

## Arizona Woodturners Association -- President's Message -- January, 2016

Hello fellow Woodturners! 2016 is upon us, and with it some of the usual resolutions, commitments, where we have been, and where we want to go. On behalf of your new officers -- Ana Lappegard, vice-president, Ken Northern, secretary, and Gerard Merchant, treasurer -- we welcome you to the start of what is shaping up to be a very exciting year. The Desert Woodturning Roundup is just around the corner and is going to be packed with more information that you will be able to retain. If you haven't already registered, time is running out. Visit the DWR website today!!!

Local, regional, and national demonstrators round out the rest of the year and will be fully disclosed as soon as a few details are finalized. To start things off, I will continue a tradition of the Club president being the first demonstrator of the year. I will be demonstrating a trio of complimentary candle holders or vases all turned at the same time from a single block of wood. Sound intriguing??? I'll see you January 16th at Noon at the Pyle Center in Tempe.

On January 30, Woodcraft is having its annual Woodworking Expo in the parking lot of their store in Chandler. The club will have a booth and be doing turning demonstrations. Mark your calendars. It is always a fun day, and we could use volunteers.

As your new president, I would like to thank Chip Hidinger for the great job he did. It takes a lot of hours from all of your officers, and Chip was very dedicated to the job. Thank you Chip.

Moving forward, I would like to build on things that Chip and his predecessor, Jason Clark, worked on, and initiate some new things as well.

Meetings: You will notice a slight format change to our meetings. It is a formality, but it is important.

There will be a sign in sheet. Per our 501(c)3 charter, we are supposed to keep track of who is at our meetings.

I would like to continue the President's Challenge and the critique table, as well as the normal things we are all used to at our meetings.

I am also going to be asking for a lot more help. This is your club, it belongs to you, not the officers. We are just here to help steer the ship. If more people volunteer just a little bit of time here and there, we can all enjoy the benefits of membership without a few carrying the load.

Finally, the President's challenge. The full year will be announced soon. For now, January's challenge is Bowls.....Not just any bowls, but Empty Bowls. Turn one or more bowls to donate to the Empty Bowls challenge for the Desert Woodturning Roundup. Here is a chance to stretch yourself a little bit creatively. Let's see if you can come up with something that everyone just HAS to buy a ticket for. Good luck, and we'll see you on the 16th.

Dale Gillaspay  
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