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Major AAW Change

Most attendees at the Hartford Symposium were unaware of actions taking place behind the scenes. In an abrupt move the Board of Directors apparently quietly terminated Mary Lacer, longtime executive director of AAW

Separating themselves from the Board action two directors, Bill Haskell and Malcolm Tibbetts, have resigned the Board of AAW. Further, both men have written disturbing comments about the firing to the AAW Main Forum.

Mary's husband, Alan Lacer has written to the AAW Forum as well. At the moment both Mary Lacer and the AAW Board of Directors are officially silent.

See Mary Lacer page 3

In many ways Randy has done demonstrations before now. He never fails to help those who call or come by his shop. I know he certainly *demonstrated* to me what I was doing wrong with my chainsaw. After a session with Randy it starts all the time. Its amazing how smart the saw is now.

We have seen Larry's demos before. Always excellent.

His style is organized and his voice clear.

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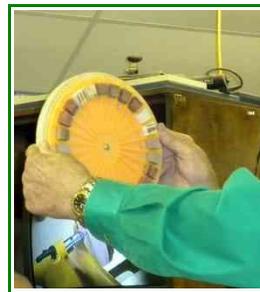
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Open Segment Demonstration

The demo presented to us by Randy Thorne and Larry Rogers at our June meeting was excellent. Both men are excellent demonstrators. Would you believe that was Randy's first Demo?



Both men use the SegEasy Plate® in ordering their segments into rings. A jig constructed from HDPE or neoprene, the device holds segments of equal length in a common radius as shown in picture at left.



Larry said that although the device comes in 18 and 24 segment arrangements, the 24 segment gave more diversity in pattern creation than the 18.

Both Larry and Randy described how they cut their segments, each a little different from the other.

The demonstration stimulated a lot of questions and some comments. Open segment turning is a fascinating subject. Two of our own gave us a great demonstration and explanation of this subject.

Thanks guys.

See some more pictures from the Demo on page 4

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Editorial

AAW has been and will continue to be a good organization for Woodturners because the membership is comprised of woodturners. Mary Lacer contributed greatly to the organization as it exists. Others will contribute in the future.

Laws on personnel actions will probably prevent us from ever knowing the full facts.

Still six people were willing to take this action. They had to know the firestorm that would result from their action. They were a majority off the board, not a cabal.

Deserved or not, this could not have been a total surprise to Mary Lacer. My sources told me Mary received an unfavorable job review in the past few months. Any chief executive receiving a poor evaluation, **deserved or not**, must expect similar action. Only hubris would prevent it.

The AAW board majority came to the meeting resolved to replace Mary. No doubt they had talked among themselves about this. After all they were prepared with a new interim executive officer. Where is there a rule against that?

President's Letter

June 1st started a new year for South Plains Woodturners and the new officers and Board of Directors are adjusting to their responsibilities. Planning is already underway for SPW to pursue a Non-profit Organization status and the date and place for the annual Christmas party has been set. Mark your calendars NOW for December 10th and plan for another great party and gift exchange to take place at Hillcrest Country Club.

Our club has had some great exposure on television this month. Our very own member and SPW Treasurer, Tom Farrell made guest appearances on two television shows. He appeared with Tim Yoder on Woodturning Workshop on PBS Channel 5, June 23rd followed by a appearance on Channel 34, Morning Program Series on Art Therapy on June 24th. Thank you Tom for giving our club such great exposure during your presentation.

The July meeting will be upon us very shortly. Annual Dues are past due! If you have not already done so, please come prepared to renew your membership. Tom Farrell and I both thank you for taking care of business. Plan to bring something for the raffle and the gallery show and tell session. Also, be prepared for a great program presented by members Glenn Williamson and Bryce Ellis concerning how to set up a variable speed control for a lathe.

Just a reminder, SWAT symposium is in Waco, Texas this year and is scheduled for August 27th and 28th. This is an outstanding event second only to the AAW national symposium. It is well attended by woodturners and vendors and is featuring some international demonstrators. If you attend, you are guaranteed to learn something didn't know about woodturning.

