

Presidents Message -- May 2015

I apologize to the club for a scheduling conflict that I cannot present this month. My wife set me straight that I had to be at her sister's wedding at 1pm on this Saturday. I asked her why the wedding was not on the calendar, but quickly lost that discussion. Therefore, Ken Waller has graciously agreed to step up and present to the club this Saturday. At the last DWR I told my daughters they could pick out one piece and they picked a beautiful platter of curly maple Ken had turned that had a very rich finish. Ken will be demonstrating how to turn several different items depending on time: bracelet, whisk, ice cream scoop, a goblet, wine stopper, a top and some cabochon projects. I believe you will all learn something new from Ken's demonstration. For example fellow member Larry Jurgens presented a solution to an issue I have had for years, while we were turning at the County Fair this year. I have a hard time wearing shoes with short socks and shorts while turning, as the shavings fall into the sides of my shoes. Larry and his wife made some gators with tent like material the dust slides off of and Velcro closures. For probably \$2 of materials and 20 mins of work, I have a solution to something that has created unsafe turning in my home (ie wearing flip flops while turning).

Speaking of the Maricopa County Fair, I will once again thank all those who turned out and demonstrated. I had not been to the fair in years and it was a fun event. The State Fair comes up this fall and we will be asking for help the two weekends we demonstrate then. This is a good opportunity for the club to attract new members.

We also had several members demonstrate the following weekend at Rockler. I know Ana and Ken Laapgard were there, but I do not have a list of all the members. Once again thank you all for your time.

The February, 2016 Desert Woodturner's Roundup sign-ups are open and can be found thru the clubs website. This includes sign up for Glenn Lucas hands on classes, for those attending the DWR. Space is limited so please sign up now. Thank you to Ana and the large team working to put on another successful DWR. While visiting the page, take a look at the new DWR logo. I was very impressed and feel it represents the true essence of Arizona.

Please look at the club website for some updates on the rest of the year's speakers. We will soon be accepting deposits for the Alan Lacer "Skew Master" (6 students max) class days as well as our November 14th all day Sun City demonstration.

This month's Presidents Challenge is Empty Bowls. We need as many in as possible this month, for photos to go to the national symposium in PA this year.

The club completed a CBN wheel purchase and for those who have not picked up their wheels we will have them at this month's meeting. Please see Ana in the back. I am pleased to announce the club now has a CBN 180grit wheel and Aurora Light for demonstrators to use. Thank you for everyone who participated.

We have a new TV on order and Mike Holland generously agreed to build a TV box to protect both demonstration TVs.

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Lastly, but probably most important this month, is that Ana Laapgard has successfully worked with the IRS for the club to regain our 501c3 status. Thank you to all the club members who worked on this long journey. Way to Go Ana!

Please don't forget you can post items for other club members at our <http://azwoodturners.org/pages/GoogleGroup.shtml> [AWA Google Group web page](http://azwoodturners.org/pages/GoogleGroup.shtml).

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

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