

AAW Chapter Bulletin - April 2016

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

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Greetings!:

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New AAW Guest Membership Program

We have a *Guest* membership program for you to offer chapter members who are not yet AAW members. By signing up for a complimentary *Guest* membership, club members can have limited access to AAW member resources for a full 60 days. They'll be able to explore what the AAW has to offer, kick our tires, and hopefully decide to become full-fledged AAW members and benefit from everything the AAW has to offer.

Our Guest membership welcome page at <http://www.woodturner.org/general/custom.asp?page=GuestMemberLanding> has handy resources for getting started in woodturning, the Safety Guidebook for Woodturners, and much more. We will be adding sample articles to this page from each new *American Woodturner* and Woodturning FUNDamentals issue. All AAW members have access to the materials on this page. Check it out and help us spread the word.

May Issue of Woodturning FUNDamentals

The upcoming issue of Woodturning FUNDamentals will be out May 10th. Appropriately, this issue will be heavily oriented toward practical project ideas and woodturning tips. For the benefit of all chapter members, a special preview issue of Woodturning FUNDamentals, which includes the project, "Scrabble anyone?" by Pay Thobe and a variety of tips, will be available for download by AAW members and Guest members beginning May 10th at <http://www.woodturner.org/page/GuestMemberLanding>. We thank all chapter officers in advance for distributing this link to all of your chapter members.

Look forward to these articles in the May issue of Woodturning FUNDamentals:

Projects

- Turning Multi-Axis Spindles, Barbara Dill
- Are you ready to sell your items? David Schell
- Scrabble anyone? Pat Thobe

- Something From Nothing, Melissa Russell
- Turning Miniatures, Part 3: Advanced Bowl, Thomas E. Jones

Tips

- Why should I use sanding sealer? Jack Morse
- Repairing Small Cracks with CA Glue, Linda Bohl-Berry
- Sandpaper Packets, Janice Levi
- Ask the Expert: Twice Turned Bowls, John Lucas
- Ask the Expert: How do I turn legs to be the same? Janet Collins
- Video: Make a Natural Edge Bowl with a Stitch by Jerry Kermode, a full demonstration from the 2015 AAW Symposium in Pittsburgh (TRT 1:16:40).

2018 AAW International Symposium Host City Announcement

The major contracts have been finalized to bring the 2018 AAW Symposium to Portland, Oregon. The event will be held at the Oregon Convention Center, the site of the 2007 AAW Symposium. This will also bring the AAW Symposium back to the Pacific Time Zone for the first time since 2012. The dates for the 2018 event will be Thursday, June 14, through Sunday, June 17, 2018. The host hotel will be the Doubletree by Hilton Portland.

This site selection process was a departure from our traditional approach. Pursuant to AAW board discussions in June, and listening to recommendations for new strategies that were identified by an ad hoc symposium "idea group" assembled last summer, two requests for proposals (RFPs) specification documents were issued. One was targeted at cities that offer facilities commensurate with the size and scale we have customarily sought out, and the other was sent to smaller, tier-3 and tier-4 cities. This new process allowed us to study alternatives to our symposium space model and to evaluate more compact and intimate venues.

The experience in Pittsburgh was one motivator for this dual search. The added cost and inconvenience of the downtown setting and the expansive scale posed by the convention center were major detractors identified in feedback from our attendees. The 2018 search also tested the premise that smaller cities and venues might help to reduce the cost of producing and the cost of attending the symposium without sacrificing the comprehensive scale and scope of offerings that set our symposium apart from the regional symposia. The findings from the 2018 search were highly informative. Of the 18 cities contacted, 10 offered availability for our dates and submitted proposals. In addition to Portland and Seattle, proposals were received from three smaller Pacific Northwest cities: Spokane, Bellevue, and Tacoma. While the proposals from Tacoma and Spokane were viable and extremely attractive, they were not appreciably any more affordable than Portland. Tacoma would have forced us to scale back our programming to unacceptable levels, and the venue posed logistical burdens that would have compromised attendees' experiences. Spokane's location was a deterrent to convenient access by our members, and lacked the chapter resources needed to properly support the event. Bellevue's proposal was far too costly, and didn't offer convenient and affordable hotel choices.

