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Greetings!

Warmest greetings from a very chilly Minnesota. This is the time of the year when we encourage everyone to renew their membership. Collectively, membership dues become invaluable to more fully meet our educational mission. Your membership contributes in so many ways beyond receiving your six issues of American Woodturner - it also touches the lives of others. The benefits extend from enhancing the quality of our woodturning educational programs, to connecting fellow woodturners and building lasting friendships, and preserving our commitment to youth as we educate the woodturners of tomorrow. I encourage you to consider a holiday gift of a membership for someone close to you, perhaps a fellow club member or member of your family.



I want to acknowledge the wonderful people at Walter Meier Powermatic/JET for once again demonstrating their commitment to AAW by donating a Powermatic 3520B lathe for our end-of-year drawing.

The winner of that lathe will also have the opportunity to name a local chapter to win either a JET 1642 or five JET mini-lathes. And this year we are adding a new incentive, courtesy of Gerry Lepouttre, a member from New Baltimore, Michigan. Gerry was the winner of the custom blue Powermatic 3520B lathe raffle during the AAW symposium in June. In an extraordinary expression of his generosity, Gerry gifted the lathe back to AAW so

AAW announces new scholarship program winners

We are extremely pleased to give you the results of the 2014 AAW Chapter Scholarship program. A total of 105 of our local chapters participated, resulting in a pool of 138 nominations. Nominations closed on Friday, November 15th. Phil McDonald had the pleasure of directly overseeing the random drawing that was held in the AAW office on Monday the 18th. Twenty-seven names were drawn using a random number generator, and the winners represented 26 different chapters.

The AAW is excited for the rewarding and enriching experiences that lie ahead for each of the scholarship recipients. And we want to especially thank all of the participating chapters for your overwhelmingly positive expressions of strong support for our educational mission.

We want to thank the Arrowmont School of Arts & Craft and the John C. Campbell Folk School for their additional financial support for this initiative.

The list of winners and their **chapters can be found at this link**

Turned Trophies for benefit golf tournament

I have received a few compliments on the article from last issue. I would like to clarify that the ball-in-ball design credit should go to Al Hockenbery of Lakeland, Florida.

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Pens for Troops mentoring section

that it could again be available for the benefit of the Association. All members in good standing as of January 1, 2014, will be eligible for each of these two lathe drawings.

Finally, 2014 truly promises to be an exciting year for AAW. Our focus will remain on education in the broadest sense. We will continue to cultivate our relationships with our local chapters, and we will increase the breadth and quality of the educational resources available to all members. On behalf of everyone within the AAW family, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable new year and we look forward to serving you.

Phil McDonald
AAW Executive Director

Woodturning Beyond Barriers

Do you know someone with a disability who might get enjoyment out of woodturning? There are a number of such people in the AAW membership, from blind or visually impaired turners to turners in wheelchairs. For many of them woodturning has turned their life around, and their stories are inspiring.

The AAW now has a new discussion subforum, where members wishing to help disabled folks learn woodturning may interact with those who could use their assistance. Those with disabilities of any kind may tell their stories, and seek and find assistance with turning. This subforum is at <http://www.aawforum.org/vbforum/forumdisplay.php?f=20>

The subforum is also linked to the new AAW program, Woodturning Beyond Barriers, which is developing resources and approaches for teaching woodturning to those with disabilities. See <http://woodturner.org/accessibility/index.htm>

Visit these two websites to learn how you can help a disabled person in your area discover woodturning. It can be a rewarding experience for you both.

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2013 Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium and the Floods

Pictured is a pen I made to promote the Pens for Troops event we had last November 9th. The pen is 4 ft long, with logos from all four branches of the military.

We turned 51 pens and ran out of pen kits. There were 25 pens turned by a few members and donated to the cause. Then at the meeting on the 12th one of our members donated 100 really nice pens, and a few others brought in more pens, making a grand total of 185 pens. The mother of one of our members hand-made some patriotic sleeves.

Now comes the task of getting them to the troops in the service. Some may go to the VA hospital here in town. One of the members who owns a woodworking store here in town asked if we could make this a monthly thing, so now I'm working on getting this program up and running.

