



# Woodturners Anonymous of Richmond

<http://www.richmondwoodturners.org>

May 2007

**Next Meeting:** @Woodcraft, Willow Lawn Shopping Center, West Broad Street, Richmond, on the third Thursday of every month ,7PM

**May 17, 2007**

## Challenge Schedule:

**May:** Shop-made tool

**June:** Skew made object

**July:** Bottle Stoppers

**August:** Cored bowls

## Program Schedule:

**May:** Dug Campbell—The only useful lathe tool

**June:** Lee Scarbrough-Bottle Stopper Jig

**July:** Mark Strang- Tandem Coring  
**Demo:** One-Way Vs McNaughton

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## Making Your Own Tools with Myron Curtis & Rubin Everett

The evening started out with Rubin making rosettes with his hand made tools. Each one was crafted to do a part of the rosette fast & easy so he can crank them out. Rubin gets \$3 for each and makes a hundred of them each year to help support his -tool making habit.

Every tool has three parts: steel, handle & ferrule.

Steel – M2 is the best to work. Old planer blades, drill blanks (round) or lathe tool bits (square or rectangular) all work fine. Steel should be 10+ inches & the tang 4+ inches and tapered.

Ferrule – compression brass nut used in plumbing

Handle – hardwood, persimmon turns nice.

First turn the handle from hardwood. The size, length and diameter that fit the steel needed and feels good to hold. Turn the wood round using a spur drive center. On the tail end turn a short dowel to the diameter of the nut. Turn a second dowel to the length of the threaded inside of the nut. At this time get the nut on the first dowel end. Reattach to the tail stock. Continue to cut the second dowel until the nut can be threaded onto the second dowel with the help of a wrench. Screw it on until it's snug against the shoulder. Wearing a face mask, turn the brass nut with a round nose chisel to get the "flats" off the nut. Nut is now the ferrule. Finish turning the handle. Sand & polish the handle and ferrule. Grind the steel. Myron made a drop nose-round scrapper. He likes a 55-60° angle for his work. Make what works for you. [Continued on page 2]



Myron in blue & George



## Presidential Vibrations

The club received a thank you card from Ray and Doreen Deyo for the gift certificate we gave them to the Jefferson Hotel. It was used on their anniversary. They were quite gracious of the clubs generosity. From the clubs stand point they well deserved it.

We would still like to have a "SHOP NIGHT" if anyone is interested in volunteering to host it. Please contact the president or any member of the board providing the necessary information or ideas.

Tom Crabb has provided input for development of a club collaboration project for the AAW 2008 symposium in Richmond. Tom has many good ideas (page 4). Please send in your additions or comments.

The club has received its 2008 Liability Insurance. You must be a member of the AAW in order to demonstrate and be insured. Mike Lane

## Coming Soon Out Of VA:

**June 1-3, 2007** Yankee Woodturning Symposium, Middletown, CT, [www.yankeeewoodturningsymposium.org](http://www.yankeeewoodturningsymposium.org)

**June 1- July 15, 2007** ROLL CALL. Wood Turning Center, 501 Vine St., Philadelphia, PA 19106, Phone: 215-923-8000. [www.woodturningcenter.org](http://www.woodturningcenter.org)

**June 21-23, 2007** Utah Woodturning Symposium, Provo, Utah. [www.utahwoodturning.com](http://www.utahwoodturning.com)

**June 29-July 1, 2007** AAW 2007 Symposium, Portland, OR [www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007](http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007)

**Sept 14-16, 2007**, GAW Annual Symposium, Helen, GA. Harry Meyer 770-671-1080. [www.gawoodturner.org](http://www.gawoodturner.org)

**Oct 6-7, 2007**, North Carolina 2007 Woodturning Symposium, Greensboro [www.northcarolinawoodturning.com](http://www.northcarolinawoodturning.com)

**Oct 12-14, 2007** Turning 2007, Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild, West Harrison, IN [ww.ovwg.org](http://www.ovwg.org)

[Myron] He has used a 150 grit wheel that is just about gone and the grinding surface is rounded over, but he loves it.

Now, drill a hole dead center (1/32 larger than the square of the tang or same diameter as a round tang) and make it 4-5 inches deep. Saw off the end (first dowel). Drive the steel into the handle (may need help), check it for straightness, drive it some more, check it again & then finish driving it in to the wood handle. OK make a tool for next month. I want a capture ring tool, one tool did it all. I will discuss it with my spouse, the wanna-be-tool-maker.

