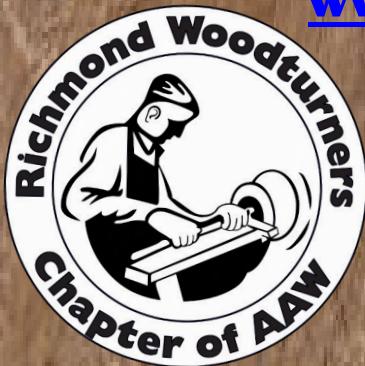


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WOODTURNERS IS TO
PROVIDE EDUCATION AND
INFORMATION TO THOSE
WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
WOODTURNING AND TO
PROMOTE WOODTURNING
AS AN ART FORM WITHIN
THE CLUB AND TO THE
GENERAL PUBLIC

FEATURE

Tool sharpening explained



“Sharp solves more problems than force ever could. Let your edge do the work—your muscles should just be invited to the turning, not hosting it.”

This month's demonstration will focus on sharpening our lathe tools with two of our members, Jay Pugh and Steve Kellner. Each will be providing best practice techniques for several types of tools. The goal is to help our members have the sharpest tools to make the best and smoothest cuts and provide a safe tool for turning. There will be several types of sharpening stations available so you can compare the advantages and disadvantages of each.

You are encouraged to bring in some of your dull tools to be sharpened.





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President's Corner

Steve Kellner

The July meeting was everything I hoped it would be, but before getting into that, I'd like to thank Woodcraft for allowing us to use their lathes and other equipment for our turn-a-thon and everyone who spent a good portion of the afternoon preparing the Woodcraft meeting room for the event. The discussion Al Kiebert led on what is required to sell was excellent. For those thinking about joining the craft show circuit, he laid out an extensive list of things that should be addressed. And for some of us, like me, it strengthened my resolve to leave that to others!

During the business meeting, we reminded the membership that elections are coming up and that they might be contacted by the nominating committee. Dan Luttrell and Steve Owen updated us on the fair and we had a nice selection of Show & Tell entries.

But the highlight was the Turn-a-thon! While some thought the main purpose was to replenish our tops supply, that was not my main goal! Seeing experts mentor novice turners, exchange of ideas and techniques, and having discussions of a wide range of topics was what I was looking for and the fact that we turned some tops was a bonus! For me, this was one of our best meetings – and I did not turn anything! I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did because I'd love to see this become a regular part of our program rotation. Please share your thoughts.

Thanks for reading.

Please bring and wear your badge to the meeting!

If you want one, please contact Larry Yancey, lpyancey@gmail.com. The first one is free to members. There is a fee of \$10.00 to replace a lost one.

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The board minutes and Bylaws of the club can be found on the [RWT website](#).

Penturners News

The Richmond Penturners group meets at Woodcraft on the 2nd Thursday of the odd months at 6:00PM. This is a "subsidiary" of Richmond Woodturners; an informal group sharing thoughts and experiences with pen turning. Membership is not required



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Woodcraft Guidelines for Our Meetings

Woodcraft graciously provides a space for the club to meet. The store closes at 7:00 PM and they have an employee stay until our meeting ends. They have requested that we do not wander around the store after they close. Do all your purchases prior to the 7:00 PM closing time. If you need to leave early, please arrange that with the Woodcraft employee.

Join Meeting Via YouTube

Be sure to check your email each month for the sign in information to join the meeting with YouTube. If for some reason, it is not in your in Box, please contact Ron Bishop (rbishop1946 @Gmail.com) to get the link and be added to his distribution list. The link is different each month.

The YouTube link will be active starting at about 6:15 PM on the evening of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance (7/1/2025)	\$7,525.97
Income	\$54.51
Expenses	\$0.00
New Balance (7/31/2025)	\$7,580.48

Turner's Talk

Mentoring & Skills Development Workshop

The workshop meets at the beginning of our regular Thursday meeting at 5:30 PM. Come on in and let's talk shop .

September- Pam Bozkurt discussion on Wig Stands

October- Chuck Horton will lead a discussion about turning crotch pieces. All are invited to bring a piece and talk about how they turned it and any issues they encountered.

November-Ray Deyo, Wood characteristics

2025 Quarterly Challenges

3rd Quarter- Turn a live edge piece

4th Quarter- Turn a piece from a limb to be at least 3" in diameter.

