



# NEWSLETTER

**AAW**  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF WOODTURNERS

## TURNING A SPHERE WORKSHOP



A cloud of dust rose throughout the building as 7 lathes whirled away with each holding a crowd of mesmerized members of the Turning Club watched in wonder as round balls, or spheres- - if you prefer- - came to be from the gifted hands of several members.





But, as expected, a couple rank amateurs struggled with the idea. But, in the end, **all the spheres** passed the ultimate test; a roll across the floor in a straight line!! Never before had so many turners achieved such marked success!! And, even an old codger or two was heard to remark; "Wow, I sure learned something **today**'. What fun was had by all who attended! That is what a fun evening at the Richmond Woodturners is all about. We all learned and enjoyed the evening and the hands on session.

Phil Dufffy

# R I C H M O N D W O O D T U R N E R S

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**S   b   o   w   a   n   d   T   e   l   l**



Bob Silkensen  
Basket Illusion



Ray Melton  
Walnut



Jim O'hanlon  
Cherry



Jim O'hanlon  
Apple

**S   b   o   w   a   n   d   T   e   l   l**



Robert Gundel  
Walnut Hollowform



Jim Bumpas  
21" tall x 6" w Cherry



Rollie  
Beech



Jerry Fisher  
Cherry/Maple & Laminated Woods

**S   b   o   w   a   n   d   T   e   l   l**



Steve Clement  
Walnut Natural Edge



Chuck Horton



Dick Hines



Barbara Dill

**S   b   o   w   a   n   d   T   e   l   l**



Chuck Mosser



Rick Crook



Jim Zorn  
Valentine's Day Pen



Dick Hines

**S   b   o   w     a n d     T   e   l   l**



Jim Walker  
Cedar



Ron Bishop  
Tiger Maple



Rob Blader  
Cherry/Walnut



Meg Shogren  
Spindle Whorl Sandcasting Molds

**S   b   o   w   a   n   d   T   e   l   l**



Gordon Kendrick  
Shaker Tape Stool



Bill Jenkins

## ***F r o m      O u r      P r e s i d e n t***

Last November we received a call donating a rather large maple tree to the club. It had been dead for a while and the limbs had been removed, but considerable wood remained. Ray Melton and I harvested the tree which completely filled our two trucks, and brought it to the meeting for distribution. It took little time for it to be gone and hopefully everyone was able to produce a few beautiful pieces. At the same time, one "chunk" was rough turned into three bowls and stuffed into a paper bag to dry for a few months. They are now three "Thank You" bowls which will be delivered to the original owner soon.

Why three bowls? When we mentioned a bowl would be turned for them, the homeowners were very pleased and looked forward to receiving it. Apparently it had been a silent hope on their part. It was important to initially prepare a couple just in case there was an unexpected disaster and during the roughing process, a variety of character was revealed. One bowl had numerous bug holes. One had a few holes but other character like curl and color. The third was solid wood with no holes but wasn't overly impressive. They were being turned for the homeowner so why not give them the opportunity to select the one(s) they want. Besides, they might be just as amazed with the variety of what was inside their tree and want them all. Whatever the end result, they were turned for them.

Thank you bowls are an obligation. Yes, on a rarity I have experienced no response leaving me to wonder if it was ever received at all, but this is the exception to the rule. Thank you bowls give our benefactors bragging rights similar to the ones they give us. It's a reminder they did a good thing, a recognition after the fact and a polite thank you. And it doesn't have to be a bowl; anything turned from the wood they shared is sufficient. Besides, it gives us a good feeling, too. Everyone wins.

If you have turned anything this month, I hope it was an attempt at a sphere for the challenge. They take a little time and aren't always perfect, but all your non-turner friends will ask how you did it. Besides, it's a challenge, isn't it?

Be safe and happy turning.

