

President's Message -- November 2015

Please join us this Saturday November 14th at the Fairway Recreation Center in Sun City for Alan Lacer's 9am to 4pm all-day demonstration. Cost is \$20 per person and includes a Firehouse Subs box lunch. Alan Lacer has been involved in the turning field for more than 39 years as a turner, teacher, writer, exhibition coordinator, expert witness, demonstrator and past president of the American Association of Woodturners. His work has appeared in a number of regional and national exhibitions. Alan has been a regular instructor and demonstrator of the craft -- having worked in all 50 states as well as five foreign countries. He has published more than 150 articles, columns and tips, covering technical aspects of woodturning, many specific projects, stories related to both contemporary and historical woodturning and the turning traditions of Japan and Germany. He has also produced five videos of his own, with three of them winning a total of five national awards. In 1999 the American Association of Woodturners awarded him their Lifetime Honorary Member Award for his contributions to the field. He has also appeared on national TV woodturning programs on PBS and DIY. Alan has published one book, in 2015, *Alan Lacer's Woodturning Projects & Techniques* from Popular Woodworking Books, and is finishing up another book entitled (tentatively) *Woodturning Essentials* from Lost Art Press.

Of Special Note: After the all-day demonstration Saturday, we have two spots left of Alan Lacer's hands-on classes "Skew Chisel: Wicked Tool, Wicked Good!" Each class is limited to six participants. Cost is \$185 per person. To inquire about these classes or to sign up please Contact Ana Lappegard at alappegard23@gmail.com, or 480-620-5185.

I have personally taken the all-day hands on demo from Alan previously and walked away knowing how to use the skew and why catches occur with the skew. He is a great guy and a great teacher, so much so, that I am taking the class again this year. His videos even explain how to forge your own tools and make a hook tool for the bottom of a bowl.

The location of the Saturday All-Day Demo is:

Fairway Recreation Center
10600 W Peoria Ave
Sun City, AZ 85351

We elected officers for 2016 and I am proud to say the following people were elected:

President: Dale Gillaspy
Vice President: Ana Lappegard
Treasurer: Gerard Merchant
Secretary: Ken Northern

Board of Director Elections will be held at the November Sun City Demo Day. Our goal is to have 5-11 directors (board members). You do have to be a club member to be on the board.

I want to thank the following people for generously volunteering at the Arizona State Fair: Ken Northern, Jim Quarles, Robert Hart, Gerard Merchant, Ana Laapagard, Pete Beschenbosell, Chuck LaRue, Cal Vander Kooi, Vince Sichmeller, Brian Mason, Dave Mills, Ken Northern, Larry Jergens, Jim McCleary, Doug Hobson and myself. Many of these members worked

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multiple days and I know in my 3 days at the State Fair, we saw a lot of people and turned a lot of tops for kids. I apologize now if I missed anyone.

I also need to thank Carl Smith and Chuck LaRue for last minute graciously taking the trailer and lathes out to a Boy Scout Leader Pow Wow with over 600 adult attendees last Saturday. They only called me on Tuesday to do this and we appreciate you guys taking the time to teach to others.

Lastly, I really want to thank Jerry Witt for his help and volunteering to help Ken Northern run the TV and camera crew as well as pick up and drop off at storage of some seriously heavy boxes of equipment for every meeting. Jerry will be taking over AV full time in 2016, but we could really use an assistant as well. Please contact Jerry or an officer if interested.

The Desert Woodturners Roundup (DWR) is coming in February and we need you to attend as well as volunteers to help work the seminar weekend. Please sign up for both. On-line sign up is available. We cannot be successful without you! We have the best weather for February in the country, we have one of the best clubs in the west, so there if no reason we should not have the best woodturning show.

See you this Saturday, November 14th at the Fairway Recreation Center in Sun City at 9 am.

Chip Hidinger -- President Arizona Woodturners Association