# Arizona Woodturners Association

**Chapter of American Association of Woodturners** 

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## **Next Demonstration**

May 20, 2023

## Airbrush Turning

### Demonstrator: John Armstrong

New Meeting/Demonstration Location:

5757 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ





Noon – 3:00pm

I will give information on coloring wood using air brushes, atomizers and paint brushes. At the end of the day, you should understand the materials and equipment I use and why, as well as when to color and not.

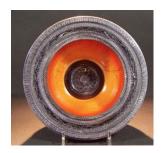
I have done some form of woodworking since the age of seven, with woodturning being most of my focus for the last 31 years.

I started air brushing in high school doing architectural and photo repair rendering. Life moved on, with the occasional return when I needed to restore furniture, wood boats, motorcycle or whatever -- the air brush was the best tool choice.

I have been teaching Woodturning 1, 2, and Advance Projects at Yavapai College for over six years John







## AWA President's Message Richard January

New - May 2023 Board



Hello AWA Members:

I am grateful to the Board members, both those leaving the Board, new members, and those continuing to serve for their time and effort to make Arizona Woodturners Association both interesting and informative. I am particularly grateful to Brian Lensink for his leadership over the last 2 years.

Moving to a new meeting location is scary and exciting! Without the need to move equipment from a storage unit to the meeting our members will have additional time to socialize and discuss techniques, projects, and problems other turners want to discuss. We will have the opportunity to customize the set-up of the facility to meet our needs. We are exploring other opportunities that may result from the move to the Family Life Center.

Moving forward we are looking for opportunities to inspire members to both broaden and improve their projects. We are interested in your ideas for demonstrations at the meetings, and classes at the Kundrat Learning Center.

We are very interested in bringing back members we have not seen for some time, and look forward to meeting new members. External demonstrations at local events, stores and fairs provide an opportunity to introduce woodturning to the public. After each fair we see new members. I encourage everyone to participate in these external demonstrations.

May President's Challenge: One tool turning - no sanding, no finish

**Richard January** 

Some different pieces created by Richard January from the Instant Gallery. If you don't know how to access the Instant Gallery on the website – check out page 20 in this newsletter.



# AWA Election Results April 22nd

All Volunteer Board/officers

WEBSITE link: Board and Bylaws web page

| Position       | Current             | Term<br>Ends |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| President      | Richard January     | 2025         |
| Vice President | Craig Colin         | 2024         |
| Treasurer      | Rich Slosky         | 2025         |
| Secretary      | Kellie Gilligan     | 2024         |
| Director 1     | Dick Jones          | 2025         |
| Director 2     | Michael Luksich     | 2025         |
| Director 3     | Andy Pulsipher      | 2026         |
| Director 4     | Beth Purdy          | 2025         |
| Director 5     | Pete Beschenbossell | 2024         |



Richard January



Craig Colin



Rich Slosky



Kellie Gilligan



Pete Beschenbossell



Dick Jones



Michael Luksich



Andy Pulsipher



Beth Purdy

#### Past President's Message – May 2023

As now Past President of the AWA I would like to thank you for the opportunity. It has been a good couple of years, thanks to a great Board of Directors. We have accomplished a lot in two years. Here are a few of those accomplishments:

- 1. We located and have archived important AWA incorporation papers and have made sure that required yearly reports are updated and current.
- 2. We reviewed the bylaws and updated them which was long overdue.
- 3. We developed a regular board meeting schedule and have kept to that schedule, thanks in part to Zoom, for the full two years. The board met the first Tuesday of each month.
- 4. We established and equipped the Kundrat Learning Center (KLC) to benefit our members with classes and instruction.
- 5. We established a membership function, thanks to the work of Dale Guilford, where new members get a call and a new member packet. This has helped in maintaining and expanding new membership.
- 6. We found a new location for our meetings that includes a storage unit for our equipment. This reduces the need for transporting equipment to the meetings and eliminates the need to set up and rearrange the room when we are done. All of that is done for us by the facility.
- 7. We have rearranged some of the functions of various officers to even out the workload for those volunteers.
- 8. We established Zoom so we could continue to have meetings during the pandemic, and it has now become a resource for members who are out of state or unable to make the meetings.
- 9. We have established a regular monthly newsletter and website, thanks to the hard work of Pat Jones, our web master and newsletter editor.

There are several things that were "in process" and the new board of directors can move them forward. One is strengthening the Shorty Fund program, and another is finding ways to fund raise for the AWA to help defray operating expenses and continue to invest in other things to benefit our members.

