

## Announcing AAW EXPLORE!

*This email is being sent to all chapter officers.  
We encourage your chapter to share this  
information with all of your members.*

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Dear Chapter Officer:

### Drum Roll...

**The AAW will launch AAW EXPLORE! to members on December 1.** This new resource makes exploring the most extensive online woodturning library in the world, quick and easy. Whether it's to solve a problem, research a new technique, or start a new woodturning project, AAW members will be only seconds away from getting precisely the information they desire using EXPLORE!



More than 2,500 items currently make up the expanding EXPLORE! collection, including articles from thirty years of the *American Woodturner* journal and AAW's cumulative collection of complementary publications. Nearly everything members want to know about woodturning will be at their fingertips!

The introduction of EXPLORE! is part of AAW's VISION 2020 strategy to continue being the go-to source for all things woodturning. This innovative new member benefit offers easy access to woodturning information in a user-customizable way, and creates a platform for other, upcoming VISION 2020 initiatives.



EXPLORE! is useful resource for turners of all skill levels, and will help support and accelerate the learning process. It also complements AAW VideoSource, an online tool introduced in June 2016 that offers open access to useful woodturning videos pre-screened by the AAW for quality and safety.

### Easy to use!

AAW members will be able to access EXPLORE!, after logging into the AAW website at [woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org), under the "Publications" tab. This state-of-the-art

resource enables members to locate articles and other media on a specific topic with as few as three mouse clicks -- one to select a *Category*, a second to refine the category by *Keyword*, and a third to click the *Search* button and produce a list of article hyperlinks that meet their search criteria. The *Quick Search* may be used to search by any word included in the author's name, article title, or publication section, and sort results by title, author, publication date, or type of media. Additionally, an option to find only articles suitable for beginners may be selected. A diagram of basic EXPLORE! functions can be found at the bottom of this email.

## Designed by Woodturners for Woodturners

EXPLORE! would not have been developed so soon without the dedication, generosity, and expertise of AAW members Dave Mueller and John Kelsey. Dave's software development skills, combined with John's ability to deconstruct and tag thirty years of member publications, have made EXPLORE! an exciting reality.

### Please help us spread the word!

I encourage you to take a look at EXPLORE! and **share this exciting new AAW member benefit with your chapter members**. To help you spread the word, we have created an EXPLORE! ad that [may be downloaded and placed in your chapter newsletter and on your chapter website, click here](#).

Your chapter's support of the AAW at the local level is critical to us all. We urge you to **distribute the AAW membership materials** (sent previously to your chapter) to your members and others who are not yet AAW members. Additional materials are available by calling the AAW office at 651-484-9094 or [via download from our website, click here](#).

Respectfully,



Phil McDonald

**Diagram of basic EXPLORE! functions.**

# AAW EXPLORE!

DISCOVER PROJECTS, ARTICLES, TIPS, AND MORE!

Explore AAW's expanding library of more than 2,500 articles and other media.

## EXPLORE! IS A BENEFIT OF FULL AAW MEMBERSHIP.

- Visit the AAW website at woodturner.org and login with your username and password.
- Hover the cursor over the "Publications" tab on the main tool bar and select "AAW EXPLORE!" from the dropdown menu.
- Click the blue "EXPLORE!" button for access.

**1** Click one: "All Content" or "Beginner Content"

**2** Select a "Category" from the dropdown list.

**3** Optional: Refine your selection by selecting a "Keyword" from the dropdown menu.

**4** Click the "Search" button.

**5** Review the search results.

**6** Click the "Globe" icon to go directly to the article (or other media) of your choice.

Your adventure begins here!

Author	Title	Link	Year/Duration	File Type
Alex Hopper	Determining Bowl Thickness		June 1996	Article
Tom Thurgate	Drying Green Bowls		June 1997	Article
Alan Kelsey, Ted Rosenbaum	Project: Jamming Your Very First Bowl		August 2014	Article
David Lancaster	Resonating Dry Bowl Blanks		June 1996	Article
David Ellsworth	Resizing Between Centers		December 2011	Article

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This 8 page article includes full color photos and step-by-step instructions for making a bowl.

[Click here to download the graphic above.](#)