



# NEWSLETTER

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF WOODTURNERS

## SURFACE TREATMENT BURNING & CARVING



Matt demonstrated texturing a walnut box with a small hand gouge. Using a 2mm U-shaped gouge, small grooves were carved into a thatch-like pattern.





Barbara's part of the demo was to discuss using a wood vaporizer. She assisted Sharon Doughtie and Pat Kramer at Arrowmont last summer, and they use this technique. Last fall She made a wood vaporizer from a battery charger and learned how to make some tips and a hand piece. She is glad to have this as an option for using on some of the things that she makes. However so far she is not doing a lot of carving and pyrography on her work. Jim Bumpas utilizes a similar technique and equipment.



Here are some of the tips that Jim uses.

For more information on making a vaporizer, click on these links.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGa8LZGbTus](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGa8LZGbTus)  
<http://www.woodturnersresource.com/extras/projects/priddle/WoodBurner.html>  
[www.aswoodturns.com/2015/11/vaporizer/](http://www.aswoodturns.com/2015/11/vaporizer/)

Jim referenced Molly Winton's work and technique. Feel free to visit her website.

[www.turningmaven.com/](http://www.turningmaven.com/) She has an instruction book available for purchase.



Bill Silkenson demonstrated a high speed carving tool by SCM. The Power carver is a 400,000 RPM high speed turbine with multiple carbide bits. This can be used for wood (flat or turned), glass, gourds, eggs, etc. There were several carved items displayed along with a pyrography burned feather with some accent piercings on a hollow vessel.



Bill Silkenson, Bill King and Dick Hines discussed their techniques as well.

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***E d i t o r s P i c k***



Dick Hines

## ***F r o m      O u r      P r e s i d e n t***

I had the opportunity to participate with the tree harvesting crews for Dawns' project a couple times this past month. The groups certainly jumped in and got the job done. Each day several trees were dropped and, by the time we left, only a few piles of chain saw shavings and unwanted branches remained. Included in the harvest were mulberry, sycamore, maple, cherry, apple and others. The display will certainly have diversity and a make statement. Over 40 of our members have volunteered to produce a piece or two for Dawn.

Shortly after one of the outings I rough turned a group of bowls that will be used as a thank you to the various parties agreeing to let this project happen. They needed to get into the drying process for future completion. It had been a while since I had turned wood that was a mere few hours old and ended up wearing a face mask for protection against the water, not the chips. Everything was wet including the floor, tools, lathe, band saw (behind me) and me. When done, everything had to be dried and waxed. If you turn very wet wood, make sure you remove your tool rest from the banjo when done to let the post dry as well. Otherwise you will have a bit of rust to deal with. It's little experiences like that throughout life that make you "smart" in the eyes of others.

On another issue, Jim O'Hanlon has agreed to chair the Turning Competition Committee and make the event happen. The date is April 30<sup>th</sup> and I am sure we will all hear from Jim over the next few months. He will be assembling his committee quickly and putting a game plan together for another successful competition. Many thanks to Jim and his eventual group for taking on the task. With the number of entries in our monthly Show-N-Tell and quarterly challenges of late, we will hopefully see a significant increase in entries this year. And if you don't want to compete, consider putting a piece or two in for display only.

Finally, the membership survey continues, but we still need more entries to maximize its benefits. Less than half of us have taken the few minutes necessary to complete the form on our club website ([richmondwoodturners.org](http://richmondwoodturners.org)). We had initially set a target date of February 12<sup>th</sup> for entries, but let's extend that to the end of the month so everyone has a chance to participate.

Be safe and happy turning.

Ray

## Online Survey

Members, please take the online 2016 [Member Survey](#) to help us gage our progress as a club and make meaningful plans for the future. The survey is in two parts: [Part 1](#) is about your background, abilities, and desires to learn about turning, [Part 2](#) is separate and anonymous, asking for your honest feedback about the club. Please be sure to complete both parts.

If you can't find it, put your mouse pointer thingy over the word "[survey](#)" and click.



**March Challenge**

(Spheres)



February's meeting we will have a workshop on how to turn a sphere



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox  
Spin Tops



We are once again turning tops for 2016. Not only are these fun to turn, but they really improve your tool control. Have fun everybody!

**February meeting****2/18/2016****March meeting****3/17/2016****April meeting****4/21/2016****May meeting****5/19/2016****June meeting****6/16/2016****July meeting****7/21/2016****August meeting****8/18/2016****September meeting****9/15/2016****October meeting****10/20/2016****November meeting****11/17/2016****December meeting****12/15/2016****January meeting****1/19/2017**