Richard January, our new AWA President, has worked hard as a board member and volunteered in other capacities, such as being the photographer, a member of the KLC committee and coordinating volunteer efforts at state and county fairs. I will support Richard in every way I can as he takes over the Presidency.

I believe the AWA is in good hands and can look forward to a bright future.

Brian Lensink Past President, AWA

# Last Meeting notes:

Monthly demonstration is available on video in the Members Only section of the website.

# Ed Morabito - Twisted Goblet demo





Twisted goblet with ring

# Some of Ed's favorite turners on Multi-Axis

Barbara Dill – Multi-Axis Woodturning / Spindle Essence

Raymond Bissonnette – Multi-Axis Eccentric Spindle Turning

Pajo's Garage - Wood Turnings Multi-Axis Spindle

Jason Clark – Multi Axis Techniques



Ed Morabito – Moving Axis point in jaws



Quick way to make end cup is with Rounded Router Bit from MLCS Router Bits

# Last Meeting notes:

April 22, 2023





# **Tool Sale/Swap**







## Kundrat Learning Center News

The Kundrat Learning Center (KLC) is fast approaching its second anniversary and we owe a big thanks to the Board of Directors and Diane Kundrat for their unwavering support. The facility is now equipped with seven mid-sized lathes, a 10" table saw, a 14" band saw, a drill press, a compressor and much more. Come visit—it's your facility and we hope that what you see will make you proud of the two years' worth of effort.

The KLC Safety Guidelines and Usage Policy were just updated to reflect the experiences of the last two years. The updated documents are available on the KLC's page of the AWA web site.

Thanks to those who have participated in classes and shared their comments, observations, and suggestions. We have endeavored to incorporate your feedback into our offerings and operations and feel that the KLC is better for your candidness.

**BREAKING NEWS:** Dick Jones has said the law of gravity has been suspended. To prove his point, he will be

teaching those brave enough to venture to the KLC, how to make a Trumkreisel (a spinning top, on a pedestal—seeing is believing). Video link in the Editor's note at the end.

Dick will be offering two sessions, on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

- The first session will be at 1 pm
- The second session will be at 6 pm.
- We can have 6 turners per session, so sign up quickly.

The **cost** of the classes will be \$10/person (cash or check made out to Arizona Woodturners Association). Dick will supply the wood.

What to bring: Your face shield and turning tools.

How to sign up: Email John Brower at jsbrower@cox.net

John will confirm your enrollment and provide more detailed information about the classes, approximately 1 week prior to the classes.



1New class offering.





#### "Skill Building"

We have seven (7) turners in the April to June Sessions. This has maxed out the KLC and, consequently, we cannot take any more participants.

This is the last Skill Building Series for the year. Skill Building classes will begin again in January of 2024.

**"Turn and Talk"—** your Skill Building team will be offering opportunities, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, from 1-3 pm, for those who want to address specific questions about turning or who have an on-going project and need a little more help.

At our last session, Cal Vander Kooi taught the attendees how to turn a sphere and John Brower taught the participants how to clean and maintain their chucks.

#### Our next session will be on May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 3 pm, and we have 2 slots available.

- Contact John Brower at <a href="mailto:jsbrower@cox.net">jsbrower@cox.net</a> to sign-up.
- Who can attend: Anyone with an interest in improving their turning knowledge or skill (focus is on the beginning to intermediate turner).
- Location: Kundrat Learning Center (KLC) 545 W Ivanhoe Ct, Gilbert, AZ 85233
- Cost: \$10 /session

This summer and fall, we will be offering some **1-day and specialty classes.** More information will be forthcoming, as we lock-in the instructors and the dates.

#### Want to teach a class or have a class idea? Let us know at KLC@azwoodturners.org

Your KLC Committee

Ed Morabito, who did the April demonstration, works teaching young adults woodturning at <u>Seeds for Autism</u>. Talk to him if you would like to volunteer\ teach woodturning.

Check out their OPEN HOUSE on May 6<sup>th</sup>.



# Volunteer Opportunities 2023

Thank You to the following who demonstrated at Woodworkers Source on March 4: Dale Guilford, Dennis Cameron, Jim Meizelis and Mario Marois.

#### COMING EVENTS:

**Woodworkers Source**, Tempe, the first Saturday of each month through June.

Thank You to Dick Jones and Jim McCleary for demonstrating at Woodworkers Source on Saturday, April 8.

