



RICHMOND WOODTURNERS

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President's Corner

From Steve Kellner:

It is with a heavy heart that we start the new year learning of the passing of our friend, long-term member, and former Club President, Bruce Robbins. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers and maybe, make something in his honor.

Our December meeting was our annual Christmas party. Katherine Harris did a great job organizing;

the food was excellent and even with some concern over the Omicron variant, we all came through unscathed! Thank you, Katherine!

Our 4th Quarter Challenge entries were presented as our program; very nice children's toys were shown and discussed. I only wish more members had participated. Several of us also brought in favorite turnings to share as well. All and all, it was a nice finish to a challenging year.

As we start the new year, I hope we can continue to grow as a club which to me means that more members actively participate in club events such as: *Quarterly Challenges*, demonstrating at club meetings or manning a lathe at *The State Fair of Virginia*, taking part in Wood Auctions, and contributing to the Club Newsletter. Remember, the club is what we make it!

Thanks for reading.

Steve

Club Mission Statement

The following mission statement was adopted by the Board of Directors in December of 2020. *The mission of Richmond Woodturners is to provide education and information to those who are interested in woodturning and to promote woodturning as an artform within the club and to the general public.*

December Christmas Party

There were about 25 members and spouses/guests who shared a pot-luck dinner on December 16th. The food was plentiful and delicious. Here are a few pictures of items not submitted for last month's newsletter.

CHALLENGE ENTRIES

These are by Cody Walker.



This is a Cup and Ball toy from _____?



Burl vase from _____??



Painted basket illusion from Jim Zorn.

From Steve Kelner:



"Let there be light."

PARTY ATTENDEES



News of Note

Bruce Robbins, who was the club president from 2017-2018, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2021.

Bruce was known and admired for many things, among them pen turning. The Board decided to honor Bruce by planning some events for the club related to pen turning.



(The following paragraph was copied from a longer email honoring Bruce. Please read the email in its entirety. You can find it as an attachment to the email that published this newsletter.)

Bruce had many interests and hobbies including playing guitar and banjo, performing magic tricks, playing golf, and playing chess, which he took up again, online, during the pandemic. However, the interests that meant the most to him were his involvement in the Richmond Woodturners of which he was immediate Past President (board member), and the Richmond Penmakers Group of which he was the only president. For several years, he coordinated the Mid-Atlantic Penmakers gathering. Bruce could often be found in his workshop, but he also enjoyed fielding calls from fellow woodworkers and pen turners who asked for help with their various projects. One of his notable projects was his home-built numerical controlled mill on which he created unique pen turning blanks and which he demonstrated at a club meeting. It was not solely the self-satisfaction of creating many beautiful items, but also the camaraderie he shared with friends from both groups that gave Bruce so much pleasure. In addition, no description of Bruce would be complete without mentioning that he beat Minnesota Fats at pool, twice.

Here is some of his work:



January Program

From David Bushman:

January – “Yours truly will give a demonstration of my carving technique. I'll show how I layout and carve one of my footed open forms with the flower petal effect. There won't be any wood chips flying but a lot of saw dust created.” Come at 6:00pm to socialize and help set up.

January Show and Tell

From Larry Yancey:



Larry made this for a gift. The box is Bradford pear, the top is red grandis, and the finial is painted cherry. It is finished with friction polish.

From Ray Deyo:



The vessel is beech; it is 12" wide x 9" tall.

From Chuck Horton:



It is Milo from Hawaii, 9" long x 3 1/2" high. The finish is Minwax wipe on poly. It almost smells like chocolate when being turned.

From Walt Bennett:



“Finally, I have something to show! Other than a wedding gift, I haven't been doing any bowl turning in three years. Getting ready to move from No.Va., moving and then fixing up our old/new home down here has kept me busy. This is a bubbling bowl about 12" diameter and 4" tall. I originally started turning it in '18, but got tied up with getting ready to move. Finishing this one got me reacquainted with the 60 grit chisel (according to another turner) as bubbling is near impossible to turn without a lot of tear out. Sanded to 1200 grit and finished with a 50/50 mix of satin Waterlox Original and natural tung oil.”

