

Subj: Notes from the AAW Board July 2007

Dear AAW Member,

Each month an AAW board member will share AAW news, summaries of Board meetings, and personal views. These will be sent by email to the chapters and posted on the AAW web site. I have the pleasure of writing the first one.

Chapter presidents, please forward to your members.

The big news from the past month was 2007 AAW symposium in Portland Oregon. The highlights of the symposium for me were seeing many old friends and meeting quite a few new ones. The demonstrators were awesome. The trade show was fantastic. The Instant gallery was extraordinary with 1,362 pieces. Sherry and I helped with the youth program and had great fun with it. After the symposium Sherry and I went to Crater Lake for 2 days and then back to our home in Lakeland, FL.

This year's symposium was one of the best ever.

The 1,585 attendees (13% of the AAW members) made it the second largest ever.

The Auction raised \$102,584 to fund the Education Opportunity Grants a new record!

Special thanks go to Elizabeth York, Gene Colley, Binh Pho, Jacques Vesery, and Bonnie Klein for making this auction extra special.

Congratulation to Elizabeth York for the high bid of \$30,000 for collaborative by Pho and Sudol - pierced and airbrushed vessel with acrylic paint, made of birch.

For a photo click:

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007/photos/auction/dsc02302.htm>

Congratulations to Gene Colley for the winning bid of \$20,000 for a collaborative by Klein and Vesery - double threaded top box with world and carved tree; colored.

Ed Davidson has been real busy capturing so much of the symposium.

Visit

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007/gallery.html>

The symposium is only possible through the efforts of members who volunteer their time and effort to make it a success. We had more than 50 members demonstrate. More than 60 artists contributing to the auction, and over 250 volunteers

Visit <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007/volunteers.pdf>

Look for people you know. Thank them when you see them next.

Please let me know if we have missed any volunteers. With over 20 committees and so many people stepping up to help from all directions we may have missed a few who deserve recognition. If you spot an omission, please help us correct it.

Binh Pho's memorial to Frank Sudol touched everyone deeply. We'll miss Frank. What memories he left us with!

Summary of June 2007 AAW board meeting items:

The **AAW youth education** page is up and running. This is the program outlined in the Journal. See <http://www.woodturner.org/community/youth/>
The projects are and teaching tips are suitable for kids of all ages! Thank Dave Bowers and his helpers for all their hard work!

Board of directors elections: Corey Anderson, Temple Blackwood, Tony Cortese, Bill Haskell, Malcolm Tibbetts, and Tom Wirsing are the six candidates for three board positions. Read about each of them in the next Journal and Vote.

AAW Memorial fund: John Hill, Jack Hastings and Bill Haskell were named as trustees to manage the AAW memorial funds in accordance with policies established by the AAW board of directors.

2008 Dates Conflict: It is a fact that the 2008 Utah Symposium and 2008 AAW symposium are on the same dates. Both AAW and the Utah representatives regret this has happened. Neither can change the schedule at this date. The AAW has set dates through 2011. The Utah symposium has only two choices of dates from BYU. We have resolved to keep each other informed so that this won't happen again.

Utube: Malcolm Tibbetts proposed putting some AAW videos on Utube. The cost is next to nothing. It could potentially reach a huge audience of folks who may one day join the AAW.

Google earth view of chapter locations

This is a little project I've been working on to provide a visual way to locate clubs. This can be used by potential members and AAW travelers. Many people now use Google earth to see their house from the air and to get directions.

1. You need to have Google Earth installed (available free <http://earth.google.com/>)
2. just click [Download AAWChapterAreas.kmz](#)
It will launch Google Earth and display. It actually adds a folder called AAWChapterAreas to the Google Earth temporary places. If for some reason the Link does not work with your mail system you can visit <http://hockenbery.net/aawgoogle.htm> with your web browser and either launch or download the file.
3. The Google Earth will display and Icon and chapter name for each of the 273 AAW Chapters in North America close to where they meet. DO NOT USE THIS FOR DIRECTIONS. Clubs with diamond icons are displayed using the "Meeting city" listed in the AAW web site. Clubs with a red balloon with a Q are had an entry that Google earth could not find. I created a city Google earth could find which I hope is a good choice. If several cities were listed or an area I chose one. If I couldn't find a city I used the city of the POC.

We used a printout zoomed in on Florida at the WoodWorking Show in Tampa. The map made it easy for folks to see chapters in their area.

The following clubs have an icon that is a red balloon with a Q inside. These are the cities I used.

Bayou Woodturners	Old Jefferson	LA
Big Island Woodturners	Hilo	HI
Big Lake Woodturners Guild	Okeechobee	FL
Cape Atlantic Woodturners	Upper Township	NJ
Central Illinois Woodturners	Bloomington	IL

Chips Ahoy	New Rochelle	NY
Coastal Bend Woodturners	Corpus Christi	TX
Granite State Woodturners	Wilmot	NH
Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild	New Westminster	BC
Loess Hills Woodturners	Omaha	NE
Long Island Woodturners Association	long Island	NY
Magnolia Woodturners, Inc	Ellisville	MS
Mid Penn Turners	Bloomsburg	PA
Mid South Woodturners Guild	Cordova	TN
Mid-Columbia Woodturners	Tri-Cities	WA
Minnesota Woodturners Association	Minneapolis/Saint Paul	MN
Simcoe Woodturners Guild	Aurora	ON
South Central Pennsylvania Turners	york	PA
Southeast Oklahoma Woodworkers	Broken Bow	OK
The Villages Turner Group	The Villages	FL
Turners Anonymous	pittsburgh	PA
Utah Association of Woodturners	Provo	UT
Valley Woodturners	Merrickville	ON
Wilmington Area Woodturners Association	Wrightsville Beach	NC
Wisconsin Woodturners	Waukesha	WI
Woodturners of the Virginias	Edinburg	VA

Happy Turning,

Al Hockenbery
AAW Board