There are 2 sessions. 9:30 AM till Noon and Noon to 3:30 PM. The lather there is a Jet mini lathe. The only other equipment there is a drive center and a live center. Turners will need to bring tools, a chuck, if needed, and items to turn.

We will demonstrate at Woodworkers Source, Tempe, in May and June and then take the summer off. If you would like to demonstrate on either Saturday, May 6, or Saturday June 3. If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please email: Dick January



Thank You to the following for demonstrating at the Maricopa County Fair.

Ana Lappegard

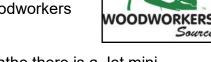
Brian Mason

Dale Guilford

**Dennis Cameron** 

**Dick January** 

A special Thank You to Ana Lappegard, Jim McCleary and Richard January for moving equipment to and from the Fairgrounds.





Jim McCleary

Pablo Moralez

**Rich Slosky** 

Ken Waller

# Fun at the fair!!



FAIR TIME at Maricopa County













#### **Women in Turning** is a committee within the American Association of Woodturners organization. The AWA chapter of WIT meets monthly at the KLC, as noted in the AWA Calendar.

WIT meets at the KLC the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM.

#### May meeting is "bring what you're working on" and turn together!

Contact: Kellie Gilligan

**WOMEN IN TURNING (WIT)** Connect with women worldwide who share a passion for woodturning through AAW's Women in Turning (WIT)! WIT's activities aim to attract more women to woodturning, and increase visibility and participation of women leaders in the field by:

- Encouraging and assisting members in their woodturning pursuits;
- Expanding members' knowledge, skills, and creativity;
- Fostering the sharing of ideas and processes; and
- Supporting involvement in the AAW, community woodturning projects, and initiatives.

Learn more about WIT at tiny.cc/AAWWIT



## Where do our members hear about us?

# That is a question on the AWA Membership registration form. What do you think the top 3 answers are?

- 1) Internet
- 2) Friends/Members

Women in Turning

3) Fair/Demos

Here are a few of the other ways they found out about Arizona Woodturning Association!!

- American Association of Woodturners (AAW)
- Southwest School of Woodworking
- Family
- Aliens (can you guess who wrote this?)
- Another woodturning club
- Professional woodturning demos





Studies confirm that laughter lowers blood pressure and releases betaendorphins, a chemical in the brain that creates a sense of joy.

Thank you to Jim Meizelis for supplying some humor for the AWA Newsletter.



"Of course, one of the more popular myths is that our 16th president was born in a little log cabin."

## AWA Monthly Demonstrations for 2023 Full year and last minute changes noted on AWA website

Bring in a President's Challenge piece to the AWA Meeting to be entered in an end of year drawing – prize value \$150!

| Date                                   | Demonstrator*  | Торіс             | President's<br>Challenge                    |
|--|----------------|-------------------|---|
| May 20<br>Start of the<br>New Location | John Armstrong | Airbrush Turnings | One tool turning - no<br>sanding, no finish |
| June 17                                | Dick Jones     | Trumkreisel       | Some type of toy                            |
| July 15                                | Alan Stratton  | Christmas in July | Tactile piece                               |
| August 19                              | Don Mitchell   | Hollowing`        | Kitchen Ware                                |



New Members (3/15-4/15)

Jim Rugg, Tempe, AZ Nic Stewart, Gilbert, AZ Greg Murphy, Mesa, AZ Gordon Washburn, Laveen, AZ Ed Melcher, Florence, AZ Elise Dillingham, Phoenix, AZ

New members year to date - 25 Total Membership - 215

This is my first article for the Membership Corner. The editor told me I could write about anything so here goes.

The Arizona Woodturners Assoc. is one of approximately 350 chapters and 15,000 plus members that make up the American Assoc. of Woodturners "AAW". Presently our chapter is one of the largest chapters with Carolina Mountain Turners, Minnesota Woodturners and San Diego Woodturners all being larger, but not by much.

The AAW is an excellent resource for all woodturners from the new to the professional. It also publishes a monthly journal, the "American Woodturner". Past issues are available and have been indexed so you can find information on any topic. Also, there is a forum where questions can be asked. There is a gallery so you can submit photos of your work for all to see. "Woodturning FUNdamentals" is a digital publication tailored especially to newer turners, the Woodturning Fundamentals publication and online learning portal can help you build a foundation in woodturning.

