

May-06



### Next Meeting:

@Woodcraft, the third Thursday of every month

JUNE 15

### Turning Challenge Schedule:

- June:** Multi-Axis Turning & Finials  
**July:** Arts & Crafts Turning  
**August:** Pens

### Program Schedule:

- June:** Dan Luttrell, Taking it to the next level!  
**July:** Don Dillon, Turning Pens  
**August:** Roy Tedesco Picnic on 26<sup>th</sup>  
**October:** ?  
**November:** VA/NC Symposium  
**December:** Christmas Party

### New Members:

Michelle Touchette

### Visitors:

Jim Valentine

## Richmond Woodturner's Newsletter

### Multi-Axis Turning by Barbara Dill

Multi-axis is the only turning we can do that is not symmetrical.

There are two basic types: twisted and parallel. The combination of the two types leads to infinite possibilities. Trying to predict the finished product or to duplicate it is where the real fun begins.

Barbara Dill is back turning after a break to handle family matters and build a new shop. She had a chance to see Mark Sfirri do his multi-axis magic and was bitten by the bug. She uses a safety stud center to reduce breaking objects from catches, starts with heavy tools sharpened to 30° to reduce vibration and a high speed to reduce air time.

Since half the time you will have air, Barbara uses a bright light and a dark background to locate the wood's edge. She recommends fine grained wood, pre-punching spindle axis holes, sanding before changing axis and rasping those tight areas where sanding isn't possible.

For the twisted axis, Barbara likes to draw a triangle on each end of the wood and number the corners. Rough it to round, then change the axis to 1 on the tail stock & 2 on the headstock, then 2 & 3, etc. until three different axes have been turned.

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Life begins after 60 and after you start multi-axis turning.

### Woodcrafter's 4th Woodturning Competition

Ray Deyo said the competition went very well this year. This was the first time other schools had sent in entries. Although the youth entries were down from last year, the adults were up. This was the first year the adults were divided into beginner, novice and professional. It meant more ribbons, more adult beginners and more fun for all.

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**What a turn out!**

**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/>.

**Woodturner's Picnic @ Sid & Penny house in Deltaville.** Drool over the size of their workshops, wonder at all the wood, visit the house, see their woodworking in their natural environment, eat their Bar-B-Q, drink wine or beer and hang out with friends. Bring the spouse, kids or friend.

**Quick Tips**

**Capture Rings for Beginners** by Phil

Cut big deep beads. Using the pointy tip, stick the skew into the side of the bead. Twist it until it's about half way through the wood. Do it again from the other side. When the bead is released, wrap sandpaper around the stem and use it to sand the inside of the ring. Clean up the stem.

(Barbara Dill)

If you can draw a pentagon, you may want to try to multi-axis turn it.

For the parallel axis, the turning points are in a straight line going through the center. Barbara turned a cove-bead-cove on one axis, and then changed the axis for the bead-cove-bead. Be sure to reverse the turning order or you will be starting over. Also, keep the tool tip high, the bevel in contact with the wood and your tool rest smooth.

Thank you Barbara for sharing your new passion with us.



**Note the markings on the ends**



(Ray)

There were classes for spindle and hollow turnings, bowls and lidded boxes as well as other things that don't fit into those classes. The entries of lamps, pens, bowls and walking sticks were plentiful. There was also a 4-foot vase, a turned cowboy hat and a piano stool. The club walked away with many blue and red ribbons. The youth grand winner received a Jet mini lathe. Glad I didn't enter a lamp or a walking stick.



**CHALLENGE**



**Clay Foster will be teaching** a woodturning "Masters Class" at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, this July 30 through August 5. The title of this course is "Go Figure! Figurative Art & the Turned Object".

I am a founding member and past VP of the AAW. See my work at <http://www.home.earthlink.net/~claypen/index.html> To find out more about this class , contact Arrowmont at <http://www.arrowmont.org/registration/commerce.pl> or call 865-436-5860.

