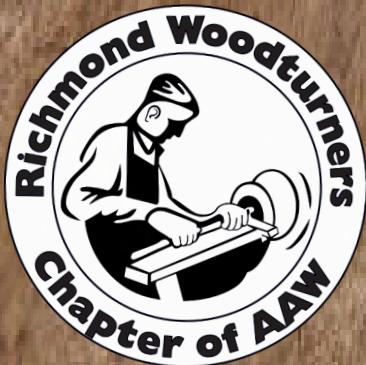


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FEATURE

Let's talk about Spalted Wood

The "Turner's Talk" at the upcoming meeting will be hosted by Steve Kellner. Steve's discussion will cover the following:

As Woodturners, we are always looking for ways to make our turnings more interesting. One option is to turn **spalted wood** which can add interesting color or zone lines to the piece. So, what causes spalting, where is it normally found, and how can we maximize its impact?

I'm by no means an expert on spalted wood but I have a copy of the SPALTED WOOD bible by Sara C. Robinson, Hans Michaelson, and Julia C. Robinson to guide me. Sara is one of, if not the world's foremost experts of spalted wood.

Let's start by defining Spalting; and I quote "Spalting is defined as any color occurring inside wood that is caused by fungus or fungi." There are two types of spalting fungi; decay fungi and the type that consume free sugars. They fall into three categories: white rots, pigmentation fungi, and ones that form zone lines. We'll talk about each of these and show examples of each and this is where **I'm looking for your help. Please bring an interesting spalted piece you've turned that we can discuss and characterize.** Sara's book also has many examples that we can discuss as well as look at historical works of Intarsia from the 1400 – 1700 time frame.



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President's Corner

Welcome to 2024! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season, and maybe found a little time to relax at the lathe! I missed the Christmas party, but I hear it was a lot of fun and an excellent venue. Thank you, John, for moving us out of our comfort zone.

Last year was a good year for the club. We added new members; some new to woodturning as well as experienced turners who moved to the area. We had a great collection of programs at our monthly meetings and added Turners Talk to our meetings to interact and discuss topics in a less structured way. And we upgraded our lathes!

Let's keep the momentum going and make 2024 even better. To do that, we need everyone to get involved! Get in front of your lathe and turn something you're proud of and share it with us during Show and Tell or even show us how you made it during an Open Lathe Night; but bring the mistakes too! That's how we learn and expand our capabilities. And don't forget quarterly challenges! Too often, it's the same 8 – 10 members entering challenge items. Let's make that 40 – 50!

Thanks for listening.

Steve

PLEASE BRING AND WEAR YOUR BADGE TO THE MEETING!

If you didn't sign up and want one, please contact Chuck Horton (hortoncharles876@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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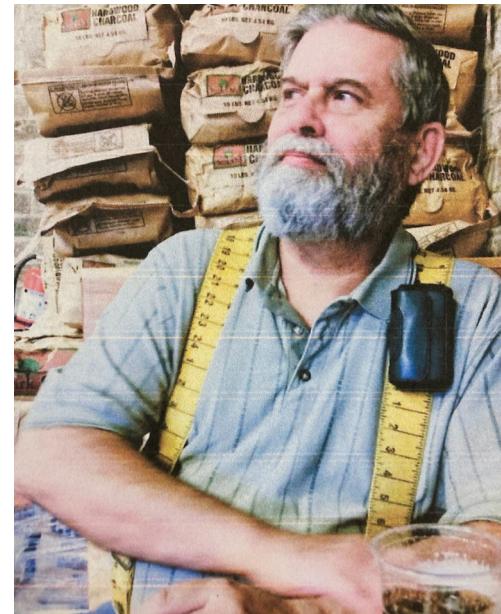
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In Memory of Royal Wood

Sadly, our friend and fellow member, Royal Wood passed away on January 11, 2024 at the age of 77. Royal and his wife Georgia joined the club in 2015. He was very active through his participation in Show and Tell with a willingness to apply new demonstrated techniques into his turnings. The following is from his obituary on Richmond Coach and Cremation Services.