Sources of material:

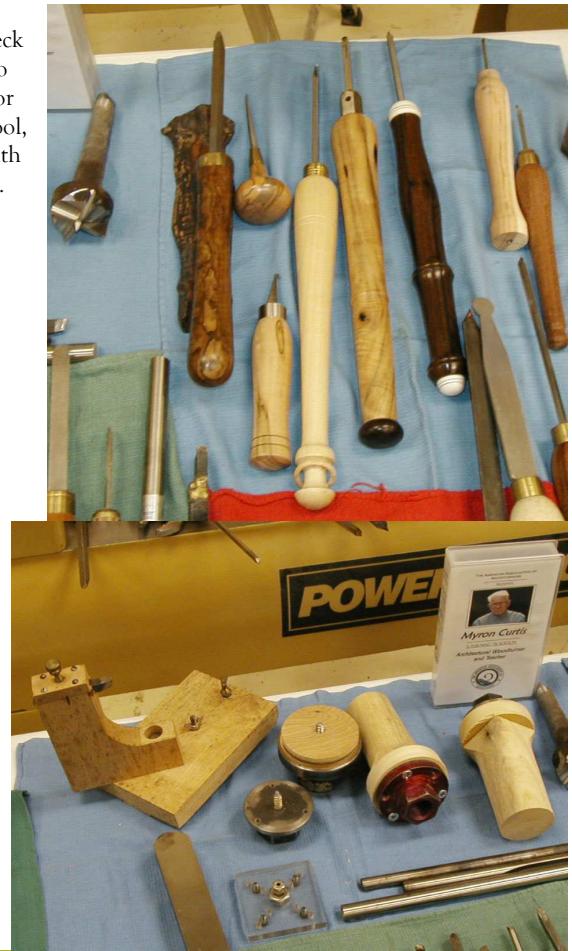
MSC 1-800-645-7270,  
[www.mscdirect.com](http://www.mscdirect.com)

ENCO 1-800-873-3626, [www.use-enco.com](http://www.use-enco.com)

Travers 1-800-221-0270

Wholesale Tool 1-800-433-3580

Google - high strength steel



## The 2007 AAW symposium is June 29-July 1 in Portland, Oregon.

More demonstrations, Evening special interest sessions, Four gallery shows, Youth program, Pop Award winners, and a Great City To Visit.

Five ways to a better Symposium experience:

1. Register by 15 may to save late registration fee
  2. Bring a toy for the give back to the community. Toys will go to the Doernbecher Children's Hospital. A few minutes at the lathe will bring many hours of enjoyment to some child. Suggestions include finger tops, pull string tops, toy cars and trucks, as well as rattles for the little ones...
  3. Bring a YOUTH! Bonnie Klein, Nick Cook, and Larry Miller will teach hands on classes to young people ages 10 through 17. The youth register FREE when accompanied by a fully registered adult. As we did last year, we will give away 25 JET Midi lathes with stands, 25 sets of Crown tools, 25 Nova Midi-chucks and 25 face shields to 25 of the lucky youths. (Bring your kids or grandkids)... register early (12 June absolute latest) <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007/youths.cfm>
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## New Members:

Jim and Helen Pollard

Clint Sinkway

Bruce Robbins

## Visitors:

Greg Todd

### **AAW Youth Mentoring Woodturning Program**

This program is being supported by the national organization of the AAW and is designed to be implemented by the local chapters. A Youth Turning Program has great potential and could fill the void of, lack of exposure to the craft and art of woodturning often not available to the youth today. The program will provide a foundation of woodturning for youth through education, information and organization leading to the enrichment of their young lives while expanding their minds and promoting self confidence. Ultimately our goal is to have the organization selected self supportive with all the needed equipment and training. By a directive of the AAW Directors I was asked to implement a Pilot Youth Mentoring Program. I presented this program to my fellow officers of Hands-On Woodturners, a local AAW chapter and they agreed to initiate a program. The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch organization was chosen and I contacted the Director of the Crafts Shop, Pete Peterson and outlined the AAW's mission to get our youth interested in this Woodturning Program. The next step was to visit the facility and give a demonstration to gauge the interest level of the boys. After a positive response was determined and the boys displayed an interest to learn and spend time behind the lathe, a schedule was set up by the Arts and Craft Instructor, Pete Peterson and the local AAW chapter President, Nicholas Di Mona and Tony Cortese, AAW Board Director. Once a schedule was in place, equipment and supplies needed became the main focus. The problem was soon remedied by informing the Instructor that money was available through the AAW in the form of an EOG (Educational Opportunity Grant). With the direction and help of the local chapter and AAW Director guiding the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch they were able to apply and receive funding for their basic woodturning equipment. It is our goal, depending on the number of volunteer mentors, to couple two boys with one instructor so that the boys are able to spend a maximum amount of time actually turning wood. Presently we have 5 boys per lathe and give four classes per day on a bi-monthly schedule. [Continued next column]

### **[AAW Sysposium]**

4. Plan your days! view the draft of the biggest most extensive woodturning demonstration schedule the world has ever seen at: [http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007/grid\\_1.pdf](http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007/grid_1.pdf)

5. Become part of the symposium, VOLUNTEER. The symposium, like most AAW activities is run primarily by members pitching in. Volunteers do most of the work along with a small paid staff of conference coordinators. Please consider volunteering for couple of hours. You will get more back than you put in. We need help with Room Assistants, Youth classes, and Instant gallery.