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**Training for turners and 4-H volunteers who will teach** at this summer's Northern VA Camp in Front Royal will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> (9:00- 3:00) at Phil English's Studio in Thornburg (North on I-95).

The partnership between the Richmond Woodturners and 4-H pairs existing organizations with complimentary missions and has the potential to grow beyond our local chapter to other AAW chapters in Virginia and other states.

A one day top turning workshop is being planned for July.

**FREE WOOD FOR 4-H**

**Walter Ambrosch <[waltamb@epix.net](mailto:waltamb@epix.net)>** wrote: I mostly have 2.5" dia to 2.75" dia material in Ash & Maple. Some is full length, just not suitable for baseball bats and others will be cut offs for small craft work. The only thing I try to ask for is help with the shipping and a letter on the NPO letterhead for my accountant, accepting the donation. Let me know what your group thinks. Regards, Walter

Walter

If the wood is still available, we would very much appreciate being able to receive some of the cut offs, etc that you may have. We will be using the wood primarily for tops and projects of a similar size. We will pay the postage and will have a letter sent to you from Cathy Corker, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, Spotsylvania County, VA. Please ship the wood to my address (per my last order). Please let me know of the details that we should include in the letter to you. Thank you very much,

Jim Bumpas President, Richmond Woodturners Anonymous

**Woodturners of Southern Oklahoma woodturner@cableone.net>,**

**"Woodturners of Southwest Florida \Barry Finver\> bfinver@aol.com>**

Purchase of EJ Burl and Company. Northern California's only Manzanita Burl wholesaler and Manzanita burl wood supplier is now under new management and ownership. We at Manzanita [burlwood.com](http://burlwood.com) now offer to the wood turner and wood workers interested in Manzanita Burl . We carry both character and round burls, at competitive prices. Give us a try and you won't be let down in quality and service. Email us for any questions or inquiries into purchases, prices or ordering information and we will promptly get back to you. Thank you . WOODY The Owner

### **AAW Symposium Notes:**

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006>

During our AAW Symposium each year, we have a "return to the community" project. This year in Louisville, we will collect Christmas ornaments. They will be delivered to Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville. Each year the hospital collects ornaments and decorated trees and auctions them or sells them outright to raise money. Last year they raised almost \$400,000 to help the kids in need. Have your chapter turn as many Christmas ornaments as they can and either bring them to the symposium or mail them to Greg Streif, 7308 Abbott Glen Dr., Crestwood, Ky., 40014 [gregstreif@insightbb.com](mailto:gregstreif@insightbb.com). If you have any questions, contact Greg as shown above. Thanks, John Hill – Chairman AAW chapters and membership committee [Johnrhill@charter.net](mailto:Johnrhill@charter.net) 828-645-6633

### **AAW NEW LATHE DEALS LIMITED TIME OFFER**

As an added benefit of AAW membership, the AAW, working with WMH Tool Group, has negotiated a very special "Mail-in cash rebate" program for the purchase of selected JET and Powermatic lathes for purchases exclusively by AAW members between June 1 and August 31, 2006. Check description, rebate amount and stock number before purchase as not all are part of this deal. The rebate certificate can only be downloaded and printed from the AAW web site at <http://www.woodturner.org/AALatheRebateCoupon.pdf>. To receive the rebate, the AAW member must mail in the completed rebate coupon postmarked within 30 days of date of purchase, along with the original sales receipt, product bar code cut from the lathe package, and a photo-copy of the purchaser's current AAW membership card.

[johnrhill@charter.net](mailto:johnrhill@charter.net)

### **AAW SYMPOSIUM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Please help your fellow AAW members in making the 2006 Symposium the best ever by volunteering to assist a Demonstrator. The primary responsibility is operating the Video camera, which is vital to the success of each demonstration. Demo assistants will attend a short session to receive the director's instructions, familiarization with the camera and projector, and will receive a Tee shirt that identifies you as one of the team. Besides, you will have the best seat in the house!

Most of you know that the AAW Symposiums have few paid workers. The big show is due to the hard work of hundreds of volunteers. Join in the fun of making the Louisville symposium happen.

