

Subject: Keystone July 2022 Newsletter

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Meeting Wednesday July 20 at 7:00.

The July Meeting will be a Remote Interactive Demo (IRD), as well as Live Attendance at Joe's.

Masks will not be required for in-person meeting, but [Proof of Vax Required for In-Person Attendance](#). **The Keystone board has adjusted the attendance policy accordingly, and will continue to do so following CDC guidance. The board wants all Keystone members to feel safe and comfortable when attending a meeting.**

The ZOOM MEETING will be available to join at 6:30. To Join the ZOOM Meeting press [HERE](#)

Show and Tell

This will be a Show and Tell meeting. If you haven't shown your work recently, now is the time! Show us what you've turned recently! Please send pictures to Thomas Scurto-Davis <TScurtoDavis@gmail.com>

July Demo - Scott Grove - Inlaying Minerals

and Shells



Scott Grove will demonstrate (remotely) how to accent your work inlay using minerals and shells, including mother of pearl, paua abalone, crystal calcite, and more. He will show a variety of inlay methods and the best tools to use.

In addition, Scott will cover pigmenting, gold leaf accents and review alternative inlay materials and successful aesthetic combinations, as well as pros and cons of different resins, including quick-setting UV resin. Inlay options will be clearly explained with aesthetic ramifications including: exposed, encapsulated, surface, translucent, and window style.

This will be an action-packed demonstration with lots of tips and tricks and tools to boot. Pros and cons of synthetic substitute minerals will be reviewed as well.





The Annual Keystone Wood Auction in June was a great success. We brought in \$1,900. Thanks to donations by members, bidding by other members and generous donations of Frisbees by Dave Souza, Danielle Barbour, and pieces by Michael Kehs, Daniel and Yak.

The First Annual Frisbee "Make and Break" was won by Rob Shafer who snagged the second free registration to MAWTS Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium (See below) given away by the club this year.



Next year's wood auction, in addition to wood, will feature

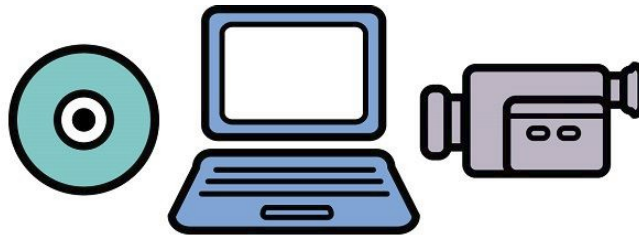
collaborative pieces made by members and auctioned to the highest bidder. Start thinking now about who you'd like to be your collab partner, then get making! The CREATORS of the Collab piece with the highest winning bid value will win discounted entry into MAWTS 2023!



The Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium is a joint venture of 10 woodturning clubs in the Mid Atlantic region. Keystone Woodturners is a founding member, and pretty much swept the awards that last time it was held. The 2022 symposium will be held September 23-25 at the Lancaster Marriott. There is a full roster of demonstrations by some of the top turners in the world. Details can be found [HERE](#)



**Help
Wanted!**



AUDIO-VISUAL ---team---

We need help! We are seeking folks who are willing to learn the roles around hybrid meetings so that we can have backups for those who've been running all the technical aspects of these hybrid meetings for the last 2 1/2 years. These folks need a break too and it would be nice to have some volunteers step up and be willing to learn so that the regular crew can go on vacations and just breath.

Please reach out to Thomas Scurto-Davis (tscurtodavis@gmail.com) or Mark Hall (mark@seaglass.us) if you can help. Thank You. Thank You Very Much!

Fractal Burning Kills; AAW Reiterates the Dangers



The AAW Board, through its Safety Committee, wants to re-emphasize the dangers associated with the process known as Lichtenberg, or “fractal,” burning, an embellishing technique that uses high-voltage electrical current to burn patterns on wood. This often unsafe, life-threatening practice has once again surfaced in the news and on social media, following a two-victim incident in April 2022.

In 2017, the AAW Board of Directors voted to ban any fractal-burning demonstrations and equipment sales at AAW-sponsored events. The ban prohibits displaying fractal-burned pieces at any AAW-sponsored event and promoting the practice via articles in AAW publications. Sadly, since the AAW Board adopted its policy on fractal burning in 2017, there have been thirty-three reported deaths directly attributed to fractal burning, and an unknown number of injuries and close calls.

[Learn About the Hidden Dangers](#)

Fractal burning poses a significant hidden risk of electrocution. It speaks volumes that there are no UL-rated fractal burning units commercially available. Many of the YouTube videos that show how to build these devices at home do not adequately address the inherent safety concerns. Many users think they are being safe, but the number of serious injuries and deaths says otherwise.

To learn more about what makes fractal burning dangerous, visit the AAW website. This webpage lists known deaths, the AAW's official position on fractal burning, as well as other resources.

AAW Chapters Take Note

The AAW Board's 2017 policy explicitly extends its position to its chapters: "AAW-chartered chapters are strongly urged to refrain from demonstrating or featuring the process in chapter events." Yet the practice persists at the chapter level. The AAW Safety Committee, with endorsement from the Board of Directors, requests once again that its members and chapter leaders join in the AAW's efforts to discourage the use of fractal burning. Do not promote the practice via newsletter articles or social media posts, and do not allow fractal-burned pieces to be displayed in instant galleries, exhibitions, at chapter meetings, or on chapter websites.

Further, due to liability concerns, the AAW Board has decided to disallow chapters that promote, demonstrate, or allow the use of fractal burning to be eligible to obtain, or renew, insurance through the AAW for their chapter.

—AAW Safety Committee: John Beechwood III (Chair), Steve Pritchard, Kevin Jesequel, Kent Crowell

Keystone Mentoring Program

Keystone Woodturners offers a mentoring program to members. An experienced club member will hold a 1/2 day class held at Joe's shop. Details can be found [HERE](#) on the Keystone website.

If you have skills that you would like to offer as a mentor, contact Mark Hall at mark@seaglass.us and he will add you to the list.

ZOOM Info

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87420559046?pwd=QXNTUUtaUWx1ZHVwK0xkb3h4TjhnUT09>

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We welcome suggestions and items for the newsletter.
If you are scheduled for a show or displaying your work somewhere, let us know so we can add it to the newsletter.

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