

Hello Chapter officer:

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Apply for an AAW Educational Opportunity Grant

AAW's Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) program offers grant funding to selected applicants for woodturning education. The EOG fund continues to be strong, thanks to the wonderful generosity of donors and buyers at our annual symposium auction. Funds are available for worthy proposals and the AAW Board encourages you to take advantage of this educational benefit. **To be eligible for a 2017 grant, applications must be received by December 31, 2016. This opportunity is available to all persons and AAW membership is not a prerequisite to apply.**

Lathes

This year, in addition to monetary Educational Opportunity Grant awards, the EOG committee will also accept grant applications for wood lathes that are intended to introduce woodturning to individuals and/or groups who otherwise may not have an opportunity to learn woodturning. Thanks to the generosity of Jet (JPW Industries), Nova (Teknatool), and others, there will be up to nineteen lathes available for awards as follows:

- Up to ten **Jet JWL-1015** lathes, each with a lathe stand, Nova chuck, set of basic tools, and a face shield. Available for delivery in June.
- Up to nine **Nova 46300C Comet II Variable Speed Midi Lathes**, each includes a lathe stand and a Nova Chuck. Available for delivery during the first and second quarter of 2017.

Symposium

The EOG committee will award ten certificates for registration to the AAW's 2017 International Symposium.

More Information and to Apply

You can complete the application form and review the guidelines at <http://tiny.cc/GrantEOG> (case sensitive). The committee will not consider applications that are incomplete or vague, so please take care when applying. The following tips will help you with your application:

- Complete the application online at <http://tiny.cc/GrantEOG>. Only online applications will be accepted. Submit well before the deadline!
- Provide sufficient information so EOG committee members can clearly understand what you are requesting and how you intend to use the funds. Be concise; make your points directly and clearly. Samples of successful past proposals can be found online on the application form site.
- Include details of how you will use the funds. Specific needs should be itemized. Funds will not be granted for miscellaneous, incidental, or unspecified expenses.
- Explain your educational goal or experience you wish to obtain. Keep in mind these grants are intended for educational purposes. In particular, explain how others will benefit as well.

Limits

Grant amounts are limited: up to \$1,000 for individuals and students; and up to \$1,500 for local chapters, schools, and nonprofit organizations. Your total budget may exceed these amounts; however, your grant request should not exceed EOG limits. For special situations, at the discretion of the EOG committee and the AAW board, grants of larger amounts are occasionally available.

Questions

If you have questions, contact Denis Delehanty, EOG committee chair, at denis@woodturner.org or Linda Ferber at linda@woodturner.org.

Membership Campaign Materials

Fall is the season for AAW's big membership push and your chapter's support of the AAW at the local level is critical to us all. To help you spread the word about the value of AAW membership, your chapter will soon receive a selection of AAW membership materials. **We encourage you to distribute these items to your club members and others who are not yet AAW members - put them in new member packets!** The AAW membership materials include the following:

- **Guide to Member Services and Publications.** Featured in the October issue of *American Woodturner* journal, this flyer summarizes the current portfolio of benefits available with an AAW membership.
- **Become a Member of the AAW! / Membership Application** (teal header): This application card replaces the previous three-panel membership brochure and includes the new AAW membership rates, which are effective October 1, 2016.
- **NEW: Get to Know the AAW / Free: Sign Up to Be Our Guest** (orange header): This guest application card urges prospective members to sign up and experience a selection of AAW's digital member resources for a full 60-day period free of charge. Registered guests have access to sample issues and articles from *American Woodturner*, sample issues and special editions from Woodturning FUNdamentals, the Safety Guidebook for Woodturners booklet, AAW Connects, AAW Video Source, AAW Woodturning Calendar, Tips, Resource Directory, Keep Turning newsletter, and receive discounts in the AAW store.

