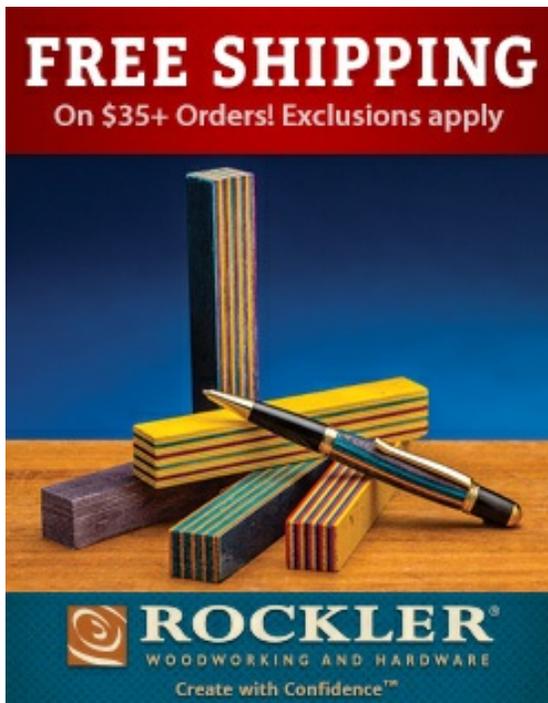




April 2017

## Greetings!



## New AAW Chapter

The AAW welcomes [Etowah River Turners](#), Canton, GA, which held its first official meeting in March. Pictured left to right are Ronald Plumley, Communications; Allen Quandee, VP; Ron Carrabotta, Secretary; George Starsmeare, Treasurer; Larry McClish, President.

## Woodturning Program Launched at Art Center

In 2009, I got the idea to start a woodturning program at the [Multnomah Arts Center](#) (MAC), Portland, OR, a local community arts center. We had no lathes or other woodturning equipment. Friends suggested that we apply to the AAW for an Education Opportunity Grant (EOG). We did and were granted \$1,000. To this, we added \$500 from a friend and \$1,000 from local woodturning clubs. We bought five small lathes, five sets of tools, and other small items needed for a



## Colossal Birthday Platter

The members of the [Edmonton Woodturners Guild](#), Edmonton, AB, turned a massive platter for Canada's

successful program. Along the way several local individuals gave us other woodworking equipment. Two years ago, we turned one of the "temporary" free standing classrooms into a wood shop. There are now six quality lathes with tools and other equipment for woodturning and the classes are producing nice turned wood items. None of this would have happened without the help from the American Association of Woodturners EOG grant. We all thank you.

~ Jerry Harris

AAW member and woodturning instructor at Multnomah Arts Center

150th birthday. At the center of the 1.6-meter-diameter poplar platter sits a maple dome that contains a map of Canada showing each province and territory and the dates each joined Confederation, the Canadian flag, and each province's floral emblem. A textured motif, resembling a river, runs from the top of the platter to the bottom, breaking up the pattern and representing the rivers in Canada. Pictured are Menno Klaassen (left) and Bill Nestor (right). Photo credit: Greg Southam/Postmedia

## Sharing the Woodturning Bug with a New Generation



In February, the Coulee Region Woodturners, La Crosse, WI, held a woodturning workshop for a total of 17 home-schooled student and parents. Nine club members participated in the event, including Jim Frank, Virginia Green, Phil Miller, Bob Raasch, John Griffiths, Jack Fitzpatrick, Kristine Clough, Duane Hill, and Nicole Sandeen. The session began with an introduction to the lathe and safety practices. Students made projects focused mainly on spindle turning, which ranged from mushrooms to pens. The chapter had eight lathes running and club members provided the tools, projects, wood, and acrylic pen blanks.





In March, the [Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild](#), Kennedy Heights, OH, hosted a woodturning learning workshop for eight children. Each youth was assisted by a skilled OVWG member mentor and completed at least two projects of their choice. Projects included an ice cream scoop, pizza cutter, wooden pen, weed pot, tea light, and miniature baseball bat.



Kenny Churchill was seven when he did his first demo at the Alaska Woodturning Symposium two years ago. Now 9, Kenny is pictured performing woodturning demo at a mall in Anchorage, AK

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## Turning Boxes into Hope

Attendees of the 2nd Annual [Oregon Woodturning Symposium](#) in March, donated 40 lidded boxes to help the [Beads of Courage](#) program. The Beads of Courage program teams up with doctors and nurses to help children with long term illness. As kids go through their journey, they receive beads to commemorate their bravery in facing their operations and treatments. They need somewhere to keep their memory beads and that's where we can help. Donated boxes were given to the [Mary Bridge Children's Hospital](#), in Tacoma, WA, and [Kalispell Regional Healthcare](#) in Kalispell, MT.

## New in the AAW Toolbox

We are excited about two new web-based learning tools launched on April 1. We encourage you to explore these educational resources and share them with your colleagues and friends.



### Discover Woodturning

is an online learning experience that introduces the art and craft of woodturning to visitors. Discover Woodturning enables the general public to learn about woodturning, its origins, appeal, and how to get started.

[Check out Discover Woodturning.](#)

### Woodturning FUNdamentals

is a members-only web-based learning portal for building strong woodturning skills and essential techniques. Designed for new turners, it complements the Woodturning FUNdamentals digital publication.