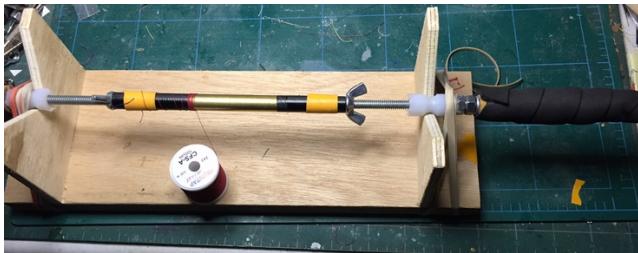
Ray

## *From Our Pen-turning Friends*

### Richmond Penturners News

We had a special guest at the March penturner's meeting to give us a lesson in the basics of thread wrapping to make pen blanks. Intricate designs using thread wrapping and thread weaving have long been used to decorate fishing rods and now a few are seeing how this art can be applied to pen blanks (or other small round objects). Master rod maker Neil Drumheller of Severn Wharf Custom Rods gave a talk and demo on the history, materials, techniques, and tools needed to get started in this art form. The most important requirement is plenty of patience.

Uncoated thread, specifically made for this operation is available in a wide variety of colors and thicknesses. Several books and DVDs are available to get started and once the basics are learned the possibilities are endless. Box and chevron patterns are some of the simpler patterns though there are many examples of rod masters weaving beautiful pictures.



Hand controlled lathe for applying thread to pen tube



Slow speed dryer to self-level epoxy



Guest Artist Neil Drumheller



Single color background with box pattern on top

Richmond Penturners meet at 6:30 on the second Thursday of odd months at Richmond Woodcraft

Mid Atlantic Penturners Gathering May 20-21, 2016 - see [www.midatlanticpen.com](http://www.midatlanticpen.com)

## *B i l l   J e n k i n s*



Bill Jenkins was featured in THE FREE LANCE STAR.

Click [here](#) link to read the article

**March Challenge**

(Spheres)



We hope you enjoyed the February workshop on how to turn a sphere and put your new skills to work.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Spin Tops**

We are once again turning tops for 2016. Not only are these fun to turn, but they really improve your tool control. Have fun everybody!

**March meeting****3/17/2016****April meeting****4/21/2016****May meeting****5/19/2016****June meeting****6/16/2016****July meeting****7/21/2016****August meeting****8/18/2016****September meeting****9/15/2016****October meeting****10/20/2016****November meeting****11/17/2016****December meeting****12/15/2016****January meeting****1/19/2017****February meeting****2/16/2016**

# R I C H M O N D   W O O D T U R N E R S

## Upcoming Events

*Friday, March 18, 2016*

**SYMPOSIUM: "Turnfest Australia"  
Int'l Woodturning Symposium - Gold  
Coast, Queensland, Australia**

3/18/2016 » 3/20/2016

*Thursday, April 07, 2016*

**EXHIBITION: American Craft  
Council Show "Color Outside the  
Lines" - St. Paul, MN**

4/7/2016 » 4/10/2016

*Saturday, March 19, 2016*

**Magnolia Woodturners: Dixie Biggs  
demonstration, - Mendenhall, MS**

3/19/2016 » 3/20/2016

*Friday, April 22, 2016*

**Dakota Woodturners Spring  
Symposium at Dakota Woodturners -  
Bismarck, ND**

4/22/2016 » 4/24/2016

*Saturday, April 02, 2016*

**SYMPOSIUM: Totally Turning 2016 -  
Saratoga Springs, NY**

4/2/2016 » 4/3/2016

*Saturday, April 23, 2016*

**John Jordan at Badger Woodturners -  
Monticello, WI**

4/23/2016 » 4/25/2016



## *2016 Turning Competition*

Don't forget the Turning Competition scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. It's one of the major club events in the year and we hope everyone will support it with a piece or two. Don't forget there is also room for "display only" pieces if you want to include more or just participate without competing. Also, if you haven't supported the event before or a little apprehensive because you are a newer turner, remember no turners are identified in the judging or display process. Spectators aren't turners and are always amazed at what we can do regardless of complexity.



