

Presidents Message -- Arizona Woodturners Association -- October 2015

This month we are very lucky to have our own club member J. Paul Fennell demonstrate to the club. J. Paul is world famous for his thin-wall wood turnings and piercing, designs based on leaf and sea patterns and Chinese lattice work. His work is in 39 permanent collections including Sam Maloof, The Peabody-Essex Museum, Salem, Massachusetts and Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Massachusetts. He has been featured in 67 selected exhibits and shows, so you will not want to miss seeing J. Paul present this Saturday at the Pyle Center in Tempe. You will learn about the process of his creation and the tools he uses.

The all-day Sun City November 14th, meeting is also just around the corner featuring Alan Lacer, whom is well known for his work with the skew.

Officer Elections will be held at the October general meeting from those nominated in September. Those running are:

President Dale Gillaspy

Vice President Ana Lappegard

Treasure Gerard Merchant

Secretary: Jerry Witt and Ken Northern.

Per the Bylaws we will be electing board members at the Alan Lacer November meeting. We will take nominations at the October meeting. Our goal is to have 5-11 directors (board members).

The Arizona State Fair is coming up and we will have demonstrators Sat and Sun Oct 24 -25th and Oct 31-Nov 1st. We will demonstrate from 10-6 all four days with the exception of Halloween (Oct 31st) we will knock off at 4pm so folks can get home before its dark. I will send a private e-mail to those participating with the schedule. We could really use some more help on Oct 31st if you would like to come by for a few hours.

The mentor referral is about to be posted in the members only section of the club website as a new member resource. We have decided to keep this very informal and only be a referral for club members, but there is no insurance from the club and it is non-sanctioned.

Please sign up on-line for the 2016 DWR from the club website. Also see the list of great demonstrators the DWR Committee has worked hard to bring in for your enjoyment. This group has done an outstanding job in planning.

The December Christmas Party is right around the corner, so start turning you exchange ornament.

See you this Saturday, October 17th at the Pyle Center in Tempe at noon.

Chip Hidinger -- President, Arizona Woodturners Association