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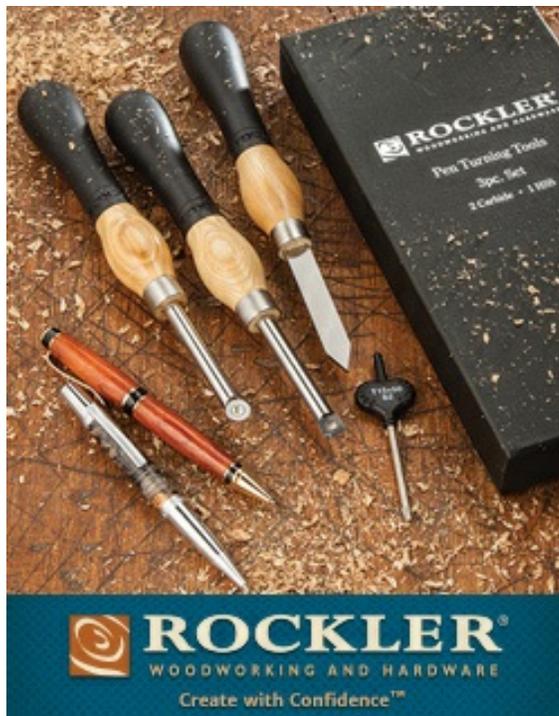
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Greetings!



Friends Breathe Dust

The [Cape Cod Woodturners](#), West Barnstable, Massachusetts, has initiated a campaign to take care of their health and lungs. As part of the action they introduced a feature in their newsletter called, "Friends Don't Let Friends Breathe Dust." The monthly column offers tips to remind members to introduce fresh air often into the shop, vacuum thoroughly, and wear respiratory protection during turning, sanding, and cleaning up the shop. One member offered to put together a group order for the club and another bought a respirator for a friend who wasn't taking the initiative to protect himself adequately. The chapter believes strongly in the campaign and wants to share it with the woodturning community at large.



Lucas Demonstrates in Ontario

In April, internationally known woodturner Glenn Lucas, Ireland, visited the [Thames Valley Woodturners Guild](#), in London, Ontario, Canada. Glenn spent the day with 40+ chapter members and demonstrated a Dublin Viking bowl, utility bowl, and traditional Irish platter. The audience was so captivated by Glenn's presentation that they didn't even notice the substantial ice accumulation caused by an early spring storm.

Thames Valley learned a lot from the experience and has a few tips that other chapters may want to consider when inviting a professional turner from outside the country:

- Wood supplies are important. As an international traveler, it is difficult if not impossible to transport wood species across borders. Include an agreement on type and dimensions of wood needed for the turner. Plan to have extra pieces in case the need arises.
- Tools. It can be difficult for the turner to transport turning tools. If he/she requires specific types of tools, time may be required to locate them. Have a sharpening station nearby for ease of sharpening, and time efficiency is a plus for the demonstrator.



Student Receives Award

High School Senior Arthur "AJ" Harmath, from Red Creek, New York, is a 2018 National Medalist in the sculpture category for the Central NY Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, a long running, prestigious recognition program for creative students. AJ's woodworking instructor is Michael Malecki, a member of the [Central New York Woodturners](#) chapter.

According to Michael, "AJ has a very personal relationship with objects he creates. Whether he's turning on the lathe or restoring old hand tools, his intimate experience reflects how he really enjoys the creation process as much as the final form. Now that AJ is a senior and is turning multiple times a week at his home, I find myself asking him how he would turn a specific piece or how he would lay out the cuts on a burl. His knowledge in the subject has far surpassed what I teach in basic woodworking."

(Photo credits: Michael Malecki)

- As with any demonstration, it is beneficial to have a very good audio/visual system. Professional turners are accustomed to this and rely on them for clear communication.



