



President's Message **Feb 2009**

I hope that all of you are having a great new year.

It looks as if Phil has a great surprise for us at this month's club demonstration. According to Phil the three amigos will be there to dazzle us with skill not known to many mortal men or women. Be sure to be there to witness this spectacle.

I would like to remind those members that have not paid there dues, they are due now. They can be mailed to the treasurer Jane McCravy at:

Jane McCravy
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As most of you know, I am not much of a writer and this message comes especially hard for me to put into words. One of our long time and well respected members Susie Tindall has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a type of bone cancer. Although Susie has a hard uphill battle ahead, she said that she will be at as many meetings as she can. I would like to ask all the members to include Susie in their prayers for a speedy recovery.

I Hope to see everyone at the meeting this month.

Danny

Things of Interest to Members

Pictures and info from the Tennessee Association of Woodturners are available at the following website

<http://www.tnwoodturners.com/documents/Newsletter/2009/symposium2009.pdf>

Thanks to [Jim Hutchinson](#) and Danny McCravy for passing this info along

"Day at the Lathe"

The Southern Piedmont Woodturners presents the fourth annual "Day at the Lathe" 9:00 Am until 5:00 PM Saturday April 4 at the Davis Theater in the Historic Courthouse, 65 Union Street S, Concord, NC. the featured demonstrators are Dave Barriger---Elevated Vessels, Phil Colson---Fantasy, and Chris Ramsey---Natural Edge. For details and mail-in pre-registration form visit

WWW.spwoodturners.org to pre-register on line, map, and full details. Cost is \$60.00 including lunch with the turners or \$50.00 without lunch. After March 25, \$75.00 with lunch or \$65.00 without lunch. Spend the day with us and renew old friendships and make new friends.

Barry Russell
Program Director
Southern Piedmont Woodturners

AAW SECTION

The following is a letter from the AAW. Danny included it to keep you up on what is happening with the parent organization.

January 2009 AAW Board Letter

Happy New Year from Board Member Malcolm Tibbetts.

How quickly a year flies by. With the passing of '08, your AAW board looks to the future with the same economic concerns that everyone seems to have. These are scary times for sure, but we are very fortunate to have a strong association, filled with very dedicated and passionate members. Our future remains rock-solid; we don't need a "bail-out."

With the New Year, there are many changes. We say goodbye and extend a big thank you to outgoing board members Corey Anderson, Al Hockenbery, and our past president Angelo Iafrate (it's not really a goodbye, for I'm sure they will all continue to contribute to the AAW mission). And we welcome newly elected and very qualified board members, Dale Larson, Binh Pho, and Cassandra Speier. In addition, Betty Scarpino has taken over the editorial duties of our journal and this will be Mary Lacer's first full year as our executive director. Board member, Bill Haskell has "stepped up to the plate" and by unanimous board vote, taken the reigns of our association presidency; we are in very good hands. We're going through almost as much transition as Washington, but without nearly as much controversy. The future looks very bright indeed.

In February, the board will be visiting the Albuquerque facilities. The '09 symposium is shaping up to be another "not to be missed" event. Hotel rooms are already starting to fill up, so don't delay in making your plans. Even if you can't make it to Albuquerque, you can still participate; consider submitting an entry into the "Spirit of the Southwest" exhibition. The submission deadline is right around the corner on February 7th, so get busy.

For more information about this exhibition, visit our website. www.woodturner.org

Speaking of submissions, how about contributing a good story for the 25th anniversary book that is being created? This is going to be a fantastic publication, to be published prior to our 25th symposium in 2012. John Kelsey has been hired to oversee this project and he would love to receive short stories or essays from AAW members. Tell a funny story or recognize someone who has made a difference and try to include a photo or two. Send your best stuff to John at editorkelsey@gmail.com .

By the time that you read this, the annual EOG (Educational Opportunity Grant) submission deadline of January 15th will probably have passed. As chairman of the EOG committee, I'm very

proud of this aspect of our organization. Each year, the EOG committee has the responsibility of selecting grant recipients and it's never an easy job. I wish we could approve all applications, but we do not have unlimited funds available - best of luck to all that have applied.

A bit of a personal note. At the conclusion of the first "segmented symposium" held in November 2008, attendees expressed a desire to form an association. I am involved with the creation of a new "specialized" AAW chapter of segmented turners. I invite all segmenters to consider joining this new group. You can sign up at: <http://www.segmentedwoodturners.org/>
If you haven't yet renewed your AAW membership, then I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. You can be assured that we'll put your hard-earned dollars to good use.

Wishing everyone the best for the New Year,

Malcolm Tibbetts

Insurance Coverage for AAW Members

Please forward this message to all of your chapter members.

After many years of searching, the AAW has reached an agreement with a well-respected national company that specializes in providing health and other insurance to associations such as the AAW. We can now offer most of our U.S. resident members and their family's medical insurance policies at very competitive rates through Association Health Programs (AHP) from Overland Park, Kansas.

AHP administers the health insurance needs of over 180 national associations, representing 2.5 million people. This huge block of buyers allows AHP to negotiate the lowest premiums available. On average, AHP expects to save AAW members substantial amounts on premiums. This may be the biggest benefit of your AAW membership.

