

## From the Editor

Welcome to AAW's 25th anniversary year! It's amazing to consider how many tons of shavings we have generated in our quest for creating the perfect bowl, exploring hollow forms, turning pens, piercing thin-walled vessels, and sandblasting ring-porous hardwoods. The back cover reflects the growth and development of woodturning: the 25 images were specially selected, showing works by the demonstrators who will be at the Saint Paul symposium. This visual mix ranges from plain to painted and pierced with lots of creative innovation in between, reflecting the diversity of the woodturning field.

The articles in this month's journal were written by AAW members willing to share their knowledge about a variety of different subjects. I know that the holidays are behind us, but even so, I wanted to present Jim Gross's multisided, inside-out ornaments early in 2011 to provide readers an opportunity to start perfecting their skills *before* the holidays are here again. The process is complex but looks intriguing. Good luck!

The report from the Bylaws Subcommittee can be found on pages 12 and 13. Please take the time to read the Committee's explanations of the changes to the Bylaws. Voting is easy: Cast your vote at [woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org). If you need help with electronic voting, call the office at 651-484-9094 or 877-595-9094 (toll free).

Young turners like Katherine Kowalski represent the future of woodturning. In her article on crochet hooks, she brings a contemporary approach to two crafts, combining knowledge of woodturning and crocheting to make the perfect crochet hook.

I am positive that the AAW's next 25 years will be as amazing as the last!  
—Betty Scarpino



# President's Letter



## Bright Prospects for the AAW's 25th Anniversary Year

We're celebrating the 25th anniversary of the AAW, and good things are happening!

We are pleased to welcome Cindy Bowden as our new Executive Director. Cindy came to the AAW from the Georgia Institute of Technology where she served as the Executive Director of the Museum of Papermaking. Cindy also serves as President of the World Crafts Council North America, a position in which she will continue, bringing the AAW closer

to crafts worldwide. Cindy's strong credentials in financial and endowment management, grant writing, event planning, personnel management, and the use of technology such as websites and electronic communications will help broaden the outreach of the AAW, resulting in increased membership. Welcome, Cindy!

Cindy is already deeply involved in planning the 25th Anniversary Symposium that will take place June 24–26 at the Saint Paul RiverCentre. It promises to be the biggest and best symposium ever. Register and make your hotel reservations now to ensure availability. You can register through the AAW website or call the AAW office.

A feature at the 25th Annual Symposium will be the \$25 for 25th Program. Every AAW member is invited to donate a woodturning, which will be displayed in a special gallery at the symposium. Attendees may purchase any donated item, no matter how simple or elegant, for a flat rate of just \$25. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the AAW general fund. Become a part of this innovative program by sending your woodturning to the AAW office in Saint Paul right away or bring it with you to the symposium. Be sure to sign your donation with your name and "AAW's 25th Anniversary."

One of the many symposium special events will be an exhibition, "Turning 25—A Celebration." We challenge and encourage each chapter to send in a lathe-turned entry that exemplifies and represents the chapter. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your chapter's best work. Visit the AAW website for details.

As is tradition, there will be a Return to the Community project. This year's project is *Empty Bowls...a grassroots movement to help end hunger*. Every AAW Chapter is encouraged to participate by providing turned bowls. For details, please visit the AAW website home page, and click on the Return to the Community link.

Membership renewals are strong. Thank you for renewing or joining the AAW—2011 promises to be a banner year!

With warm regards,  
Tom

## Bylaw Revisions

A letter explaining the Bylaw revisions appears on pages 12 and 13. The complete revised Bylaws are posted on AAW's website at [woodturner.org/info/bylaws\\_12\\_2010.pdf](http://woodturner.org/info/bylaws_12_2010.pdf). The entire Board extends its sincere appreciation to the Bylaws Subcommittee for their hard work and encourages all members to vote. If you need assistance with electronic voting, please call the AAW office at 651-484-9094 or 877-595-9094 (toll free).