

Alaska Woodturners Association

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AWA Demonstrates at the Alaska State Fair

Every year at the Alaska State Fair, various turners in the Alaska Woodturners' Association demonstrate the art of wood turning. During this time, the turners turn all sorts of items such as weed pots, bottle stoppers, small bowls, spinning tops and an assortment of other items. Members of our woodturning club are also encouraged to enter some of their woodturnings in the fair to show off their work and create public interest.

This year's event runs from August 28th through September 5th. The AWA booth is located in the Irwin Building. Burt Biss is again heading up the organization of the event for our club. Volunteers to help demonstrate are still needed. Please review the volunteer schedule currently posted on the AWA Fair events page at <http://akwoodturners.org/Fair.html>. If you can help, please contact Burt Biss or Kristine Chase.



Burt Biss

AWA State Fair Coordinator

Next Club Meeting

Our next club meeting will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011. As usual, the meeting will be held at Hardware Specialties, which is located at 424 W. 54th Avenue in Anchorage.

Meetings begin at 10:00 am and last until approximately 12:00 pm. Normally a tool sharpening demo is held by Arnie Geiger 30 minutes before each meeting. Members are welcome to bring their tools and have a demonstration on sharpening them.

The theme for the demonstrations during the months of September through December will be Christmas Gift Ideas.

Website address:

akwoodturners.org



September - Kristine Chase will demonstrate how to make Volcano shakers.

October - *Demonstration open at this time*
Estate Auction
Member Gallery Photos

November - *Demonstration open at this time*
Member Gallery Photos .

In Honor of Pastor Randy Farris

Randall Farris, our webmaster, fellow woodturner, instructor and friend, passed away on July 5, 2011. A wonderful memorial service was held for him on Saturday, July 9, 2011. Randy served as an AWA board member for several years. He happily demonstrated turning projects at club meetings and the Alaska State Fair, helped to teach woodturning classes to AWA members, took pictures of club events, and he was our webmaster.



*We are thankful
that our lives were touched by his –
we will miss him greatly.*

Kristine Chase has assumed the duties of webmaster for the Alaska Woodturners' Association website, and has implemented some of the changes that Randy had wanted to make.

Member Gallery Web Pages

Members are encouraged to bring some of their wood turned items to the October or November meetings. Bill Bowers has volunteered to take professional looking photos of member turnings and Kristine Chase will create a member gallery on the AWA website for the turners who wish to participate.

Benefits to members:

- Show off your beautiful woodturnings
- Link to your own website (if you have one)

Benefits to club:

- Inspires others
- Educates others as to the type of things that can be created on a wood lathe.

Membership

Membership renewal dues for the upcoming year must be paid by/at the October 1st meeting.

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