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Website address:

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Meeting Location

AWA meetings are held at Hardware Specialities. Located at 424 W. 54th Ave, Anchorage, on the first Saturday of each month from September through April. The meeting in May is held at the AWA Annual Picnic which is held at the Trotter Estates.

Meetings begin at 10:00 am and last until approximately 12:00 pm.

Normally a tool sharpening demo is held 30 minutes before each meeting. Members are welcome to bring their tools and have a demonstration on sharpening them.

Monthly Demonstration

The April meeting was attended by 67 individuals.

Bill Bowers presented a most enlightening demo on his amazing "Saturn Boxes" and demystifying that captured ring. Of course a special tool is required but the steel can be acquired from Arnie. The demonstration was recorded and DVD's will be added to the club library.



Saturn Boxes are a spherical box with a captured free-rotating ring.



Appreciation to Volunteers

AWA expresses appreciation to all the members who helped with the Artistry In Wood event held in conjunction with ACWA at Northway Mall. Members helped moving equipment, selling raffle tickets or doing demonstrations at the event. Several visitors expressed interest in joining the club.

Thanks is also extended to those who helped and provided demo's for the ACWA's Tools and Techniques program at Spenard Builder's.

May Meeting

The May meeting will be on the 21st at Jeff Trotter's estates in Wasilla. It is our annual picnic and will



have buffalo brats as well as salmon for the main course. The remainder will be pot luck so bring your favorite dish. In years past we have had up to 65 people attend. Your significant other is invited as well. We will have an instant gallery with Peoples Choice Awards for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd

place, along with Novice. Prizes are gift certificates at Hardware Specialties.

Please turn something for the May 21st instant gallery.



Upcoming Events

Annual Symposium

Every year the AWA hosts our annual symposium where we present Master Turners with International or National status.

The 8th Annual Symposium will be held at Hardware Specialties on January 28th & 29th, 2012. Jimmy Clewes (from Nevada) and Eli Avisera (from Isreal) will be the master turners for 2012.

- Master classes with Eli Avisera will be the week before the symposium.
- Master classes with Jimmy Clewes will be the week after the symposium

You may sign up and pay for the master classes starting September 1, 2011.

Alaska State Fair



Burt Biss will again spearhead the Alaska State Fair demonstrations and is requesting volunteers to either demonstrate or act as greeters. Admission and parking are free for the volunteer and a significant other.

AWA members who demonstrate on behalf of the club must also be members of the [AAW](#) in order for the club's insurance to cover them.

Please contact Burt Biss at bbiss@charter.net to volunteer at the Alaska State Fair.



AWA Apparel

The club has a few logo baseball caps available in red and in blue. To purchase these items, please contact John Lane at dapawndodo@yahoo.com.

Membership

Membership renewal dues for the upcoming year must be paid by/at the October meeting (first Saturday of the month).

- Individual Membership \$25
- Family Membership \$35

AWA Website

Kristine Chase and Sam Dickey have volunteered to help our webmaster, Randall Farris, in bringing our website up to date.

Bill Bowers would like members to bring items they have turned to his home so that he may take pictures and have them added to our Member Gallery section of the website. Please contact Bill at turningsbb@gmail.com.

AWA Woodturning Classes

AWA will be offering the following woodturning classes next fall. The fee for the classes is \$20 per class which covers various supplies needed for the classes. The classes will be held each month until the master classes start.

Turning 101 - basic spindle turning

Turning 102 - green bowl turning

Turning 201 - turning a candlestick and base

Turning 202 - finish bowl turning with power sanding

Turning 301 - turning a useful off-centered (oval) tool handle

Turning 302 - turning a small cylinder box.

See you at the AWA Annual Picnic!