About 50% of AWA members are also members of the AAW. I encourage those who are not members to look at what is available for you. The AAW home page link is <a href="https://www.woodturner.org">https://www.woodturner.org</a> If you're interested in the history of AAW and how it has adapted to the hobby of woodturning, <a href="click.com">click.on</a> this link

#### Please be sure to welcome our new members.

Welcome New Members

Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!



**Dale Guilford** 

If you are interested in learning more about woodturning – if you are a beginner or advanced – check out Shop Talk!

2nd Tuesday of the month – Shop Talk Live on Zoom.

## May 9 - 7pm

A Zoom invite to AWA members will go out by May 8 for the Shop Talk.

Host: John Lea

Topics: Best and Worst woodturning project or experience?



Thank you, Craig Colin, for hosting last month's Shop Talk!!!



Piece by John Armstrong

May demonstrator

## Micro-Crystalline Wax / Polish

Tip from Dale Guilford

This stuff is great...not just for your turnings...but also as a lubricant! I have not been a big fan of wax as a finish or topcoat on my turnings, but I finally decided to give this a try. It is easy to apply and doesn't take much and leaves a nice luster when buffed. It is also great on old turnings that need to be renewed. However, the biggest surprise is how well it works on the lathe bed ways. Better than WD-40, paraffin, and silicone. Next, I am going to try it in bar form on the bed ways. Less costly in bar form. If you want to try it, search "micro-crystalline wax".





### Spinning Top Project - click

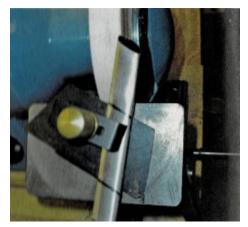




**Laser for hollow turning** After going through half a dozen laser pens while hollow turning with my Jamieson system, I purchased a universal pistol laser and attached it to an Allen wrench and then slid the wrench into the pen slot. The pistol laser can handle the shocks associated with the hollowing process. I purchased the pistol laser on eBay for under \$20.

—Robert fay, Collingswood, NJ

**Sharpening oval skew chisels** Dress your grinding wheel to get it clean and straight across. Mark the bevel of the skew chisel with a black marker so that you can easily see if the entire cutting edge has been sharpened. Use a Veritas grinding jig for skew chisels and attach two small magnets under the oval skew chisel to keep it from rocking side to side. A small mirror can be used to view the bevel from underneath as the edge is being sharpened. – Joe Cavanaugh, Vienna, VA



**Resharpen with confidence** To re-sharpen the same tool, reset the angle gauge to zero as before. Pull the toolrest away from the grinding wheel and tighten the toolrest support arm to the base. Then, with the angle gauge on the toolrest, adjust the toolrest to the angle you had previously recorded for that tool. Make sure to position your wooden spacer against the grinding wheel when moving the toolrest back in place to ensure consistency. Remove the spacer and sharpen your tool.

It is that quick and easy. I write the angle required for each tool on a piece of colored electrical tape wrapped around the tool for easy reference. —Denis Delehanty, Virginia

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Teaching the World to Turn woodturner.org



2023 AAW Symposium in Louisville, KY

Kentucky Exposition Center June 1 - 4, 2023

Get ready for Louisville in 2023!

AAW OF WOOD FURNERS

Live Online Event

Emma Cook The Tiny Turner January 21, 2023 2 p.m. Eastern Time



What is woodturning?

Remember May 1<sup>st</sup> is the next deadline for a discount to the AAW 2023 Symposium

# Going to 2023 AAW Symposium in June?

Currently planning to go: Jim McCleary, Stephen & Trudy Noe, J Paul Fennell, Craig Colin, Erwin Kurtz, Rich Slosky, Don Elliott, Allen Kisling, Mary Schick.

Going as volunteers: Dave Madden, Dick/Pat Jones, Ana Lappegard

## **AAW Member Registration**

Includes:

- 3 Days with 80 Demonstrations and Panel Discussions
- The Largest Woodturning Trade Show
- Networking & Social Events
- Galleries, Exhibitions & Auctions
- Online access to recorded demonstrations
- Access to AAW Member Benefits

\$355 through May 1, 2023 \$410 after May 1, 2023 and onsite

# The Workshop and Turning Environment General Considerations

**Don't use a lathe in damp or wet locations** or in the presence of flammable liquids, vapors, or gases.

Always keep a fully charged fire extinguisher close at hand.

Frequently remove shavings from the floor while turning.



