



# Richmond Woodturners'

## Newsletter



### Next Meeting:

@Woodcraft, old Circuit City Plaza, 9862 West Broad St (Rt. 250W), Richmond, on the third Thursday of every month, 6:30PM. Refreshments provided.

## March 21

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### Program Schedule:

**Mar: Back to Basics III, Tool Use & Sharpening**

**April: Lamination**

**May: Water Canteen**

### Challenge Schedule:

**April: Inside/Out Ornament**

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## Basics II: Getting the Most Out of a Log

Another very good demo, this time on blank cutting. First thoughts on that large free fallen tree: Can I get it home and on the lathe; are there any bark inclusion or cracks all the way through; am I going to turn it right way or seal the ends and store it for later?

Chain saw safety: wear chain saw chaps, helmet, face shield and ear protection. Before sawing check chain tension, oil reserve, check chain for sharpness and change bent bars (cuts in curves).

**Burl Blanks:** For safety, Mike cuts through the large bark inclusion as they might fly off the lathe later. Nice burl is mostly on the surface and just under the bark; burls are expensive; keep all this in mind when designing a bowl blank. Design the blank to use most of the burl, save the rest for bottle stoppers and other small things. Hollow forms save most of the burl. Turn a burl in a straight shot or it might warp. Chalk it up, wipe it off & do it again until you like the design.

**Ambrosia patterns:** don't necessarily go all the way through a trunk piece; pattern on the end cut often changes in the middle of the blank. Centered grain patterns must have the pith line through the middle of the blank. Figure is more important than size.

**Drive center:** drill a hole bigger than the spur through the bark. **[Continued on page 2]**



Well dressed chain sawyer cutting a burl

**Shows Coming Out Of VA:**

**April 26-28:** Carterville, GA, Southern States Woodturning Symposium.  
m.barnes@bmemc.net

**May 16-18:** Orem, UT. Utah Woodturning Symposium,  
[www.Utahwoodturning.com](http://www.Utahwoodturning.com)

**June 28-30.** AAW 2013, Tampa, FL

**[Demo from page 1]**

Leave wiggle room at head & tail stock for balancing. Do it by hand & slow speed. Mike starts all his with a spindle turning. After balancing the piece & the grain, he turns a tenon and remounts in a chuck.

**Shows Coming In VA:**

**May 4.** Woodcraft Turning Competition & Show

**May 17-18.** Mid Atlantic Pen Turners Gathering, Woodcraft, Richmond.

**June:** Steve Pritchard, check out his website  
[www.stevepritchardwoodturning.com](http://www.stevepritchardwoodturning.com)

**Pay your club dues  
now or no newsletter  
in the future!**



AAW Insurance will cost the club \$90/year.

**Meeting Vibrations**

Pay your dues. About 30 folk from last year haven't paid for this year. Your Newsletter email is in trouble

Photo booth will be setup each meeting for individual use. New items: boom, counter balance, light, reflector & diffuser. Bring your own camera

Gerry wants a survey completed by the membership (turn it in & get an extra ticket for the club monthly drawing) and would like to collect some history from the members so the club can better utilize their talents. He also wants an inventory the club's equipment, more time for S&T and less time on business.

**Standard Practice: Paid demonstrator—No Show & Tell.**

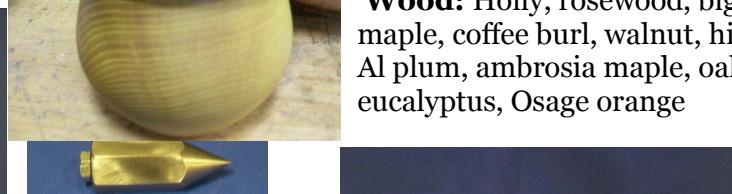
June: Steve from GA makes a lots of urns from wet wood.

Free glass & wood was provided to some quick members.

Va Woodturners, are looking for a big draw & hands-on mentors for their meeting in the fall 2014.

Lee has sent in the sandpaper order.