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Woodturners

AAW Monthly Drawings

One of the many benefits of membership in the AAW is our monthly prize and year-end grand prize drawings. Thank you to the vendors who donated this year's prizes, including tuition scholarships, \$100 certificates, sanding supplies, DVDs, chucks, grinding jigs, and



Thursday, September 12, 2013, heralded the beginning of a tremendous storm in the Rocky Mountains in northern Colorado. On Friday, September 13, we awoke to learn that the storm had grown into a one-in-a-thousand-year disaster, flooding many of the roads and facilities in Loveland and the surrounding area. The staff of the Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium was notified that Larimer County authorities had canceled all scheduled events in the county to free up resources for disaster assistance. This included the Events Center where the symposium was to be held. The symposium staff went into action, posting the closing information on our website, sending out a mass emailing, contacting our demonstrators, vendors, and as many others as possible. Although unhappy about the turn of events, most people were understanding and tried to make the best of the situation. Thank you to all of the registrants, vendors, and demonstrators for your understanding.

In the weeks that followed, the symposium staff collected the available information and sent out emails and letters to those who had pre-registered, explaining our situation with pre-symposium expenses, and presented them with several options for the fees they had paid--a donation toward defraying the costs, application toward the 2014 symposium, a refund, or a combination of these. The response we received was fairly positive. No one was happy about the cancellation but there were a lot of positive comments about our efforts to put together quality symposiums and to continue into the future. There was about a 90-percent response to our messages, in which we received enough donations to cover our expenses. All refunds have been mailed. We lost the opportunity to add funds to our Educational Opportunity Grant fund, since it is funded through our banquet auction every year. We plan to hold an online auction of donated pieces in a few months to put towards this fund in order to be able to continue offering educational grants to our members.

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lathes! When you patronize our vendors, please thank them for their support of the AAW.

To view the list of prize donors, [please click here.](#)

2014 Educational Opportunity Grants period now open

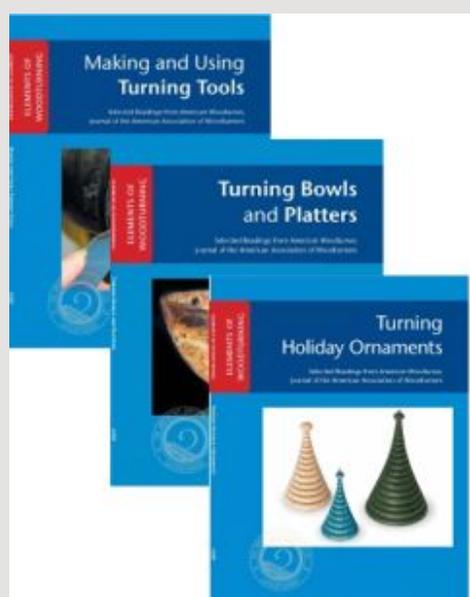
The AAW would like to assist in your woodturning education. If you have a particular goal, workshop, or project in mind and need financial help, you are just the person who should apply.

Purpose of the Program

- Allow AAW members to benefit from their own fundraising efforts and generous support.
- Provide educational opportunities that expand and enrich the entire woodturning community.
- Provide ways that these skills may be shared with local chapters, seminars, schools, and friends.
- Create opportunities for members who would otherwise not be financially able.
- Create a full-circle relationship of AAW working for and with its members and chapters.

Applications for the 2014 EOG grant open until December 31, 2013.

[Click here for online application.](#)



Symposium. We are planning for the 2014 Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium will be held September 12, 13, and 14 in Loveland, Colorado, at the Events Center at The Ranch, the Larimer County Fairgrounds. There will be information in American Woodturner and on the web at <http://www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com/>. We look forward to seeing you there next year.

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[New AAW Series: Elements of Woodturning series](#)

The Woodturners Creed

To Thee almighty cellulose,
The giver of pulp,

Who delivers to us our life-giving sap,

We praise you for the mighty beam,

Out of which we may turn our utilities

And our baubles endlessly and give
them to all

Who rejoice and likewise believe.

Keep us awake at night with visions of
Spindles carved into the lifeless
carcasses,

Of sawdust and shellac,

Of superglue, for you are the one who

Protects us in our times of endless
mess and confusion.

