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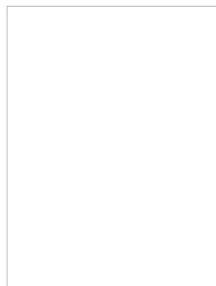
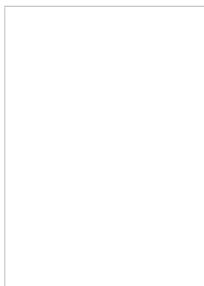
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Greetings!

This time of year is busy for AAW members, thoughts of June and the AAW symposium are around the corner. This year's featured demonstrators will bring a lot of creative passion and excitement that you will enjoy being a part of. Tampa has a wonderful facility and the area attractions are spectacular.

[We hope to see you in Tampa!](#)

Empty Bowls event in Tampa



The AAW ReTurn to the Community project 2013 will support Tampa Crossroads, a community effort to benefit Homeless Female Veterans and Veterans with Families.

Each year, woodturners donate bowls to be sold to raise money for a local non-profit. Large or small, each bowl costs \$25, and 100% of the profit goes to Tampa Crossroads. Tickets available on site--plan to join us in Tampa, June 28-30, to participate in the fundraiser.

These photos are a sample of the treasures you will find at the Empty Bowls event.



The 'Currents' and 'Harmony' exhibitions have their own **online sales site!** Both exhibitions will be on view at the 2013 Symposium in Tampa.

Father's Day **Gift Ideas**

Whatever you call him ... father, dad, pops, grandpa, or honey ... remember the man in your life on Father's Day.

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Tri County Woodturners day in the shop

Tri County Woodturners Chapter is getting ready for the AAW Tampa Empty Bowls event. They spent the day making bowls. Enjoy the photos - you might be the new owner of one of these bowls!

Last day of School!

Gold Country Woodturners class of 2013 on the last day of school at Silver Springs High School. The chapter sends out thanks to all that helped make this year successful.

Forest Service offers practical advice for using insect-killed trees

A new publication has been released on utilization of beetle-killed trees.

Publication at this link:

Grantor: <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/werc/>

Author website:

<http://www.nrri.umn.edu/default/>

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2013 AAW Honorary Lifetime Member

Congratulations to David Wahl - AAW 2013 Honorary Lifetime Member

Two of Dave's joys in life are woodturning and helping people. When he can help woodturners, he is in heaven. His legacy is not just what he has done for the AAW, but what he has done for the family of woodturning. Family is always the word Dave uses when talking about the woodturning community.

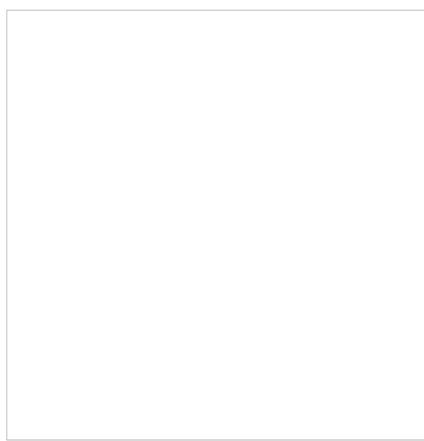
The maturation of the AAW from operating out of a cigar box on a card table to the multilevel organization it is today is the result of initiatives started 15 years ago by Dave. Creating the position of Executive Director was a pivotal event in the history of the AAW. When Dave first came onto the Board in 1997, he recognized that a

"Kind of odd to have that giddy, end of school, beginning of summer feeling over a half century after the last time!"

Best, Jerry Hall
Gold Country Woodturners

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.



constantly changing board of volunteer members didn't have the time, expertise and continuity to offer new programs and better services to AAW members. Dave initiated the transition from a working board that moved lathes in and out at the annual symposium and selected t-shirt colors to a planning board that set forth goals and a vision for the organization and then charged

a professional Director to execute those objectives. Dave will be the first to say credit for the AAW becoming a professionally run organization belongs to a lot of people, but his vision of a better way of doing things is how the journey began.

Dave was president of the St. Louis AAW chapter, and helped organize one of the first regional symposiums there.

Dave is also a founding member of the Collectors of Wood Art, and organized the CWA Forum in Santa Fe. He is always working to get more galleries and museums to show art that has wood elements. His promotion of woodturning and wood art is tireless. Dave and Suzy's home has always been open to any woodturner, artist, collector, museum director, or a friend of a friend. The Wahl Home For Wayward Artists has been in continual operation for almost 20 years. There were very few times that a visiting collector or gallery owner or museum director didn't get a turning lesson in Dave's shop. Dave says "The most fun about being an AAW member is helping and teaching beginners to turn and seeing the look on their faces at their first success."

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