

Vice President's Message
January 2015

The 2015 demonstration calendar is filling up quickly but we still have a few spots left to fill. Our events calendar is also starting to fill out and as always we'll need volunteers to assist at these events. We have a core group of volunteers that tend to help out at the majority of our events and do the majority of our demonstrations but we need additional volunteers and new demonstrators to help keep everything fresh.

Here's some details on upcoming demos and events that you should be aware of:

January 17th – Monthly club meeting: Dale Gillaspay. Dale will be demonstrating chemical patination and surface enhancement techniques learned from a David Marks class he took last year. Dale was the recipient of an AAW EOG grant that allowed him to take the class on the condition that he share the knowledge learned with other woodturners.

January 24th - Woodcraft Chandler is having their annual parking lot event once again. Scott Phillips of The American Woodshop and Carmen De La Paz from HGTV will be on hand giving demos and classes. Vendors such as Nova, Carter & Son tools, Easy Wood Tools, and lots more will be demonstrating and running specials. They will also be holding their woodworking contests including a category dedicated solely to woodturning. Prizes will be awarded and it's free to enter. Volunteers are needed to help man the booth and to provide the demonstrations.

February 14-15th – Excellence in Woodworking/Desert Woodcarving show. We will once again have a booth at the EIW show to promote woodturning, promote the club, and promote the Desert Woodturning Roundup. Volunteers are needed to help man the booth and to provide the demonstrations. The EIW show has dedicated turning categories that award prizes to the winners. Details can be found on the AZ Fine Woodworkers website.

February 28th – JoHannes Michelsen all day demo in Sun City. JoHannes will be making one of his full sized cowboy hats. \$20 at the door includes lunch. JoHannes will also be doing a hands on class on Sunday March 1st where participants will make a miniature cowboy hat.

March 20th – I will be giving my last regular demonstration prior to my relocation to Chicago. I plan to demonstrate a couple of types of Saturn bowls including one with offset circles.

April 8-12th – Maricopa County Fair. Volunteers will be needed to man the booth and to do turning demonstrations to engage the public and educate them about the hobby that we love.

April 18th – Ken Northern. Club member Ken Northern (the lucky guy that won the Powermatic lathe at the AAW symposium) will be demonstrating wood stabilization and acrylic casting techniques.

November TBD – Professional all day demonstration. We're still in talks with the demonstrator, additional details including the dates and demonstrator name will be made available once they're finalized.

February 26-28th, 2016 – The Desert Woodturning Roundup returns to the Mesa Convention Center. It's never too early to start making plans to attend. Demonstrators include Glenn Lucas, Andi Wolfe, Betty Scarpino, Art Liestman, Kurt Theobald, John Beaver, Jason Clark, and Rex Birmingham.

I hope to see as many club members as possible at all of these events and demonstrations and I'm looking forward to returning to Mesa in February 2016 to be part of what is shaping up to be a fantastic Desert Woodturning Roundup. I hope to be able to contribute to what I think will be the best one yet.

Jason