

From the Editor

Many of you have talked by phone with Linda Ferber, AAW's administrative assistant, but did you know that she is a woodturner, as well as an employee? Linda's timely and unique project article on bracelet boxes is sure to spark some ideas for a special holiday gift.

Richard Raffan's article is his first in the journal in quite some time. I welcome his re-turning wisdom and clear writing style. Be aware, however, that reading his article on chuck jaws could likely result in the purchase of several new chucks and jaw sets.

Sara Robinson's article on spalted wood is well researched, interesting, and informative. Her next article will be on health considerations of working with spalted wood. The news is good; Sara will debunk some health-hazard myths of working with spalted wood.

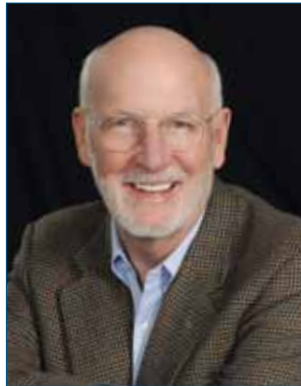
Did you notice that this issue contains 80 pages? The journal is thriving, authors continue to submit innovative and original articles, and the scope of submissions is ever expanding. This positive news is a reflection of the growth in the field of woodturning and the generosity of many who share their woodturning wisdom. As Editor, I have seen considerable growth in our field the past two years!

Be sure to renew your membership by December 31. There are several ways to renew: directly at woodturner.org; use the renewal form attached to the journal cover; or call the office at 651-484-9094 or 877-595-9094 (toll free). See you next year!



—Betty Scarpino

President's Letter



Congratulations to newly elected Board members, Stan Wellborn and Botho von Hampeln. Stan, who hails from Washington, D.C., brings extensive experience in publishing, and currently serves as an editorial advisor to *American Woodturner*. Botho comes to the table with excellent knowledge of business, and is the first Canadian to be elected to AAW's Board. I am pleased to be re-elected to the Board.

The Board of Directors has just returned from Saint Paul where we held our fall meeting. The future of the AAW holds a lot of promise. The Board took action on the following items:

- Interviews were conducted with candidates for the Executive Director position. The quality of the candidates is excellent, and we expect to make a final selection in the near future.
- The Board elected officers for 2011. Warren Carpenter will serve as AAW Treasurer, Jean LeGwin as Secretary, Cassandra Speier as Vice President, and I will serve as President.
- The Board reviewed the revised bylaws, which have been updated to better serve our membership as well as comply with Minnesota statutes governing nonprofit associations. The Bylaws Committee (Ron Sardo, Dale Larson, Mark Mandell, Rob Wallace, and David Walser) has drafted new bylaws, which will be submitted to the full membership for review and approval.
- The Board reviewed and approved the AAW budget for 2011. Warren Carpenter, Treasurer, together with Linda Tacke, Interim Executive Director, have worked tirelessly to improve AAW financial management processes, and I am pleased to say we will end 2010 in the black and we expect to have successful financial results in 2011.
- Dale Larson, chairperson of the Symposium Planning Committee, presented an update on plans for the 25th Anniversary symposium, which will be held June 24–26 at the Saint Paul RiverCentre. Every living AAW Honorary Lifetime Member has been invited to participate, and we have lined up an outstanding slate of demonstrators and panelists. It promises to be the biggest and best symposium ever. Make your plans to attend now!

Thank you to everyone who voted in the election and to all the candidates who ran for the Board.

With warm regards,
Tom