



December 2016



Greetings!

AAW Video Source Flicks of the Week



[Hollow Globe Ornaments with Extra-Thin Finials with Alan Leland \(TRT 1:27:54\)](#)



[Creating a Custom Sanding Disk Holder with Bob Bezanson \(TRT 14:14\)](#) Bob also shares the sources for the supplies to make the sanding disk holder in a [pdf available for download at the Woodturners of Southwest Missouri website.](#)

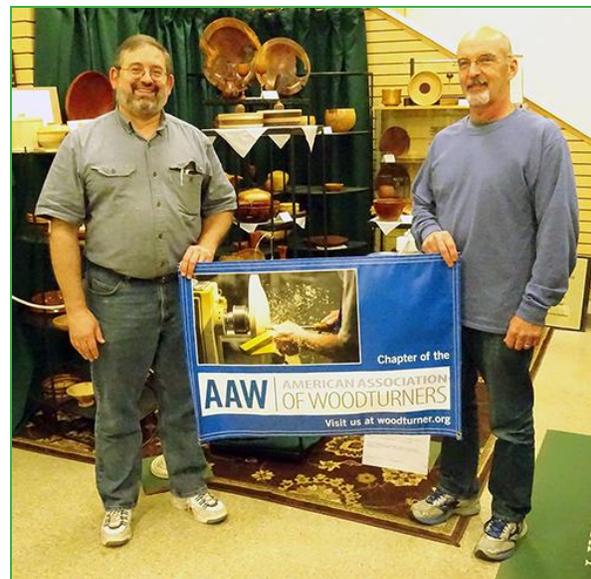


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NEW CHAPTER: Seacoast Woodturners

Newly elected President Tom Kovalcik (pictured left) and Treasurer Gary Brown (pictured right) of the Seacoast Woodturners Club, AAW's newest chapter, are grinning as they display their new AAW banner! The photo was taken at Gallery 505, a showcase



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NEW BENEFIT: AAW EXPLORE!

[AAW EXPLORE!](#) makes exploring the most extensive online woodturning library in the world quick and easy. Whether it's to solve a problem, research a new technique, or start a new woodturning project, AAW members are only seconds away from getting precisely the information they seek using [EXPLORE!](#) More than 2,500 items currently make up the expanding EXPLORE! collection, including articles from thirty years of the American Woodturner journal and AAW's cumulative library of complementary publications. Nearly everything you want to know about woodturning is now at your fingertips. [Click here to give EXPLORE! a whirl.](#)



corner of Woodcraft (chapter sponsor), which recently hosted the work of more than 20 chapter members.

Seacoast draws turners from New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts. Just like other AAW chapters, they focus on education and safety with monthly demonstrations at their Thursday meetings. Seacoast members also participate in demonstrations hosted by Woodcraft, as well as the Granite State Woodturners Club, the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers, and the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen.

Four years ago, Seacoast added a twist to all their public demonstrations. Now each of their public presentations includes a bowl sale with all of the proceeds donated to three food charities: The New Hampshire Food Bank, the Good Shepard Food Bank of Maine, and the Kittery Footprints Food Pantry.

Seacoast opens their season with a huge demonstration and sale just before Mother's Day. Called "Bowls for Mom," it features 20 turners sharing 8-12 lathes and tables showcasing hundreds of bowls for sale. 2017 will be the fifth year they have hosted this impressive event. Each chapter member is tasked with turning 10 bowls. Vice President Rick Sanders says, "We have been able to forge wonderful relationships with local wood wholesalers and saw mills so we get all of our wood free! It's usually shorts, cut-offs, or pieces with some defect, but that just makes the turning more exciting!"

Seacoast joins Kittery Trading Post, a local Maine retailer, for four other turning events and sales events each year. The added public exposure makes a huge difference by inspiring local interest, increasing membership, and encouraging donations. But it's the turning and the chips a-flying that really bring people over, notes President Tom Kovalcik. He says, "With chunks of wood and lots of dust, the demonstrations get pretty exciting. Most of the bowls made at these events sell right off the lathes!"

