

# Richmond Woodturners

## Newsletter January 2020



### The Christmas Party

This one has got to be the best one ever. First the food, Georgia did a spectacular job in organizing the food. Setting up the room was not an easy task when considering what to make of so much with so little space. Then, the variety of dishes made it hard to decide which to fill ones plate. I am sure that more than one of us chose to just take a little so that you could make another round of the choices, then another. All of which made so many of the choices be eliminated. Such great food made the number of empty dishes very impressive. The photos do not do justice to the amount of food that was there that night.

Next on the agenda was the Gift Exchange. The White Elephant Exchange Rules were followed. Photos showed opening a gift first. But then the rules kicked in and the exchange went on. The folks watching the process was entertained as much as the participants.



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Thank you Tim Warren and Cody Walker for these photos.

# Challenge - Turn a Spinning Top



String Assisted



Only Wood



Non-Wood

Competition - which one spins the longest

The spinning top contest followed. Several members volunteered to be timers. Ceramic plates were placed on tables for use as spinning rings. Each of the spinning tops was timed. The winning tops were as follows:

String assisted - Ray Deyo, by default since his was the only entry.

Only Wood Finger snapped - Bruce Robbins.

Non -Wood Finger snapped - Cody Walker



Ray Deyo



Bruce Robbins



Cody Walker



## President's Letter

HAPPY NEW YEAR Richmond Woodturners. May the year 2020 bring you and your families good fortune and continued good health.

I also hope the Christmas holiday was a merry one for everyone visiting with friends and family.

Our annual Christmas party was a great success with plenty of good food for all. Thank you Georgia Wood and her team for organizing the feast and ensuring it all went smoothly. The turned item gift exchange with a twist was a blast as usual and I think it's fair to say all had fun with the tops competition. The party was an outstanding success and I thank everyone who attended, contributed to the festivities and for helping to make it a great party.

As we close the book on 2019, we have another year to look forward to for Richmond Woodturners. It was a very good year. We had a lot of great demonstrations and challenges presented. At this early stage, 2020 is already shaping up to be another great year. A number of new and interesting demonstrations are in the works for the next few months. Our quarterly challenges are set up for the year and will be a fresh start for many of us. Our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter challenge due at March meeting will be "Purely Sculptural". The object of this challenge will be to turn a piece with no real or perceived function. Wood turning is an art form. Sculpture is an art form. Therein the challenge – potentially the perfect opportunity for us to step away from our respective comfort zones, to think out of the box (or bowl) and learn something new. Life is not a problem to be solved, but an experience to be had. Our demonstration for this month is sculpted so to speak, around that challenge. Observe and learn how different folks might approach creative turnings from personal and varied perspectives.

Enjoy and digest and the rest of this newsletter. Bob Marchese and Izumi Miller put a lot of effort into it. . Thanks to Tim Warren for his photography skills. Please remember to fill out a photo tag for your show items so that we can accurately identify your work.

We'll see you at the meeting. Keep your tools sharp, yourself safe and let the chips fly.

"If your tools are almost sharp, they'll almost cut."

Bill Buchanan

## Penturners News January 2020

The featured demo this month was how to make oblique calligraphy pens. While there are many styles of calligraphy pens, most of the serious professional writers use this oblique style. Unlike a conventional pen, the nib sits at an angle to the main axis of the pen allowing for the ultimate flexibility to vary the line width of the lettering from thick to thin. It is this variation that makes much of calligraphy visually appealing.



Stan VanDruff showed us how to make several styles of nib holders, customizing each for the variety of nib sizes and types available and preparing the pen body to accept the nib holders.



For more information, videos and equipment go to [www.yokepencompany.com](http://www.yokepencompany.com)

## BEST OF THE YEAR - 2019



Ron Bishop, Cherry, Oil, 6 X 6,



Lee Scarbrough, Maple, Deft, 3" X 6"



Chuck Horton, Cherry and Lilac,



Rob Morgan, Mahogany and Yellowheart, Satin Poly, 14" X 8"



Dan Luttrell, Maple, Lacquer,  
10" X 12", Pierced, Hollow,  
3 -Legged Stool



Jerry Harvey, Silver Maple, Dye and Oil, 8"



Amos Peterson, Black Walnut, Salad Bowl Finish,  
16" X 5"

## Board Officers

Bill Buchanan - President  
Dave Bushman - Vice President  
Bob Silkensen - Secretary  
Cody Walker - Treasurer

## Directors

Chuck Bajnai - Membership Director  
Georgia Wood - Activities Director  
Stan VanDruff - Resource Director  
Ray Deyo - Past President  
Lee Scarbrough - Past President

## Committee Chairpersons

Jim O'Hanlon - Turning Competition  
Jared Parker - Audio/Video  
Vacant - Social Media  
Meg Turner - AAW Women in Turning Liaison

## Newsletter Staff

Bob Marchese - Editor  
Izumi Miller - Contributing Writer  
Tim Warren -Photographer

