



# Woodturners Anonymous of Richmond

<http://www.richmondwoodturners.org>

March 2008

**Next Meeting:** @Woodcraft,  
Willow Lawn Shopping Center, 4925  
West Broad St (250W), Richmond,  
on the third Thursday of every  
month ,7PM. Refreshments.

**March 20**

## Challenge Schedule:

March: Platter

April: Pen

May: TBA

## Program Schedule:

March: Dan L—Turning a Pen

April: TBA

May: TBA

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## **Demo for month: Jim's Off-Center Platter**

Start with a block of wood banded sawed rough round and 1 3/4 inch thick (have to cut 2 chuck feet). To reduce the dust and lube the cutting, Jim soaks the dry wood in soapy water for 1+ days (6:1, water:soap). Turn the bottom, turn the top edge and put a bead on it. Turn the first recess on the bottom for reverse chucking. Make it just deep enough to hold on to your chuck (1/8 to 3/16 deeper is not better). Reverse the wood. Flatten the top. Use a scrapper to get it smooth. Cut some parallel grooves. Jim used a 3 pointed scrapper to do the deed. [Continued on page 2]



Turn the bead on the edge



Turn the bottom



Make some parallel grooves

## **Meeting Vibrations**

Guy ran the show as Mike was out of town. Lee S. has lined up some demos: Dan L for March, Dug Finkel for April (maybe but don't count on it yet), Dug Campbell TBA and Don Geiger for a Sat in April.

We have \$4000+ in the bank; 44 paid members for this year. Library is growing as Phil E gave all his VCR & DVD's to it. For \$2 you can check one out. Guy has a lead on a box elder grove to be removed by this summer. Contact him for the removal party TBA later. Danny L gave a summery on the AAW Symposium. Committee leaders asked for volunteers. Bradford has been made bucket chairman for the club's joint symposium effect. AAW Newsletter Contest closes March 15. I will enter what I think are the three best from last year.

**Paid Your Club Dues Soon**

### Coming Soon Out Of VA:

**April 5,** A Day on the Lathe, Concord, NC. Early Registration by March 15.  
[Woodsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:Woodsmith@yahoo.com)

**April 10-13,** CODA Conference, Little Rock, AK Early Registration March 5.  
[www.codacraft.org](http://www.codacraft.org)

**May 22 - 24,** Utah Symposium will be held at the Utah Valley State College, which is close to BYU.

### Coming Soon In VA:

**April 23,** Don Geiger, Mastering the side ground bowl gouge

**June 20—22 ,** AAW 2008 Symposium, Richmond

**November 1-2,** VA Woodturners, "It's Your Turn", Waynesboro Expo Center

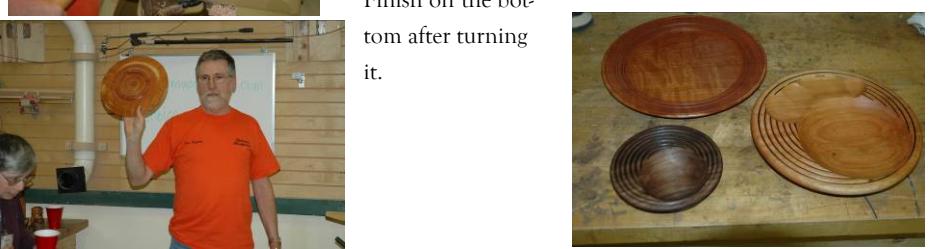
**[Jim from page 1]** Drill a new screw chuck hole about 1 inch from the center hole. Remount the wood. Start slow (350 + rpm). Watch your hand position; you start off cutting lots of air. A lamp on the turning shows the shadows better. Cut to the rim and round up to the new center. Cut a new large recess as before to support the off center turning. Cut away the old recess. The more times you rotate the turning, the thicker the wood needs to be. Reverse chuck the platter to turn the bowl part. If the chuck jaws are far enough open, you can fit your calipers into it to measure the thickness of the bowl bottom. Sand to 400 grit and finish with Walnut oil or Waterlox. An article in AAW Summer 2007 by Keith Gotschall shows these steps. He will be in VA Beach in November 2008 (relatives) so maybe we can get him here for a demo. (K2turner@salidaco.com)



Turn a new bottom



Finish off the bottom after turning it.