To Volunteer send an email to:

[AAWhelp@hockenberry.net](mailto:AAWhelp@hockenberry.net)

Please include:

Your name, phone number, e-mail address and number of sessions you will take.

You may offer to assist in one to three sessions.

Volunteers will receive machine-generated reply followed by an e-mail from James Darnell who is working hard to organize the demonstrator assistants.

Thank you,

Al Hockenberry - AAW Board of Directors

### **2006 EOG Grant**

#### **WOODTURNERS ANONYMOUS OF RICHMOND (VA)**

The AAW grant will assist in expanding the partnership initiated in 2005 between the Woodturners Anonymous of Richmond (Richmond Woodturners) and the Spotsylvania County VA 4-H clubs, a youth development program of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. Funds will be used to purchase 2 lathe stations and related safety equipment to be used for summer camp and other 4-H events throughout the year. The expanded program will make it possible for 4-H campers to have hands-on woodturning experience. Similar learning opportunities will be offered to 4-H counselors and volunteers interested in learning to turn wood.

Association with the 4-H program and the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service is helping the Richmond Woodturners Chapter develop relationships with Virginia Tech (schools of Forestry and Wood Science) and the Virginia Department of Forestry.

These relationships are beneficial because they provide educational and training opportunities, the

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### **Cindy's Demo by Guy Cox**

On Memorial Day, 30 or so turners and their spouses braved the Interstate highway traffic to learn Cindy's Drozda's technique and philosophy of turning finial boxes. Cindy start out with a PowerPoint™ presentation of some of her work and her studio and its beautiful surroundings in Bolder Colorado.

Cindy them quickly moved into wood selection and the specially ground tools she uses to create her boxes. All of these tools grinds were her original designs or grinds used by others modified in the extreme to meet Cindy's needs and turning technique. From what she has learned about tools design, she could write a book on turning tool design. Cindy then covered mounting the wood onto the lathe for box turning. Cindy started the box by parting off the bottom and turning the top with the integral finial from the remaining stock. She worked from apex to the base of the finial never going backwards towards the tailstock. One of the tips she gave on turning the beads was that you should be able to see light at the bottom of the bead.

When Cindy began to hollow the box bottom from the end grain of holly she was using for the demonstration, it became obvious that she could write the book on tool sharpening as well as turning finial boxes; long white ribbons came streaming out of the end of the box – If I hadn't know better I would have thought that she had mounted a big block of Ivory soap . She then inset the inlay and finished fitting the top into the recess in the box bottom. Adjust the fit of the box top according to the needs of the anticipated use and user of the box Cindy told us. She then jam chuck the bottom, added tape for insurance and finished off the bottom of the box base.

Thanks go to Ray Deyo who was kind enough to open up the Richmond Woodcraft store on the holiday morning to host the demonstration. It was a great two hours and I hope Cindy caught her flight home.

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sharing of resources, and even wood for turning.

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**Training at Phil's place this Saturday June 17, 9 to 3 pm.**

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**Dues:** \$25 individual, \$35 family & \$15 student. Member applications are available upon request at meetings or via email.

**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.

**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:** The AAW Symposium is scheduled for JUNE 22-24, 2006 in Louisville, Kentucky. Put this date on your calendar and let's plan on having a large number of RAW's at the symposium! We need a member who will volunteer to formulate and plan a Collaborative item for the symposium. It would nice to take a piece representing many of the members of our club. If you have any ideas respond to the email or let one of the officers know. <http://www.woodturner.org/>

## **Virginia Symposium Notes:**

<http://www.virginiawoodturners.org>

### **2006 Virginia Woodturning Symposium November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

This event will feature local and regional demonstrators and is designed to promote the craft of woodturning as well as renew the goodwill of woodturners and prospective woodturners throughout the region. The mission of this event is to provide an environment for networking and education for members of the regional woodturning community and for promotion of the art and craft from the lathe. Through active demonstrations we hope to provide avenues for expression in one's woodturning, as well as introducing non-turners to the craft.

**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!**