We talked with many associations that already do business with AHP, and without exception they were all delighted with the service and premiums. Complaints were minimal and always handled promptly to members' satisfaction.

AHP offers a 100% guarantee. If you are insurable, they will always be able to give you the lowest costs, compared to any other source. If you have any existing medical conditions, AHP guarantees that their liberal underwriting will allow you to pay less. They further guarantee that upon annual renewal, they will obtain for you the lowest rates on health insurance and analyze your coverage to keep premiums in line with alternative insurance suppliers.

AHP will place our AAW members and their families in with a large block of buyers in each state, with members from all the other associations that they represent. They will only use "A&#xu201D; rated insurers such as Humana, Blue Cross, Aetna, United Health Care, Healthnet, or Assurant. In all of these, policy rates and renewals will be based on age and not your future medical conditions. Once a policy is issued, our members cannot be cancelled due to any change in your medical condition.

AHP cannot offer medical insurance coverage in the states of Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, or Vermont due to state health insurance laws. Due to state mandates, there are limited health insurance opportunities in New York and New Jersey. Alaska and Hawaii have limited policies available as well.

In general, you can expect \$5 to \$8 million of lifetime maximum benefits per person, comprehensive full-coverage major medical insurance, unlimited routine care, unlimited prescriptions, PPO options or the ability to see any doctor or hospital of your choice, and coverage that is good anywhere in the United States.

AHP can also offer group policies for any business of three or more employees or officers. They can also provide policies to cover Health Savings Accounts, Medicare Supplements, and Medicare Part D coverage, dental, disability income, critical illness, and international travel insurance. Through their large-block purchasing power, AHP can also provide the lowest premium rates on life insurance for term, whole life, second to die, key man, or universal life.

If one of the insurance policies you need is long-term care insurance, through AHP you can save a substantial discount off of premiums that provide for home care, assisted living care, adult living care, and nursing home care. AHP offers policies that provide for 100% coverage for any services that you may need in any care. Insurance companies providing this coverage include MetLife, John Hancock, Principal, Guardian, Medical Mutual, Physicians Mutual, and Genworth.

AHP can also help save you on the costs of premiums for your auto and home insurance.

Here are some frequently asked questions:

1. Can the AHP brokered insurance be used anywhere I travel in the United States? Yes.
2. Will all doctors and hospitals accept this coverage? Yes.
3. Does the health insurance program cover pre-existing conditions? Yes, on insurable conditions like asthma, high blood pressure, cholesterol, or broken limbs, for individual policies. On group policies, there are never pre-existing condition exceptions. Individual policies will not cover pre-existing conditions such as heart problems, malignant cancers, strokes, Crohn's disease, diabetes, seizures or severe chronic ailments. For members with these chronic pre-existing conditions, AHP has the availability to help members in 32 states with the state health insurance guaranteed risk pools. This service will be done at no cost to our members.
4. Are pre-existing conditions an issue on acceptance to a plan or the premium rates? Yes, each case will be individually evaluated, and appropriate recommendations will be made.
5. Does AHP require a health examination? No.
6. Do I need to be a current AAW member to get the benefits of these policies? Yes.

If someone you know who is not an AAW member wants to pursue this opportunity to purchase insurance through our large buying block, represented by AHP, they can either contact AHP at 1-888-450-3040 or go to www.associationpros.com/assoc/aaw and submit an application. Be sure to ask for the AAW rates. If they are pleased with the quoted rates, they can join the AAW by going to www.woodturner.org.

To get an application to receive a quote, either call 1-888-450-3040 or go to

www.associationpros.com/assoc/aaw, fill it out, and click submit.

John Hill, Chair AAW Insurance Advisory Committee

Upcoming Club Activities

The Demonstrator schedule for Jan thru July meetings is as follows:

Jan - Fred Messer

Feb - The Three Amigos

March - Frank Bowers

April - Dixie Biggs

May - Kim Winkle

June - Alan Hollar

July - Don Olsen

Tips and Idea's

Using Tightbond glue as a sanding sealer? I've been using Tightbond as a sanding sealer recently to control the absorption of tung oil finish with some success. Properly thinned (two parts glue to one part water), it helps stabilize spalted and fuzzy grain for that final cut or finish sanding pass. Has anyone have related experience to pass along?

DVD/Video Tape Library

The Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW) has instructional videos available for rental before each GAW meeting. A full list of the videos is shown on our website. Only members may rent tapes and DVDs. Rentals are \$2.00 per month. Rentals are limited to 2 tapes or DVDs per month, and the items must be returned the following month. Late fees of \$2.00 per month will be assessed for each item not returned on time. New titles are being added every month!

Woodturning Schools

The following schools in the Southeast offer classes in woodturning, as well as other arts and crafts. Check out their websites to see the scheduled course offerings.

John C. Campbell Folk School www.folkschool.org

Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts www.arrowmont.org

Highland Woodworking www.highlandwoodworking.com

Appalachian Center for Crafts www.tntech.edu/craftcenter

Dogwood Institute School of Fine Woodworking
www.dogwoodwoodworking.com

Woodturning Instructors

The following GAW club members give private woodturning instruction in their own shops.
Contact them for more information.

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