Seacoast also turns cane shafts for wounded and disabled American veterans and coordinates with the Granite State Woodturners in making 35 lidded bowls for the Beads for Courage program.



American Woodturner

Explore the December 2016 issue of *American Woodturner*, which includes the skill-building project "Turn a Pencil-Stub Holder" by Michael Hamilton-Clark and "A Beginner's Shopping List: Turning Tools and Sharpening Gear" by Walt Wager. [Click here to view the current issue online.](#)

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

Qualify to Win

Make sure your AAW membership dues are current. Each month the AAW draws names from its membership roster for prizes, such as tuition, gift certificates, supplies, DVDs, chucks, grinding jigs, and more, all donated by respected sponsors. And at year end, the AAW draws a member name to receive a Powermatic 3520B lathe. That winner names a local chapter to receive either a JET 1642 or five JET mini-lathes, donated by Powermatic/JET. AAW members will be entered for a chance to win, but **to**

What's next for this education- and charity-minded chapter? We'll keep you posted!

~ Annamarie Pennucci, Secretary



Turning of the Week:
Square Ornaments
by John Lucas

Register for the AAW Forum

The AAW Forum is a member-moderated online community ideal for sharing work and ideas, obtaining feedback and assistance, and connecting with other woodturning enthusiasts. Upload photos of your work to the [AAW Forum Gallery](#) for critique. See your piece featured as the "Turning of the Week" on the AAW website and social media. Take part in discussions on topic areas such as tips, techniques, how-to, and more. [To register, click here and then select the "Sign Up Now!" button.](#)

EXHIBITION: Al Son del Torno

Congratulations to AAW chapter Asociación de Tornos de Madera de Puerto Rico on their first exhibition, "Al Son del Torno," on December 9th at the Paseo Cultural Ricardo Alegría, Plaza las Americas, San Juan, Puerto Rico. The exhibition of Christmas-inspired creations, such as balls, bells,

qualify for the drawing your dues must be current. Anyone whose membership is expired or lapsed will miss this special opportunity. [View monthly sponsors and past drawing winners.](#)

crowns, stars, angels, and toys, features the work of 15 chapter members. Bravo!



Knowledge. Innovation. Inspiration. Fun!

Registration is now open for [AAW's 31st Annual International Symposium](#) in Kansas City, Missouri, June 22-25, 2017. The AAW International Symposium is an excellent opportunity to watch world-class demonstrators share their techniques, to find out about the latest innovations in tools and materials, and to be inspired by the instant gallery and other woodturning exhibits.



The topics for the [demonstrations and panel discussions](#) are tailored to appeal to a wide variety of skills -- bowls, boxes, vessels, hollow forms, spheres, spindle turning, multiaxis turning, segmented turning, natural edge turning, ornament, jewelry, finishing techniques, surface design, texture and embellishment, and more. Here are three of the demonstrators you can see in action at the AAW Symposium:

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| <p>Glenn Lucas, Ireland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Dublin Viking Thin Wall Bowl ▶ Traditional Irish Platter ▶ The Utility Bowl  <p>Photo: Rory Moore</p>  <p>Bowls, 2015, Ash, beech, largest is 6" x 15" (15cm x 38cm)</p> | <p>Betty Scarpino, Indiana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Turn! Cut! Carve! ▶ Embellished Wood Design ▶ A Journey from Bowls to Sculpture   <p>Be Seeded, 2016, Cherry, Acrylic paint, 3" x 19" x 3" (8cm x 48cm x 8cm)</p> <p>Photo: Wilbur Montgomery</p> | <p>Kurt Hertzog, New York</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Penturning Tips and Tricks ▶ Afterturning Opportunities for Pen Makers ▶ Presentation Is Everything   <p>Various designs, 2015 and 2016</p> |
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Reminders

**Woodturning
Education Grants -
Apply by December
31**



AAW's Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) program helps provide woodturning educational opportunities. Available are financial grants, grants for AAW Symposium registration, and lathe grants. Anyone can apply. To be eligible for a 2017 grant, applications must be received not later than December 31, 2016. [Click here to learn more and to apply.](#)