More from Walt Bennett:



"Canary wood (South American), "12" diameter and 3" tall. It is much easier to turn than bubbinga, although carbide tools made a LOT of dust. Sanded to 1200 grit and the same finish as the bubbling piece. I'm not totally happy with how this one turned out - I should have gone deeper in the center, but it is striking to look at. It just shows how out of practice I am."

From Steve Kellner:



Tagua Palm nut or "Vegetable Ivory" mini-bowls. They are 2.5" dia. x 2" high and polished.



"Whiskey or Beer? White Oak." ..The cup is 3.5"dia. x 4" high, with a beeswax finish. The beer mug is made from 2 parts and is 3.5"/6" dia./width x 9" high and polished.

From Ron Bishop:



This one has a cherry burl bottom, a birdseye maple top, and an African blackwood knob. It is finished with Behlen paste wax.



From Jared Parker:



"I ACTUALLY got to turn something last month, so I'm excited to share."

"These two bowls are gifts for my son's preschool teachers. I got to practice with my beading tools to make the rings at the top of the outside. There are 10 rings, one for each of the children in their class. On the bottoms, I used another beading tool to layout the nameplate ring and used my second-hand vacuum chuck for the first time to finish the foot of the bowl. The left one is holly. The right one is an unknown species. Both are finished with a new finish to me, Shellawax cream."

From Jerry Fisher:



"This is an ambrosia maple bowl that I made from a log given to me by Marlin Figley. The bowl is 9.5" dia. and is 4" tall. It is finished with polyurethane. It was made for a conference room table centerpiece for a local investment firm."



From Dan Luttrell:



He says: "Don't do this to a Wall Street II."

From John Daniel:



"This shows my progress with hollowing. The flat vessel is holly, the tall vessel is weeping willow, and the smaller reddish vessel is cherry. Fun!"

From Cody Walker:



This is a sycamore captured ring goblet



Dwarves

From David Bushman



This is a southern magnolia open form that has been carved and embellished with wood burning. The finish is wipe on poly. He also had to finish the interior with an acrylic paint because the exterior burning caused a dark staining on the inside that had to be covered.



Future Meeting Programs

From David Bushman:

February – Pen Turning Demo by Cody Walker. Cody will cover kits, pen barrel turning and pen assembly in detail. (This demo is somewhat of a tribute to Bruce Robbins, in that he was an avid pen turner, as well as an effort to stimulate interest in pen turning.) It also dovetails with the first quarter challenge.

March – Two more of Ray Deyo's shop tours.

April – Open Lathe Night! - If you have something you want to share with the club, but it only takes 15 or 20 minutes, here's your chance. We will have two lathes set up, so while one person is doing their demo the next person can be setting up for the next demo. The first presenter is Doug Murray, who is going to discuss how he created the beautiful accent ring on his November show and tell bowl. Also, in keeping with our second quarter challenge, we will have some presentations on using color. If you have something you want to share, let me know the subject and how much time you will need.

Quarterly Challenges

2022 Quarterly Challenges

Let Your Mind Wander!

- **1st Quarter Challenge: Make it Write
Bruce Robbins Memorial Challenge**
- **2nd Quarter Challenge: Transform it with color! Paint, embellish, burn?**
- **3rd Quarter Challenge: Select a Template And use it to turn a bowl**
- **4th Quarter Challenge: Hollow it but not from the top! Bottom, off-center, multi-section?**

The first quarter challenge is to make a pen or pen-like object (letter opener, etc). Challenges are due at the March, June, September and December meetings.

Membership

We had eighty-nine members renewed or joined as of December 1, 2021. As of this date, about 35 people have renewed their membership for 2022.