## Snacks & Drinks

## Providers

Georgia Wood ..... Ice/Cooler  
Chuck Bajnai ..... 2 liter Coke  
Matt Baker ..... 2 liter Coke  
Cecil Barrett ..... 2 liter Diet Coke  
Ron Bishop ..... 2 liter Pepsi  
Joseph Boyle ..... 2 liter caffeine free soda  
Tom Brooks ..... Chips  
Fran Brooks ..... Cookies  
Bill Buchanan ..... Salty Snack  
Jim Bumpas.....Sweet Snack

Please Text Georgia if you cannot bring assigned snack @ 804-525-8291

## 2020 Demonstrations

January 16: Barbara Dill: Sculptural turning techniques

February 20: Art Liestman: Therming and other creative turning techniques, via remote

## ***Quarterly Challenges***

The Challenges are regularly scheduled for the third month of each quarter (March, June, September, and December). Entries will be placed on a table separate from the Show-n-Tell table.

1st: Purely Sculptural - Turn a piece with no real or perceived practical function.

2nd: Natural Edge: Bowl, platter, goblet or other with natural bark or "live edge".

3rd: Rude Osolnik: Make a pair of candlestick holders in style of Rude Osolnik. Simple lines, yet elegant and subtle.

4th: Musical Instruments - Or item to create tones... not necessarily correct crisp tones, (CB recommended)

## ***Richmond Woodturners Info***

Our club meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Richmond Woodcraft Store (see last page for directions). Dues are \$25. per year and due each January. Guests are welcome. Special rates for those who join late in the year. See Chuck Bajnai (Membership Director, csbajnai@gmail.com) or at the meeting for more information. Our current page can be accessed at the following link:

[http://calendar.richmondcultureworks.org/event/richmond\\_woodturners\\_monthly\\_meeting](http://calendar.richmondcultureworks.org/event/richmond_woodturners_monthly_meeting)

or at: <https://www.richmondwoodturners.org>

**Richmond Woodturners**  
**Annual Income and Expense Summary**  
**12 months Ending December 31**

	2018	2019
Beginning Balance	\$9,740.55	\$7,476.81
Income	\$3,466.69	\$2,517.00
Expenses		
Checks	\$30.70	\$0.00
Audio/Video Equipment	\$3,589.18	\$347.48
Office Supplies	\$56.80	\$0.00
Show&Tell GCs, Tools and Equip	\$1,625.39	\$325.00
Competition Ribbons	\$139.50	\$149.04
AAW Insurance	\$95.00	\$300.00
Christmas Party & Picnic	\$93.86	\$112.09
Dinner and Board Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00
Demos	\$0.00	\$1,548.28
Exhibition and Demo Exp (4H)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Store Owner Gift Card	\$100.00	\$100.00
Extra Club Shirts (to be sold)	\$0.00	\$0.00
AAW Contribution (Betsy)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$5,730.43	\$2,881.89
Ending Balance	\$7,476.81	\$7,111.92

## Inventory of Published Materials

Title	Author	Subject Matter	Format	# of copies
2012 Virginia Woodturners Symposium, Inc	Program Booklet	Multiple projects for turning	Book	2
2014 Virginia Woodturners Symposium, Inc	Program Booklet		Book	
2016 Virginia Woodturning Symposium, Inc	Program Booklet	Multiple projects for turning Collection of images of 500 different bowls	Book	2
500 Wood Bowls	Numerous artists		Book	
7 Great Projects for the Smaller Lathe	Bill Bowers		Book	
Beyond the Basic Bowl	Bill Grumbine	Advanced Bowl Techniques	Book	
Beyond Turning Basics	Jack Cox	Off-Center, Coopered ad Laminated Work	Book	
Collectors of Wood Art	SOFA Chicago 2002		Book	
Common Native Trees of Virginia	VA Department of Forestry	You guessed it....trees	Book	2
Dick Sing Turns Miniature Birdhouses	Dick Sing	Miniature Birdhouses	Book	
Encyclopedia of Wood	Time/Life Books		Book	
Lathes and Turning Techniques	Best of Fine Woodworking		Book	
Multi-Center Woodturning	Ray Hopper	Step by step instructions for the woodturner	Book	
Pens From the Wood Lathe	Dick Sing		Book	
Tops Making the Universal Toy	Michael Cullen	Tops	Book	
Turn A Bowl	Ernie Conover	Instructions on turning multiple bowls Getting great results, the first time around	Book	
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Turning Bowls	Richard Raffan Ed Glenn and Greg Keats	Instruction on turning multiple bowls The Complete Guide for Craftsmen, Collectors and Outdoorsmen	Book	
Turning Custom Duck and Game Calls			Book	
Turning for Furniture	Ernie Conover	Creating Furniture Parts on Your Lathe	Book	
Turning Ornaments and Eggs	Dick Sing	Ornaments and eggs	Book	
Turning Pen and Desk Accessories	Mike Cripps		Book	
Turning Projects	Richard Raffan	Multiple projects for turning Comprehensive instruction in turning wood projects	Book	
Turning Wood	Richard Raffan		Book	
Unique and Unusual Pens for the Wood Lathe	Dick Sing		Book	
Woodturning Christmas Ornaments	Dale L. Nish	Making different Christmas ornaments All you need to know to keep your tools sharp	Book	2
Woodworkers Guide to Sharpening	John English		Book	
AAW Turning Projects from Scrap	Robert Rosand Alex and Howard Snodgrass	Using scraps to create turnings	DVD	
Bandsaw Tuning			DVD	
Basic Pen Turning	Bill Baumbeck		DVD	
Bending to Turn	Tom Crabb	CVWT Demo	DVD	
Bowl Basics: A Workshop with Mike Mahoney	Mike Mahoney	Turning Bowls	DVD	
Closed-End Pens	Ed Davidson		DVD	
Decorative Utility Bowls	Trent Bosch		DVD	
Hollow Forms and Urns	Mike Mahoney	A Workshop	DVD	
Hollow Forms the Easy Way	Lyle Jamieson	Hollow forms	DVD	3
McNaughton Center Saver	Mike Mahoney	Center saver	DVD	2
Pyrography	Molly Winton	Wood burning	DVD	
Relief Carved Embellishments for Woodcarvers and Woodturners	Tony Cortese	Embellishments	DVD	