*Saturday, February 20, 2016*

**Glenn Lucas demonstration and workshop at Las Vegas Woodturners Association - Las Vegas, NV**

2/20/2016

*Friday, February 26, 2016*

**SYMPOSIUM: Desert Woodturning Roundup, Arizona Woodturners Association - Mesa, AZ**

2/26/2016 » 2/28/2016

*Saturday, February 27, 2016*

**Idaho Artistry in Wood Show at Southwest Idaho Woodturners Association - Boise, ID**

2/27/2016 » 2/28/2016

*Wednesday, March 09, 2016*

**EXHIBITION: American Craft Council Show - Atlanta, GA**

3/9/2016 » 3/10/2016

*Saturday, March 12, 2016*

**SYMPOSIUM: Honolulu Woodturners 7th Annual Symposium - Honolulu, HI**

3/12/2016 » 3/13/2016

*Friday, March 18, 2016*

**SYMPOSIUM: "Turnfest Australia" Int'l Woodturning Symposium - Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia**

3/18/2016 » 3/20/2016

*Saturday, March 19, 2016*

**Magnolia Woodturners: Dixie Biggs demonstration, - Mendenhall, MS**

3/19/2016 » 3/20/2016

*Saturday, April 02, 2016*

**SYMPOSIUM: Totally Turning 2016 - Saratoga Springs, NY**

4/2/2016 » 4/3/2016

*Thursday, April 07, 2016*

**EXHIBITION: American Craft Council Show "Color Outside the Lines" - St. Paul, MN**

4/7/2016 » 4/10/2016

*Friday, April 22, 2016*

**Dakota Woodturners Spring Symposium at Dakota Woodturners - Bismarck, ND**

4/22/2016 » 4/24/2016

*Saturday, April 23, 2016*

**John Jordan at Badger Woodturners - Monticello, WI**

4/23/2016 » 4/25/2016

**Financial Report****Balance** **7,522.32****RICHMOND  
WOODTURNERS  
QUARTERLY  
CHALLENGE**

The Challenge will now be regularly scheduled for the third month of each quarter (March, June, September, and December) with the subject announced at the beginning of each quarter and included in the newsletter. Entries will be placed on a table separate from the Show-n-Tell. Members attending the meeting that evening will select the Challenge winner by popular vote. Voting will be accomplished by placing a token (provided on the table) in the cup (also provided) for the entry of your choice. The winner will have the opportunity to speak about the piece, how it was made, type of wood, any special processes or finishes used, etc. It's a change to have a little fun and get everyone involved one way or another.

**February Snacks & Drinks**

(Chuck Bandai)	Ice 10 lb bag with cooler
(Chuck Horton)	Two 2-Liter Diet drinks
(Chuck Messer)	Two 2-liter Regular drinks
(Cody Walker)	Two 2-liter non Caffeine drinks
(Colin Smith)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Dan Fritz)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Dan Luttrell)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Dave Thomas)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)
(David Gray)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)
(David Haywood)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)

**January Snacks & Drinks**

(David Ridderhof)	Ice 10 lb bag with cooler
(David Sterling)	Two 2-Liter Diet drinks
(Dawn Flores)	Two 2-liter Regular drinks
(Deane Cox)	Two 2-liter non Caffeine drinks
(Dickinson Hines)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Dickinson Webb)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Don Hayes)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Don Rowe)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)
(Donald Hart)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)
(Doug Dill)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)

\*You can switch with someone if you are unable to bring those items for the month assigned.

## 2015 Elected Board

<u>President:</u>	Ray Deyo
<u>1st Vice President:</u>	Aage Rendalen
<u>2nd Vice President:</u>	Joanne Fisher
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Jim Bumpas
<u>Secretary</u>	Phil Duffy
<u>Newsletter</u>	Ray Melton
<u>Resource Manager:</u>	Jerry Fisher
<u>Membership Manager:</u>	Danny Luttrell
<u>Information Manager:</u>	Stan VanDruff

## Past President Board Members:

Dick Hines  
Lee Scarbrough  
Mike Lane  
Jim Bumpas  
Dan Luttrell  
David Sterling  
Gerry Cambell

## Visitors/New Members

## **1st Time Visitors**

Steve Schwartz  
Wally Ubik  
Warren Dorer

## New Members

Alyce Hastings  
Knavey Moyher  
Alan Harrell  
Ron Thompson  
Ann Horton

## Show and Tell

When filling out your “ticket” please include your name, type of wood, and any description you would like. Also if you have small items such as ornaments or pens, feel free to bring a stand with you so that they will photograph better.

## **For sale or trade**

If you have any items to list here, please email me at [forsale@richmondwoodturners.org](mailto:forsale@richmondwoodturners.org).

You can include pictures if you like. They will run 1 month unless notified to “re-run”.

## **Committee Chairpersons**

**Barbara Dill**                      Chairperson of the AV committee.  
(That committee is responsible for the camera changes in process.)

Jim O'Hanlon Chairperson for the Turning Competition committee

## **Upcoming Demonstrations**

**February**, Workshop (hands on training) for balls/spheres. Which incidentally will be the first challenge for 2016. More info next month.

**RICHMOND  
WOODTURNERS  
INFO**

**Dues:** \$25 individual, \$35 family & \$15 student. Member applications are available upon request at meetings or via email.

**Library:** Contact the club librarian to borrow tapes and other publications related to woodturning. The list is on the website. Lose it and you bought it.

**Website:**

[www.richmondwoodturners.org](http://www.richmondwoodturners.org)

Updated regularly and contains links to other VA clubs.

**AAW Membership:** Dues are \$53/year for printed, \$43/year for email. For this, you receive 6 issues of "The American Woodturner" a great resource directory (over 450 pages), a huge annual symposium, personal grant opportunities, third party liability protection, and much more. If you are the least bit serious about woodturning, you can't afford to miss out on all this.

**OPERATION  
CHRISTMAS CHILD  
SPINNING TOPS**

Thanks to all who turned tops. For 2015 we turned in 1,330 Lets get started for next years total.

Here is a link to a video to show just how easy they are to make if interested....

<http://youtu.be/UWpV9dBpbME>