

ARIZONA WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION -- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- JAN. 2018

I would like to start off by wishing all of our AWA members a happy and prosperous New Year.

We ended 2017 with a Board Meeting. At this meeting we talked about what we are looking for in a place to call our home. We also talked about what our goals are for 2018 and beyond. We created a Goals Committee, comprised of board members and officers, for now. The Committee will be meeting before our regular meeting to set up our goals. We will be discussing these goals at our regular meeting. In the meantime, we would like each and every member to think about what they would like our goals to be for 2018 and beyond.

I would like to remind you all, 2018 membership dues need to be paid as soon as possible. This is the money we use to operate with throughout the year.

On a sadder note, Marvin Fretwell has given his notice that he will be stepping down as our Webmaster as of April 1 of 2018. We will deeply miss you Marvin, you have done so much hard work to better and enhance our webpage, and we cannot thank you enough for doing that. You have went over and above the call of duty, again we thank you for a job well done.

So, we are looking for someone to replace Marvin, which is going to be hard to do, as our Webmaster. We need to find a replacement as soon as possible so Marvin can train them on our website. If anyone knows of a suitable candidate please let us know as soon as possible.

The President's Challenge for this month is making a project from a limb. I will be posting the President's Challenges for the entire year at the end of this message.

I'll be doing the demonstration for our January 20 meeting, on the D-Way captive hollowing system.

Our club will be demonstrating that Woodcraft Supplies, on January 27 so we will need volunteers to help with our booth. You can sign up at our regular meeting, or email me at jmwoodworking68@gmail.com.

Upcoming events:

January 20 -- Regular meeting.

27 -- We demo at Woodcraft Supply.

February 17 -- All day Demo in Sun City with John Lucus. Two hands-on classes to follow.
Details at January meeting.

March 2-3 -- We demo at Porter Barn Wood in Phoenix. This is a new venue. Details at January meeting.

16 -- Regular meeting.

23-25 -- We demo at Pinal County Fair.

April 13-15 -- We demo at Maricopa County Fair.

20 -- Regular meeting.

These are all events that we need volunteers for, up through April, and we will have signup sheets for these events.

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Here is the list of the President Challenges for 2018:

January -- Project made from a limb.
February -- No challenge.
March -- Easter eggs.
April -- Platters.
May -- Project made from green wood and allowed to warp.
June -- Bottle stoppers and pizza cutters.
July -- Pepper/salt/spice mills.
August -- Project made from crotch wood.
September -- Items made on a mandrel.
October -- Make a "Beads of Courage" lidded box.
November -- No challenge.
December -- No challenge.

I would like to remind you all that when you bring in a Project for the President's Challenge, you get a raffle ticket for a drawing at the Christmas Party. Also when you bring in a Project for the Instant Gallery, you will get a raffle ticket for a \$25 prize.

Okay, this is all for now; be safe, turn when you can, see you at our January meeting.

Jim McCleary
President, Arizona Woodturners Association