Future Demonstrations

September- Tool sharpening explained

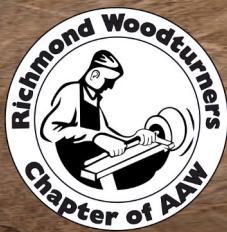
October- Eric Lofstrom IRD Breathing Box

November- Darin Dailey-In person demo on inside-out ornament with captured object

Agreement to use likeness

Richmond Woodturners takes pictures of our events and uses those pictures for information to members and promotion of the club in different outlets. If for some reason, you would not agree to have your likeness used, please contact lpyncayce@gmail.com and let us know. In cases of pictures of minors (under 18 years old) a signed release for permission from a parent or legal guardian is mandatory .





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2025 Officers and Committees

President – Steve Kellner

Vice President – Ron Bishop

Secretary – Chuck Horton

Treasurer - Cody Walker

Directors :

Activities Director – John Daniel

AV Director- Jared Parker

Membership Director – Chuck Bajnai

Newsletter Director- Larry Yancey

Past President #1 – Bill Buchanan

Past President #2 – Ray Deyo

Web/information Director – Neal Stublen

Committee Chairpersons:

AAW Women in Turning Liaison – Meg Turner

Resources- Al Kiebert & Jay Pugh

Social Media- Pam Bozkurt

A very special thank you to Izumi Miller for her contribution to this newsletter. She proof reads it and makes valuable suggestions on ways to make it more readable.

Facebook Group

This Facebook group was created to provide a platform for our members to share project photos, to ask questions and, generally, to carry on the dialog in which we so often engage during our monthly meetings.

[Richmond Woodturner Facebook](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/832886010074989/>.

Club Membership dues

Individual—\$35, Family (must reside at the same address) —\$45, Student (under 19 years)—\$15. For more details, please visit the website at www.richmondwoodturners.org and go to the membership tab.

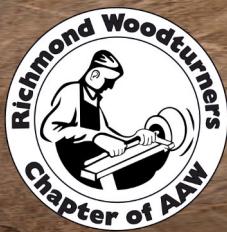
From the Editor

MEETINGS- Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Woodcraft; Turners Talk 5:30- 6:15 PM, Business Meeting 6:30-7:15 PM, Program 7:15-8:30 PM. If you are attending via YouTube, you may log in at any time after 6:15 PM.

TURNER'S TALK- For those who have knowledge to share and those who have questions. A time to exchange ideas and knowledge. Also just a time to talk shop.

SHOW AND TELL- Email pictures and description of your work to showandtell@richmondwoodturner.org for publication in the newsletter and for the presentation used in the meeting. Submissions to showandtell@richmondwoodturners.org will automatically be forwarded to Steve Kellner for his lineup at the meeting and to Neal Stublen to go into the website archive. The deadline for show and tell items to be included in the newsletter is one week prior to the meeting by 5:00 PM.

FOR SALE/WANTED/ TIPS & TRICKS- These items should be emailed to @gmail.com to be included in the newsletter,. Again these needed to be submitted one week prior to the meeting by 5:00 PM.



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Upcoming Club Board of Directors Election

Every year in November the club elects members to serve on the Board of Directors. These members with the exception of the Treasurer serve a 2 year term in their position. This year the club must elect the Vice President, Membership Director, AV Director, Webmaster and Past President 1 to a new 2 year term. The Board asked three club members to sit on a nominating committee with the responsibility to find candidates for these positions. Our committee feels that it would be good to reach out to the overall membership and ask if there is anyone that would be interested in filing one of these positions. If you are, please contact a member of the committee and let them know you are interested. The committee members are Barbara Dill (bdill6@verizon.net), Galen Rice (galenrice@verizon.net) and David Bushman (dbushinan54@gmail.com). The following is a brief description of the positions up for election. A more detailed description can be found online in the club by-laws.

Vice President- In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. Specific duties are primarily locate, schedule, and coordinate demonstrators and demonstrations for each of the monthly Club meetings, and special Club meetings.

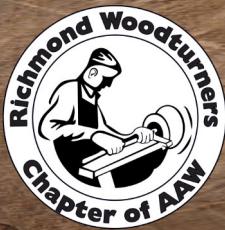
Information (Web) Director- The primary duty of the Information Director is to develop and maintain the Club's Internet Website.

Membership Director- The duties of the Membership Director include greeting visitors and accept new member applications at the monthly Club meetings and collect dues from new members. They also produce and maintain the official membership roster and phone list.

