

Chapter Bulletin - September 2015

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Greetings!:

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New Addition to Chapter Best Practices

Mentoring

A new best practice has been added to the Best Practices Library: #72 Mentoring. This best practice model illustrates one chapter's mentoring program developed with advice and suggestions from other chapters. Special thanks to Fred Kogler and the Minnesota Woodturners Association. To access this new publication, click this link: https://aaw.site-ym.com/resource/resmgr/BestPractices/BP-072_Mentoring.pdf

Chapter Fundraising

The AAW Chapter Best Practices Committee led by Board Member, Denis Delehanty, and with contributions by Board Member Jeff Brockett, will soon publish a new best practice devoted to chapter fundraising ideas. The goal is to assemble a list of the top 100 ideas for how chapters can raise funds. When published, the resource will list several dozen ideas. Then, we will look to all chapters to progressively submit their own ideas for proven fundraising tactics to reach the goal of 100 ideas.

A preliminary sample of the list:

- Become a tax-exempt corporation to avoid paying annual federal income tax. The IRS has introduced a program to make this far easier to accomplish.
- Hold a raffle* or sale at monthly meetings. Ask members to donate wood or other woodturning related items. Local tool vendors may donate gift certificates or turning-related items as well.
- Offer members the opportunity to "gift up" their membership fee. One club has a \$25 single member fee and a \$40 family membership fee. Members are given the opportunity to pay the \$40 fee with the understanding that the extra \$15 goes to the scholarship fund.
- Obtain pictures from club demonstrators and add to them pictures taken at their demonstration. Auction the picture or poster at the club meeting, possibly at the same meeting.
- Hold a \$10-per-ticket raffle* or sale for demonstrator pieces created at club meetings.
- Put a "donation" cup by the meeting refreshments.

- Build a rental library where club members can rent tools, books, and videos on a monthly basis.
- Dedicate one monthly meeting to a tool swap wherein buyers donate 10% of the proceeds to the club.
- Charge \$5 to \$10 at the door at each meeting when an invited professional is demonstrating. This may allow the club to charge much less for their annual membership fee, making it more attractive for new members to join.
- Ask an individual to organize group buys to realize savings. Charge a percentage of each purchase to be donated to the club.
- And many more to follow...

*Please note: In most cases, under state law chapters must be nonprofit and obtain a permit prior to conducting a raffle.

Women in Turning (WIT)

Women in Turning (WIT) is now a committee of the AAW, established by Board President, Kurt Hertzog. Kurt appointed Kathleen Duncan as Committee Chair. WIT will now have the support of the AAW for programs and conducting fundraising activities. The committee mission is, "dedicated to encouraging and assisting women in their pursuit of turning, to sharing ideas and processes to further members' skills and creativity, and to increasing participation of women in the field of woodturning." As Chair of the WIT committee, Kathleen Duncan selected the following committee members: Suzanne Kahn, Betty Scarpino, Jean LeGwin, and Dixie Biggs, with Linda Ferber serving ex officio. WIT has created both public and private Facebook pages, as well as a dedicated webpage on AAW's website.



- **WIT Facebook public page:** <https://www.facebook.com/Women-in-Turning-732036653523097/timeline/>
- **WIT AAW webpage:** <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=WIT>

WIT Regional Ambassador Program (RAP)

Under the leadership of Linda Ferber, AAW Program Director, a new Regional Ambassador Program (RAP) is going strong and is aimed at gathering women together at regional symposiums. In August, Merryll Saylan hosted a group of women woodturners in her studio in California. Suzanne Kahn has a meeting planned in October for women from the Keystone Woodturners and Bucks County Woodturners in Pennsylvania. If you would you like to host a gathering in your area, please contact linda@woodturner.org.

We encourage all of our chapters to carry information about WIT activities through their newsletters, email blasts, and websites. Linda Ferber, at linda@woodturner.org, is the point of contact for more information.

October Issue of *American Woodturner*

The October issue of our *American Woodturner* journal will arrive soon. In addition to the always-popular assortment of tips, woodturning calendar, and various chapter highlights, this issue offers a number of practical and inspirational articles with appeal to all woodturners:

- **Turning Your First Segmented Bowl.** Jim Rodgers introduces the fundamentals of segmenting, from selecting the wood to the finished piece.
- **Turn a Magnetic Pencil Holder.** Hone your turning skills while bringing order to your unruly pile of pencils with the enjoyable project, by Art Scott.
- **Spur Drive with a French Twist.** Follow along with Murray Stein as he creates a playable



French horn from wood.

