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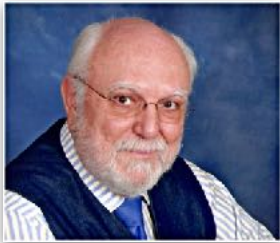
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Calendar

Next PTWA Meeting Jan 14th
AAW Symposium June 4-7



HAPPY NEW YEAR PTWA!

I thought the Christmas party was a rousing success, and I hope you did as well. Thanks to Bonna for pulling us all together and making the evening a fine celebration.

As we move forward into 2020, let's try and make a few things work better this year than they did last. First off, let's every one of us make a special effort to meet and greet anyone who with us for the first time, and continue to welcome them to subsequent meetings while they find their place in our happy band. Second, let's try and show more respect to whomever has the floor at a particular moment. We (including me) tend to carry on conversations while someone is trying to speak to the group. While this is annoying during the business meeting, the gallery presentation, and the raffle, it is simply rude during the demonstration. The acoustics in the gym are not the best, but while they do not work as well as we would like through the speakers, they seem to work stunningly well for side-line conversations. In

short, be more outgoing, and be more respectful. I will try and do better, please join me.

AAW SYMPOSIUM

The annual AAW Symposium will be in Louisville KY, June 4-7. Registration is now open. Follow this link to learn more: <https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/2020-Symposium---Louisville/2020-Symposium---Louisville-Main.aspx>

If you have never been to an international symposium, I particularly encourage you to attend as it is a remarkable experience in woodturning. Again this year we will put together a group to get discounted registration, a savings of \$25 each person. If you are planning on attending the symposium, and want to save \$25, let me know. It takes a minimum group of ten to qualify.

ON-GOING PROJECTS

New Web Site

The folks working on the web site are progressing – stay tuned!

Beads of Courage boxes: Let's keep those boxes coming in!! Nim Batchelor has been kind enough to volunteer to take over the Beads of Courage Boxes Project. He is in contact with both state and national BOC personnel and we can expect him to move the project forward. Sharpen your bowl gouges, we need BOC boxes!!

PRESIDENT’S CHALLENGE

Rather than a President’s Challenge, let’s switch it up a bit. Let’s have a Members’ Challenge. I will circulate a sheet at the January meeting for you to suggest something you would like to challenge everyone to undertake. If you are not able to attend the January meeting, please send your challenge to me at jim@shopdogturnery.com. Some of these will be for everyone – from the first-time turner to the best we have, and others will require some specialized skills – that is fine.

2020 TURNERS OF THE MONTH

January Geoff Purser
February Dave MacInnes
March Bob Moffett
April Phil Heinz
May NO T.O.M. – Picnic
June Jeffrey Clark (Pittsboro)
July Dave Kelly
August Roy Carlson
September *****OPEN*****
October Jerry Jones
November *****OPEN*****
December CHRISTMAS PARTY

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