**Scholarships to
Anderson Ranch,
Arrowmont, John C.
Campbell Schools
Scholarships - Apply by
December 15**



AAW will award 28 scholarships to selected AAW chapter members for 2017 woodturning classes at Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, and John C. Campbell Folk School. Consult with your local chapter to discuss details and eligibility. The deadline is December 15, 2016. [More information.](#)

**Apply to be a
Symposium
Videographer -
Deadline January 15**



The AAW seeks videographers for its 31st Annual International Symposium in Kansas City, Missouri, June 22-25, 2017. Applicants should have experience with video camera equipment, possess technical competence, and be able to make decisions regarding lighting, shooting angle, placement of microphone, etc. Applications will be accepted until January 15, 2017. [Click here to apply.](#)



Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts update from Bill May.

As many of you know, the wildfires in Great Smoky Mountains National Park spread to the city of Gatlinburg and the [Arrowmont](#) Campus. We are beginning to understand the extent of the loss the community has experienced and that our friends across the country are concerned. We have received thousands of emails and phone calls, offering help and support. Thank you. Hopefully, this letter will clarify our situation at present.

All Arrowmont staff safely evacuated and none lost their homes. Although we lost two dorms, Wild Wing and Hughes Hall, and the maintenance building with all the equipment, the core campus is intact-all studios, including the wood studio complex, Red Barn, Pollard, Teachers, Staff House, and our main building, Turner, housing our gallery, permanent collection, library, supply store and staff offices were not affected by the fire.

At present, the City of Gatlinburg is closed and no one except emergency personnel, police and firefighters are allowed into the city. Our hearts are with the many friends and neighbors who have suffered unimaginable loss. But the people of this region are resilient and will pull together and move forward.

When we are allowed back onto the campus, we will complete an assessment and a plan for going forward. In the short term, this situation has necessitated the following changes in some of our immediate programming.

Holiday Classes: Holiday Classes, originally scheduled for December 10th, have been canceled. Those individuals who registered for Holiday Classes will have the opportunity of participating in one of the Spring Holiday

**Apply for *The Sphere*
- Second Round**



**Deadline
January 1**

This is a Professional Outreach Program (POP) invitational exhibition of small-scale works and the application period ends January 1, 2017. Enter images of up to three pieces for consideration. The upper size limit is 6" x 6" x 6" (20.3 cm). There is no lower size limit. A statement relating the work to the theme is required. Application Fee: \$30. New this year: Students enrolled in woodworking, design, art, and manufacturing degree or certification programs are eligible to have their fees waived. [More information and to apply.](#)

**Apply for *Waves of Grain* - Deadline
February 1**



This is AAW's 2017 juried member exhibition and work must have been created at least in part on the lathe. All AAW members are eligible to apply. Entries will be accepted online through February 1, 2017. Two artist awards will be given during the 2017 AAW International Symposium: a Masters' Choice Award of \$300 and a People's Choice Award of \$200. Entry Fee: \$30 for up to three submissions. [More information and to apply.](#)

Classes. When we re-open, Arrowmont Registrar and staff will be in contact to let you know classes offered and availability.

Sevier County Biennial Juried Exhibition:

Opening Reception: January 20, 2017, Exhibition Opens: January 21, 2017. In celebration of craft and talent in our community, the show will go on. All the artwork dropped off Monday for the Biennial is safe and undamaged. Our juror, Teri Alea, has not yet been able to jury the exhibit but she will as soon as we are allowed back to town and have electricity. Emails will go out to all artists who dropped off work with more information about the exhibition and reception.

Arrowmont Permanent Collection:

Important note about the Arrowmont Permanent Collection that houses over 1,000 craft objects: the Permanent Collection is safe. It is housed in Turner Building which was not affected by the fire.

ArtReach: ArtReach, our program for public school students, has been canceled for the foreseeable future. When we are back on campus, we will evaluate our resources and be in touch with the school system. We hope to be able to reschedule.

