

# Keep Turning with AAW

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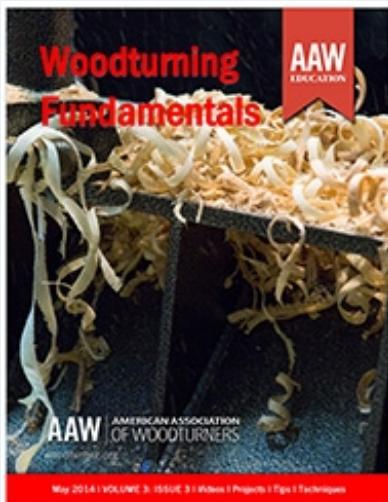


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## New to Woodturning?

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**Dear (Contact First Name):**

I'd like to deliver a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who joined us for our 28th Annual International Symposium in Phoenix June 12-15, especially the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make it all happen.

No doubt everyone walked away with something new. Whether it was information, inspiration, an original tip, an innovative technique, a new connection, or piece of art, I hope that everybody's creative experience will richer because of the event.

Congratulations to the following exceptional people and chapters who were recognized with awards in Phoenix.

### Honorary Lifetime Member

Al Hockenberry  
(See page 6 of the June issue of *American Woodturner*.)

### POP Merit Award

Clay Foster  
(See page 40 of the June issue of *American Woodturner*.)

### Instant Gallery Awards

Paul Hedman, POP Excellence  
Jay Shepard, POP Excellence  
Jennifer Shirley, POP Excellence  
Molly Winton, POP Excellence  
Lynne Yamaguchi, POP Excellence  
Michael Anderson, Youth  
Kailee Bosch, Youth

### Rising Exhibition

Michael Foster, Masters Award  
Hal Metlitsky, Peoples Award

### Chapter Collaborative Challenge

Arizona Woodturners, Artistic  
Association of Revolutionary Turners, Technical  
Association of Revolutionary Turners, Fantasy  
Arizona Woodturners, Best of Show

### Chapter Website Contest

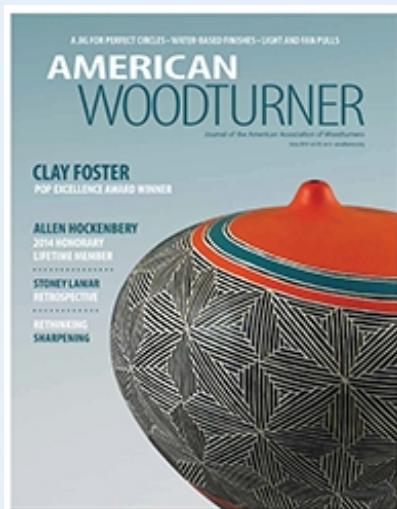
## Want to Teach Turning?

Developed by Alan N. Leland, [Let's Go for a Spin](#) is a lesson plan series with skills and technique exercises followed by fun and challenging projects.



## American Woodturner

Our [June issue](#) is now online and contains features including Water for Wood (water-based finishes) by Don McIvor, Rethinking Sharpening by Terry Martin, Scroll Chucks and their Maintenance by Geoff Whaling, A Jig for Perfect Circles by Ken Rizza, and Safety Matters: From the Eye of a Survivor by Lynne Yamaguchi.



## Chapter Leaders Unite in Phoenix

More than 150 chapter leaders gathered together for the annual AAW Chapters meeting held on Saturday, June 14 in Phoenix in conjunction with the Symposium. The centerpiece of the session was a review and dialogue about the recent report on communications and service improvements issued by the Chapter Relations Initiative work group. The meeting also served as a forum for

