



American Association of Woodturners

Local Chapter Insurance

AAW is offering information for chapters on becoming a 501 (c) 3 and rates for chapters board insurance. Follow the links for additional information

[Board Insurance Application form](#)
[501 \(c\) 3 information](#)

Local Chapter membership brochures

AAW is offering an opportunity for your chapter to include the chapter membership application in conjunction with the AAW membership brochure.

[Printing details](#)
[Chapter Brochure](#)

Local Chapter credit card

AAW has arranged for interested chapters to sign up for low rates to accept credit cards. Follow the link for details.

October Members and Chapters Newsletter

Greetings!

Chapter Presidents and AAW members, please feel free to publish this letter in your chapter newsletter and on your website. You may also wish to share it with those who are not currently AAW members. I would also encourage you to forward it those chapter members who might not otherwise see the information.

Monthly Drawings/Grand Prize Drawing

We are continuing with our monthly drawings. Nothing is required to participate other than being a member of the AAW. We have great prizes each month and will have a grand prize drawing again at the end of 2011. [Walter Meier Powermatic/JET](#) has donated the same grand prize (3520B plus the local chapter choice of JET full-size or 5 minis).

Thank Our Sponsors

Please make sure that you thank all of our business members for their support of the AAW. These companies (and individuals) help make the organization great and offer many special benefits to our members. Let them know you appreciate them when you do business with them. We also thank those donors to the monthly and year end grand prize drawings. You can find a complete listing of those on the [website](#).

Board of Directors Elections Deadline

The election is underway for the three Board of Directors positions. These are 3 year terms. The balloting began on August 1st and will close on October 21st. You can [vote online](#).

EOG/ERF Grants

The EOG applications for this year's grants are now open online. The deadline is January 15. You must [apply online](#). New this year with the EOG grants 10 AAW symposium registrations will be awarded. You may be aware of the ERF (emergency relief fund) which is available to AAW members. If you have suffered woodturning equipment losses due to a natural disaster, consider applying for ERF

[credit card link](#)

AAW membership renewal is easy [online](#). If you would like to mail in your payment a form is available.

[Membership form](#)

Call for Entries

2012 Annual Juried Member Exhibit "A Walk in the Woods"

[Information link](#)

AAW Links

If your chapter, or you, have a website, please consider linking to the [AAW website](#). With 351 chapters and 14,000 plus members, that is a lot of Google juice to help build awareness of the AAW. Please use <http://woodturner.org/>

monies to help you with replacement equipment.

Mid South Woodturners Guild Joan Kelly Memorial Fund Grants

The members of the Mid South Woodturners Guild have created a Joan Kelly Memorial Grant program. MSWG is offering, on a first come first serve basis, \$100 Grants and simple "how to guidelines" to build your own protective shield. You can find more [information here](#).

Best Practices - Safety

The best practices area of the [website](#) is used to share ideas, techniques, and methods among the membership and chapters. You can find everything from presentation skills to tax suggestions for chapters. We are soliciting input from the chapters and members to help expand our safety content in the best practices area. In addition to hard copy documentation, we will open it to video materials as well. Send your ideas and contributions [to Dan Luttrell](#) for consideration.

Membership Drive

AAW is excited to kick off our membership drive. As we continue to grow, we look forward to welcoming new members and renewing friendships with returning members. This year we look forward to expanding our programs and implementing new ideas, and as always, sharing with you, this amazing time. Our membership drive is designed to work through and in support of the local chapters. For each 10 memberships (new or lapsed two years or more) the chapter will receive a complimentary symposium registration. The start date for the promotion is November 1st with an end date of December 31st.

[Click here to participate in the offer](#). We hope that you'll choose to join and spread the word to your friends.

Woodturning Fundamentals

Woodturning Fundamentals is a new program at AAW whose goal is to provide a source for basic skills and techniques. We will be adding information on the website and sending emails in the months the American Woodturner journal is not published.

Our purpose is to:

- Encourage and assist members of the woodturning community in the development of their skills
- Provide a source for starting and developing woodturning skills
- Provide reference for equipment
- Promote woodturning safety

Watch for registration for the Woodturning Fundamentals when you renew your membership.



