

American Association of Woodturners

Membership and Local Chapter Message

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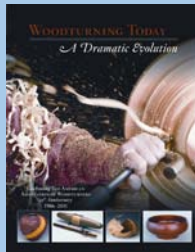
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Chapter Presidents and AAW members, please feel free to publish this letter in your chapter newsletter and on your website as you feel appropriate to share it with those who are not currently AAW members. I would also encourage you to forward it to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

Australian Disasters

I am sure you are aware of the natural disasters occurring in Australia. Many of our fellow AAW members have been adversely affected by the situation. One of the benefits of AAW membership is the ERF - Emergency Relief Fund. It was started to assist members who suffer in events such as these. The fund is limited and can't replace the huge losses that many have suffered. It is intended to help with the loss of tools, equipment, and materials. If you would like to make a donation to this fund to help those who have been (and continue to be) affected by the flooding, please use the [following link](#).

Year-End Grand Prize Winner

By now I'm sure you've heard that Cliff Mann of AZ won the Powermatic 3520B lathe donated by Walter Meier Powermatic/JET (<http://www.waltermeier.com/us/en/splash.html>). Cliff's local chapter, the Southern Arizona Woodturners Association, also won their prize of five JET mini-lathes. Not only were they great prizes but delivery was free. You can see more of the details at this link.

Monthly Drawings/Grand Prize Drawing

We are continuing with our monthly drawings. Nothing is required in order 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 again donated the grand prize (3520B plus the local

chapter's choice of a JET fullsize or 5 minis).

Our January and February Winners

- Rick Coffman, FL - a tuition-only scholarship for a woodturning class from [Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts](#)
- Jeffrey Knichel, NJ - a tuition-only scholarship from [Anderson Ranch Arts Center](#)
- Del Porter, FL - a \$100 gift certificate from [Choice Woods](#)
- Ronald Nelson, WI - a Teknatool Nova G3 Chuck with No. 2 Jaws and insert from [Craft Supplies USA](#)
- Albert Brooks, CA - a five-DVD set from [David Ellsworth](#)
- Jeff Ziegler, PA - a \$100 gift certificate from [Hunter Tool Systems](#)
- Robert Matern, TX - a 4-DVD set from [Mike Mahoney](#)
- David Brink, NC - Wolverine Grinding Jig from [Oneway Manufacturing](#)
- Phil Morgan, GA - an assortment of sanding supplies from [The Sanding Glove](#)
- Jim Roth, OH - two separate \$100 gift certificates from [Thompson Lathe Tools](#)
- John Lamacraft, SC - a 3-DVD set from [Trent Bosch](#)

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 of the monthly and year-end grand prize drawings. You can find a complete listing of those on the [website at this link](#).

Insurance Donations

Many chapters ask how they can assist with the expenses of the AAW. One of the benefits of being an AAW chapter is the insurance which may be required for certain meeting places and event opportunities. If your chapter (or an individual) wishes to assist with

this expense, you may make a donation to help. "How much?" is an often asked question. We'll graciously accept any donation but many chapters use \$1 per member as a guideline.

Almost 14,000

The year 2010 closed with a total AAW membership of 13,941. While we were striving for 14,000, we can call it close enough. To continue to increase our membership, we ask that the chapters and individual members make a concerted effort to make their fellow woodturners aware of the AAW and the benefits of membership. The programs that are offered are only possible with a strong and growing membership.

AAW Links and Publicity

Getting the word out about the AAW is something that we all can help with. Please include a link on the chapter website to the [AAW home](#). Include one on your personal website as well. When you are asked to provide a bio for demonstrations, publications, or other public events, please include the fact that you are a member of the American Association of Woodturners. We can all help get the word out. If you need publicity materials to hand out at meetings, club events, or demonstrations, contact the Saint Paul office.

Going Green

The option to "go green" on the Resource Directory has been a big success. More than 6,000 members opted to forgo the printed copy. The online version will be available to all members and will always be the most current information available. Thank you to all who decided to make this choice.

AAW 25th Anniversary International Symposium

The time is getting closer. Our 25th Anniversary Symposium preparations, underway for quite some time, have kicked into high gear. You can find all of the latest at <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2011/>. Registration, volunteer opportunities, special events, and more are to be found there. The site is continually updated with the latest information so check back often.

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Please take a look at two very important AAW priorities by clicking on the sites below.

- **A special video previewing the 2011 symposium in Saint Paul is available click on the symposium logo to watch the video. Please share it with others, and screen it at your local chapters. It promises to be the best AAW symposium yet!**
- **Cast your vote to amend the AAW bylaws at [this link](#) . After you get into the "members only" section, click on 2011 Bylaws vote in the left-hand column. The report to the membership giving the reasons for these changes is in the February Journal or can be [read at this link](#). Voting will remain open online through March 31.**

