

Arizona Woodturners Association -- President's Message -- September, 2016

Happy Fall... if you consider 100 degrees fall.....Hey, at least we are not shoveling heat.

This week, our meeting will be a full one.

We will be taking nominations for next year's officers, so please give some thought as to who you would like to sit at the helm next year. If you would like to hold an office, it would be a good time to talk to your fellow club members and let them know. (I will not be seeking, nor will I accept a nomination.) Voting will take place in October.

The plan is to also hold elections for the board, and seat them in place. This term would run through 2017. The board's general duties are not to run the day-to-day operations, but to oversee the officers, authorize an audit when necessary, and to approve large expenditures.

The nominees for the board are as follows:

Pete Beschenbossel
Lyle Hill
Larry Hudson
Rich Fairborn
Vince Schmilller

If I have omitted someone by accident, please let me know and I will correct the situation. We will be asking the membership to approve the board.

Pete Beschenbossel will be demonstrating an easy segmenting method that he uses. If you have seen his work, you know he gets great results, so don't miss it.

The state fair is on hold for now. Please let me explain. In the past, we have occupied a booth on the weekends, and been able to cover our equipment and leave it in place. This year, they have changed the way they do things. We would be allowed one 4 hour weekend slot and one 4 hour weekday slot. We would have to load our equipment in and out each time, and we would not be permitted to drive onto the fair grounds to get close to the building, we would have to hand truck everything in from the parking lot. This is just not feasible. Even after explaining our club, what the equipment consists of, and what we have done in the past, it has fallen on deaf ears. All I keep getting is a canned answer. If anyone has any connections they would like to exploit, I'm open to help. I'm also open to individual club members who would like to take advantage of the parameters above borrowing the Delta midi lathe and shield, but it would have to be done as a club sanctioned event for insurance purposes.

We are currently in talks with the Arizona Woodcarvers and plan on having a booth at their Excellence in Wood show in February. I will keep you posted on the details as they emerge.

Finally, we are forming an exploratory committee for the 2018 Desert Woodturning Roundup. We will be meeting at 10am this Saturday at the Pyle Center. If you have sat on the committee before, or if you are new and would like to be a part of it all, please come and I will outline the steps to getting started, and hopefully "hand out" some assignments.