

Presidents Message March 2015

Our March meeting is the last opportunity to see Jason Clark demonstrate before he moves to Chicago. Jason has been an officer for numerous years and President the previous three. I cannot say thank you enough for all the time and dedication Jason has put into our club to make it what it is today. Please come out and see Jason's last demonstration while he lives in Arizona. If you did not know, Jason is presenting at the AAW Nationals this summer in PA his Taurus. Jason has graciously agreed to return for the 2016 DWR and demonstrate the making of the Taurus to the club. For this month's topic Jason will be presenting Saturn Bowls. I guarantee you will come away learning something new.

Don Tucotte was lucky enough to win the JoHannes Michelsen full sized wood hat drawing, which will be on display at this meeting. I was amazed at the gouge control JoHannes displayed making his thin walled turned hats when I took the hands on class with five fellow club members. His thin wall turning to the light is a new technique for me and very useful. Thank you all for attending Saturday and to those who took the hands on class Sunday for making the weekend a success. The club purchased the two JoHannes video's "Creates the Original Woodhat" and "Creates the Original Wood Baseball Cap". Both will be available in the club library for checkout.

As our club membership ages, I believe it is important we give back to the community and recruit new younger club members. We will have a short talk regarding Beads of Courage this month by Christy. I think it is important we support this children's charity and encourage you all to commit to one container this year before nationals. The club needs to thank Vince Sichmeller and Mike Lucckino for working with the kids at Sunnyslope High School this month. These guys are out in the community making a difference and hopefully recruiting the next generation of woodturner's.

If someone is interested in paying production work, I have an inquiry for batches of 3000 bed spindle legs. Please contact me if interested.

Lastly, I have been traveling for work and happened to stop in the AAW National Office in St. Paul, MN which is located in Landmark Center, which I had meetings in. Jane invited me to the Minnesota Woodturner's Meeting and since I did not have a car kind enough to drive me and drop me off back at my hotel. It was great to meet other woodturner's and see how another club meeting was run. I was able to meet Mike Hunter from Hunter Tools who is a local as well. It was negative 6 at the lowest when I was there and outside. It's hard if not impossible to take a deep breath when it's that cold. Of course I became sick after/during my visit. The club was doing a club buy of CBN wheels. They did this last year to great success. We need to have at least 12 ordered and I believe the pricing is \$130 per wheel, but don't hold me to that dollar figure. They were very happy with the quality of the wheels and the price is amazing. If we have interest I will obtain all the details and send out a groups blast e-mail to the club. Don't forget you can post items for other club members at our Group's web page (<http://azwoodturners.org/pages/GoogleGroup.shtml>)

See you next Saturday at the Pyle Center at noon to watch Jason's demonstration.

Chip Hidinger -- President, Arizona Woodturners Association