Souper Bowl: Souper Bowl, Arrowmont's fundraiser for the Sevier County United Way, will not be rescheduled until fall 2017. We hope that record numbers of you will turn out to support this signature event. Later, we will have information for those with an interest in purchasing bowls.

Vendors: We are unable to get into Arrowmont to access accounts payable and write checks. Please know that as soon as we are able to get onto campus and access our computer files, we will take care of our obligations to you. We appreciate your understanding and support.

Finally, to all - students, instructors, and supporters of craft education who have called, written, posted about Arrowmont, and offered help and support - thank you! We certainly appreciate the art and craft organizations in Tennessee and around the country who have offered encouragement and support. I wish we could reply personally to every individual but computer access is very limited and we are concentrating our efforts on resuming



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operations as soon as possible. Please know that I, the Arrowmont staff, and our Board of Governors appreciate you and your concern and support. Next week, we hope, we will be back on campus and can begin to determine what our needs are and be more specific about how you can help. We greatly appreciate the donations that have been made through our website.

We will try to keep you informed through our website and social media about our progress and how you might help. In the meantime, know that we appreciate each of you. Arrowmont will rebuild and continue to thrive because we have the support of our local and national communities.

TAW Supports Arrowmont

The [Tennessee Association of Woodturners](#) board of directors and symposium committee have announced that a minimum of 20% of the total proceeds from the 2017 TAW Woodturning Symposium Saturday night auction will be donated directly to the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN, for their Rebuild Program. The TAW challenges all AAW woodturning chapters to step up and help the Rebuild Program effort for Gatlinburg.

~ Jeff Brockett, Tennessee Association of Woodturners

GUIDE TO MEMBER SERVICES & PUBLICATIONS

AAW's Vision 2020 strategy is focused on enriching your overall woodturning experiences. Our goal is to help you and other AAW members accomplish your current ambitions, recognize opportunities, and pursue your aspirations - whatever your skill level or area of interest. Part of our strategy includes expanding and enhancing our educational topics and resources. Below is a guide to AAW's portfolio of publications and services, and descriptions of some of the new resources that will be introduced in the coming months through Vision 2020.

PUBLICATIONS INCLUDED WITH MEMBERSHIP

- American Woodturner journal:** An award-winning magazine featuring articles, projects, photos, techniques, and news. Online access is available to members. Includes a complimentary subscription to the digital version of the journal.
- AAW Directory of Learning Opportunities:** The web-based index includes regional, professional workshops, and other resources available for woodturning education.
- AAW Personal Learning Plan:** An online tool to help you build a plan for learning desired skills and techniques.

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Woodturning Foundations

- Get Wood! New stuff!** Useful advice to help you choose the right wood for your woodturning projects. (Free or low cost.)
- Safety for Woodturners** Important information to help you build strong woodturning skills safely. (Free or low cost.)
- Sharpening Woodturning Tools** Best advice on sharpening tools for woodturning and woodturning safety. (Free or low cost.)
- Setting Up Your Woodturning Workshop** Handy information to help you set up a safe and functional workshop. (Free or low cost.)

Member Resources

- Reader's Resource and Project Guide** Handbook to help members develop projects to learn woodturning skills. Includes important safety guidelines, best practices, lesson plans, and projects. (Free or low cost.)
- Free Woodturner's Handbook** A pre-manufacturing experience. (Free or low cost.)
- Learn to Turn** Online plan series for beginners to provide beginning and advanced students with a well-rounded set of turning skills. (Free or low cost.)
- Planning and Presenting a Successful Demonstration** A leading expert and author offers a step-by-step guide to help you plan and present a successful demonstration. (Free or low cost.)
- Woodturning Basics** Welcome guide to help newcomers and advanced turners learn to teach others. (Free or low cost.)

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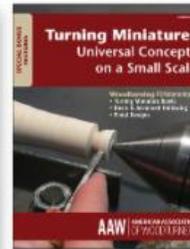
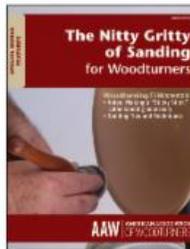


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