"He was always a woodworker, building cabinets, bookcases and many other things, but he always wanted to turn wood. When he retired he got a lathe and joined the Richmond woodturning club in Richmond, VA. As he got good at it, he had to start doing craft shows to make room to make new items. He REALLY enjoyed the shows, as he loved to speak to people about wood used and answer questions about the different bowls and cutting boards he produced."

The club sends its condolences to Georgia and her family



Richmond Woodturners display at Make Studio



Eighteen turned pieces were displayed for about 6 weeks in two display cases at Make Studio. Make Studio at St. Giles Presbyterian invited RWT to display a series of items in a large gathering room at the church.

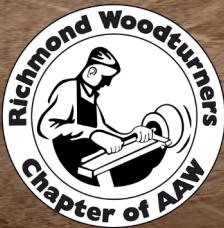
Thank you to all of our members for lending their items to be displayed. It was extremely well received and appreciated.



Future Demonstrations

January - Jacque Versery discussing design

February-Dan Currier discussing photography



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Thank You to two of our recently retired Board members.



Stan joined the club in 2014 and has served as Webmaster since 2015 thru 2023 and also as Resource Director for at least two years.

In addition, Stan was instrumental in the success of the Shop Tour series. His attention to detail (lighting, sound, placement of focus items in the videos) made the final product organized and professional. Most of the equipment used came from his personal inventory and he took ownership and pride in its set up and use. Through his editing process any roughness became invisible. Shop tours could not have occurred without Stan's dedication and expertise.

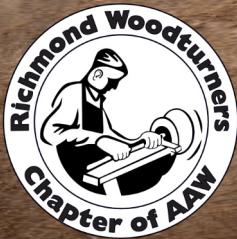
Stan Van Druff

David joined Richmond Woodturners in 2016. David served two terms (2 years each) as Vice President and as such planned for and arranged for monthly demonstrations for the club. David's dedication and hard work was vital in keeping the club going during the Covid era.

David's turning skills and artistic flair is very unique and greatly admired by the club. He has shared his expertise in many demonstrations during the years and has served as a mentor to many of our members.



David Bushman



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It is time to pay membership dues!

The Board for the Richmond Woodturners has decided to keep the dues the same as last year. Your options for payment are as follows:

- 1-Give a check or cash to either Cody Walker or Chuck Bajnai at the next meeting
- 2-Mail a check to Cody Walker at 19375 Vontay Road, Maidens, Va. 23102
- 3-Pay your dues using Paypal on our website:
<https://www.richmondwoodturners.org/membership-shtml>

Annual dues are \$35.00 for a single member and \$45.00 for a family if paying by cash or check payable to Richmond Woodturners. There is an extra \$1.00 fee if using PayPal (\$36.00 for single or \$46.00 for family).

Thanks for your continued interest and participation in Richmond Woodturners.

Chuck Bajnai, Membership Director 804-301-4600

Newsletter Pictures

Pictures from the newsletter are available in a JPEG format upon request to all members. Send request to RWTnewsletter@gmail.com

January Program

The January demonstration will feature Jacque Versery discussing design

Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance (12/1/2023)	\$13,720.27
Income	593.95
Expense	712.99
New Balance (1/1/2024)	\$13,601.23

Join meeting Via Zoom

Be sure to check your email each month for the sign in information to join the meeting with Zoom. If for some reason, it is not in your inbox, simply refer back to a previous invitation for the information which remains the same from month to month.

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

Quarterly Challenges

- 1st quarter 2024- turn wood and some other material
- 2nd quarter 2024- bowls with handles
- 3rd quarter 2024- bowl or vessel accented with texture
- 4th quarter 2024- turn an item to wear



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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. This month Steve Kellner will be discussing spalted wood. Future discussions: February- Ray Deyo on hollow forms.

March- John Daniel on sanding

April-an open question and answer session

May- Dr. Jim Thorp will discuss woodturning and our health.