Lofstrom Calls on AZ Youth Program

[Prescott Area Woodturners](#) (PAW) has an affiliation with the woodworking program for grades 4 through 8 at [Franklin Phonetic School](#), Prescott Valley, Arizona. When the chapter invited woodturner Eric Lofstrom to demonstrate in April, they were eager to introduce him to the youth program. Eric visited the school, introduced students to the skew, and explained the meaning of "at an angle." He also stressed the need to respect tools and equipment. After turning a spinning top, Eric explained the qualities that make the top spin evenly. In fact, he demonstrated that the top could continue to spin even as students held and tipped the surface while standing on one foot and with their eyes closed!



OTTAWA CITIZEN: 'A real community effort': Ottawa woodturners make 177 wig stands for cancer patients

The [Ottawa Valley Woodturners](#) turned and donated more than 170 wig stands to the Canadian Cancer Society in Ottawa's

wig salon. Each stand has been



Samuel Lewinshtein with wig stands.

made. [View original article.](#)

Wig salon. Each stand has been individually designed to offer a personal touch for those going through a difficult stage in their lives. "These are really beautiful pieces. They're very personalized," said project head Samuel Lewinshtein. "I asked the makers to sign their names on the stands." Lewinshtein said the club's aim was to make 150 stands as part of the Canada 150 celebrations last year, although the project continued into 2018 due to personal commitments. Even so, they surpassed their goal with 177 stands



Big Spring Woodturning Retreat

The [Gulf Coast Woodturners](#) (GCWA) held their 21st annual spring retreat in March, at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, in Conroe, Texas. A total of 85 lathes were arranged in groups of seven throughout the building to support 10 concurrent classes and demonstrations. During the four-day retreat, a total of 30 classes were taught by 27 club member instructors. Topics ranged from pens and bottle stoppers to bowls and platters and to learning (and burning) the shou sugi ban finish. There was a mix of beginner, intermediate, and advanced skill-level classes. Hands-on classes were four hours each and involved six students each. What's more, 17 beginners were introduced to woodturning at the event.



Pictured from left to right are Don Heath, Sherralyn Moore, Ron Britton, Malcolm Stewart, and John Stewart.

NEWNAN TIMES-HERALD: Woodturners help student raise money for trip to Germany

The [South Metro Woodturners](#), Newnan, Georgia, recently helped high school student Malcolm Stewart raise money for his educational trip to Germany with a program called Global Youth Ambassadors. Ron Britton of South Metro Woodturners met Malcolm, who expressed an interest in woodturning. Britton offered to teach Malcolm how to make wooden pens, which he sold to help raise more money for his trip. Malcolm crafted 28 pens and the South Metro Woodturners donated all the supplies needed to make them. [View original article.](#)

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hope to launch them in the coming months. Your membership dues



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Get Tools. Give Tools.

The AAW Tool Bank grant program offers woodturning tools to selected chapters, educators, non-profit schools, and organizations for teaching the art and craft of woodturning to youth and under-represented groups. Awards are made on a quarterly basis. [For more information and to apply.](#)

Tools for Taller Escuela

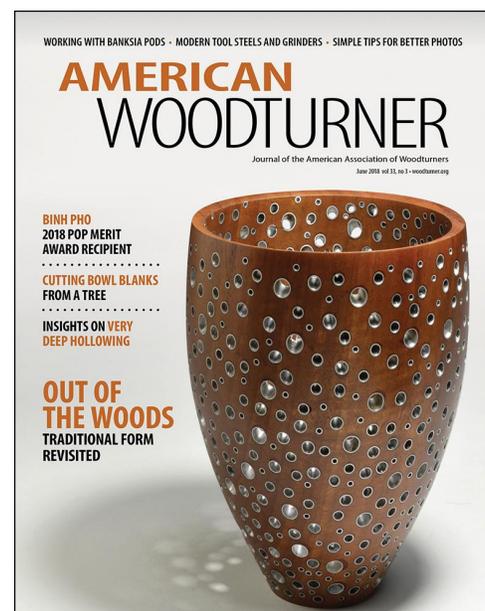
Puerto Rico's [Taller Escuela](#), is a private non-profit school that teaches fine woodworking and furniture making classes to young, retired, and unemployed people. The school's goal is to promote creativity, design, and occupational skills, so that individuals can make a living. Taller Escuela recently started woodturning classes and was thrilled to receive tools from the AAW Tool Bank to help meet its needs. Hurricanes Irma and Maria left Puerto Rico with thousands of trees in the streets and fields, much of it beautiful tropical wood. The school collects much of this wood for its use.



