

## **Wood shavings from the President**

I am very proud to have been selected as President of the Quad Cities Woodturners. This club has a tradition of great people leading it and I want to continue carrying that on. I believe we have some of the best and friendliest people in the wood turning hobby (or anything else for that matter) in all of Illinois and Iowa.

My goals this year are to get more people involved in turning and improve their quality of turning. Hopefully, that will show up in our work. Secondly, I want to give back to the community and area through demonstrations and events: Beads of Courage boxes/ Memory boxes, Planes, Trains, Automobiles, Festival of Trees, etc.

We are currently looking into the feasibility of getting hot water for the sink area, which has been requested for cleanup every time we have a picnic or dinner. Maintenance, equipment and tools, as well as, cleanliness is seemingly an endless issue. We're looking closely into every possible way to make it work better and more accountable and people becoming more responsible, so it isn't one person's nightmare.

We're trying to get back up people for every position; if one person is absent, we have them covered. Name tags to lower our overhead was another suggestion we will have by March. Sarge's Super Saturday also, is coming in March. This summer we are planning on doing a shop tour after taking a year; however, we are taking the summer wood sale off to build up a renewed interest.

We would like to get some outside demonstrators in for demo's and more if the interest is there and we can do it economically. I am trying to coordinated with Chicago Woodturners to lower both our costs and make it more attractive for a nationally renown turner to come to the Midwest.

I'd like to get the cabinets finished under the sinks and re-paint the outside of the club where it is getting ratty (no, not the post-modern art experiment).

And one of my most ambitious ideas is updating our websites (of which this is a on - going experiment). So, please, your feedback is important to me ! And finally, I'd like to make a special shout out to Teresa Allen for her past work and Dale Kennon for taking on this job.