2022 DUES

Chuck Bajnai will collect dues at the January meeting for 2022. As it was last year, dues are \$35 for an individual and \$45 for a family.

You can pay:

- with cash at upcoming meetings,
- by check made payable to *Richmond Woodturners, and mailed to Cody Walker.*
- online using PayPal. Paid this way, the dues are \$36 for a single person or \$46 for a family.

Visit our website, Richmondwoodturners.org for the link.

If paying by check and you want to mail it, Cody Walker's address is: 19375 Vontay Rd., Maidens VA 23102

Board Meeting Notes

BRUCE ROBBINS MEMORIAL

The board voted to honor Bruce by donating to the Arbor Foundation to have 10 trees planted in his memory. A certificate copy is included on page 13.

CLUB PARTICIPATION

At the January Board meeting, the topic of participation in meetings, in Show and Tell, and in Challenges was discussed. It is clear that participation has dropped off since COVID has impacted in-person meetings. The board would like to hear what can be done to encourage overall participation and to maintain the club as a vital source for woodturning project inspiration and information.

Please email Chuck Horton with your thoughts (hortoncharles876@gmail.com) as to how to encourage participation in any of the following:

1. Show and Tell
2. Challenges
3. Meeting attendance in person

4. Meeting attendance via Zoom.
(Or email what is preventing you from participating.)

VIDEO SHOP TOURS

Because the fourth quarter meeting was the Christmas party, the board has deferred the next shop tour presentation until March of 2022. The current intent is to have two video shop tours as the program once each quarter. Contact Ray Deyo if you are interested in participating.

CLUB LOGO REDESIGN

Larry Yancey is heading a committee of one to prepare options. There will be an announcement when final options have been selected. Most of those shown in previous newsletters have been eliminated from consideration. If anyone has an original digital version of the current logo, please forward it to a board member. If you have an idea, please submit it to Larry. More later.

Income and Expenses

Previous Balance: (December 1, 2021)	\$8871.46
Income	982.62
Expense	0.00
New Balance: (January 1, 2022)	\$9854.08

Please see the statement for the entire year of 2021 on page 14.

For Sale

There were no submissions this month.

Tips and Tricks

Members are invited to submit entries they think will help other members. If you are passing on something you have learned from someone else or read in a publication, giving credit is always appropriate.

SHARPENING:

Many woodturning clubs maintain websites with photo galleries and useful articles on how to do woodturning operations. Spend some time browsing

these instead of watching cat videos or playing Angry Birds. One such site is Honoluluwoodturners.org. Under "TIPS", there is an article titled "*Sharpening Demystified*", a reprint from AAW's *American Woodturner*, Winter 2006.

PEN MAKING

From Dan Luttrell:

AAW Presents (Online)

Mark Dreyer and John Underhill

From Penturning to Pen Making:

An Extended Look at Differentiating Yourself
in the World of Pen Making and Casting

Saturday, February 19, 2022

3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Registration coming soon.

Questions and Answers

None were submitted this month.

2021 Officers and Committees

Officers

President – Steve Kellner

Vice President – Dave Bushman

Secretary – Larry Yancey

Treasurer - Cody Walker

Directors

Membership Director – Chuck Bajnai

Activities Director – Katherine Harris

Resource Director – Stan VanDruff

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Past President #2 – Bill Buchanan

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From the Editor

MEETINGS

In-person meetings resumed on July 17, 2021 at Woodcraft on Broad Street. You can also attend by Zoom until further notice. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month and convene at 6:30pm. Do not wait until 6:30pm. Come at 6:00pm to socialize and help set up. It is highly recommended that you should be fully vaccinated and boosted. Feel free to wear a mask as well. If you are attending via Zoom, you may log in at any time after 6:15 pm. Zoom attendees should submit their Show and Tell entries to Steve Kellner in advance of the meeting so that their pictures can be included in the PowerPoint agenda used to conduct the meeting.

NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION TIMETABLE

Members are invited to submit pictures of their work for Show and Tell and for Challenges. Members are also invited to submit items for sale, tips and tricks, and to pose questions about woodturning.

Email entries to hortoncharles876@gmail.com. Show and Tell pictures, as well as Challenge pictures, should be copied to Steve Kellner rwt president202122stevek@gmail.com.

Entries may be submitted any time **prior to Wednesday of the week before the meeting**. Late entries may be held for publication in the next newsletter.

Attention: Richmond Woodturners who shop on Amazon.com

Richmond Woodturners recently registered with Amazon's Smile program to support charitable organizations. It's an easy, no cost way for your club to benefit from Amazon shopping expenditures.

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charity; Richmond Woodturners. When you shop at [Smile Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same products, prices and Amazon Prime benefits as with Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price to Richmond Woodturners.

Here's how it works: to shop at Amazon Smile, simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com> from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. On your first visit, you may need to designate Richmond Woodturners to receive donations before you begin shopping. We are now one of over a million charitable organizations registered with Amazon Smile. From then on when you enter Amazon through <https://smile.amazon.com/> every eligible purchase you make will result in a donation to your club.

Buyers can use their same login and password they currently use. Any saved lists and profiles automatically transfer over as well.

Please consider registering with Amazon Smile and designating Richmond Woodturners as a beneficiary. You are welcome to encourage friends and family to do likewise. We will update membership on a regular basis on donations gained from this unique program.

Bruce Robbins Donation Certificate



Certificate of Tree Planting

In loving memory of

Bruce Robbins

A group of 10 memorial trees has been planted in A Forest in Need.

A handwritten signature of Matt Harris.

Matt Harris, Chief Executive
Arbor Day Foundation



Courtesy of
Richmond Woodturners Club

"Bruce was a creative genius who willingly shared his knowledge with others. As a member of our club he taught us much and amazed us with his beautiful art and incredible self made tools."

Income and Expenses 2021

	Actual 2021
1 BEGINNING OPERATING FUNDS	3588.48
2 EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	<u>5000</u>
3 TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	8588.48
 5 INCOME	
6 DUES	2243.05
7 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	415
8 DONATIONS	825
9 TOTAL INCOME	3483.05
 11 EXPENSES	
12 WOODCRAFT OWNER GIFT CARD	0
13 EXHIBITIONS AND OUTREACH (4H)	0
14 DEMONSTRATIONS & ZOOM	1225
15 COMPETITIONS (RIBBONS)	0
16 TURNING TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT	0
17 A/V EQUIPMENT	0
18 SHOW AND TELL GIFT CERTIFICATES	300
19 HOLIDAY PARTY	0
20 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (BANKING & INCORP COSTS)	245
21 AAW INSURANCE	200
22 MISCELLANEOUS	<u>247.45</u>
23 TOTAL EXPENSES	2,217.45
 27 INCOME LESS EXPENSES	1,265.60
 29 ENDING AVAILABLE FUNDS	9,854.08
30 Equipment Reserve Fund	5000
31 Ending Operating Funds	4,854.08

Sponsors and Friends of the Club

Organizations such as the Richmond Woodturners, Richmond Penturners and James River Woodcarvers 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.



Contact the store at:

Phone: [804-355-3945](tel:804-355-3945)

Fax: 804-355-2532

Email: richmond-retail@woodcraft.com

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The screenshot shows the header of the website with navigation links: Home, Green/Undried Woods ▾, Kiln Dried Woods ▾, Search By Size ▾, Bargain Bin, Photo Gallery, Photo Contest, Education Center, Facebook Page, and Instagram Page. Below the header is a large banner with the text "ONE OF A KIND TURNING BLANKS" and "WHEN ONLY THE BEST WILL DO - ALL INDIVIDUALLY PHOTOGRAPHED." The background of the banner features a close-up image of wood grain.

Mike Leigher

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