



IRON TURNER CHALLENGE 2017

- **January: Woodworking sans wood**

Whether you turn it, carve it, burn it, or whittle it, bring in your piece that must be something other than wood. Note: A very small bit of wood may be used for a stand if necessary.

- **February: Mini Challenge**

A lidded box – no larger than 2 x 2 on the outside and enough room on the inside for that ring she's been eyeing!

- **March: Segmented piece (sorry nothing comes to mind for a snazzy name)**

This one is going to take some time – and with the clocks changing, you're going to lose an hour!!

- **April: Arbor Day is coming - 2x4 Challenge to celebrate the occasion!**

Grab a chunk of 2 x 4 off the table and bring it back as anything you want – except a recognizable chunk of 2x4.

- **May: Support the AAW Charities – Our yearly donation to the Beads of Courage & Empty Bowls programs**

Turn a bowl to donate to the AAW's Empty Bowls program for the 2017 Symposium in Kansas City OR turn a box for the Beads of Courage.

- **June: "Finial" Exams**

Turn a finial, any design you choose, but it must be a minimum of 3" tall and the tenon must fit inside the provided washer correctly – snug and not loosey-goosey!

- **July... no meeting, no challenge – Have a safe holiday and see you in August!**

- **August: National Twins Day is this month!**

Duplicating a piece will test your skills at reading and executing a piece from a set of plans.

- **September: Team Spirit collaborative piece**

You've had 9 months to design and work with your partner to give life to your project – don't forget to give it a name!

- **October: Halloween is "creeping" up on you**

Turn something that is undeniably spooky (well and maybe a little cute) this October.

- **November: Ornament Exchange**

The Holidays will be just around the corner and so is our Holiday Party. If you turn in an ornament for the display, you will receive a ticket and be able to choose one from one of your many talented friends!

Keep your mind open and your tools sharp!



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IronTurner Rules

- You must be a member of good standing to participate.
- The item must have been turned by the member within the calendar year.
- The item may not have been previously shown at a club meeting.
- Pieces must be finished and have finish on it. No tenons or raw wood allowed.
- Projects are due the month of the meeting – **no extensions**. If you miss a meeting, the challenges (past and present) are due the first meeting that you attend.
 - Example – You do not attend the March or April meetings and return in May. The projects for March, April and May are due at the May meeting
- If you know you will not be able to attend a meeting, you may bring the challenge in the month before.
 - Example – You will not be able to attend the October meeting, so you may bring the September and October challenges in at the September meeting.
- Collaborative pieces are accepted, but the member must have turned at least 50% of the project *Only one member can get credit for a collaborative piece (exception is any collaboration challenge).*
- Members who complete each challenge throughout the year will receive a special prize package of turning-related goodies at the Holiday Party in December. Prize to be determined and you do not need to be present at the party to win.