

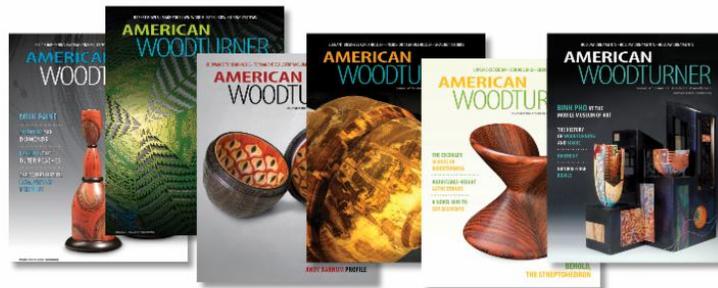
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AAW Newsletter

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Greetings!

There is an amazing sense of accomplishment in woodturning. There is a definite sense of community in our organization that comes from belonging, our honor and pride and willingness to share. The stories in this issue are only a few examples of community work being done by AAW local chapters and members.

Our community ties are what makes the American Association of Woodturners important and successful. We come together within the AAW from all backgrounds to share a love of woodturning. We ask you to consider what woodturning brings into your life, and then think about how you can support the AAW and its ongoing programs. Woodturning enriches our lives, brings friendship with other woodturners, and gives us pride as our skills improve. Please forward this message to your woodturning friends and help us continue to build our community.

[Chinook Woodturning Guild](#)

Vote for New ... Board Members

Members, login to the membership home page to vote for 2014's new Board members.

Vote

Voting is open August 1 through October 18.

Learn more and read about the candidates.



From Timber to Chess. The 32 chess pieces are made from 500 board feet of maple and walnut wood. Members of the Chinook Woodturning Guild devoted about 500 hours to the manufacturing process, and the work was spread among the home workshops of the volunteers. Although the whole Guild membership supported the chess project, not all members had the time or shop equipment to do the turning. The woodturners who made these pieces are: Dennis Delaney, Jim Farr, Dan Michener, Vern Miller, Al Schaaf, Norm Stelter, and John Vandenberg. Not everyone was present for this photo.

Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild



In June of 2013, the Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild donated 28 Beads of Courage boxes to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The CCHMC participates in the national Beads of Courage program. Those members of the OVG who donated boxes outdid themselves in creativity and workmanship for this important program. Shown are KC Kendall (at left), President of the OVG, and David Wright (at right), Secretary of the OVG, with two of the hospital staff who work with the Beads of Courage program. We hope to gather more boxes at the OVG's 2013 Symposium. Attendees have been encouraged to bring a box to donate.

KC Kendall
President, OVG

The finished project was presented to the Galt Museum CEO Susan Burrows-Johnson. The set is a gift to the community, held in trust by the Galt Museum. The Guild is very pleased with how it turned out and look forward to its use by the community.

Vern Miller
President, Chinook Woodturning Guild
Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada

Turned Trophies for benefit golf tournament

After attending my first AAW International Symposium, I got off the plane in Phoenix Sunday night to the news that 19 wild land firefighters had been killed on a fire about 60 miles from where I live. I am a firefighter, and although I didn't know any of the people killed, I knew several people that were on the fire and only a few hundred yards from where the tragedy occurred.



I felt compelled to help, and the way I chose to help was to provide 16 trophies for a benefit golf tournament held for the families of the victims. The round designs are not my own -- I had seen something very similar at the symposium on the trade show floor. I called Elite Woodturning Tools, LLC, for their permission. Not only did they give their blessing, they gave me some pointers

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AAW announces new scholarship program

Board member Lou Williams and Board Advisor John Hill announced a new scholarship program for AAW members. The income from AAW's endowment investments, paired with scholarships from Arrowmont School for Arts and Crafts and John C Campbell Folk School, will provide twenty-seven scholarships for AAW members. The AAW also supports other programs that benefit members and local chapters: EOG, Woodturning FUNdamentals, the Youth Program, an online gallery sales site, and insurance. Your membership dues come back to you in many ways!

The application for the scholarships is through the chapter leaders. To learn more about this program [please click here](#).

Tools for Haiti

Woodturning tools and supplies are either nonexistent or scarce in Haiti, so I appealed to the AAW for help. I want to express my sincere appreciation to the AAW staff for establishing a tools-for-Haiti collection point at the Tampa symposium, and also to the many woodturners who generously contributed tools and supplies. A sizeable shipment of donated tools went to Haiti shortly after the symposium in June. In the recent edition of *American Woodturner* there is a follow-up article from Billy Griffin.

Thanks to the generosity of AAW members, there were more tools collected than Billy could use. Over 100 tools were brought back to

on how to work their ball-in-a-ball design. The end result was 16 trophies for 2 different tournaments using 2 designs. It was as close to production turning as I ever want to come, but I'm very glad I did it. I got word that the recipients liked them, and that's what it was all for.

Dale Gillaspay
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Woodturning Beyond Barriers

During the annual AAW international symposium, all attendees were invited to attend the panel discussion about Turning with Challenges. The 2013 Tampa symposium featured four turners with disabilities and how they adapted techniques to



overcome them. This is part of the new and broader initiative entitled *Woodturning Beyond Barriers*. This project fulfills a specific place within our educational mission to encourage the practice of woodturning and to provide specific resources needed by those limited by disabilities. Written curriculum and instructional videos [can be found at this link](#). This is an ongoing program and we invite your participation and comments.

AAW Newest Chapter



On Saturday, June 29, 2013, I was a moderator for Turning with Challenges, the first panel presentation for the disabled at an AAW symposium. I think that this panel, along with the accompanying Lighthouse for the Blind presentation, the demonstrations at the Robust lathe booth in the tradeshow, and the Woodturning Beyond Barriers Program have all opened a door for the disabled. These were very successful events, and now the Tampa chapter of the Lighthouse for the Blind is developing the first program for woodturning for the visually impaired. We worked with private donors and

Minnesota, where the Minnesota Woodturners Association has taken on the community project of sharpening and reconditioning. The tools will be inventoried and prepared for future needs.

The first call for tools was to the newest AAW chapter, Lighthouse for the Blind - Tampa.

To learn more about this program, [please contact us](#).

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 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](#).

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.

corporate sponsorship to get the program started. The chapter now has received a donated lathe and tools. We had four people signed up for the first chapter meeting for a pen turning class -- six showed up.

We will be using this model to establish a chapter at the next AAW symposium in Phoenix: Lighthouse for Blind- Phoenix.

Andi Sullivan
Lighthouse for Blind- Tampa Chapter

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