- **Taming a Large Slab with a Router.** Vince Wilson shows you how to manage even the largest hunk of wood - one step at a time.
- **Splash Tops.** Use markers, high-flow paint, and centrifugal force to add dynamic color to your work, by Phil Cottell.
- **Glenn Lucas: Once Upon a Time in Ireland.** Forming a life, turning bowls, and building a business with energy, style, and confidence, by Terry Martin.

REMINDER:

Vote for the 2016 AAW Board of Directors Candidates

Please encourage chapter members to participate in the AAW voting process and help make this election turnout significant. Votes must be cast electronically or received in the Saint Paul home office by midnight CST **October 20, 2015**. The six candidates selected by the Nominating Committee and listed alphabetically are:

- Allen Alexopoulos
- Joe Dickey
- John Ellis
- Wayne Furr
- David Heim
- Ken Ledeen



Candidate statements were published in the June issue of *American Woodturner* and can be on the AAW website (member login required) at: <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=BoardVote>

There are two ways to vote:

- **By electronic ballot**, available on the AAW website (member login required) at: <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=BoardVote>, or
- **By paper ballot.** NEW THIS YEAR: If you would like to cast your vote by paper ballot, please request a paper ballot be sent to you by calling or emailing the AAW at 877-595-9094 or inquiries@woodturner.org.

Sister Chapter Program

A small number of our local chapters have taken the initiative to establish ties with woodturning clubs in other parts of the world.

Attention toward Latin America over the past year by the AAW Turners Without Borders (TWB) committee led to the formation of our first chapter in Puerto Rico. As TWB continues the outreach to other areas, there is a need for operational support to sustain international chapters and help them progress beyond initiation. We are looking to identify a chapter willing to embrace a sister relationship (or "twinning") with the newly formed Puerto Rico Woodturners.

We encourage any chapter looking for a new source of outreach and engagement to consider this rewarding opportunity. While no formal guidelines are in place, the basis of this sister relationship will lay in establishing an ongoing exchange of information and ideas, furnishing start-up chapters with organization support and guidance, and generally exposing your club members to new friendships and mutual exchange of cultural influences. If you have interest and would like more information, please contact Phil McDonald at phil@woodturner.org.

AAW Fall Membership Renewal Campaign

Following the example set last year at this time, all chapter presidents will soon receive five additional copies of the October *American Woodturner* journal. We encourage you to make them available at your next chapter meeting.

Your support at the local level to get information about AAW and the benefits of members to your club members is critical to us all. Of special mention this year, the October issue contains a three page spread (watch for pages 8-10) on which many of the various direct services and publications available to our members and chapters are highlighted.

- **PDF version of the October services and publications three page spread:**

<http://www.woodturner.org/resource/resmgr/MemberBenefits/MemberPublicationsServices20.pdf>

Our bi-monthly journal only touches the surface of all AAW has to offer. AAW recognizes the essential challenge of demonstrating that our membership programs must deliver value. Individuals must see a tangible connection between the out-of-pocket expense and how an AAW membership will help them improve their turning, lend inspiration, help problem-solve, and furnish information about the woodturning marketplace.

The leadership within AAW have spent the past year on our comprehensive, "Services, Publications, and Positioning," or "CAP" project. At its November meeting, the AAW Board will be presented with a report and a proposal with recommendations for a three year strategy to reshape our services and contribute more value to members. In next month's Chapter Bulletin, we will provide you with a high-level of summary of the CAP project team's progress.

Woodturning FUNdamentals: Shop Tip

We are sending a shop tip for a Hands-Free Spindle Lock submitted by Bob Gerenser, Milpitas, California, from an upcoming issue of Woodturning FUNdamentals. Bob's tip is formatted as a Word document to be easily copied and inserted in newsletters, chapter websites, or passed along in an email to your members.

- **Download the shop tip at:**

<http://www.woodturner.org/resource/resmgr/ChapterBulletin/WFShopTipLock46-v2.docx>

Update Chapter Profiles

This is a reminder that chapter officer listings are only as accurate as the information supplied by you. We request that chapter presidents or appointed officers submit changes to their club's information on the form at: <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=ChapterUpdates>. If you have any problems submitting the online form, please contact sophie@woodturner.org.

Yours respectfully,



Phil