## *For Sale or Trade*

### **Nova 1624 lathe legs, new in box.**

They should fit the DVR version as well. Price is negotiable. I mounted my Nova on a bench and the legs are surplus to me. Contact by email or phone: Chuck Horton - [annchuck@cox.net](mailto:annchuck@cox.net) or [757-810-1553](tel:757-810-1553)

Chuck Horton

**Financial Report****Balance** **8,238.04****RICHMOND  
WOODTURNERS  
QUARTERLY  
CHALLENGE**

The Challenge will now be regularly scheduled for the third month of each quarter (March, June, September, and December) with the subject announced at the beginning of each quarter and included in the newsletter. Entries will be placed on a table separate from the Show-n-Tell. Members attending the meeting that evening will select the Challenge winner by popular vote. Voting will be accomplished by placing a token (provided on the table) in the cup (also provided) for the entry of your choice. The winner will have the opportunity to speak about the piece, how it was made, type of wood, any special processes or finishes used, etc. It's a change to have a little fun and get everyone involved one way or another.

**March Snacks & Drinks**

(David Ridderhof)	Ice 10 lb bag with cooler
(David Sterling)	Two 2-Liter Diet drinks
(Dawn Flores)	Two 2-liter Regular drinks
(Deane Cox)	Two 2-liter non Caffeine drinks
(Dick Hines)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Dick Webb)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Don Hayes)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Don Rowe)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)
(Donald Hart)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)
(Doug Dill)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)

**April Snacks & Drinks**

(Doug Dompkowski)	Ice 10 lb bag with cooler
(Doug Murray)	Two 2-Liter Diet drinks
(Ed Wood)	Two 2-liter Regular drinks
(Galen Rice)	Two 2-liter non Caffeine drinks
(Gary Peterson)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Georgia Wood)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Garry Campbell)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Gordon Kevin)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)
(Guy Cox t)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)
(Herb Walke)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)

\*You can switch with someone if you are unable to bring those items for the month assigned.

2016 Elected Board

<u>President:</u>	<u>Ray Deyo</u>
<u>1st Vice President:</u>	<u>Matt Baker</u>
<u>2nd Vice President:</u>	<u>Joanne Fisher</u>
<u>Treasurer:</u>	<u>Jim Bumpas</u>
<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Phil Duffy</u>
<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>Ray Melton</u>
<u>Resource Manager:</u>	<u>Jerry Fisher</u>
<u>Membership Manager:</u>	<u>Danny Luttrell</u>
<u>Information Manager:</u>	<u>Stan VanDruff</u>

## Past President Board Members:

Dick Hines  
Lee Scarbrough  
Mike Lane  
Jim Bumpas  
Dan Luttrell  
David Sterling  
Gerry Cambell

## Show and Tell

When filling out your “ticket” please include your name, type of wood, and any description you would like. Also if you have small items such as ornaments or pens, feel free to bring a stand with you so that they will photograph better.

## **For sale or trade**

If you have any items to list here, please email me at [forsale@richmondwoodturners.org](mailto:forsale@richmondwoodturners.org).

You can include pictures if you like. They will run 1 month unless notified to “re-run”.

## ***Committee Chairpersons***

**Barbara Dill**                      Chairperson of the AV committee.  
(That committee is responsible for the camera changes in process.)

**Jim O'Hanlon** Chairperson for the Turning Competition committee

## Visitors/New Members

## **1st Time Visitors**

## New Members

Steve Schwartz  
Wally Ubik  
David Jordan  
Mark Wright

## ***Upcoming Demonstrations***

**March**, David Sterling will be demonstrating basic beads and coves while spindle turning. David is a professional turner and you should learn a lot from him. The club lathe will be positioned so that members can get close and personal to the bead and cove making process. David will also invite anyone who so desires to work with him to copy his process during the demo so don't be shy! This is going to be a technical and tool control demonstration to take full advantage of the opportunity.

**RICHMOND  
WOODTURNERS  
INFO**

**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. The list is on the website. Lose it and you bought it.

**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.

**OPERATION  
CHRISTMAS CHILD  
SPINNING TOPS**

Thanks to all who turned tops. For 2015 we turned in 1,330 Lets get started for next years total.

Here is a link to a video to show just how easy they are to make if interested....

<http://youtu.be/UWpV9dBpbME>