

President's Message
January 2015

First I would like to say that I am happy to represent our club and be your President in 2015. I hope to be able to continue on with what Jason has done with the club. Hopefully, with the continued help of Ana and the other officers we can continue to be a great club. I cannot say thank you enough to Jason and what an inspiration he is. I don't think I can come anywhere near being the quality of turner he is, but I do think I can run a club, as my day job is an executive for a large loan servicer. I live in NE Mesa in the county island behind Las Sendas. I have been happily married to a wonderful woman Caren for 23 years and have two daughters Erica 11 and Ella 8. Erica was old enough to participate in the club hosted Youth Room for the national convention this past summer and she won a lathe. Caren volunteer a lot of her time at the convention and was there almost every day. She got to know Tib quite well. Enough about me and onto the club.

I want to thank the board for serving this year: Jason Clark/Dale Gillaspay – VP, Ana Lappegard – Treasurer, Ed Pabst – Secretary, Pete Beschenbossel – Library, Rick Boehlke – Gallery, Ken Northern – Video and Marvin Fretwell – WebMaster. This club will only be as good as what folks like the above put into it. Speaking of that, we need a newsletter editor. We only publish four times per year, but someone needs to step into this roll for me. Please come talk to me at the next meeting or call me.

Marvin our new webmaster has updated the format of our website and we went live this week with several updates. We are always looking for articles and ways to improve the website. Matter of fact we are having a board meeting after Dale's presentation on Chemical Patination this month's meeting and you are all invited. One of the topics is ways to improve our website. The first thing we will be doing is adding PayPal so dues can be paid on-line. Yes it is that time of the year and 2015 dues are due. You can also pay Ana at the meeting.

Speaking of this month's meeting Dale Gillaspay went as part of an AAW grant to David Marks for several classes. I myself have gone to one of these classes and they are wonderful. I am not nearly as talented as Dale, so we are blessed to have him present on the surface embellishment known as chemical patination. This will be well worth your time and drive to the meeting. We will also be testing out a new sound system and hope to use it for February when JoHannes Michelsen does are Sun City all day demo on making a wooden hat that you can wear. Please sign up with Ana (see attached flyer) for Sunday 6 on 1, hands on demo. If we have enough interest we will add a second hands on day. Lastly, this months President's Challenge is making something with Ironwood.

We are going to be adding some new items to the club this year. First a critique table- where people can bring a piece to be reviewed. Ken Northern is working on a new logo for the club, but we are certainly open to others input and suggestions. Next, I would like to publish a mentor list as a resource for new turners in the club or anyone who want to learn a certain skill. Please speak to me or Ana if you wish to be on the list. Lastly, I think it's very important as a non-profit that we give back to the community. We will continue with the Shorty Hart Memorial Education Fund for local schools as we need to draw in new turners. I would also encourage the club to start turning for "Empty Bowls" annual fundraiser. We will

track and publish a running total. Please think how you can give to the club and back to the community. We live in a great god given place in this beautiful desert.

Turn Safe, Turn More!

See you at noon on January 17th to watch Dale's demo.

Chip Hiding
President Arizona Woodturners Association