### First Place

Mid-South Woodturners  
Mike Moffitt, Webmaster

### Second Place

Massachusetts South Shore Woodturners,  
Eileen Walker, Webmaster

### Third Place

Alaska Woodturners Association  
Kristine Chase, Webmaster

## Chapter Newsletter Contest

### First Place

Mid-South Woodturners  
Mike Moffitt, Editor

### Second Place

Central New York Woodturners,  
Barbara Raymond-LaPrease, Editor

### Third Place

Woodturners of St. Louis  
Charles W. Sapp, Editor

### Special Recognition

Betty Scarpino

Recognized for her contributions and distinguished service since 2008 in her role as editor for *American Woodturner*

## Lathe Raffle Winners

Powermatic 3520: Ken Northern, Phoenix, AZ

Jet 1221: Paul Adams, Annapolis, MD



**ENORMOUS** thanks to Phoenix symposium chairs Jason Clark and Ana Lappégard of Arizona Woodturners Association (pictured above) who devoted the past two years of their lives to making the Symposium a tremendous success.

personal conversations and planning discussions among chapter leaders, the AAW board, and executive staff. Thank you to all of the dedicated chapter leaders who made the commitment to participate!



## Submit Your Chapter News to Keep Turning

We'd love to hear how your local chapter is reaching out to your community to spread the art, craft, and love of woodturning. If your chapter has a story and/or photos you would like to share in the Keep Turning newsletter, please submit the information to [linda@woodturner.org](mailto:linda@woodturner.org).

## Access to AAW Member Information & Resources

As an AAW member, you have immediate access to members-only website content worth more than twice the value of your annual membership.

This information is intended to help you advance your woodturning pursuits and includes best practices, training and instruction guides, grants, scholarships, and more. Below are links to several of these key resources. (Be sure you are signed in to view members-only content.\*)

- **[American Woodturner](#)** - Browse and/or download past issues of American Woodturner.
- Grants & Scholarships: **[EOG POP](#)** - Funding opportunities to help members advance their woodturning endeavors.
- **[Woodturning FUNdamentals](#)** - Resources for learning the basic skills and techniques of woodturning.
- **[Let's Go for a Spin](#)** - Lesson plan series developed by Alan N. Leland which includes skill and technique exercises followed by fun & challenging projects.
- **[Teaching Resources](#)** - Materials to assist those who want to teach woodturning.

The AAW website can help you connect with other AAW members, as well as stay informed about

Plans are already underway for our 29th symposium in **Pittsburgh, June 25-28, 2015** and our 30th symposium in **Atlanta, June 9-12, 2016**.

If you'd like to share your woodturning expertise with others and be considered for a symposium demonstrator role in Pittsburgh, you'll be able to apply on our website beginning **July 1**.

**Phil McDonald**  
AAW Executive Director

## Minnesota Woodturners Support Kids with Serious Illness

The Minnesota Woodturners Association (MWA) has a remarkable ongoing connection with **[Beads of Courage](#)** (BOC), a nonprofit that provides supportive care programs for children coping with serious illness.

Beads of Courage provides sick children a unique bead to represent each procedure or treatment they undergo. For example, a red bead for a blood transfusion, a yellow bead for a night in the hospital, a star bead for surgery, a white bead for chemotherapy. Each child's collection of beads becomes a tangible record of their treatment journey.

MWA provides woodturned boxes to children at local hospitals to hold their precious beads. We are delighted with our chapters participation in the BOC project. And, like a lot of projects, this one started quietly. Here's how it all began.

Over two years ago, chapter member, Bob Puetz, and his wife, Diane, started talking about Beads of Courage our chapter meetings because their daughter is the Arts in Medicine Program Director and Artist in Residence for Beads of Courage in Tucson. They told our chapter stories about the children who are undergoing treatment and encouraged our members to make woodturned boxes to hold the kids beads. Slowly, handmade boxes made their way to chapter meetings. Next, Diane set up and hosted a Beads of Courage table at each chapter meeting complete with a bowl of candy and a scrapbook that features photos and stories of the children served. Now two years later, Beads of Courage is a regular part of MWA meetings. Members stop by the table regularly to catch up on the newest scrapbook stories or even drop-off a newly-turned box to be donated for a child at an area hospital.