## SHOW & TELL



**Things:** Bowls, Urn, lidded vessels, boxes, platters, pens, nut cracker, tall vessel

**Wood:** Holly, rosewood, big leaf maple, spaled maple, coffee burl, walnut, hickory, cherry, padauk, Al plum, ambrosia maple, oak, chestnut, horn, red eucalyptus, Osage orange

## Officers for 2013

President:	Gerry Cambell	(804-932-5062)
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## Beverage & Snack Roster Reminder

19	Lane	Ice -10lb bag & cooler
24	Haywood	Two 2-liter diet drinks
25	DeLesDernier	Two 2-liter regular drinks
26	Biggers	Two 2-liter non caffeine drinks
29	Squire	Sweet snacks(cookies, etc.)
30	Deyo	Sweet snacks(cookies, etc.)
31	McLaughlin	Sweet snacks(cookies, etc.)
33	Thomas	Salty snacks(P-nuts, etc)
34	Dill	Salty snacks(P-nuts, etc)
35	Rendalen	Salty snacks(P-nuts, etc)

**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 for only \$2 per month. List is on the website. Lose it and you bought it.

**Newsletter Entries:** If you have tips, news, "For Sale" or a newsletter entry (250 words max and no embedded photos; send photos separately as attachments) please send it to the Editor for publication in a future newsletter. **Must be received by 7th of each month to make the most current newsletter.**

**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.

## Next Month Snack Roster

37	Mack	Ice -10lb bag & cooler
38	Tingle	Two 2-liter diet drinks
40	Mosser	Two 2-liter regular drinks
41	Cox, G	Two 2-liter non caffeine drinks
42	Cox, J	Sweet snacks(cookies, etc.)
43	Marstell	Sweet snacks(cookies, etc.)
44	Strang	Sweet snacks(cookies, etc.)
45	Duffy	Salty snacks(P-nuts, etc)
46	Hammer	Salty snacks(P-nuts, etc)
47	Jenkins	Salty snacks(P-nuts, etc)

## Visitors / New Members:

**New Members;** Earnie Eastham

**1st Time Visitors:** Mac Derry, Galen Rice

Thanks for joining us & please come again

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## FOR SALE, BUY, TRADE or Else

### March Meeting: Tools Use & Sharpening

#### INTRODUCTION

We'll present the main tools of our trade, how to use them and how to sharpen them. **The newsletter should invite members to bring tools they have trouble sharpening.** We'll have three sharpening stations set up in the side room. We'll cover these categories:

**1. The bowl gouge** The most common grinds (varieties of the Irish grind/Ellsworth grind) and the straight-across grind to deal with the transition area and bottom of deep bowls (and the alternative, a scraper). How to use it most effectively (roughing, slicing, scraping)--bowl blank will be provided, if desired. Sharpening (freehand, jigs).

**2. Hollowing tools** The various options (Ellsworth-type, Kelton, moveable tips, carbide 'wheel' cutters). Demonstrate use on an open blank--for better viewing (blank will be provided, shaped on the outside with a center 1" hole drilled--if desired). How to sharpen hollowing tools (demonstration on sharpening station next to lathe)

**3. Tools for outside enhancement** Making beads and grooves. Shaping the foot. Rough-turned blank provided, if desired (touched up, running even, ready for beads, grooves). How to sharpen the tool(s) on sharpening station next to lathe.

#### SHARPENING STATIONS IN SIDE ROOM

The one concern I have about the sharpening stations is that they'll distract from the presentations/demonstrations. On the positive side, people get to focus on what's most important to them, hands-on sharpening instruction or the up-front instruction.

## FREE Holly Logs

from a tree that came down behind my house a few weeks ago. I have 3 logs about 4 ft long and 8-9" diameter. Look pretty clear to me. Hate to see this wood go unused and not sure what it's worth to you, but let's talk if you have any interest. My woodworking is pretty primitive compared to the beautiful pieces I saw on your website.

*[He would be happy to get a turning for the wood. Regards, Barbara Dill]*

Pete Moxon, Williamsburg

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Ray Deyo offers a 10% discount on non-power tools and supplies on meeting nights at Woodcraft for members with current cards only. Another very good reason to join us every month!