

Rethinking your Chapter Library

Challenged to find a volunteer to maintain your chapter's woodturning books and videos? Tired of nagging members to return a video or book? If so, here's a different solution worth considering.

Soon after chartering in June 2003, the Emerald Coast Woodturning Guild found that the majority of the members were beginning woodturners—all of whom could benefit from a library of woodturning books, videos, and other educational materials. As a beginning organization and being really strapped for resources, we began looking for alternative ways to provide loaner educational materials about woodturning.

We contacted a local public library and made arrangements for it to become the custodian of our woodturning books and videos—most of which were donated by a few generous members.

Now, our members take advantage of the library any day of the week, rather than waiting until the next monthly chapter meeting. Not only are the materials available for checkout during normal library hours, the materials

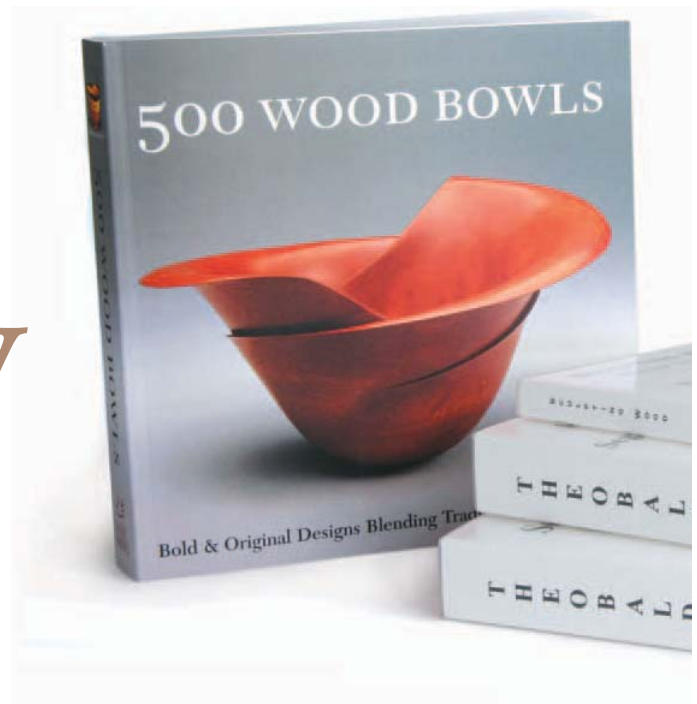
are also available to others in the community. In fact, we have a number of members today that learned of our AAW chapter through the library. Perfect!

The library handles the usual custodial aspects of maintaining the materials, assuring checkouts and returns, and even adds to the collection as opportunities arise. They have agreed not to destroy infrequently used materials before checking with us.

Because of cooperative lending arrangements between area libraries, our members can request a title, regardless of their home address (like many chapters, we draw from several communities).

We feel this collaborative approach to providing library materials to our membership and the community is a better way to operate. Then we can apply our limited resources toward other priorities of our young chapter.

—Bill Stephenson



Woodturning books and videos published in the last year

Books

- ***The Art Of Segmented Wood Turning: A Step-by-Step Guide***
by Malcolm Tibbetts, 224 pages
- ***Beneath the Bark, Twenty Five Years of Woodturning***
by Kip Christensen and Dale Nish, 148 pages
- ***Bowl Plans Book***
by Bud Latven
- ***Dick Sing Turns Miniature Birdhouses***
by Dick Sing, 80 pages
- ***Fabulous Turned-Wood Projects***
by John Hiebert, Harm Hazeu, Tim Bergen, and Henry Bergen, 96 pages
- ***500 Wood Bowls***
by Ray Leier, Jan Peters, and Kevin Wallace, 420 pages
- ***A Guide to Work-Holding on the Lathe***
by Fred Holder, 128 pages
- ***Harvesting Urban Timber***
by Sam Sherrill, 224 pages
- ***Pen Turner's Workbook, Step-By Step Instructions for 9 Projects***
by Barry Gross, 80 pages
- ***Segmented Turning: A Complete Guide***
by Ron Hampton, 160 pages