Word has spread about our chapters wood-box donations. In fact, our chapter recently received requests from smaller, out-state hospitals. What's more, MWA member, Jeff Luedloff, who works in a

AAW news and upcoming events. (Be sure you are signed in to view members-only content.\*)

- **[Calendar](#)** - Peruse upcoming AAW and chapter events, or submit an event to the calendar.
- **[Member Directory](#)** - Search for a member by name, state, province, etc. **Note:** We'll be printing a new member directory in 2015, so please make certain your information is current and up-to-date by **December 31, 2014**.
- **[Chapter Directory](#)** - Search for a chapter by state, province, name, etc.
- **[Find a Chapter Group](#)** -Groups are formed based on common chapter, topic, criteria or interest to help facilitate communication, sharing and interaction between members. Any AAW member may join any Group. Members are not associated with the group until they join the group. To join a Group, go to the Group's profile page and click Join Group in the area just below the Group name. In turn, Group administrators approve members who join their group.

**\*Note:** Be sure you are signed in to view members-only content. Signing in to the new website involves a new username and a password reset. If you have not done so already, please reset your password using the instructions below.

### Password Reset

- Go to [woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org)
- The Sign In section will be displayed on the right-hand side of the screen. In the Username box, enter your username (which has been set to your email address).
- Just below the blue Sign In button, click the link, *Forgot your password?*
- Enter your email address and the simple math validation code.
- Click the blue *Reset Password* button.
- You will receive an email containing a *Reset My Password Now!* link. Click this link and enter a password (eight characters minimum, must include one letter and one number).
- Click the blue *Reset Password* button.
- Once your password is reset, the message *Your password was reset!* will be displayed on your screen.

Many anticipated questions have been answered on our [FAQs page](#). If you have additional question or problems, [please contact us here](#).

metro area school, knows a student who is going through a serious medical challenge. Jeff made the student a special Charlie Brown box and presented it to the child in his classroom before a special party. Jeff says as he walks down the halls at school there is always a kid that stops to thank him.



For the AAW Symposium, our chapter used Beads of Courage as the basis for our AAW Chapter Collaborative Challenge project and the boxes produced were donated to BOC in Phoenix. Jim Jacobs has 20 BOC kits ready to distribute to our club in July, so we expect more boxes in the near future!

On our [chapters homepage](#) at the bottom of the Beads of Courage story is this message, Thank you for your support, your efforts and generosity will bring smiles to the faces of kids that need a little extra courage!

**Neil Robinette  
President  
Minnesota Woodturners**

# WHERE TO TURN FOR WOODTURNING

Selected readings from *American Woodturner*, journal of the American Association of Woodturners

## Getting Started in Woodturning



1. Safety for Woodturners
2. Lathes and Turning Tools
3. Learning at the Lathe
4. Practical Woodturning Projects

## Elements of Woodturning

1. Turning Holiday Ornaments
2. Making and Using Turning Tools
3. Turning Bowls



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## Education Opportunity Grants (EOG) in Action

The [Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts](#) inspires lifelong learning in craftsmanship and creativity for all. By offering woodturning classes to a wide range of children and adults, we bring a beautiful craft to a wider public.

Our woodturning program is only possible because of the [Education Opportunity Grants](#) (EOG) that AAW has provided to purchase lathes, turning tools and parts.



In the past three years, we have taught 97 adults and 59 teens in our in-house turning classes, plus over 100 Boston public middle school students. In addition, we used the mini-lathes we purchased for [Turning Around Boston](#), our fall 2014 collaboration with master turner Beth Ireland in the Boston Public Schools. Through that one-month outreach program, 1,028 schoolchildren each made a wooden whistle or a pen, some using the mini-lathes. AAW members volunteered as aides and contributed additional funds to make that program happen.

Thanks for this opportunity and for the generous support of the AAW.

**Abigail Norman, Director  
Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts**

Boston, MA

