75. The Aurora Lights is \$100 as well, as part of the club buy. Remember we need to know the size wheel you want. The size arbor your slow speed grinder has and what grit wheel you want for each wheel you order. I expect to order the wheels next week. If you order two or more wheels, they can be shipped directly to your house. For our Canadian members we will have to determine actual postage. As I stated previously the quality of these wheels is reported to be excellent as demonstrated by the Minnesota Woodturner's who is doing their second group buy. I know I am personally buying some wheels and the large Aurora LED light they offer.

We have lined up the Skew Master himself Alan Lacer for our November all day Sun City demonstration and will be announcing 1-day hands-on classes soon.

Rockler is having a Woodworking Club Open House and Demo day on Saturday April 25th from 9-3:30pm. They will provide the lathe. We would like the Arizona Woodturner's Association to be represented. Please e-mail me if you are willing to turn at our booth and I will create a schedule.

Speaking of volunteers, we had a great crew at the Maricopa County Fair last weekend. There were a lot of folks who stopped by to watch and many kids who went home with a top to play with. Hopefully some seeds are planted. I want to thank the following individuals who spent part of their weekend in the club booth: Pete Beschenbossel, Larry Jurgens, Chuck LaRue, Brian Mason, Doug Mason, Ken Waller, Jason Clark and myself.

Lastly, I will be a little selfish or maybe gloating here, but thanks to Jim McCleary, I now have a 5-ton air conditioning unit on my shop. This should allow me to turn a lot more this summer, which is generally when I have shop time, but it has been too hot to endure. A big THANK YOU shout out to Jim!

Please don't forget you can post items for other club members at our Group's web page (<http://azwoodturners.org/pages/GoogleGroup.shtml>)

See you next Saturday at the Pyle Center at noon to watch Ken's demonstration.

Chip Hidinger -- President, Arizona Woodturner's Association