**INSTANT GALLERY:** Help Check in pieces, place them in the gallery, help visitors. To volunteer for the instant gallery Email Lynn Geller at:[lynngel@pacbell.net](mailto:lynngel@pacbell.net)

**ROOM ASSISTANT:** provide assistance to the Demonstrator or Videographer as requested and cleanup after the session. New this year, we'll have a cadre of top notch videographers to operate the cameras so this will not be a Room Assistant duty. You do have to sit up front, please go to <http://hockenberry.net/volform.htm> And complete a web form that will be e-mailed automatically when you hit submit to Paul Rasmussen who is this years Volunteer Coordinator. Please hit submit only once as each time sends an e-mail.

**YOUTH ASSISTANT:** The Symposium will include a youth class room for 25 students. We will have 8 class sessions two of 3 hour length and 6 that are 90 to 110 minutes long. The instructors would like to have 10 to 12 assistant in each session. The duties correspond to the assistants experience and confidence. It can be as simple as calling the instructor to help a student that needs a little extra help to actually guiding the student directly. Seeing a kid's eyes light up with wonder and accomplishment is quite a reward. Please go to <http://hockenberry.net/volform.htm> as mentioned above. See you in Portland, Al Hockenberry

**[AAW Youth]** This is recommended in order to maintain a continuing interest and woodturning proficiency. Projects should be selected for the young turners enabling them to gain confidence and skill levels while experiencing the joy of accomplishment. A gauge of their progression might be measured in a multiple phase certificate program.

**PHASE 1 CERTIFICATE** should be awarded upon completion of the basic tools skill usage and safety awareness.

**PHASE 2 CERTIFICATE "Beginners Projects"** should be awarded upon completion of simple miscellaneous turnings, i.e. pens, tops, honey dippers, weed pots etc.

**PHASE 3 CERTIFICATE "Intermediate Projects"** should be awarded upon completion of more difficult projects, i.e. bowls, hollow forms, platters, lidded boxes etc.

This Youth Program is our hope for the future preservation of the craft and art of woodturning. Tony Cortese, AAW Board Director Nick DiMona, President Hands-on Woodturners

### **Woodcraft Turning Competition May 12, 2007**

Last year was a good turn out and this year we want more to enter. There are many different turning categories (Hollow form, Spindle, etc.) to enter and different levels (Youth, Novice, Professional, etc.) of turning abilities too. Get your turnings in by May 10. Ray still needs volunteer demonstrators during the day. Only about an hour of your time ; you'll be there anyway to see if you won and to see all the other entries.

Jim Proffitt, **Smith Mountain Lake Turners**, called Jim B. to invite our members to join them on May 12th for a full day demo by Joe Ruminski. Joe is a professional turner and demonstrator from Fairview, NC and owns Green River Woodturning Co. On May 12 from 9:00-3:00, Joe will demo 8 small projects suitable for turners to make and sell. The cost is \$20 plus \$5 for lunch. Please email me if you are interested and I will let Jim know of the approximate number from Richmond who may attend.



## Turning Challenge



Wood: Black walnut, birch, dogwood, maple burl, cherry, elephant wood, hackberry, Osage orange, holly, oak & pine

Things: Natural edge bowl, hollow form Amphora, bottle stoppers, goblets, chair



## News Flash

Ray has offered a Tue Night once a month 7-9 pm to the club for some additional time.

## Sid's Woodturners Picnic Weekend is August 12, 2007. Don't miss this

Does anyone have a copy of Microsoft Publisher 2003? Don't need the 2007 version which is on sale now. This is needed for future newsletter publishing use. Contact Betsy

## Treasurer's Report

Balance forward	\$2316.00
<b>Income:</b> Sandpaper	259.10
Shirts	38.18
Bottle Stoppers	625.00
Christmas Auction	269.00
Planner blades	24.00
Dues	1480.00
AAW Grant	200.00
Total Income	5211.28
<b>Debits:</b> Lyle Jamison	1200.00
Supplies for Lyle	66.41
Website	95.00
Bottle Stoppers	559.00
4-H lathes	969.58
Total Debit	2889.99
<b>Current balance</b>	<b>\$2321.29</b>

Officers for 2007

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	David Sterling	(804-256-5071)

**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 \$1. 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.

**AAW:** The AAW 2007 Symposium is scheduled for June 29 -July 1 in Portland, OR. <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007>

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 2008 Symposium News**

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A Jamestown fort filled with "Virginia Things", Tobacco leaf, apples, fish, artifacts, treenware, wine bottles, etc

Wine bottles found at Jamestown. Turned in the style and possible textured, colored, etc

Virginia Class NSSN 774 Submarine

Muskets with an arrangement of drums, etc

Virginia Garden with trellis and turned flowers

A turned lathe humorous with multi-axis legs and bed. Funny head and tail stock, partially turned bowl (one blown apart for us beginners), scroll chuck with multi-axis turning, etc

Mike particularly likes the lathe idea. Doing something with a sense of humor seems fitting. If you are capable of translating any of these ideas into sketches please submit them for consideration. The more ideas the better! We have the talent to convert sketches to drawings. Finding the talent to dream up the good ideas and get them on paper is a little harder to find. Please take a proactive part and let's make our entry one people will remember.

**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!**