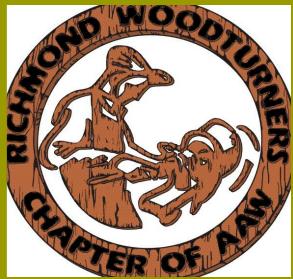




Richmond Woodturners'

Newsletter



Next Meeting:

@Woodcraft, old Circuit City Plaza, 9862 West Broad St (Rt. 250W), Richmond, on the third Thursday of every month, 6:30PM. Refreshments provided.

November 19

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Program Schedule:

Nov: Tom Crabb—Function & Form

Dec: Christmas Party

Jan: TBA

Challenge Schedule:

Nov: Xmas ornament

Dec: Silent Auction

Jan: Crabb Special

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DEMO: Robert Sorby Man

Chris was the Sorby demonstrator this time at Woodcraft. He said he has been to almost every state except HI and AK. During his talk he mentioned why you can't use spindle tools for bowl work; they are much thinner metal and might break. Robert Sorby's 3 new toys are the Sovereign System, Micro Spiraling System and the ProEdge sharpening system.



The Sovereign System (16" & 22") is a handle and multi-handle-less tools that fix into it. You can connect two handles together for a very long handle. Add a counterweight inside the end one for better balance and get all 15 tools to fit into it. Sounds like a great setup and who couldn't use more tools. Check with Andy H as he won the system at Woodcrafts' Grand Opening.



The Micro Spiraling system is like its big brother but half the price and size. Nice if you're not sure you want to get into spiraling. It comes with 2 tips, but spent the extra money to get the texturing tip too. Chris said you can do big things also, it only takes longer.

Last he mentioned Sorby's new ProEdge sharpening system. It is a sandpaper system with all the jigs included in the price. This is a smaller version of what Sorby uses in their shop and cost less than a Tormax.

Go on line to www.robert-sorby.co.uk to get current price and a catalog. In the comment area tell them Chris sent you and how good he was in the demo (standing joke). While online check out the rest of the website for instruction sheets and movie clips.

Demo: Dick and the Christmas Snowman

The snowmen start with a 2 x 2 x 5 inch block of holly. The hat brim is 25 mm. I turn the top of the hat down to form a brim. The height is in relation to the height of the snowman. The head is 22 mm and the body is 30 mm. When parting off the hat leave a tendon to fit into a hole drilled into the head. It keeps the hat from being knocked off.



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Shows Coming Out Of VA:

June 2010, AAW Symposium, Hartford, CT. www.woodturner.org

Shows Coming In VA:

April 10-17, Jimmy Clewes

May 27-29, David Ellsworth

[Demo from page 1] Using metric for the measurements was a trick that Dick learned from Phil English. It's a lot easier to divide using millimeters than it is using fractions. Quick what's $\frac{1}{2}$ of 5 and $\frac{7}{8}$ "? (Hint: Multiple the denominator by 2. Therefore, $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{7}{8}$ is $\frac{7}{16}$.)



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

THE HOLIDAYS ARE BEARING DOWN ON US AS WE PLAN FOR OUR FINAL DEMONSTRATION OF THE YEAR AND OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY. WE WELCOME THE RETURN OF ONE OF OUR FAVORITE DEMONSTRATORS, TOM CRABB, WHO WILL BE DEMONSTRATING THIS MONTH. HE IS ALWAYS INTERESTING, FUN, AND FUNNY. ON A SADDER NOTE, WE ARE DISHEARTENED BY THE NEWS OF PHIL ENGLISH'S RETIREMENT FROM COMMERCIAL WOODTURNING. HE HAS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF OUR CLUB AND A MENTOR AND GENEROUS FRIEND TO MANY. OUR HOPE IS THAT HE WILL STILL BE INVOLVED WITH US.

I HAVE CREATED TWO NEW COMMITTEES, THE FIRST BEING A "**MEMBERSHIP IMPROVEMENT**" COMMITTEE, WHOSE GOAL IS TO SEARCH OUT NEW WAYS TO INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDING APPEALING TO THE YOUTH IN AND AROUND THE RICHMOND AREA, AND VA 4-H CLUBS, MEETING AND ENROLLING WOODTURNING CLASSES AT WOODCRAFT, AND ENCOURAGING THE RETURN OF LOST MEMBERS. THE COMMITTEE INCLUDES DAN LUTTRELL, JIM BUMPAS, BARBARA DILL, AND RAY DEYO. THEY WOULD GLADLY ACCEPT HELP AND/OR SUGGESTIONS TO FULFILL THESE GOALS.

THE SECOND COMMITTEE IS OUR **A/V PRODUCTION COMMITTEE**, WHOSE GOAL IS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN OUR AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEM, WHICH AS YOU KNOW, IS NOW UP AND RUNNING. THIS COMMITTEE INCLUDES DAN LUTTRELL, JIM ELLIS, AND GORDON ANDREWS.

THE TIME TO PLAN FOR THE **CHRISTMAS PARTY** IS NOW. GO THROUGH YOUR SHOP FOR TOOLS AND STUFF THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE FOR THE SILENT AUCTION. PLAN ON WHAT YUMMY FOOD THAT YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE WILL MAKE OR BUY (UGH). THE FOOD PLAN WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE SUMMER PICNIC, EXCEPT THAT WE WILL USE THE FIRST NAME, INSTEAD OF THE LAST, IN DETERMINING WHAT TO BRING. WATCH FOR INSTRUCTIONS IN THE NEWSLETTER. BRIAN PROBABLY COULD USE SOME HELP WITH THE LOGISTICS.