## Inventory of Literature - Continued

Title	Author	Subject Matter	Format	# of copies
Relief Carved Embellishments for Woodcarvers and Woodturners	Tony Cortese	Embellishments	DVD	
Segmented Turning :A Learning Experience	Bill Kandler	Segmented turning	DVD	
Square Oriental Box	Jimmy Clewes	Turning a square box	DVD	
Starting Out Woodturning	Robert Sorby	Introduction to woodturning A guide to getting the maximum from your wood with a minimum of problems,	DVD	
The Aesthetics and Properties of Wood	John Jordon	2 Volume Set	DVD	
The Ellsworth Signature Gouge	David Ellsworth	Using Signature Gouge	DVD	
The Skew Chisel	Alan Lacer	The dark side the sweet side	DVD	
The Son of Skew	Alan Lacer	Challenge Projects for a Skew Duet	DVD	
Turn it On	Jimmy Clewes	3 Volume Set	DVD	
Turn it Up	Jimmy Clewes	3 Volume Set	DVD	
Turned Bowls Made Easy	Bill Grumbine	From a log in the forest to a bowl you will be proud to give or sell to anyone	DVD	
Turning for Food	Nic Cook	Kitchen Related Projects	DVD	
Turning Pens Video II	Kip & Rex	Pen Making	DVD	
Turning Pens Video II	Kip & Rex	Pens plus tips and tricks	DVD	
Turning Projects	Richard Raffan		DVD	
Turning the World with Jimmy Clewes	Jimmy Clewes	3 Volume Set	DVD	
Vessels of Illusion	Trent Bosch		DVD	
Whale Bone	Max Prosi	Richmond Woodturners 7/18/19	DVD	2
Woodturning Tools	Robert Sorby	Using tools	DVD	
Woodturning: Shopmade Tools and Jigs	Alan Lacer	Making woodturning tools	DVD	
American Woodturner		Summer 2005, Vol 20, No 2	Periodical	
Segmented Turning: A Complete Guide	Ron Hampton		Periodical	
Woodworking Projects	Sunset Magazine		Periodical	
American Woodturner Fall 2004		Holiday projects, funeral urns, turner's bandsaw	Periodical	
American Woodturner Spring 2004		5 Giants in turning: Prestini, Stocksdale, Moulthrop, Lindquist. Osolnik	Periodical	
American Woodturner Winter 2005		Layered bowls, lidded ball, segmented school	Periodical	

Directions to borrow any items See .... (is being developed by Meg Turner)

## Tools to Borrow



Threading Set



Set of Hollowing Tools



Texturing Tool



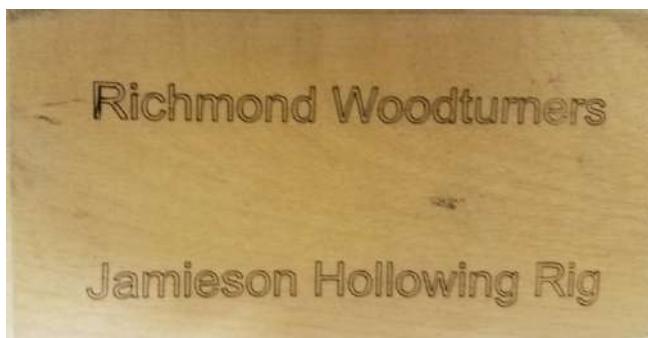
Texturing Tool



Texturing tool



Spindle Gouge



Jamieson Hollowing Rig large 3 X 12 X 24  
Wooden Box

Two sets of six tools





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Organizations such as the Richmond Woodturners, Richmond Penturners and James River Wood-Carvers would not exist if it weren't for the kindness of their sponsors. We are blessed and grateful to have the Richmond Virginia Woodcraft store supporting us and our activities. Members get a 10% discount on meeting nights for most turning related items.

Please remember this and support them at every opportunity!

For the classes provided at this location see:

<https://www.woodcraft.com/stores/richmond/classes>. Look for classes taught by Ray Deyo, Clark Brummett, David Sterling, Brian Noble-Marx and others.