Audio/Video Director- The Audio/Video Director include maintaining the audio/video equipment used in the performance of club programs and the operation of the audio/video equipment during club programs, or coordinate alternate trained operators. They shall also train camera and system operators as needed and periodically assess the performance of the AV system to ensure that it continues to meet the club's needs and expectations.

Past President 1- This Director positions shall be filled by willing past presidents of the Club.

The Nomination Committee



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Community Service Project Opportunities

WIG STANDS



Members, in corporation with the Women in Turning, are asked to make wig stands for patients at Massey Cancer Center that have lost their hair as a result of chemo-therapy. Directions for making a wig stand can be found on the Richmond Woodturners website (www.richmondwoodturners.org) or by clicking [this link](#). Again, the patients really appreciate not only the stands, but the thought that they are cared for.



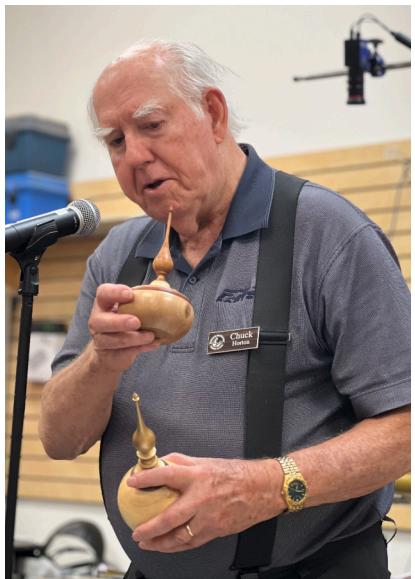
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Review of August Program

Show and Tell presentations

Chuck Horton



Ron Bishop

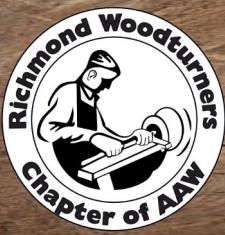


Chuck Bajnai



Steve Kellner





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Larry Yancey



Dan Luttrell



David Bushman



Jay Pugh





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Terry Stephens



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Rob Blader





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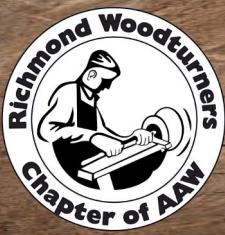
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TOP TURN -A-THON

Thank you to Barry and Leigh Smith and to Siewers Lumber & Millwork Co. for the wood used to make the tops shown above and for the hundreds more that will be made in the coming weeks.



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3rd Quarter Challenge

Ray Deyo



8-10" Maple bowl winter cut and rough turned 1" in 2014. Re-turned for challenge. Oil urethane finish.

Ron Bishop



Dan Luttrell

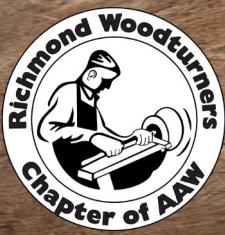


Dinner? Cherry with dye and puff paint

Cody Walker



Red Oak, approximately 8" widest diameter and 11" tall, finished with walnut oil.



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David Bushman



Ash hollow form with two live edges on the shoulder of the form. The finish is wipe on poly.

Steve Kellner



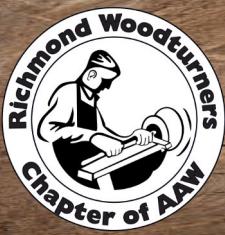
Rustic birdhouse ornament, redbud branch, 8"x 3", alkyd varnish finish. Not quite what I planned after I blew out the bottom tendon while hollowing. I was able to CA glue it back, but wasn't comfortable turning it into the top finial. At least I had something to enter!

Chuck Horton



These are two halves of a fork piece sourced from a wood pile. Oak, 10" x 6" x 1". One coat of tung oil.





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September Show & Tell

Dan Luttrell



What's a sprocket without a chain? Black Walnut and Poplar.

Steve Kellner



Steve Kellner

I didn't turn any tops during last month's meeting, so I figured I'd make up for it. Three are tippy tops that do flip but don't spin near as long as the prototype that I used as my 'cheating' model.

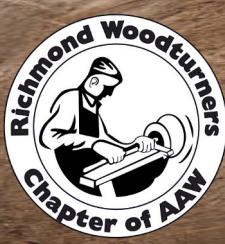


First attempt to make burr texturing tool: I used some bearings from old roller-skate wheels, a small magnet, and a 1/4" burr I had. The burr is not a clean single cut burr, but it works to a degree. Next version will be better!

