

AAW Chapter Bulletin - March 2016

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The contents should be shared with club members as appropriate.*

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Greetings!:

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AAW Needs a Volunteer with a Sense of Adventure

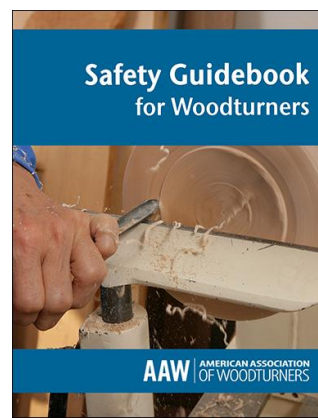
Through the [Turners Without Borders](#) program, AAW has partnered with a nonprofit, [GreenWood](#), to help teach woodturning to artisans in a remote area of Honduras. We need a volunteer who can travel to Honduras for 12 days in late May to help train artisans, who will use their new skills to turn mallets that they will sell to the world market. Because electricity is spotty at best, the crew will use the human-powered lathe featured in a recent issue of *American Woodturner*. The volunteer will help assemble the lathe and use it to teach the basics of spindle and faceplate turning.

This is a major project for the AAW. We hope to use it as a model for similar, future ventures to spread woodturning knowledge worldwide. The ideal volunteer will have experience as a woodturning teacher or demonstrator. Knowledge of the Spanish language is important, as is a sense of adventure. All the volunteer's travel expenses will be covered, and GreenWood will pay for all meals, lodging, and transportation in Honduras.

This is a priority. We hope that one of your chapter's members will want to be part of this unique experience. Please email [Phil McDonald](#) or call the AAW Home Office 651-484-9094 as soon as possible **(not later than April 1)** if you know someone who is eager to travel and teach.

New Woodturning Safety Guidebook

Hot off the press! The AAW has just released our newest publication, entitled [*Safety Guidebook for Woodturners*](#). Safe, effective use of a wood lathe is so fundamentally critical that AAW is making this new resource available at no cost to anyone interested in woodturning. **We strongly urge the cooperation of all chapter officers to get this into the hands of all of your chapter members.** AAW membership is not a requirement to receive this publication.



We have divided this booklet into the major areas of woodturning safety. Some of the safety considerations covered in this new publication include:

- The Workshop and Turning Environment
- Lathe and Turning Equipment
- Personal Protection Equipment
- Safe Techniques
- Safe Turning Speeds
- First Cuts: ABC's
- And much more

Newest AAW Chapter

Please join us in welcoming our newest official chapter affiliate, Central Wisconsin Woodturners, located in the Wisconsin Rapids area. Joe Varga is the inaugural Chapter President.

Contact information, meeting times, locations, and other information for all AAW Chapters can be found by clicking on the [AAW Connects Map](#) logo below.



AAW Services, Publications, and Positioning Initiative

Looking ahead to the April AAW Chapter Officer Bulletin, watch for expanded coverage about the *AAW Services, Publications, and Positioning Initiative*. As we previously announced, AAW leadership has endorsed a 5-year strategic agenda. A number of the positive outcomes that will be delivered in the first year of the plan were listed in the February Chapter Bulletin. AAW is now preparing to release a more comprehensive outline to explain the vision, strategies, and new initiatives that will be coming as result of our new *Vision 2020 Initiative*.

AAW 30th Anniversary Symposium - Atlanta

[AAW's 30th Annual International Symposium](#) will be held at the Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart in downtown Atlanta, June 9-12, 2016. The Atlanta Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, which is connected to the convention center, is offering discounted AAW-only rates and will serve as the host hotel. Symposium registration activity through mid-March has proceeded at a healthy pace.



1) April Journal Symposium Preview

To this Bulletin we have appended the [5-page preview](#) piece that will appear in the April Journal. AAW is extremely proud about the lineup of educational demonstrations, panel sessions, exhibitions, and opportunities to support our partnerships with other charitable organizations. We encourage all chapter officers to distribute this to all of your members as a way to ensure that we broadly inform as many woodturners as possible about the main features of the AAW symposium.

2) Additional Hotel Rooms

The AAW block of discounted rooms at the host hotel, Atlanta [Westin Peachtree Plaza](#), is nearing capacity. A reservation link has been added to the AAW symposium webpage for an additional downtown hotel, the [Hyatt Regency Atlanta](#). Additional hotel availability may be added as we monitor the demand for lodging conveniently located near to the convention center.

3) Atlanta AAW WIT Hands-On Sessions

(Open to all registered symposium attendees)

For the first time in recent history, AAW will offer adult hands-on sessions as part of the Atlanta symposium. Nine rotations are scheduled and the hands-on sessions will cover a wide variety of topics. Sponsored through the leadership of the new AAW Women in Turning (WIT) Committee, these opportunities are offered to everyone - gender is not a condition to be eligible to participate. Space is limited and early interest has been very high. **Your opportunity to pre-register for the chance of being awarded a spot will expire on April 1 at midnight**, Central Daylight Time. Participation is limited to individuals who have submitted the online WIT Hands-On interest form and have paid their symposium registration fee by the April 1st deadline.

- [Click here for symposium registration.](#)
- [Click here for the WIT Hands-On submission form.](#)

4) Atlanta Symposium Event Schedules

AAW has published the [preliminary detailed symposium schedule](#) showing all of the scheduled demonstrations, WIT Hands-On sessions, youth activities, and social events. [Please refer to this preliminary schedule to assist you and planning your personal itinerary.](#)

5) AAW Trade Show

Sales of booth space for the Atlanta Symposium are on a pace for what will likely be the [largest woodturning trade show](#) in any recent history. Nearly sixty companies have already committed to be present. Entrance to the trade show remains free to all AAW members. [To see the lineup of trade show exhibitors, please refer to the Atlanta Symposium promo brochure.](#)

6) Volunteer Opportunities Still Remain

We ask all attendees to consider donating time to volunteer. A variety of tasks remain to be filled both before and during the event. This need not require a

significant devotion of your time. Even two hours of your time will be appreciated.

- [Click here to sign up to volunteer in advance.](#)

April Issue of *American Woodturner* Journal

The April issue of the AAW journal will begin arriving over the next two weeks. This issue features a number of very practical instructional articles. In addition to the topics highlighted below, Editor Josh Friend has inserted a number of call-out boxes with references to companion articles containing the vast store of woodturning resources located in the online library of past journal archives.



Penturning Primer.

An introduction to the gratifying world of turning keepsake writing instruments, by Kurt Hertzog.

Turn a Windsor-Style Footstool. A classic furniture project that can be tailored to different skill levels, by Janet A. Collins.

Turn a Tapered-Stave Bowl. Spare lumber around the shop? Bill Wells demonstrates an alternative take on segmented bowl turning.

And two different approaches to turning tubes:

Turning Curved Tubes. It all makes sense when you see how it's done, by Keith Tompkins.

Turning Straight Tubes.

Et voila! Pascal Oudet takes us through the steps of creating one of his signature tubes.

Yours respectfully,

Phil

P.S. Please Update Chapter Profiles: Our chapter and chapter officer listings are only as accurate as the information supplied by you. [Please submit chapter updates \(officer changes, number of members, meeting dates/times, meeting locations, insurance coverage, etc.\) using our online form.](#)