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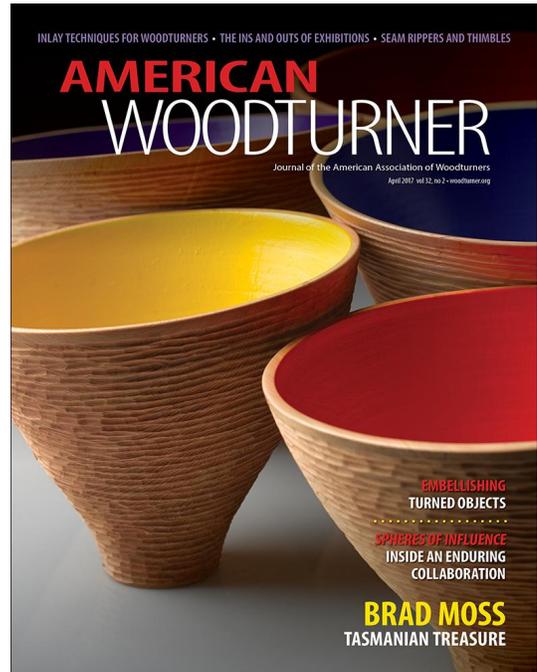
## AAW EXPLORE!

### Find Articles, Projects, Tips, and More

Investigate the most extensive online woodturning library in the world, quickly and easily. Whether it's to solve a problem, research a new technique, or start a new woodturning project, you can get exactly the information you seek using EXPLORE! Nearly everything you want to know about woodturning is now at your fingertips and searchable in only a few mouse clicks. [Click here to embark on your journey.](#)

### Get Feedback

The AAW Forum is a member-moderated online resource ideal for sharing work and ideas, obtaining feedback and assistance, and connecting with other woodturning enthusiasts. You can ask questions, take part in discussions, and upload photos of your work to the [AAW Forum Gallery](#) for comments and critique. To register, [click here and then select the "Sign Up Now!" button.](#)



### American Woodturner

Delve into the April 2017 issue of *American Woodturner*, which includes a skill-building project, "Seam Rippers and Thimbles," by Bob Rosand. Additionally, the issue explains techniques you might want to give a go, including "Following the Cheat's Way," by Andrew Potocnik, and "Inlay Techniques for Woodturners," by Janet A. Collins. [Click here to view the current issue online.](#) [Click here to view the current issue online.](#)

## Get the Most from Your AAW Membership

AAW has recently introduced several new resources, including Discover Woodturning, Woodturning

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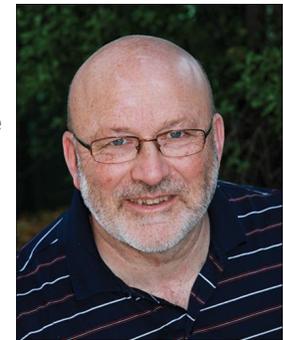
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## Enrich your woodturning experience, better and faster!

Expand your woodturning knowledge and skills better and faster by attending AAW's 2017 Symposium in Kansas City, MO, June 22-25, 2017. You'll learn from the world's best woodturners and have an unparalleled experience. You'll glean inspiration from the galleries and exhibits and meet other remarkable people who share your interests. The action begins on Thursday evening, June 22, with sessions for focused disciplines and a special presentation by [Richard Raffan](#), who will share his adventures in life and woodturning. The agenda continues Friday through Sunday, June 23-25, with a [marvelous selection of rotations](#) that are sure to leave you flabbergasted! Whether you're a beginner or seasoned turner, you'll benefit from the wide range of topics, including **bowls, boxes, vessels, hollow forms, spheres, spindle turning, multiaxis turning, design, embellishment, and more.** [Click here to peruse a summary of most everything the 2017 Symposium has in store](#), including the lineup of demonstrators and panel discussions, fine points of the exhibitions, Powermatic lathe raffle, tradeshow, and so much more. [Learn more and register.](#)

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## Be part of the excitement!

The dedicated people, including those who volunteer, help make each Symposium successful. As you make your Symposium plans, please consider contributing a few hours of your time as a volunteer. Most volunteer tasks can be done by non-registered attendees and are perfect for spouses, partners, and other adult guests. You'll even have fun supporting this vital effort! Current opportunities include: Merchandise Sales, Demonstrator Assistants, Greeters, Youth Hands-on, Instant Gallery, International Demonstrator Ambassador, Raffle, Registration, and Tool Room. [Learn more and sign up!](#)

## Non-Turner Spouses and Adult Guests!



## Craft Room Projects

We will offer a variety of craft projects for non-turner spouses and adult guests in the Symposium Instant Gallery area. Space is limited and attendees are encouraged to preregister. Classes include: Arm Knitting Without Needles, Bracelet in Copper or Sterling Silver, Rings or Earrings, and Pressed Flower Cards. [Click here for descriptions, cost, and sign up.](#)



## Youth Woodturning Adventure

Share the joy of turning with a child or grandchild! At this year's symposium, we'll offer free hands-on woodturning instruction for youth ages 10 to 18. Registered kids will have an opportunity to turn a variety of projects: candlesticks, bowls, spinning tops, garden trowels, yo-yos, vases, and more. Plus, some lucky youngsters will even win a turning package, including a lathe, tools, and faceshield. All youth sponsors will enjoy the privilege of participating in the youth turning experience. Space is limited and preregistration is required. [Learn more and preregister.](#)



## Powell Botanical Gardens Tour

More space is available! Reserve your spot for the Powell Botanical Gardens tour on Saturday, June 22, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$45, which includes admission and transportation only. Space is limited. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)



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