Students of Taller Escuela and their new woodturning tools.

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Are you using of all the resources available through the AAW? [Click here to view a summary of member benefits in the AAW Toolbox.](#)



American Woodturner

Check out the June 2018 issue of *American Woodturner*, which includes projects, "Making an Executive Spin-Top "

TOOLS TO MEMBER SERVICES & PUBLICATIONS



AAW's Vision 2020 strategy is focused on enriching your overall woodturning experience. Our goal is to help you accomplish your ambitions, recognize opportunities, and pursue your aspirations - whatever your skill level or area of interest. Part of our strategy is to expand and enhance our educational resources. Below is a guide to AAW's portfolio of publications and services, and descriptions of some of the new resources that will be introduced in the coming months through Vision 2020.

ONLINE TOOLS FOR LEARNING AND INFORMATION



AAW EXPLORE! An online tool to help members locate woodturning information, projects, articles, tips, and more, quickly and easily using keywords. <http://tiny.cc/AAWExplore>

Discover Woodturning: An online learning portal that introduces the art and craft of woodturning to the general public and enables them to learn about woodturning, its origins, appeal, and how to get started. <http://tiny.cc/DiscoverWt>

Woodturning FUNdamentals: 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. <http://tiny.cc/WtFundamentals>

COMING SOON!

Democratize Direct: an online tool to help chapters identify opportunities to create, organize, present, and more.

Democratize Training: online learning resources to help chapters develop and improve presentation skills and programs.

Chapter Media Kit: online information and resources to help chapters engage in effective outreach to the membership.

PUBLICATIONS INCLUDED WITH MEMBERSHIP

American Woodturner journal: six issues annually include feature articles, projects, photos, tips, techniques, and more. Before video companion special journal articles. <http://tiny.cc/AMWJournal>

Access to online archive of past issues dating back to 1988. <http://tiny.cc/AMWJournal> and online index <http://tiny.cc/AMWIndex>

AAW App, a tool used to read the journal on devices, including iPads and Android tablets. Download from the App Store or Play Store for your device.



Woodturning Foundations

The New Unity of Sanding: A collection of tips and techniques for sanding excellence. <http://tiny.cc/UnitySanding>

Safety Guidebook for Woodturners: Overview of safety procedures to make your turning experience as safe as possible. <http://tiny.cc/SafetyGuidebook>

Turners Are TIPS: Practical project information to help you make a variety of spinning tops. <http://tiny.cc/TurnersAreTIPS>

Setting Up Your Woodturning Workstation: Handy information to help you set up a safe and functional workshop. <http://tiny.cc/Setup>



Don't Worry! How often! Digital material to help you efficiently cut and store wood for woodturning. <http://tiny.cc/DonWorry>

Safety for Woodturners: Important information to help you build strong woodturning skills safely. <http://tiny.cc/WtSafety>

Sharpening Woodturning Tools: Useful articles on sharpening tools for woodturning and related online video. <http://tiny.cc/WtSharpening>

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projects, "Making an Executive Spin-Top," by Sam Angelo, and "Custom-Turned Housing for a Wireless Speaker Kit," by John Lucas, and much more! [Click here.](#)

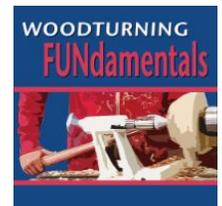


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