For additional membership materials, contact us at 877-595-9094 or 651-484-9094 (M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or memberservices@woodturner.org. These materials may also be downloaded at <http://tiny.cc/MKTGTools> for electronic distribution. **We welcome having your chapter re-post these digital versions on your chapter website and Facebook page, as well as distribute them in emails to your club members.**

Chapter Scholarships For 2017

The AAW is pleased to continue to offer financial assistance for quality woodturning instruction. Scholarships will continue to be awarded to selected AAW chapter members to attend classes at John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, North Carolina (<https://www.folkschool.org/>), or Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, Tennessee (<http://www.arrowmont.org/>). AAW is also finalizing details to engage a third craft school. Chapter officers will soon receive a special email bulletin with all details about the scholarship program, including nomination instructions and timelines.

Reminder: Vote for the 2017 AAW Board of Directors Candidates

We urge you to encourage your chapter members to participate in the 2017 AAW Board of Directors voting process and hope you will help make this election turnout significant. Votes must be cast electronically or received in the Saint Paul office by midnight CST **October 21, 2016.**

Each voter's AAW membership number is required to cast an electronic vote. **To find your member number**, sign into the AAW website at <http://www.woodturner.org/>. Click "**Manage profile**," then click "**Edit bio**." Your member number will appear as the first item under "**Account information**." If the member number is blank, please contact the AAW office at memberservices@woodturner.org, 877-595-9094 or 651-484-9094 (M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

The six candidates selected by the Nominating Committee listed alphabetically are:

Rick Baker
David Heim
Ken Ledeen
Greg Schramek
Mike Summerer
Molly Goodfellow Winton

Candidate statements and individual candidate video statements can be found on the AAW website at <http://tiny.cc/BoardVote>. There are two ways to vote:

- By electronic ballot, available on the AAW website at <http://tiny.cc/BoardVote>, or
- By paper ballot. If you would like to cast your vote by paper ballot, please request a paper ballot be sent to you. Please contact the AAW office at memberservices@woodturner.org, 877-595-9094 or 651-484-9094 (M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Please Update Member and Chapter Profiles

This is a reminder that our chapter officer listings are only as accurate as the information supplied by you. The AAW Member Directory is available 24/7 on our website (<http://www.woodturner.org/>). To ensure your member profile information is correct, please login to your AAW member account and review/update your profile **by December 31, 2016**. **We also request that chapter presidents (or appointed officers) submit changes to their club's information by visiting <http://tiny.cc/COUpdate>** (case sensitive).

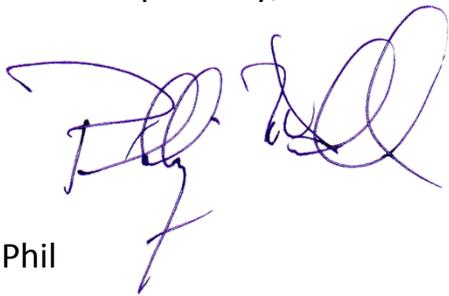
Reminder: Membership Dues

At the June AAW Board of Directors meetings, two changes that impact membership dues were approved, **effective October 1, 2016**.

- Dues will increase by \$5 for U.S. membership types, as follows: General \$60, Family \$65, Educator \$60, Student \$24, Student Plus \$29, Online \$50, Artist \$86, and Business \$86. Dues will remain at 2015 rates for all U.S. members who renew before October 1, 2016.
- Dues for international memberships will be equivalent to U.S. membership rates and based in U.S. dollars before exchange rates are applied. This will eliminate the additional premium charged on international memberships in the past. International members who renew on or after October 1, 2016, will receive the new rate.

Since 2012, the Board has made substantial progress strengthening AAW's financial reserves to sustain and grow the organization. Membership dues support the long-term financial health of the AAW and fund all of our educational programs and services. This revenue will also enable us to deliver an expanded range of beneficial learning resources and value-added services recommended by members and chapters through AAW's VISION 2020 strategic initiatives. We value your continued membership, appreciate your support, and thank you for being part of this vibrant organization.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Phil", written in a cursive style.

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