A **rose engine lathe** is a specialized kind of ornamental lathe. The headstock rocks back and forth with a rocking motion or along the spindle axis in a pumping motion, controlled by a cam-like pattern mounted on the spindle. Rose engine work can make flower patterns, as well as convoluted, symmetrical, multi-lobed organic patterns. The patterns it produces are similar to that of a Spirograph. No other ornamental lathe can produce these "rose" patterns. (Wikipedia) . AAW Demo will show you how to build & use one

### Visitors:

Gary Kvasnicka

Herod White

Jim O'Hanlon



This month Sawdust Character is our past president of 2004-2006 and this month's demonstrator, Jim Bumpas. He lives across the river in Colonial Heights and has been in the neighborhood with his wife, Jennifer, for 37 years. Before that Jim has lived in Louisa VA, Rockville MD, PA and Columbia, SC (Go Gamecocks). Jim is a grandpa; his son (and wife) and 3+ grandson live in VT. His other son lives in WA. This makes Jim a "sea-to-sea" traveler. Good thing he retired from state service after 30 years; more time to travel and turn. Jim has been in the club for 6 years and started turning a year before that. He only has *one* lathe, Oneway 2436, but does work in a devoted to turning double car size garage shop. He enjoys turning hollow forms (22 inches) and platters. In fact, one of his platters was presented to the President of Uganda in 2004 by a delegation from Seattle, WA. Jim has won Best-in-Show-Professional in the Woodcraft Turning Competition for the last 2 years and won in the Frank Stick 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show, NC. He has also built furniture, small construction projects and loves hunting for burls. Jim has other hobbies like gardening, beach combing, computer lessons and of course being a grandpa.

### New Members:

Richard Crook

## News Flash

**VA Woodturners of Waynesboro**  
will hold its 2008 event Nov 1 &2. Watch turning demos and get hands on guidance from experience turners. Stay tuned for more information.

**Mr Lane:** Thank you for your willingness to help me on this. I'm looking for a Jet lathe model number JWJ 1236—that is a Jet wood lathe which turns 12' diameter and has the capacity for 36" spindle turning. It is on its own legs—not a bench lathe. I'm looking for a used one because the new price is a bit over my budget for this. I hope to join you for your evening meeting once school is out! Thanks again for your help! Carolyn Quenstedt [Quenstedt@aol.com](mailto:Quenstedt@aol.com)

### Coming Soon: Don Geiger's Demo Part 1: Sharpening

Selecting & setting up your grinder and wheels

Grinding jigs you can use

Proper installation of Wolverine base supports

Preparing & maintaining your grinder wheels

Accurate & precise sharpening

### Chapter Collaborative:

This month's meeting will focus on the chapter collaborative prior to the demonstration. Come prepared with your ideas and be prepared to contribute a turning to create a setting of wine, grapes, goblets, barrels, cheese, scoops, etc. We will be asking for commitments to bring your items to the April meeting where we will select pieces for the arrangement. The plan is to include miniature turnings as a portion of the setting. The collaborative piece will only be as good as your ideas. It is time to produce some of your best work and donate it to the club. The collaborative items will be donated and auctioned at the symposium. The club will receive 50% of the proceeds. Let's make our entry something we can all be proud.

Mike L

## Turning Challenge



**Challenge:** Bottle Stopper, Lidded box, natural edge bowl, Lamp, Chair, wine bottle pepper mills, candle sticks, mini things, wine goblet, stave cut vessel, 3-part box, mushroom, hollow vessel

**Wood:** Purpleheart, Walnut, TX mesquite, Cherry, Ash, burl, Dogwood, Redwood burl. Winner's gift TBA

Officers for 2007

President:	Mike Lane <a href="mailto:lanemb@cox.net">lanemb@cox.net</a>	(804-932-5149)
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**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. Loose it and you bought it A reference list of available material will be forthcoming .

**AAW Membership:** Dues are \$40 per year. For this, you receive 4 issues of "The American Woodturner" (a \$30+ value), 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.

The AAW 2008 Symposium is scheduled for RICHMOND, VA. All clubs within a 100 mile radius will be asked to help a lot. Website is up [www.aaw2008symposium.org](http://www.aaw2008symposium.org). Location will be at Richmond Convention Center.

Danny L will be the AAW contact person for 2008 symposium @ Richmond. Tom Crabb will be our group symposium project chairman

**AAW Symposium News**

**Two new committees** have been formed and need leadership: Clean-Up and Auction. All committees need volunteers. Assist a demonstrator and get the pick of the time slots and person, but only for those who sign up early from our club. It's good to be the boss. Need a place to build a wall (6 panels of 4X8 frame) to support wall hangings and things from the gallery exhibit. Also need two ballot boxes to hold the votes. AAW Newsletter Contest & AAW Website Contest entries are due by March 15.

Asking for **volunteers** who would allow fellow AAW members to be guests in their home during the 2008 Symposium in exchange them to stay in AAW homes in Albuquerque, NM during the 2009 Symposium or just because you want to help a poor turner have more money to spend on tools while in Richmond.

**Demonstrator Assistants Wanted:** Turners have started signing up to assist demonstrators at the Richmond symposium. If you sign up early, you have the opportunity to make your choice before the rest of the turners in the US. Look on the AAW website [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) to view the list of demonstrators - select the one(s) you would like to assist and let me know. As an assistant you will be able to see the demonstration up close as well as meet and help a well known turner. Duties include: helping the demonstrator set up for the demo, handing them tools, etc during the demo and cleaning up after the demo. If interested, let me know at [jimturnswood@yahoo.com](mailto:jimturnswood@yahoo.com) and I will get you signed up. Thank you, Jim Bumpas Chair, Demonstrator Assistants Committee.

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