You can check it out easily on line at Southwestern Association of Woodturners, www.swaturners.org/info/info.shtml I hope to see you all at our meeting on the Third.

Jim aka The Prez

SWAT Symposium

Now two months away.

Register if you have not

Reserve a room

Buy a club shirt to wear at SWAT

**Tom Farrell and Mike Oglesby
Star in Three TV show**

Both Tom and Mike appeared separately on KJTV Fox Channel 34's morning shows recently. Tom's much anticipated appearance on "Woodturning Workshop" with Tim Yoder was aired last week on the local Public Television station KXTV.

Great job, guys.

Mary Lacer from Page 1

The AAW Forum already has already generated eight pages of comments. Malcolm Tibbetts has updated his original comments addressing comments by others. The Lacer firing threatens to disrupt AAW like nothing before this.

Speaking with a promise of anonymity, one board member told *Revolutions* that the AAW Directors have discussed concerns regarding Mary Lacer's job performance over the last year.

A number of the posts to AAW Forum question the silence by the Board as it is now constituted. Everyone wishes to know the details of the the matter, but Minnesota law apparently limits amount of information that non-profit can release in a job action.

Other AAW staff members have been told that no other jobs are in jeopardy. Linda Tacke, a sort of designated hitter, has been named as Interim Executive Director. Ms. Tacke has made a career recently of stepping into manage non-profits on an interim basis.

Member reactions run the gamut. Some say they will not renew membership in another year. Others have suggested the formation of an alternate organization. Even others have used the events to merely argue craft vs. art. A number call for calm, reminding us that six members of the board voted to take this action. Andi Wolfe posted, "If the majority of our board members felt it would be in the best interest for AAW to seek a new executive director, it was probably for a good reason."

Next Club Meeting

July 3rd

At Target Sheet Metal
In the wood shop

South Loop 289 (see map on page 6)

*Things that go Bump in the Shop and
Variable Frequency Drives*
Glenn Williamson and Bryce Ellis

Meeting starts at 10:00, but come early. Help make the coffee and visit with other turners.

New Member Dues Prorated

Dues for anyone joining the South Plains Woodturners for the first time will be prorated. A new member joining in January, for example, would only pay the prorated price. This action is to encourage prospective new members to join now without waiting until the end of the club year to join.

Please. Lets remember to tell prospects about this savings. Current and previous members must pay full price.

New Board Meets

The recently elected SPW BoDs meet at Target Sheet Metal on June 8th at the regular time. All newly elected members were present.

Tom Farrell, newly elected treasurer, presented a report showing Cash Assets at \$ 1.554.10 as of the day of the meeting.

The board set the price for the Christmas Party tickets at \$25.

Membership renewals were discussed. As of the June meeting twenty-five members had paid dues along with one corporate member.

Matt Evans has completed the first stage of the club web-site. He demonstrated the workings to the BoDs. The new site is spwoodturners.net.

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 13.

This may look like "the usual suspects" from Casablanca but it your board plus el editor.



Board Needs Your Help

Those members who paid their 2010-11 annual dues prior to the June 5th Meeting need to get in touch with Tom Farrell. All members should sign the hold-harmless document for the current year, and South Plains Woodturners now issue a membership card to all members.

Only those members who re-upped at the June meeting have signed the necessary document or have received their membership cards. Seven people paid dues at the May meeting. You need to contact Tom Farrell. Some people, and this number is uncertain at the moment, paid dues prior to the May meeting. Some of you are new members. Some may have mailed checks earlier.

You need to meet with Tom at the July meeting. If you cannot make the July meeting, call Tom at 806 543 4621. Most of you will not need to use the 806 prefix to call Tom.

Remember Rear Entrance

Remember to remind visitors to use the West side entrance near the rear of Target Sheet Metal. Also remind them to **never use the front door** to attend meetings.

