

Donate a Box to Beads of Courage

SWAT and Phoenix Symposiums

In August last year, 925 woodturners converged at the Waco Convention Center for the annual symposium of the South West Association of Turners (SWAT). SWAT is made up of 27 AAW chapters from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, and they sponsor this yearly event to provide education and skill development for those interested in woodturning.

One of the symposium events is Beads of Courage, a program that supports children who have serious illnesses. Woodturners make lidded bowls or boxes, which are receptacles for the beads children acquire as they go through stages of treatment. The vessels that symposium attendees donate are displayed in the Instant Gallery, and are then delivered to local hospitals. This year, woodturners donated 120 boxes. Vendors at SWAT donated prizes for six of the best Beads of Courage boxes.

2014 AAW Phoenix Symposium

Headquarters for the Beads of Courage is located in Tucson,

Arizona, and because this year's AAW symposium will be held in Phoenix, it would be wonderful if all woodturners would make a box for the program and bring it to the symposium. Here are the guidelines:

- In order to sufficiently hold beads, turned boxes need to be no smaller than 6" (15cm) in diameter. Larger is okay.
- If possible, engrave or burn Beads of Courage on the lid.
- Make sure lids are easily removable.
- Finials or knobs should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate or pointed.
- Sign your name or write American Association of Woodturners on the bottom.

If you would like to use an official Beads of Courage ceramic logo bead in your design, visit beadsofcourage.org/catalog.htm?item=231 to place an order. For more information, contact info@beadsofcourage.org. ■

—Johnny Tolly

Beads of Courage

Ohio Valley Woodturners

The Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild (OVWG) has joined the national Beads of Courage program to provide boxes and covered bowls to children undergoing treatment in hospitals. This past June, the OVWG donated 28 containers to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. After the club's biennial symposium in October, we sent another 13 containers, which had been displayed in the Instant Gallery. Beads of Courage is an ongoing program for



(Left to right) K. C. Kendall, President, OVWG; Jane Livingston, Cincinnati Children's Hospital; Michelle Frizman, A5 Child Life; and David Wright, Secretary, OVWG

the OVWG, with donations collected at each meeting. ■

—K. C. Kendall