#### Eliminate all slipping or tripping hazards from the floor around the lathe and work area.

**Do not be distracted.** Keep pets out of the shop. Ask family members to enter the shop carefully if the lathe is running, so you aren't startled, and to wait until you turn off the lathe before trying to get your attention.

Use a powered dust-extraction system to remove wood dust and other air-suspended particles while sanding or generating any form of dust.

**Floor Mats** Having a good rubber anti-fatigue mat to stand on instead of a hard concrete floor helps reduce leg and back fatigue. A mat can also reduce damage to dropped tools.

**Lighting** Keep your work area well lit. Adequate lighting is important not only for seeing the work but also for reducing eye fatigue and, over time, eye damage. Ideally each station should have good overhead lighting as well as a moveable work lamp to provide more direct light on the project. Lights with protective shields are recommended.

**Extension Cords** Avoid using extension cords if possible. Guard against electric shock. Inspect electric cords for damage. Use of extension cords that cross traffic areas should be avoided.

**Eye and Face Protection** Having at least minimal protection in place to reduce the chances that flying projectiles will reach and damage the eyes or face should be a common-sense no-brainer for ANYONE who intends to stand at the lathe.

Full face shields provide the protection needed for bowls, vessels, or any turning involving chucks and faceplates. At a minimum, use safety goggles or safety glasses that have side protectors when turning small items.

Properly adjust the headband and know how to lift the shield for talking. Face shields should be kept clean and free of scratches.

(Taken from AAW Safety Guidebook for Woodturners)

# Keep brain engaged.

# Support for AWA ...

Frys Community Rewards: \$\$\$\$\$

- 1. Go to: https://www.frysfood.com/account/communityrewards
- 2. Login or create an account.
- 3. Click On: "My Account" Then scroll down and Click On: "Community Rewards"
- 4. Click On: "Change Organization"
- 5. Search by name or organization #: "VD448"
- 6. Click On: Enroll

#### PayPal: \$\$\$\$\$\$

- 1. Go to: <u>https://www.paypal.com/us/home</u> and login to your existing PayPal account or create a new one.
- 2. Click On: MypayPal **OR** go to Dashboard and then bottom right to pick charity.
- 3. Scroll down and select: "Set Your Favorite Charity."
- 4. Search for: Arizona Woodturners Association
- 5. Click On: Arizona Woodturners Association
- 6. Click On: "Set as Favorite Charity"
- 7. To donate directly go to: https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1906920

## Any questions – contact Rich Slosky, AWA Treasurer



#### Airbrush Turnings by John Armstrong

#### location is new:

Family Life Center

located at Central Avenue and Bethany Home Road

5757 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85012

Regular time - Noon to 3:30pm



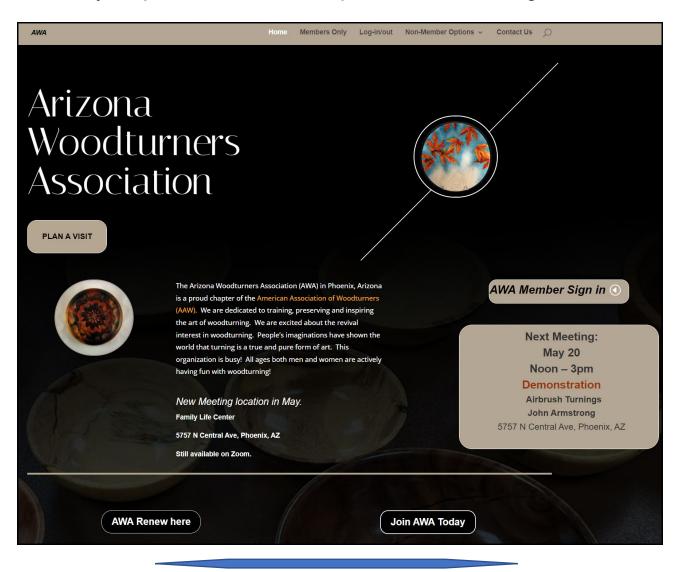




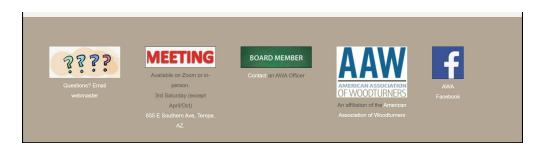
### Learn the new website...

