

From the Editor

The rain came down in a torrent, flooding the streets. Driving home, I carefully avoided a man who had positioned himself near the storm drain at the T intersection where my street meets the one behind my house. I had seen this man there last winter when the snow was melting, shoveling a pathway for the rivulets of water to reach the storm drain. Today, he was unclogging the drain so that the intersection would not flood.

I like that I have a neighbor who watches over this intersection, performing a service for the common good of all. I do not know him. I might not even have much in common with him. But I admire his service and think highly of him. Maybe I will drop off an extra journal in his mailbox. Who knows? He could have an interest in woodturning. Seems like he would be the sort who would fit well within our turning community.

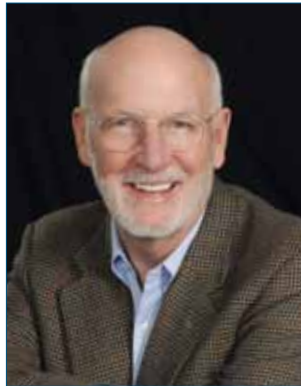
The long list of volunteers at the Hartford symposium is testimony to the many people who offer their services for the benefit of others. The entire list can be seen on the AAW website at woodturner.org/sym/sym2010/volunteer.htm. A shorter version is offered in the symposium highlights, pages 5–9. “Wounded Warriors,” “Wyoming Woodturners,” and Ted Bartholomew also speak of woodturners who share with others. Read about them in this issue.

I am pleased to be part of our woodturning community. To all of you who help make the AAW great, thank you!



—Betty Scarpino

President's Letter



Search for Executive Director:

Our search for a new Executive is well underway. TransitionGuides, the company hired to assist AAW in conducting the search, has received applications from a number of highly qualified candidates. The Board of Directors' goal is to complete the search and select the best-qualified candidate by mid-October. Those who wish to be considered for the AAW Executive Director position can email TransitionGuides at aaw@transitionguides.com or contact Ginna Goodenow, TransitionGuides, 301-439-6635. For a more detailed description

of our transition plan, please see the article on page 5 of the August 2010 *American Woodturner*. A detailed position profile can be found on the AAW website at woodturner.org.

Revising AAW Bylaws:

The AAW has established a committee to revise the AAW bylaws. The committee is making great progress and plans to complete the revisions in the fall. The committee is co-chaired by Ron Sardo and Dale Larson. Committee members include David Walser, Rob Wallace, Jerry Robertson, Mark Mandell, Judy Kingery and David Moore. Once the bylaws have been revised, they will be submitted to the AAW Membership for approval. If you have suggestions or recommendations regarding revisions, please email them to aawbylaws@gmail.com.

25th Anniversary Book:

The AAW 25th anniversary book, *Woodturning Today: A Dramatic Evolution*, will record the association's history and recount the role of the AAW and its members in the evolution of woodturning as an art form, the growth of turning as an amateur activity, and the place of woodturning in the context of American and international craft and culture. The book will emphasize personal stories by diverse voices and be illustrated throughout with photographs of turned work, woodturners, and turning events. It will be an amazing collector's item for every AAW member. Visit the AAW website at woodturner.org and order your copy now.

25th Anniversary Symposium:

The 25th Anniversary Symposium in Saint Paul, MN will undoubtedly be the largest and best AAW Symposium ever. Every living Lifetime Honorary Member has been invited to participate, and we will have an outstanding slate of demonstrators and panelists. Save the dates now: June 24–26, 2011 at the Saint Paul RiverCenter. Don't miss it!

With warm regards,
Tom