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SPRING ?

The calendar tells me that spring is close! Why is it then that I see more of the white stuff on top of the piles that have never melted? I've had enough! Of course we have members in the Erie and Cleveland areas that have it worse. I have a friend who lives in Pymatuning who has gone to Texas to spend a month with his son and family. Let's see... a month with the kids or shoveling snow...maybe I don't have it too bad.

THIS MONTH!

Our next meeting is Saturday, March 17th. As usual, the doors open at 9am with the meeting starting about 9:45. For those of you visiting, please check the website for the location.

Denny has searched the world over to find a unique program and has found Joe Aul right in the south hills. We have had professional turners in the past, and we will in the future, but Joe actually makes a living making baseball bats. His company started as a father-son hobby in the garage and has grown into a full time business complete with modern CNC lathes and laser engraving equipment. I'm looking forward to this presentation that gets us away from the art stuff and into the real world.

UPCOMING

In April, **Dave Berringer** will share multi axis turning with us. I will have more detail about this meeting next month, but most of you know that Dave is one of the best turners that you'll ever meet, and he is never at a loss for words. This promises to be one great demo.

May is sculpture month with Derek Weidman. Derek's demo's are an amazing thing to see and his hands-on class will teach you things about tool control and working the lathe that translates to everything else. I have seen his demo three times already and will look forward to experiencing it again - this is one of those "CAN'T MISS" opportunities. His hands-on class can even be taken by beginners and will teach you ways of thinking about turning that you never realized. See Bill to sign up for either day. There are still a few

spots open for the hands-on. Saturday all-day demo session is \$40 with lunch included, Sunday hands on class is priced at \$160.

Pat has put some of Derek's on the website, or you can check his website - www.derekweidman.com

INSTANT GALLERY

Easter is around the corner. Let's see some of those eggs you've turned or maybe a bowl or basket to put them in. Here's a challenge - last month we learned how to turn a penguin. Can anyone turn the Easter Bunny?

SHARE SHARE AND SELL TABLE

Do you have a tool you no longer use, how about that piece of wood that you trip on every time you walk to the lathe. Bring it in, put it on the table with your NAME and a price - the price can be free. Notice the caps. on name? It helps the buyer to find you with the cash!

LIBRARY

One of the resources that I used when I joined the club was the video library. There is something in there for everyone - I don't care what your skill level is. I am a little upset that no one has come forward to help with the library. Gerry has asked for help on this and I have put the notice out there for the last few months. At the next board meeting I intend to ask for a suspension of the library unless we get someone to help out.

DUES, DUES, DUES

Bill has sent out reminders to members that haven't paid for 2018. Yes, I know some of you got a reminder and have already paid. Chalk it up to our mixed up email database. If you all would check the roster to make sure it's right, it will help us. Right now, we have the roster in three places and are working on consolidating.

AAW THIS MONTH - This from Phil:

AAW is seeking a member of your chapter (either a woman or a man) to be your chapter's liaison with the AAW Women in Turning (WIT) committee.

Our goal is to work with chapters to increase the number of women members in chapters and AAW. There is a large, untapped group of people that we can reach out to and spread the joy of woodturning.

There are several chapters that have already implemented programs to help mentor and teach women to turn in comfortable learning settings. We would like to see that number

grow. By building these contacts with individual chapters and gathering information about ways chapters are organizing their efforts to expand outreach to women, we will be able to create a Best Practices document that all chapters can use in their outreach efforts. If you or one of your chapter members is willing to serve your chapter as the WIT liaison, please contact wit@woodturner.org.

Our WIT Outreach Grants program, funded in part by the EOG auction sales of the WIT Collaborative projects the last several years, is intended to help fund events that target women turners. We encourage your chapter to apply for a grant at

<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=WITGRANTS>.

WIT also offers a limited number of one-year AAW memberships to new women turners. These are only available through the WIT chapter liaison. For more information and application [please click here](#).

There is a 60-day AAW guest membership that may be offered to new chapter members (<http://www.woodturner.org/page/GuestMemberLanding>). These guest memberships are available to anyone and offer many of the benefits and resources that can be found on the AAW website.

There is a \$20 three-month introductory AAW membership available through the chapters. This membership (<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=ITM2040>) is available to new members who have never been AAW members.

[Phil McDonald, AAW Executive Director](#)

[Kathleen Duncan, AAW WIT Committee Chair](#)

Remember to bring a friend, we'll find an extra chair.

SEE YOU THERE!

Dave Betler