Jerry Harvey



Attempt at texturing. Ash wood 8" diameter. Josanja highlights, texturing with Dremel bits and Manpa triangle bit on Wecheer rotary tool handpiece. Poly spray finish.



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Terry Stephens

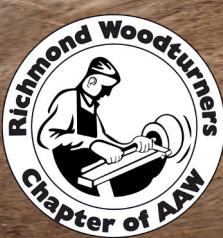


A piece of pecan from Larry Yancey's grandfather's farm, finished with walnut oil and friction polish

Chuck Horton



Spalted beech crotch, 16" long x 10" at mid point x 3" high. One coat of Tung oil.



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Klingspor and Penn State discount programs

Both Klingspor and Penn State Industries offer a 10% discount to members of woodturning clubs. If any member wishes to participate, both companies require the club to submit your name, email address, phone number, and mailing address. You must then establish an online account with a user name and password. Thereafter, you will receive an automatic 10% discount on all on line purchases.

Chuck Horton (our Secretary) is the contact point for RWT members who wish to participate. If you want to sign up for either or both discounts, send Chuck an email noting P, K, or both and he will forward your information to the appropriate company. (hortoncharles876@gmail.com)

If you DO NOT wish to participate, no action is necessary and your data will NOT be submitted.

Woodturning Tool Exchange

If you are looking to purchase or sell woodturning tools check this out. A private Facebook site to buy/sell woodturning tools

You have to apply to be a member/ free to join
www.facebook.com/groups/461526680666003



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For Sale



Ridgid TP-1300 Thickness Planner
\$200



Ridgid Oscillating Spindle/Edge Sander \$140

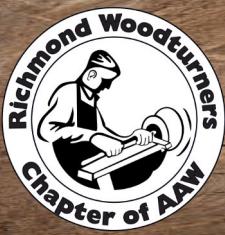
Contact Dan Luttrell, mostthingsround@gmail.com 804-382-2145

Also used turning tools @\$20 each. Can be seen after the September meeting.



Wood slab for sale
Measures 19" at widest point X 49" long.
X 2.25" thick. Looks like black walnut, but
not sure. Cut about 10 years ago near
Rochester NY.
Best offer by October 1st.
Bob Marchese
585-409-7087





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For Sale \$600 cash with all accessories shown
pick up in Stafford County, VA

Steve Schwartz 540 408-3234 or artwoodturning@gmail.com

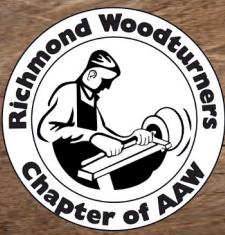


Shown with Square Edge Flat Plate new \$92
Extra Universal Support new \$117



Grading Stone SP650 new \$40
Plane Blade jig new \$117
Skew Chisel jig SVS-50 new \$89
Diamond Truing Tool TT-50 new \$117





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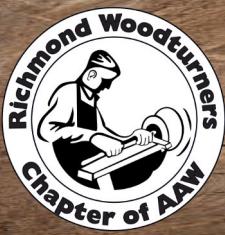
from Dan Luttrell

Is your OneWay style tail center noisy, or have any vibration? Perhaps it needs to be rebuilt. All you need is a pair of 6202 bearings and a few simple tools for disassembly and reassembly, some of them homemade.



Loosen the brass nut with a spanner or hammer and punch. Insert the rod through the locking hole. Place the “cup” spacer over the brass nut and pull the assembly apart using a 3/4-10 nut. It may take a little coaxing. It’s a tight fit. Remove the bearings (and spacers)keeping everything in the proper order. Drive the new bearings in place with the hollow bushing and retighten the brass nut.





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American Association of Woodturners is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the art and craft of woodturning worldwide through education. With more than 16,000 members and over 365 chapters globally, AAW members include amateurs, hobbyist, professionals, gallery owners, collectors, tool and equipment suppliers, and others.

AAW wants to help you enrich your woodturning experience and pursue your aspirations wherever you are on your woodturning journey. We invite you to learn and grow with us and become part of the special community that is woodturning. They provide an almost limitless amount of resources: written articles, videos, and a yearly national symposium. Check the out at www.woodturner.org. Consider joining today.

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 in Richmond, the 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 [Woodcraft Classes](#). Classes are taught by Ray Deyo, Clark Brummett, Brian Noble-Marx, and others.