

# Chapter Collaborative Challenge 2010

For the 2010 American Association of Woodturners 24th annual symposium in Hartford, CT, the chapters and membership committee will again sponsor a chapter collaborative challenge.

Each AAW chapter is invited to submit one collaborative work created by as many chapter members as possible, with a minimum of six participants.

## Rules

- The work can be any turned object, functional or not.
- The size and weight limits of the collaborative pieces, including the packing container and all packing materials, will be those set by UPS for a single standard box (*see sidebar*). Assembled pieces may be larger but must fit in the single standard-size box. Size restrictions apply regardless of commercial or chapter delivery.
- The names of all participants must be on the work or on an accompanying nameplate.
- At least one chapter representative must be in attendance at the symposium to be responsible for displaying and return shipping of the entry.
- Any electrical/electronic devices in the piece must have an obvious power switch for safety and noise reduction. However, the AAW cannot guarantee that electricity will be available where the collaborative challenge is set up.

**Each chapter must specify in which category they would like their piece to be judged. Choose from one of the following:**

- Artistic
- Mechanical/Technical
- Fantasy

**Four prizes will be awarded as follows:**

- Best in Show plaque
- First Place plaque for each of the three categories

The pieces will be displayed during the symposium in an area near the Instant Gallery. During the symposium, attendees will be invited to select, by ballot, their choice for Best in Show and their favorite piece in each of the three categories. Votes will be tallied prior to the annual banquet and Educational Opportunity Grants (EOG) auction, during which the winners will be recognized.

In addition, the chapter's name will be engraved on the Collaborative Challenge perpetual plaque, which lists the winners since the 1998 Akron symposium. The plaque resides in the AAW offices in St. Paul. All entries will receive a certificate of participation.

Collaborative Challenge pieces may be donated to the EOG auction. If a chapter so chooses, a silent-auction bid sheet will be placed beside the piece. A minimum bid may be indicated on this bid sheet. The highest silent-auction bid will be the opening bid at the live auction. If there is

- Standard packages can be up to 108" (270 cm) in length or up to 165" (419 cm) in length and girth combined.
  - The packages can be up to 150 pounds (70 kg).
- UPS package size is determined by adding the length (the longest side of the package) and the girth (2x width + 2x height). Details of this measurement can be found at [www.ups.com/content/us/en/resources/prepare/weight\\_size.html](http://www.ups.com/content/us/en/resources/prepare/weight_size.html).

no silent-auction bidding, that piece will not be offered at the live auction and the chapter will retain its entry. If a chapter's piece is sold, the chapter will receive 50% of the selling price. Each donated entry must be accompanied by a box and packing materials for shipment to its new home. Shipping the work to the buyer is the joint responsibility of the chapter and the buyer. ■

## 2009 Local Chapter Newsletter and Website Winners

AAW Board members Jean LeGwin and Dale Larson judged the AAW's Best Chapter Newsletter competition. After much deliberation and consideration, they chose the following winners:

**First Place:** Chicago Woodturners, Paul Shotola, Editor ([www.chicagowoodturners.com](http://www.chicagowoodturners.com))

**Second Place:** Montgomery County Woodturners (Maryland), Bert Bleckwenn, Editor ([www.montgomerycountywoodturners.org](http://www.montgomerycountywoodturners.org))

**Third Place:** Greater Vancouver Woodturners Guild (British Columbia), Allan Cusworth, Editor and Barry

Wilkinson, Publisher ([www.gvwg.ca](http://www.gvwg.ca))

A volunteer from each local chapter helped in the evaluation of AAW's Best Chapter Website competition. The winners are:

**First Place:** Montgomery County Woodturners, Bert Bleckwenn, Webmaster

**Second Place:** West Bay Woodturner Society (California), Terry Gannon, Webmaster ([www.westbaywoodturner.com](http://www.westbaywoodturner.com))

**Third Place:** Woodturners of the Virginias, Jeff Fleisher, Webmaster ([www.woodturnersofthevirginias.org](http://www.woodturnersofthevirginias.org)) ■