More Demo Pics



The top three pictures above show Larry Rogers' steady hand at the lathe. Second from the top above is the cutting jig Randy Thorne uses for manufacturing his segments.

The other three pictures show an audience watching a first rate demonstration. Everyone is awake, perhaps a first in our club.

SP Woodturners Starts New Year

Many of you still owe dues.

Please Pay Your Dues

At the July Meeting

June Gallery



Dick Markham displayed his galaxy collection. At right is Saturn Disk, made of birch, tulip wood and purple heart. The center Saturn Disk has been constructed and turned from birch and honey locust. Both were turned in 2009. The object at top center is titled *Sunday Ball*, because it is holy. *Sunday Ball* is made of poplar. The remaining objects may be used to mount the Saturn disk at center.



Mike Oglesby's *Sticky* turned from red mallee was completed 6/3/10.



Larry Rogers' segmented work. Info sheet was misplaced. Sorry, Larry. I did not have time to get with you to gather up the information again.

June Gallery Continued



Loy Cornett put these two fine pieces on the saw. At right, he shows a hack berry bowl completed in March. The finish is Hut Wax ® , On the left he has a pecan cup. Completed in May, Loy finished the piece with lacquer.



Randy Thorne's selected three objects for display at the June Gallery. All are new. At left is a purple heart cedar bowl. This excellent turning has been finished with Watco's Butcher Block®. On the right he presents a figured walnut bowl finished similarly. Completing the set is a lidded box with finial, *Dick's Giveaway*.. The size of photograph does not do justice to the beautiful figure in this wood. It is turned from bois d'arc or osage orange. The pecan finial sits in a medallion of lignum vitae. The box is finished with Debt ® semi-gloss.

Not Shown

For some reason the photographs of four pieces are unusable.

Three of these were Wally McKee's. One, an older bowl was turned in 2006. The other two, a bowl and a lidded bowl, are pieces completed this May. The editor apologizes to Wally.

The other piece, an attractive alabaster bowl turned by a new member and finished with lacquer and wax, is somewhat of a mystery. The turner did not put his name on the sheet. He is one of the new members of the club. The editor apologizes for the photographic failure and for not remembering your name.

AAW Call for Demonstrators

The American Association of Woodturners has called for demonstrator applications for the Twenty-fifth Annual Symposium to be held at the St. Paul River Center in St. Paul, Minnesota on June 24-26, 2011.

The deadline for applications is October 15, 2010.

Ten of AAW's Lifetime Members are being invited to participate in the symposium.

If a South Plains Woodturners member was accepted for this, we would all have a great excuse to go the symposium next year.

Deadline for AAW contest

Kurt Bird, AAW Forums Moderator, reminded all that the deadline for entry into the current AAW turning contest is June 5th at midnight. So if anyone was working on an entry, **NOW** is the time to get those submitted.

South Plains Woodturners Website

spwoodturners.net

The website for our club is available on the internet, but it is still under construction.

Matt Evans is building the website. Matt, who is between high school and college this summer, works at two jobs to make money for school. So, his time has been limited. The build goes slowly. Some of the material, older newsletters for example, must be scanned into digital format for the site.

David Hoehns, newsletter editor, is the point of contact for members to suggest ideas for the website or send error corrections.

The club officer page is available. All officers with a website can be sent messages. Click on their e-mail address and your mail browser will open a new message box for you.

Also working is the gallery. However, the current gallery is pictures of my trip to the recent Utah Symposium. Shortly after the July meeting, the photographs from the meeting will be available on the this site.

The button marked *Members* takes one to a partially complete page. The button *Join* opens an club application.

A forum will be available using Yahoo. Members need to make suggestion for member section. It is your site. Help make it a worthwhile thing. Currently email suggestions to david.hoehns@att.net. A webmaster email box will be built in the future.

Try out the site, and send in your suggestions.

Demo Handouts

Handouts for the next demo will be sent to those with e-mail address prior to the next meeting. Check your boxes for these. A few printed handouts will be available at the meeting for those who receive the newsletter by snail mail.

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