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:

- 1- Do not wander around the store after they close. Do all your purchases prior to the 7:00 PM closing time.
- 2- Stay in the meeting area until the meeting is over and we are ready to leave. If you do have to leave prior to the end of the meeting, please arrange that with the Woodcraft representative ahead of time.
- 3- That we all leave at the same time, taking all visiting outside the store, so the representative can lock up and leave.

Thanks To Woodcraft Owners

We are all grateful that we get to meet at the Woodcraft store in Richmond. We appreciate the space and the great relationship we have with the Woodcraft owners and team. Each year to express our appreciation, Richmond Woodturners gives the owners a gift certificate to enjoy an evening out on us. This year that gift was to Carabbas Restaurant. Thanks to Ed and Kelli owners of Woodcraft for your generosity to us.



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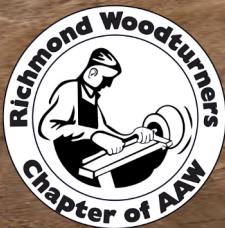
Memories from the Christmas Party



WOW!, Look at all the good food.



Thanks to John and Jenny Daniel for coordinating the party. Also thanks to Chuck Bajnai and Izumi Miller for sharing the pictures they took at the party. It was a great event. We are looking forward to next year.



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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 local chapters globally, AAW members include amateurs, hobbyists, 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 them out at www.woodturner.org. Consider joining today.

Assembly of the new Powermatic 3520C

On January 4, a few members gathered at the Richmond Woodcraft to assemble the club's new Powermatic 3520C. The lathe had been delivered in December, but assembly was deferred to allow for design and construction of a lift and transport mechanism. Chuck Bajnai led the effort to develop and manufacture a device to lift the lathe off its feet and transfer the weight to a set of wheels to make it mobile. Chris Cornwall provided the equipment and expertise for the fabrication. Steve Kellner, Ray Deyo, and Chuck Bajnai did most of the heavy lifting and assembly; Chuck Horton mainly took pictures and fetched tools. The lathe will be introduced to the club at the meeting on January 18.





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Show and Tell

Cody Walker



Steering wheels, tires and hub/axle assemblies were turned. Maple and Walnut finished with walnut oil.

Scott Germain



Spalted Maple finished with Walnut oil and beeswax

Dan Luttrell



Training Grandchildren



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Chuck Bajnai



"BAJNAI" BOWL

Japanese Cedar with walrus oil and walrus polish

Ron Bishop



Maple, Angelim, Holly, Bolivian Rose Wood, Holly and Walnut. Finished with Libron Finishing Oil. It is 5" high x 6 " wide

Jerry Harvey



Ring box. We broke a cookie jar but the lid was intact. Turned a piece of Wenge to fit.4.5", danish oil



Goblet, Epoxy and Walnut wedges 4"x9", polish paste and friction polish



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Steve Kellner



The end of December was my time for bowls; especially bowls with spalting . A One-Way coring tool was used extensively as well. top: sycamore, 6.5 "x 2.5", CA finish + Renaissance wax (cored from December show and tell); top right: BB from Jay Pugh, wood?, 10.5" x 3.5", friction polish + Renaissance wax; mid right: Hackberry, 6.75" x 2" , 4.5" x 1.25", Renaissance Wax; Bottom Right: Sycamore?, 8" x 3", 5" x 1.5", Renaissance wax.; mid & bottom left: maple, 10" x 3.5", 7.5" x 1.5", Renaissance wax finish. Renaissance wax used on spalted wood to minimize color change. Maple could be ambrosia rather than spalting. I'll use these for our discussion on spalting.

Neal Stublen

A Christmas gift for my son and daughter-in-law

Unknown wood, ~11" bowl with carved feet,
Tried & True Original finish





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Jim Thorp



A Christmas tree ornament with presentation box.

