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The AAW 28th
International
Symposium will be in
Phoenix, AZ June 13-
15.

Regardless of your woodturning expertise, AAW's Symposium is your chance to become the best you can be. The Symposium offers you abundant opportunities to:

- Learn techniques and tricks from handpicked, world-class demonstrators.
- Interact with the globe's top turners.
- Socialize with friends and network with colleagues who share your passion for woodturning.
- Experience the creative passion for woodturning and be inspired by the woodturning galleries and exhibits.
- Discover the latest innovations and check out the wide array of fantastic products offered by tool and lathe manufacturers, wood suppliers, and others, in our trade show.
- Give back to the community through our Symposium fundraisers.

What's more,

Keep Turning with AAW

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Greetings!

THE NEW AAW WEBSITE IS COMING!

With a fresh new look, the new AAW website will become a powerful new way for AAW to communicate with our members and deliver improved services. It will also offer members and visitors improved, user-friendly navigation that will make it easier to locate information and resources about woodturning.

The new website platform will offer AAW members other exciting features that will enable you to build connections with fellow members. You'll be able to:

- Build and manage your personal profile (a bit like Facebook).
- Include optional information including professional and biographical data.
- Upload photos and files to your personal profile.
- Send messages to other members.
- Connect your profile to other online social/professional networks like Facebook and LinkedIn.

Additionally, you'll be able to:

- Set your own visibility and privacy preferences.
- Regulate alerts, email and newsletter subscriptions based on your preferences.
- Print your membership card.
- View, print and pay any AAW invoices including membership renewal.

We're confident the new AAW website will be an effective tool for connecting

we'll offer creative activities for your non-turner companion, as well as youth activities for your child ages 10-18 (or grandchild).

See Our Line-Up of Demonstrators!



Member Resources

[Woodturning Fundamentals](#)

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[Turners without Borders](#)

[Woodturning Beyond Barriers](#)

[Young Turners Program](#)

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members. We are the top online resource for woodturning education, techniques, and the advancement of the art and craft of woodturning!

Watch for more details coming soon.

Phil McDonald
AAW Executive Director

Faceshield Art



In an effort to encourage turners to move their mindset from "having to wear" a face shield to "wanting to wear" a face shield, AAW member, Jeff Brockett, of the Tennessee Association of Woodturners Chapter in Nashville, Tennessee, asked A'darius Banner, an art student from Johnson City to paint a "bionic" face shield. The only direction he gave to A'darius was to paint something he would "want to wear." The result was a face shield that resembled a skateboard helmet. The hope is that helmet manufacturers will take up the challenge to improve their helmet designs. This helmet was auctioned off during the 2014 Tennessee Association of Woodturners Symposium auction.

Jeff Brockett
Tennessee Association of Woodturners

Tops to Tots

Woodturning Events

The AAW calendar page provides information about regional woodturning events.

[Check it out.](#)

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.](#)

AAW Chapter Community Projects



Give a simple spin top to a child and watch his or her face light up. There is nothing more satisfying than doing this. COWA has an outstanding program that does this in a big way. The Tops to Tots program carries out COWA's mission beyond the borders of the United States. With this program, members are turning simple spin tops for orphans in Africa and China. Like our other programs that provide tops to Oklahoma kids, children in Swaziland (in Africa) and Szechuan (in China) receive tops made by members of our local club. A group of doctors will handle all distribution costs and takes photos. All we have to do is make the tops. In fact, they will be handing out the tops personally in both countries. At a meeting next year, we will present photos and other information (i.e. video, testimonials, etc.) on this distribution.

President Michael Reggio says that this may be the most satisfying and important program that COWA has ever undertaken. People all across the nation, from the AAW to local Oklahomans, have already commended the work we are doing.

Jim Clow
Central Oklahoma Woodturners
Association



Chapter Turning Pens for Troops

The Southern Arizona Woodturners, in Tucson, have made over 1,800 pens for the troops. Wood Craft provides the pen kits and our members make the pens.

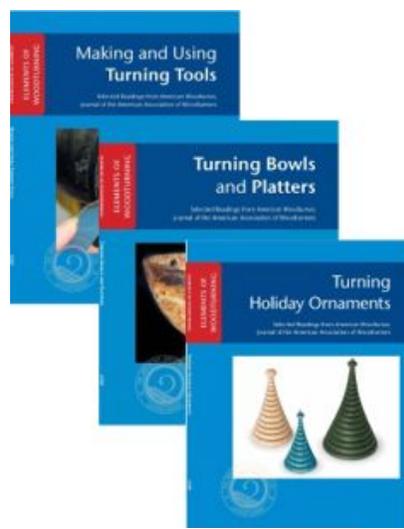
I have been going to one of the high school woodshops and teaching the students how to turn. This is my seventh year volunteering. Two of the students informed me they have purchased lathes. It is very rewarding to know that one's efforts do pay off.

Our club also makes canes for the VA hospital and boxes for Beads of Courage.

Sam Scalzo
President of SAZWA

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-



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