Guard us from detractors who would
ply us with

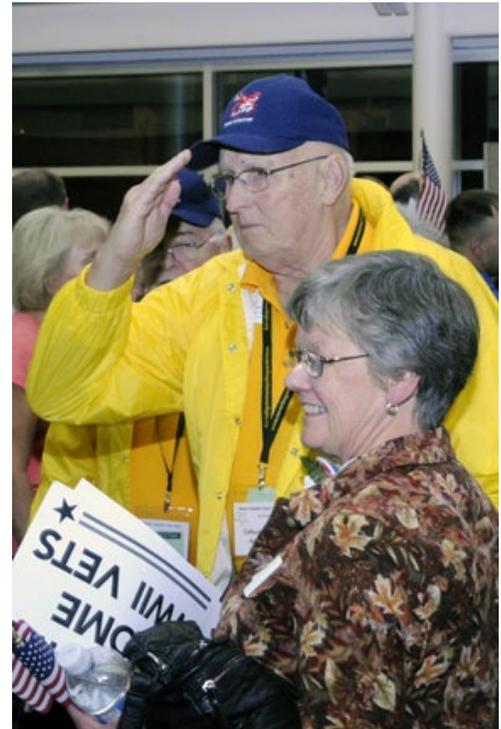
Plastic, bone, corian and other
composites.

Let our enthusiasm forever influence
others who are drawn to toys of steel
and machine, so that our days will be
part of the great parade of
woodturners.

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AAW EOG Grant report

Northwood Turners of Turners of Saint Germain, Wisconsin, an AAW chapter, received an EOG grant of \$200 in 2011. Our plan was to purchase pen kits and associated hardware. We matched the AAW grant with \$200+ and purchased 100 kits, some mandrels, bushings, etc. In addition to these supplies, club members kicked in with wood, tools, glue, and finishes to complete the kits. The majority of our chapter members participated in one way or another on this project, by turning, providing supplies, or delivering pens and/or kits. All helped kick in the added funding which allowed us to purchase everything we needed.



In October, 2011, we donated 90 pens to the World War II veterans who participated in the "Never Forgotten Honor Flight" program in Wausau, WI. www.neverforgottenhonorflight.org. Additional pen kits were purchased and 100 pens for each of two more Honor Flights were donated in 2012 and for the next one in May, 2013. The Honor Flights are for WWII veterans to go to Washington, D.C., for a day to see a lot of the veteran monuments. Sunday night they get together in Wausau and meet for a social gathering to relive some old war stories. This is where they receive the pens donated by the Northwood Turners. They stay overnight and Monday morning they take a flight to Washington, D.C., to view the sights. Many are in wheelchairs. Each one has a volunteer to help him around. Each volunteer pays his own way and the waiting list for volunteers is very long. All the WWII veterans have everything paid for. Monday night on their way home, there is mail call and each vet receives mail written by friends and family thanking them for their service. It is a heart-wrenching experience for them. Many of them are brought to tears. Upon arrival back at Wausau, they are greeted by family and friends with a standing ovation. You would think after such a long day they would be exhausted, but they are full of happiness and can't wait to tell everyone about their trip.

In addition to donating pens to each Honor Flight veteran, Northwood Turners has also been doing demonstrations at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, MI. So far, we've been there twice, and have plans to continue this program into the future. Chapter members Dennis McGill, who initiated

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Send in your local chapter news

We love to hear how local chapters are reaching out to their community to spread the art, craft, and love of woodturning. If you have a story from your chapter that you want to share in the e-newsletter, please email linda@woodturner.org.

the visits, Tim Muench, Bob Willing, Hans Delius, and Ken Heiser have participated in these outings. Most of the veteran attendees are part of the long-term rehabilitation program at the VA Medical Center. This has been one of the most rewarding woodturning experiences we have been a part of, and we would strongly recommend that other chapters contact their local (ours is about 80 miles away) VA facility to try to set up a similar program in your areas.

Some of the projects we've demonstrated are bowls, pens, turkey calls, wine-bottle stoppers, muddlers, weed pots, and miniature baseball bats. We would advise that the demonstration should be fun, and should keep moving so as to hold the attention of the audience. Also, each project should be large enough to be easily seen. We've tried to keep sanding to a minimum, due to respiratory concerns for the patients of the Medical Center, and demonstrate the turning, while bringing along a finished item to raffle off in its place. In the case of a more complicated project, we bring along turnings showing various stages of its completion and try to do the more interesting and/or quick parts in the live demo.

We bring along all the equipment and supplies we might need, including, of course, a lathe, extension cord, tarp (to keep mess to a minimum), and all the necessary turning needs. We also bring our own brooms and trash bags and clean up after ourselves. In this case, the demos are held in a lunch room directly after lunch has ended. One advantage of this is it gives us a guarantee of at least some attendees. In addition, we try to hang posters ahead of time announcing the upcoming demo in various waiting rooms, lounge areas, etc. at the hospital. The staff at the Medical Center is very welcoming to us, and some of them try to attend the demo, too, on their breaks.

This is only one of the small ways we can say 'Thank You' to the heroes who gave so much for us.

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