



Arizona Woodturners Association Newsletter

Presidents Message for January 2007

Happy New Year!!!

The New Year is in full swing and I am very excited about the upcoming symposium. If you have not signed up yet or you know someone who has not signed up, what are you waiting for? This is an incredible opportunity to see up close and personal how accomplished Woodturners make it happen. The symposium committee has gone over the top to bring you the best. All you need do is fill out the form, pay the fee, show up, and enjoy.

As you can see in the Vice President's message, we need additional volunteers to help make the symposium run smoothly. Feel free to sign up. We are not asking you to give up your day, just an hour or two. The more volunteers we have, the easier the task becomes.

Anyone interested in doing a demonstration at one of the monthly meetings or at the Prescott retreat, let us know. You do not have to be an expert or professional turner to put on a demo. You are not graded on your performance and there is no chance you will be drummed out of the club. Take a chance and put on a demo. Show us your process of making a turned object.

The Prescott retreat will be here quicker than you realize. In the past, this has been a fantastic event, and now is the time to make your travel plans. July is a great time to be away from the city, and enjoy the company of our friends in Prescott. I am asking for turners to commit to being there, and anyone interested in turning in Prescott, see me as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to a great year, and thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the club.

Michael Holland

Vice Presidents Message January 2007

Happy New Year!

I'm looking forward to working with the other newly elected club officers to provide you with educational and entertaining programs in the coming year. To that end, I'll be soliciting comments on what you as members want to see. Hopefully, in the coming months, we can have demonstrations containing basic information for inexperienced new turners, as well as advanced techniques for those aspiring to create gallery quality work. That said, the bottom line is that we belong to the club because we have a common interest in becoming better Woodturners---we are a band of brothers and sisters, so to speak--- and the meetings afford us the opportunity to learn from each other as we ask questions and share information. Let's all work together to make this another great year!

And speaking of working together, DWR 2007 is just around the corner. As the volunteer coordinator for the symposium, I'm asking each and every one of you to help us make this an event to remember---in a good way! You can do this by volunteering a couple hours of your time in one or more of the areas described below:

- Registration committee support
 - Stuff registration packets prior to the symposium
 - Assist in set-up of registration---i.e. help carry material into MCC
 - Man registration tables
 - Sell raffle tickets
 - Provide security for the instant gallery---no, you don't get to carry a gun

- Set up and tear down (Some physical labor involved)
 - Assist in setting up demo rooms on Friday afternoon
 - Help get equipment and supplies from vehicles to demo rooms
 - Position tarps and equipment in demo rooms
 - Assist in tear down Sunday afternoon
 - Remove equipment and tarps from demo rooms to vehicles
 - Help carry registration supplies to vehicles

- Demonstrator assistant (this is a good deal---front row seat guaranteed)
 - Operate video camera (we'll have a training program prior to the event)
 - Make sure demonstrator has what he/she needs prior to demo
 - Assist demonstrator as required
 - Clean up area after demo complete

If everyone from the club who is attending the symposium could volunteer for something, we will all be able to enjoy the event. If there is a shortage of volunteers (the old 10 % do 90% of the work) some folks will be working too hard to see much of anything. Let's not let that happen! I hope to be inundated with volunteers in the coming days. If you have already signed up, many thanks. If you haven't signed up and want to help, please contact me.

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As the symposium gets closer, I'll be contacting each volunteer personally to coordinate schedules.

May your shavings be long and your catches few,

Rick Drown

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