Volunteer Selected for Honduras Adventure

What follows is an update to last month's call for a volunteer to work with GreenWood on the Honduras teaching partnership arranged through the AAW Turners Without Borders Committee (TWB).

We are extremely pleased to announce that Manu Suarez, of Rockville, MD, was selected for this volunteer assignment. Manu is a retired pharmacist who has traveled to Honduras some 25 times in the past 12 years on behalf of Medico, a nonprofit that provides sustainable healthcare and educational services to local communities in developing countries. In addition, Manu taught woodturning basics to a carpentry teacher at a vocational school in

the tiny city of La Esperanza. The teacher had an old, broken lathe. Manu got a lathe from his club, added some tools, and showed the teacher how to make pens and bowls. Manu is 67 years old, was born in Spain, and came to the U.S. in 1989. He began turning in 2011 and describes himself as an intermediate turner. We are grateful for Manu's enthusiastic willingness to help, and wish him both a safe and rewarding experience in Honduras.

GreenWood is making the final logistical arrangements. The tentative launch date is May 18 and the project will conclude around May 31.

The project will offer a workshop that will help to train local artisans in a remote area of Honduras. The experiences and outcomes will be documented and published for the benefit of all AAW members later in the year. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who expressed interest in volunteering for this project and want to thank you all. We anticipate additional volunteer opportunities similar to this one in the future as the AAW TWB Committee expands our relationships with woodturners around the world.

AAW Video Equipment For Sale to Chapters

AAW has a number of items no longer needed in our inventory. In addition to the listings below, we still have one safety shield apparatus available. If you are interested in more information about these items, please contact Linda Ferber at 651-484-9094, 877- 595-9094 (toll free) or linda@woodturner.org.

# available	Item description	Price
12	Atlona AT-HD4-V42 4x2 Switchers	\$200 each
2	Panasonic video camera, no battery (PV-GS90 model)	\$25 each
2	Panasonic video camera, with battery (PV-GS90 model)	\$50 each
25	Springstand light stands	\$20 each
31	Vivitar remote switchers	\$10 each
1	Safety Shield	\$1,000 each

AAW 30th Anniversary Symposium - Atlanta

We are keeping this month's AAW Symposium mention short. A more thorough update about the AAW Atlanta Symposium will be published in the May Chapter Officer Bulletin. The pace of advance registrations is proceeding right in line with our projected numbers. All rooms (in the block of rooms) at the host hotel have been filled, and a second block of discounted rooms has been arranged at a hotel one block from the AmericasMart. Please refer to the AAW Atlanta Symposium webpage at <http://www.woodturner.org/default.asp?page=2016Atlanta> for the most current updates on all aspects of the event.

We have also made arrangements for any AAW chapter wanting to distribute information about your chapters. Especially for those who are more regionally located about Georgia, a section of tables will be available for chapters to hand out flyers and other information to prospective members.

IRS is auditing Form 1023-EZ users (new streamlined 501(c)

(3) application process).

ASAE, the professional association representing association executives, recently issued the following bulletin about 1023-EZ audits.

"The IRS has begun its first audits of organizations that applied for tax exemption using a shorter Form 1023-EZ, according to agency officials.

The Form 1023-EZ was created by the IRS in 2014 to speed the approval process for smaller tax-exempt groups. The form has helped the IRS clear a backlog of about 60,000 applications for tax-exemption, many of which had been pending for up to nine months. Most groups with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less and assets of \$250,000 or less qualify to use the Form 1023-EZ.

The IRS audits are to ensure that tax-exempt groups are operating as they intended and meeting the requirements for tax-exempt status, according to Sunita Lough, IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities commissioner.

"We are still in the testing phase of the Form 1023-EZ," Lough said last week at the Washington Non-Profit Legal and Tax Conference, according to Bloomberg BNA."

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Phil', written on a light blue background.

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.](#)