

Nov 2006



### **Next Meeting:**

@Woodcraft, the third Thursday of every month

NOV 16, 2006

### **Turning Challenge Schedule:**

**November:** Christmas Ornaments

**December:** Photo of your art

**January:**

**February:**

### **Program Schedule:**

**November:** Guy Cox—Photo Your Art

**December:** Christmas Party

**January:** Tom Crabb

**February:** Sid Mace

**March:** TBA

**April:** Myron Curtis— Making your own tools

**May:** Dug Campbell—Only the

### **New Members:**

Deane Cox

### **Visitors:**

Earl & Nathan Cahoon

Alex Perelman

Louis Underwood

Don Hays

## **Richmond Woodturner's Newsletter**

### **Hollow Ornaments with Ray Deyo**

Sharp tools are the key as the thinner the wood the more tear-out you get. Ray starts with 2 X 2 stock, 6 inch long and makes 2 at a time. Using a 4-jaw chuck and spindle 3/8 gouge (bowel gouge works too), he will ride the bevel, roll the tool and swing the handle to make a ball shape. (Don't make all the same shape, balls, donuts, cones all work fine). If you are making 2, only remove enough wood to keep it stable. After the outside is shaped, sand what you can reach.

**Now for the mini-hollowing part.** Drill a 5/16 inch hole all the way through. Adjust the tool rest just below the hole and with the straight tool go in & back, but not to deep. The bent tool is the most aggressive cutter, insert & remove with the cutting edge down, hold on with two hands. The swan bent tool is for just inside the opening. Its shape won't allow rolling the tool. Blow out the hole using a straw (exhale only). Do this often as the wood chips collect fast in a small hollow form. Ray uses his [continued page2 RAY] L-



**Department of Woodworking @ VCU** is trying to establish a School of Woodturning under the direction of Doug Tinkle. A large grant was provided toward this endeavor with a larger endowment promised for a successful undertaking. Barbara Dill has donated four Rikon Mini-Lathes and Ray Deyo of Woodcraft has provided turning tools for these lathes. Harry Howell and Lee Scarbrough attended a woodturning demonstration by Michael J. Brolly on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and they were quite impressed by the demo and the facilities at the school. The students have been invited to our November meeting in the hopes that our two organizations can establish a relationship to promote the education of our craft. Please welcome them to our club.

### **Announcements:**

#### **Library Needs:**

The club library is in need of upgraded materials. Many of our tapes are older copies. If you have original Videos, DVD's, books, etc, please consider donating them to the club library. Please be cognizant of copyright laws.

#### **Coming Soon:**

The club is working on having a demonstration by **Bob Rosand**. Be on the lookout for details of this coming attraction. Check out his website at <http://www.rrosand.com/>.

**Lyle Jamieson** will be here March 10-11. That is Saturday & Sunday. His topic is Wood turning A-Z.

#### **Christmas Party**

Dec 21 meeting. Bring your best of the year turning, spouse or better half, money for the tool sale and food

**Yankee Woodturning Symposium**, June 1-3, 2007, Wesleyan U., Middletown, CT. Sponsored by the Yankee Woodturners Asso. Featured demonstrators include: Mark St. Leger, Jean-Francois Escoulen, Jimmy Clewes, Bob Rosand, Mark Sfirri, Michael Hosaluk, Angelo Iafrate, Beth Ireland, etc. 603-891-2383. [www.yankeewoodturningsymposium.org](http://www.yankeewoodturningsymposium.org)

[RAY] shaped coat hanger tools to measure the wall thickness. 1/8 inch all around is good. Remember thin is better for hanging on the tree branches. Flatten the surface at the hole with a parting tool for the finial. Finish the profile at the other end, sand to #400 grit and apply finish. When the finish is dry, cut off other end with the parting tool, leaving a flat spot for the top. Leave no lip on the top (pocket knife works great here).

**Finial** starts out 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inch square 6 inch long. An oily wood lets you see better and since the cuts are fine & the eyes are going, we need all the help we can get. Leave the bulk at the head for stability. A 1/4 or 3/8 spindle gouge was used. Working back from the tip, form the finial. Sand each section before moving on as it gets very thin and stabilize the pressure with your free hand. Measure the flat spot and turn the base of the finial to this size. The tendon equals the size of the hole. The key is to make them thin & light. Glue with no squeeze out.

**Top time or the hanging part.** The top should have a dull point for the screw eye. Measure the other flat spot; this will equal the base diameter and the tendon equals the hole size. Put the screw eye in now. Hand turn the lath while holding the eye. CA glue the inside rim. OK now start turning; Ray wants lots of ornaments to hang on the Woodcraft Christmas Tree. Bring them to the next meeting.



#### **VA Symposium**

On the weekend of November 6-7, the beautiful autumn leaves of the Blue Ridge Mountains became the backdrop for the 2<sup>nd</sup> biennial Virginia Woodturning Symposium held at the Botetourt Educational Center in Daleville, Virginia, located 20 miles north of Roanoke. The eight Virginia chapters of the AAW came together to present a program of 35 demonstrations by turners from all chapters represented. Demonstrators from The Richmond Woodturners Chapter included: Jim Bumpas, Barbara Dill, Tom Crabb, Sid Mace, Dug Campbell, and David [continued page 4]Sterling. Special events included an Instant Gallery, Silent



### Betsy Is Back

The shoulder surgery went well. After 3 months of not turning (and missing 2 meetings), she has the arm strength to mount some wood and make shaving. Thanks to all who gave wood for the turning therapy of her shoulder recovery. OK enough turning; get to the computer and turn out the next newsletter.

**Demo to come** Guy Cox will show us how to photograph our wood art. Bring something to practice on and a digital camera.

**The Georgia Asso of Woodturners** Date:  
Sat, 11 Nov 2006  
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Next Meeting Thurs, November 16 - 6:30 p.m. at Highland Woodworking Bobby Clemons will demonstrate at our November meeting when he'll show us his tips and tricks at producing a natural edged bowl. Bobby is a long time instructor having conducted courses and demos at many locations including Arrowmont and the John C Campbell Folk School. He comes to our area to demo at our meeting & to lead a course at the Dogwood Academy. A former president of the AAW, Bobby always gives an instructive demonstration.

### Challenge Photos



Bowling @ VA Symposium

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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 a modest deposit or donation to the club, if you like. A reference list of available material will be forthcoming in the near future.

**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.

## Virginia Symposium Notes:

<http://www.virginiawoodturners.org>

Auction, and a Vendors Area for woodturning tools, machinery, accessories, and lots of WOOD for sale!! Richmond's own Woodcraft was well represented by Ray Deyo and David Heywood. The event was a tremendous success, thanks to the leadership of the Executive Director, Dan Luttrell, our past-president and nominee for the AAW Board of Directors, and to the large number of attendees from the Richmond Woodturners.

**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!**



Demo Room



Got Wood?