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August 8, 2017

Greetings!

This Chapter Bulletin is intended to keep you up-to-date about important chapter-AAW activities, and to furnish your chapter with information and resources that can be shared with your chapter members. The AAW values your chapter's continued partnership and support!

Chapter President

We invite you to share this information with all of your chapter members at an upcoming meeting.

AAW Members to Vote for Board (**Please see the footnote at the bottom of this email.)

There are six candidates running for the AAW Board of Directors. We ask that you encourage your AAW members to vote and help make this election turnout significant. Votes must be cast electronically by

Newsletter Editor

We encourage you to share this material in your chapter newsletter!

Article: Oil Finishes
Selecting a specific oil-based finish can be confusing. In his article, "Nice Turners Finish Last" (5 pages), Don McIvor breaks down oils and oil-based finishes, and describes how to select an oil finish for your project.

- [Click here to view/download: PDF](#)

Shop Tip: Lighted Mag Eyes

This tip from Bill Berry,

Webmaster

We urge you to consider adding these links to your website.



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Discover Woodturning is 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. No login

midnight CST October 20, 2017. AAW members will need their member number to officially register their votes. The member number can be found on the address label of their copy of *American Woodturner*.

- [AAW members may vote here.](#)

AAW Calendar

We invite you to submit your chapter's woodturning-related events for the [AAW Woodturning Calendar](#). The information you submit will also be furnished to the editor of the *American Woodturner* journal, and will be used for event and demonstrator tracking and mapping.

- [Click here to submit your chapter events.](#)

Chapter Stalwarts

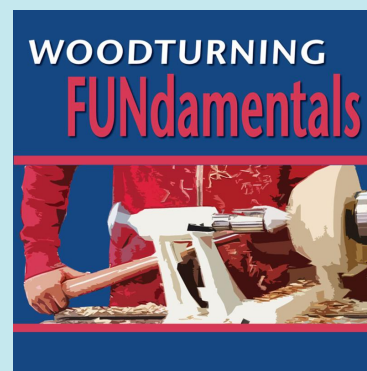
It takes lots of effort by lots of people to make a chapter successful. And, there are a few devoted folks who form the backbone of most of the chapters. When nobody else will take on a task, they will. Not once, but time after time, year after year. We know how important these people are to chapters, and we'd like to help the chapters recognize them.

- [To nominate a Chapter Stalwart, click here and](#)

Deer Park, TX, will help you see your work more clearly. Click here to view/download: [Word](#), [PDF](#)

required. Link:

<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=DiscoverWTHome>



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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. AAW Member login required. Link:

<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=WoodFunHome>

Video: Pyrography

Molly Winton explains the whys and wherefores of using pyrography in woodturning. She discusses equipment and tools, and demonstrates making custom tips/nibs and pyrography techniques at a meeting of the Mid-Maryland Woodturners Club, in Frederick, MD. (TRT 1:28:10)

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-CLD_Bc8xE

Embed code: `<iframe width="640" height="360" src="https://www.youtube.com/embed/I-CLD_Bc8xE" frameborder="0" allowfullscreen></iframe>`

[complete the nomination form at the bottom of the page.](#)

AAW Guest

Membership

Now that the 50% incentive for chapter members has concluded, we encourage you to remind your new chapter members about the **free 60-day AAW Guest Membership**, which offers limited access to a sampling of AAW resources. Guests will be able to explore what the AAW has to offer and decide whether to become a full-fledged AAW member and benefit from everything the AAW has to offer.

- [Click here to sign up for a guest membership.](#)
- [Click here to view/download a list of publications and services available to full AAW members.](#)

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Tree Pests

We know you love trees- after all, they are the foundation for most woodturning projects! On average a new invasive, tree-killing pest becomes established in the U.S. every two years. Trees damaged or killed by invasive pests may end up as turning wood, putting you at risk for helping to spread a tree-killer to a forest near you. Here are tips to help slow the spread of invasive

tree pests:

- Use locally grown wood, especially if your project calls for green wood or wood with attached bark.
- Never move untreated wood long distances (over 50 miles), particularly from areas with known invasive pest infestations.
- [Be aware of state and federal quarantines when shipping or transporting wood.](#)
- Be on the lookout for dying trees or trees with unusual damage. Report possible invasive pests to your state's plant pest official! [Check with the plant pest regulatory official in your state for information on regulated items.](#)
- Learn more.
Consider inviting a state plant health director to be a speaker at a chapter meeting. [Click here for a directory by state.](#)

*******The election for AAW Board is in full swing and we encourage you to help us "get out the vote." Whether the voters know the candidates or not, we encourage them to read the biographical statements in the June, 2017, American Woodturner, and [view the candidate statements hosted on the AAW website](#), and make decisions accordingly.*

In an effort to keep the election from becoming politicized, the AAW specifically asks candidates to refrain from campaigning. We recognize that part of the decision process is discussions among members on the relative merits of the candidates, but mass mailings either from the candidates directly or anyone on their behalf is a step in the wrong direction.

Accordingly, we ask you to help prevent this and keep the election based on merit.

~ Joe Dickey, Chair, Nominating Committee