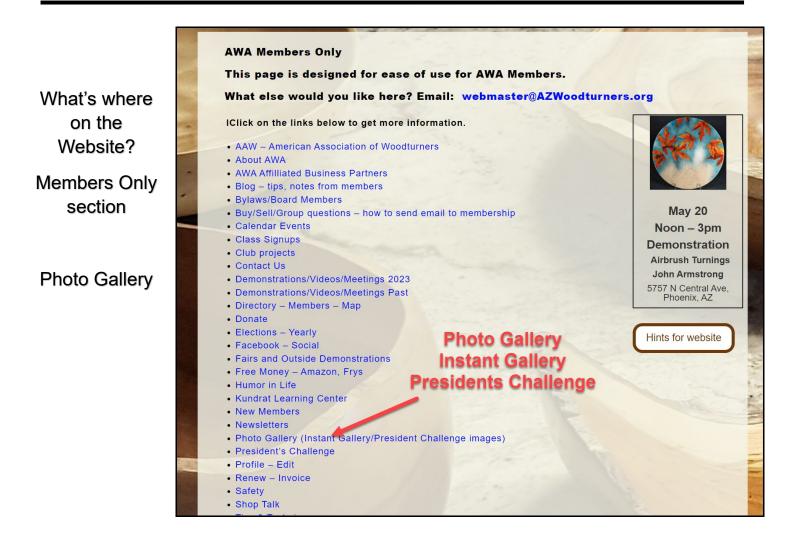
### www.ArizonaWoodturners.org

AWA members can log-in to access all "Members Only" options. If you don't know your password, click "lost password" on the log-in screen.



At the bottom of each page is the basic information – meeting location, contact for webmaster, contact for the AWA Board, Facebook link.





#### Thousands of pictures in the Photo gallery to inspire you on your woodturning adventures!



# What would you like to see on the website?

### A NOTE from the Editor ...

Hello from Michigan -

It's cold and rainy here today. But it was beautiful blue skies and sunshine for Dick's dad's graveside service on Wednesday. It is so hard to lose a parent, but Dick got here before he passed away and that was good. We will head home soon, and then come back to Michigan in July for his Dad's Celebration of Life at Kalamazoo Speedway and spend a few months here.

Hopefully everyone knows to head to the new location for the May 20 meeting. We plan to do Zoom at the May meeting. It will be the first time trying out the new location's internet, please let us know how it looks on your end. New location address: 5757 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ. Remember, they also have a Farmers Market that runs 7am to 11am before our meeting.

Dick has been busy creating "art" on 11" maple rounds – he is enjoying making some new offset creations – pictured to the right. He also likes making the "Trumkreisel" – which is a fun spinning top on top of a base. He is excited to teach a class on making the Trumkreisels at the KLC on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Here is a video link to see one spin.



He is ready to get back to Arizona and his shop, even with the heat!

Congratulations to the new AWA Board. Be sure to talk to them, tell them your ideas, what you are thinking and how you would like to be active or volunteer with AWA. It's always exciting to get new ideas – so be sure to share!

The Program Committee is in the process of scheduling 2024 – would you like to do a demonstration? Do you have a favorite demonstrator? Let us know (email me, I'm on the Program committee)!

Questions? Email me!

Pat Jones AWA Webmaster, Newsletter editor

## Send us an article, review and/or pictures of projects!

Newsletter editors Pat & Dick Jones webmaster@AZwoodturners.org

## AWA Demo/Meeting May 20, 2023

Noon to 3pm Phoenix, AZ & Zoom

5757 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85012

## Instant Gallery – April 22, 2023

Richard January / Richard Slosky



Andy Pulsipher



Chip Haupt



**Craig Colin** 



**Dennis Cameron** 



**Ed Morabito** 



**Ed Morabito** 



George Stonebrake



**Greg Murphy** 



**Greg Murphy** 



Greg Murphy



Ken Waller



**Matthew Clarke** 



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Joshua Anderson



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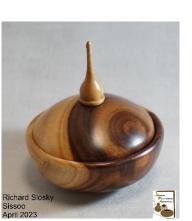
**Randy Lane** 



**Richard January** 



**Richard January** 



**Richard Slosky** 



**Terry Richmond** 



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## President's Challenge – April 22, 2023 Decorated Bowl

**Richard January / Richard Slosky** 



**Dennis Cameron** 



Peter Beschenbossel



**Rob Carleton** 



**Dennis Cameron** 



**Richard January** 



Ken Waller



**Richard Slosky**