Larry Yancey



This segmented bowl is made up of five types of wood (106 pieces total). It is 12-1/4" wide x 4-3/4" tall. It is finished with wipe on poly and then buffed with Beall buffering system

Chuck Horton



Left- spalted Poplar, 7 1/2 " x 3"



Right= Maple 7" x 1 1/2", wall thickness 1/8".

Both finished with Watco Danish oil.





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Scott Synnott



Walnut hollow forms with Danish Oil finish.

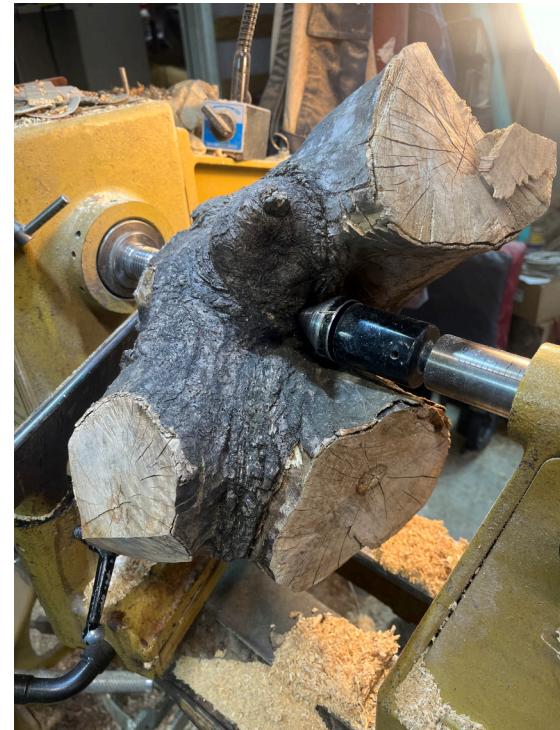


Brad Miller

Japanese Maple, 10" diameter 7" height shellac finish.

The sides are thick, if thinner would loose some bark areas and hole across bottom would have been much wider.

Tree had died a couple of years ago at friends house. He finally removed stump and gave it to me. Showed him the near finished bowl and he could not believe it was the same stump.





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Mike Squire



Segmented Yarn Bowl. Primavera and Mahogany. Finished with wipe-on-poly. 7" tall, 8" wide.



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2024 AAW International Symposium May 23-26, 2024

A photograph of the Portland, Oregon skyline at dusk or night, featuring the Moda Center and the Smith Tower. Overlaid on the image is a circular logo for the "2024 AAW INTERNATIONAL WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM PORTLAND OREGON". The logo has a scalloped edge and contains text and graphics related to the symposium.

REGISTER BY APRIL 5 TO SAVE \$50 | RESERVE YOUR DISCOUNTED HOTEL ROOM

Chapter/Club Symposium Discount

Five or more of your chapter members can get \$40 off each registration!

We want our woodturning chapter members to be able to send as many people as they can to Portland, OR to experience the biggest woodturning event of the year. That's why we are offering a \$40 chapter discount to each member of a group of five or more. Pull together at least five of your chapter friends and submit the form on the website to get your personalized discount code. Then, share the discount code with those chapter members and you can each register for a full registration at \$40 off.

The AAW International Woodturning Symposium is the best event for local chapter members to learn together, make bulk purchases and connections with top vendors, and put their chapter on the map by showcasing their best work in the largest woodturning gallery. This is a great opportunity for new woodturners to tag along with their chapter members and soak in a wealth of woodturning knowledge from some of the most experienced woodturners in the world. Chapter leaders will have the opportunity to network with one another and share experiential knowledge to help grow chapters around the country.

Chapter Discounts must be requested by April 5, 2024.



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Tips and Tricks

Priming a surface with accelerator before applying CA glue

At this point, you probably know that CA Glue and Accelerator are a matched pair when working on your projects. A little spritz of accelerator will speed up the process of glue drying and get your work done faster. However, did you know that you can also use an accelerator BEFORE applying glue to prime the surface?