THE NORTH CAROLINA WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM TURNED OUT TO BE A VERY ENTERTAINING EVENT FOR EIGHT RW MEMBERS. THEY ENJOYED EXCELLENT DEMONSTRATORS (INCLUDING JIMMY CLEWES, WHO WILL BE HERE IN APRIL OF 2010), LOTS OF WOOD AND TOOLS FOR SALE. THEIR SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET RAISED \$7000 FOR THE SEVEN N.C. CLUBS THAT PARTICIPATED IN ITS PRODUCTION. YOU SHOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE EVENTS, IF YOU GET THE CHANCE. THEY ARE A FUN LEARNING EXPERIENCE. REGARDS, LEE

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The Governmental Red Tape Pen?



Dear AAW Members,

I thank each of you for supporting the AAW through your membership and volunteer activities you undertake on behalf of the AAW and its chapters.

For me, the AAW is all about members helping members through various networking opportunities and communication venues. When you invite someone to visit your shop or see the woodturnings you have in your home, you are introducing them to the AAW.

We all see the big splash contributions to woodturning by our AAW members writing for the *American Woodturner*, demonstrating at symposiums and club meetings, classes they teach, and work they display in shows. However, the most valuable contributions are one on one sharing between friends. Something we all do.

My amazing journey began with a phone call from *Frank Amigo* in 1993. Frank had seen my name in the AAW directory and invited me to a meeting of new club he started with other AAW members. That began a wonderful friendship with Frank. It also became the first in depth contact I had with other turners. I was in a group that shared freely and genuinely supported each other's endeavors. This association with 18 people grew to hundreds of friends and acquaintances in AAW across the nation and around the world.

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Officers for 2009

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Visitors / New Members:

Visitors: Marvin Fegely, Charlie Pratt, Jeff Bridges, Chris Ryon

New Members: Earl Dunning, Shana Williams, Steve Taylor, Richard McGrew

Election time is here again!

Would you like to be an *officer of Richmond Woodturners for 2010?* It is not only your duty to vote. It is your duty to serve. The organization is dependent on its members taking an active role, and new blood gives the reward of promoting new ideas. Nominations are open for: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary/Newsletter Editor, Resource Manager, Information Manager, Membership Manager. If you would like to see the job descriptions for any of these positions, please check your bylaws, or just reply to me. We are grateful for the current officers who are willing to run again for 2010. We are in need of a 1st & 2nd Vice President. Volunteer now and we will not have to commandeer you. The facts are, these jobs are not a lot of work, and they are fun. And, don't think you that you will be alone. This is a fun organization, and there is a lot of help if you ask. If it wasn't fun, then why would I have been an officer, in three areas, for the past ten years???

Dan Luttrell for the 2010 Nominating Committee.

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

AAW Membership: Dues are \$48 per year. For this, you receive 6 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.

2010: AAW Symposium June in Hartford, Connecticut.

[AAW from page3] Perhaps, the most important thing we can do as AAW members is to reach out to those around us. Call someone in the AAW directory. Invite a new acquaintance to see your shop. Volunteer for your local club. Form a local club. Help run a regional symposium. Volunteer at the AAW symposium.

We all know the AAW relies on its membership dues. Often, we define the AAW as being its 13,000 paid members, the AAW Symposium, and the American Woodturner, but the AAW is much more. Two significant extensions are AAW presence in over 300 local chapters and in nearly 20 regional symposiums.

The AAW chapters include sixteen with 100% AAW membership. The other chapters allow "limited" memberships (chapter only). These "limited" members can't hold a club office or take part in club activities requiring insurance. But all are in the AAW family.

The many regional symposiums are produced by AAW chapters and most use the AAW insurance to hold their events. The excellent Utah Symposium is the one notable exception. But it was founded by Dale Nish: AAW founder, AAW lifetime member, educator and author. Dale wrote *Creative Woodturning* which I used in the 70s to teach myself turning. In January, Dale will be at the Florida Symposium. Oh! Did I mention I joined AAW using a flier sent in box of materials from Utah? Is this a small world or what!

Give something to woodturning. You'll get more back than you can imagine. I hope to see you at Lake Yale, Tampa Fairgrounds, Hartford, or around a lathe somewhere.

Happy Turning,

Al Hockenberry, AAW Board member

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FOR SALE, BUY, or TRADE

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!

Another miss opportunity to sell that unwanted stuff before Christmas.

Now you will have to bring it to the Christmas Party for the Silent Auction.

Make way for the new Holiday Tool Collection.

The *Christmas Party* will take place on **December Dec. 17th**. The club will provide the cups, plates, napkins and eating utensils. So we will have a variety of good eats, try to stick to the proposed list.

First Name:

a-d= appetizers

e-j= heavy hors-d'oeuvres

k-r= desserts

s-z= drinks

We will also have the **Silent Auction** again this year, so bring all the wood, tools and things you haven't sold yet and donate them to the club. Items go cheap so bring lots of cash for those "I can't live without" things you want before Christmas.