

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: April 24, 2014

Contact: Kim Rymer  
Marketing & Communications Director  
Office 651-484-9094, Cell 612-267-7622  
kim-rymer@hotmail.com



**AAW Announces New Editor for the *American Woodturner* Journal**

(Saint Paul, April 24, 2014)—The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) is pleased to announce that, after an extensive national search, it has named Joshua Friend as the new editor for its journal, *American Woodturner (AW)*, the foremost publication on the art and craft of woodturning in the world.

Friend, based in Connecticut, will transition into the contract role beginning on May 1 and will succeed Betty Scarpino, who has served as editor for *American Woodturner* since 2008. As editor, Friend will be responsible for publishing six issues of *American Woodturner* annually, as well as for long-range planning of journal content, structure and growth.

Since 2003, Friend has been self-employed as a professional woodturner, writer and frequent contributor to *American Woodturner*. Previous to that, he spent more than ten years in positions including managing editor, publisher, and technical writer for MD Buyline, Double-Entendre, CHC & Med, Inc., and AT&T Communications, as well as three years teaching English at Wichita State University and other college-level institutions. He holds a master's degree in English from Wichita State University, Kansas, and earned a bachelor's degree in literature and creative writing from Stockton State College, New Jersey.

“As an accomplished editor, publisher, writer, and woodturner, Josh is exceptionally well-matched for the role and we look forward to his leadership of *American Woodturner*,” stated Phil McDonald, Executive Director of AAW. “We have been extremely fortunate to have Betty Scarpino as editor for the past six years and will miss her greatly. She has set an extremely high standard for the journal and will leave Josh with large shoes to fill.”

**About AAW**

The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) is a Minnesota nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, headquartered in Saint Paul, dedicated to advancing the art and craft of woodturning worldwide by providing opportunities for education, information, and organization to those interested in turning wood. Established in 1986, AAW currently has more than 15,000 members and a network of over 350 local chapters globally representing professionals, amateurs, gallery owners, collectors, and wood/tool suppliers. AAW's journal, *American Woodturner* is the foremost publication on the art and craft of woodturning in the world.

###