This has a number of advantages, including preventing the glue from spreading or dripping. Just spray the area you want to place the glue, then apply CA afterwards and the glue will cure from the bottom up, ensuring that your glue stays in place. You can even spray it again after to dry the top surface, just be sure to spray sparingly in both cases, as too much accelerator can cause issues with bonding.

Have you ever experienced CA glue bleeding into porous or soft wood? This is a particular issue with our colored glues, as it can sometimes lead to unsightly veins of color. This is just another reason to spray accelerator before applying the CA glue. The glue will cure instantly upon interacting with the accelerator on the surface of the wood or whatever material you are working with, thus preventing the glue from seeping further than you want it to.

From Starbond

Thanks Chuck Horton for sharing

Free Wood

Curtis Childress has some logs that would be good for small projects that he intends to bring to the meeting. Most cut within the last 6-8 months so relatively green and unsealed. See Curtis at the meeting to claim yours

Want to Purchase

I am looking for a used low speed dual wheel grinder with pedestal if possible. Thanks

Ron Bishop rbishop1946@gmail.com

I'm looking for some pen turning equipment plus vacuum chucks and adapter I have a pump

Terry Stephens brotherman1963@yahoo.com



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NOTICE FOR FOR SALE AND WANT TO PURCHASE ITEMS

Ads for “For Sale” and “Want to purchase items” can run for multiple months, but unless you contact and request that it run again it will be deleted after the month they are shown. Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

Used turning tools. Too many to list. Categories include bowl and spindle gouges, parting tools, skewers, hollowing tools, scrapers, and “specialty” items. Let me know your interest and I’ll bring a selection of those to the next meeting. \$25.00

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

10" Contractor Table Saw, Craftsman 51.218330 for sale, \$250. Saw is approx. 15 years old, but lightly used. Complete with Freud, 3 other blades and a dado set.
Walt Bennett 703-864-2767
theonewaltben@gmail.com



One Way flat tool sharpening and honing jig.
Original cost was \$75, will sell for \$25. I no longer have a need for it. It works best for plane irons, but works for skewes as well.

Contact Chuck Horton at hortoncharles876@gmail.



Looking For a New Home for my Shopsmith

For many years I have enjoyed woodworking and woodturning on a Shopsmith. What makes it more special it was a gift from my father in a time when I could not afford any tools. But, like all things I have moved to other tools. I am, therefore, looking for a new home for my Shopsmith Mark 5. (Model 510) It has many upgrades and works perfectly - always has. If I were to put a price on it no one could afford it because of what it has given to me and allowed me to do. But helping someone start out or grow to a new level of woodworking and woodturning means more than a nice “price.” There are many attachments and extensions for the table. If you know of someone who is starting out, or who wants to upgrade their workshop to do more and enjoy more “sawdust” have them reach out to me. I would love to pass along a very sentimental gift to help them start their woodworking path. Contact John Daniel 804-928-2234 (cell) or email jwdaniel@me.com.



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2024 Officers and Committees

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Newsletter Director- Larry Yancey

Past President #1 – Ray Deyo

Past President #2 – Bill Buchanan

Committee Chairpersons:

Social Media – Vacant

AAW Women in Turning Liaison – Meg Turner

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 dialogs in which we so often engage during our monthly meetings.

<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.

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

From the Editor

MEETINGS- Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Woodcraft. 5:30- 6:15 PM, Turners Talk , 6:30-7:15 PM business meeting, 7:15-8:30 PM program. If you are attending via Zoom, 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 of your work to the newsletter editor at rwtnewsletter@gmail.com for publication in the newsletter and for the presentation used for the meeting. Submissions to rwtnewsletter@gmail.com will automatically be forwarded to Steve Kellner. The deadline for submission of show and tell items to be included in the newsletter is one week prior to the meeting by 5:00 PM



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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 the Richmond 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: [www.woodcraft.com/stores/
richmond/classes](http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/richmond/classes)

Look for classes taught by Ray Deyo, Clark Brummett, Brian Noble-Marx and others.