



# RICHMOND WOODTURNERS

January 2021



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## From the President

As the new RWT president, I'd like to welcome everyone as we kick off our new year. First, I'd like to thank Bill and all the members of the 2020 board for the great job they did in a very trying year. Special thanks to Bob Marchese for the great job he has done over the years as newsletter editor. If I and the new board can be half as successful as the outgoing board, I'll consider it a success! Thank you for all for the work you have done to position the club to be a beacon for woodturners in the Richmond area.

It's a new year for RWT and unfortunately, many of the challenges we have faced over the last year are still with us. I expect we will continue to meet

remotely via Zoom through mid-year. If you have not joined us remotely, please give it a try. We've had interesting demos and discussions and do what we can to keep the meetings interesting. Last month's Tips presentations were great because it stimulated discussions which helped keep us all engaged.

The January demo is a refresher on the lost wood technique which is our first quarterly challenge, and speaking of the challenge, please consider participating. Most of you are more experienced turners than I, so I'm sure you have the skills. Participating in quarterly challenges or sharing recent turnings is a great way to get more involved and engaged.

Get in the shop and make something to share! We're all looking forward to when we can meet in person again. In the meantime, let's try to get the most out of the Zoom meetings as we can! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone (virtually!) at the January meeting.

Thanks,  
Steve Kellner

## Notes from Last Month's Meeting

Thirty-eight members attended the Zoom Meeting, a new high. President Bill Buchanan opened the meeting by introducing incoming members of the Board of Directors and thanking retiring directors for their service. Starting in January, the following persons will fulfill the duties of the offices as shown:

President	Steve Kellner
Secretary	Larry Yancey
Newsletter Editor	Chuck Horton
Activities Director	Katharine Harris
Information and Web Director-	
	Stan VanDruff

Past President #2                      Ray Deyo  
 (Pictures of the above were shown in the October newsletter.)

## NEW HONORARY MEMBERS

As a new item of business, Bill announced that the Club's Board of Directors had, in accordance with the Club By-Laws, conferred Honorary Membership on two new persons. Only one other, Tom Crabb, has been afforded this honor in the past. The two new honorees are Ray Deyo and Dan Lutrell. Ray has been a member for 16 years, has held club offices including President and has given many club demos. In addition, he is the former owner of Richmond

Woodcraft and has been very supportive of the club for many years. Dan Lutrell is also a long-time club member who has held a variety of club offices and contributed to the club in numerous ways. He has most recently served as Membership Director.



Bill Buchanan and Ray Deyo

Awards were given while setting up the display at the Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center. Note that all were practicing proper COVID protocols by wearing masks.



Dan Lutrell and Bill Buchanan

Note: In order to provide flexibility in awarding club honors and clarify titles of the honors, the board will be proposing a modification of the By-Laws.





## Show and Tell



CHUCK HORTON: WATER OAK, 13" X 4", FINISHED WITH SEVERAL COATS OF MINWAX ANTIQUE OIL

## DECEMBER PROGRAM

Instead of a demonstration, the program was a discussion of tips and tricks by Bruce Robbins, Ray Deyo, and Bill Buchanon. (See more in the "Tips and Tricks" Section.)

## Challenges

The fourth quarter challenge was to create a musical instrument or other item that would create a tone. Entries were published in the December newsletter. The winner of a \$25 Woodcraft gift certificate, by random selection was Steve Kellner.

1st Quarter 2021- Lost wood process- Art Liestman style

2nd Quarter 2021- For the kitchen other than a bowl or platter

3rd Quarter - Item with at least 4 individually turned components

4th Quarter: - Child's toy, with kid safe parts and finish



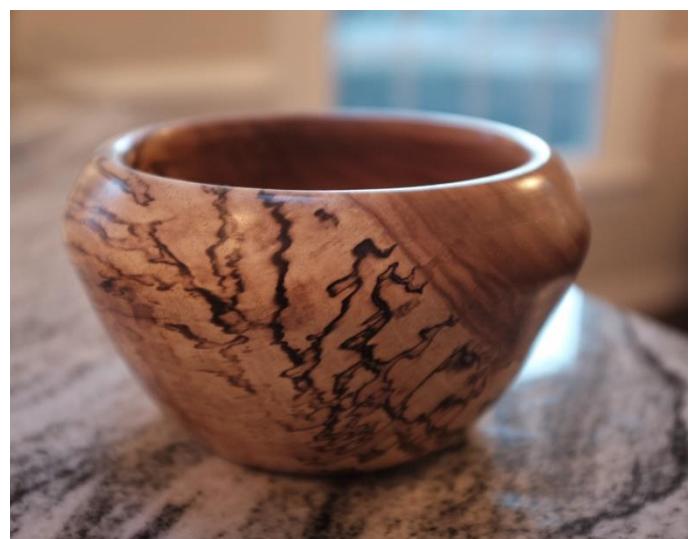
FROM JARED PARKER – TURNING A SNOWMAN WITH HIS 8 YEAR OLD NEPHEW



JARED PARKER: CRAPE MYRTLE. BOTH WERE FINISHED WITH A HOMEMADE ABRASIVE PASTE MADE FROM MINERAL OIL, BEE'S WAX, AND DIATOMACEOUS EARTH



JARED PARKER GNOME MADE FROM A PIECE OF SPALTED MAPLE FINISHED WITH CARNAUBA WAX AND FAUX FUR.



CHRISTOPHER WAGGENER: SPALTED CHERRY BOWL FINISHED WITH A FRICTION POLISH



Christopher Waggener: spalted cherry bowl finished with a friction polish.



STEVE KELLNER: SPALTED SYCAMORE BOWL, TOP VIEW



STEVE KELLNER: SPALTED SYCAMORE BOWL, 15"X 9", LINSEED OIL;



STEVE KELLNER: 4"X 9" WORMY CHERRY BOWL, TABLE TOP VARNISH, SIDE VIEW



STEVE KELLNER: 4"X 9" WORMY CHERRY BOWL, TABLE TOP VARNISH, TOP VIEW



STEVE KELLNER: 3"X 7" UMBRELLA ORNAMENT, SYCAMORE AND EBONY, TABLE TOP VARNISH.



CHRISTOPHER WAGGENER: SPALTED CHERRY BOWL FINISHED WITH A FRICTION POLISH





DAVID BUSHMAN: BLACK WALNUT TURNED AND CARVED, 9 1/2" X 4" TALL. THE FINISH IS MAHONEY'S WALNUT OIL



RAY DEYO: AMBROSIAL BOWL IS THE LARGER ONE. OTHER TWO ARE SPALTED BIRCH. FINISH IS GENERAL FINISHES OIL URETHANE - SATIN



RAY DEYO: BIRCH HOLLOW FORM, WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU REVERSE TURN WITHOUT SECURING THE CHUCK



CHUCK BAJNAI: YARN BOWL ABOUT 9" IN DIAMETER, CHERRY, FINISH IS WALRUS WAX



CHUCK BAJNAI: YARN BOWL, CHERRY ABOUT 9" IN DIAMETER, FINISH IS WALRUS WAX

## January Demonstration

The demonstration for January is a variation of the “Lost Wood Process”. Rick Urban will be the demonstrator.

## Future Demonstrations

From David Bushman, 1<sup>st</sup> VP:

**February** – Dennis Belcher will be presenting his demo titled “When Good Wood Cracks”. Dennis's two hour demo will present various ways to deal with a cracked bowl or vessel. This includes anything from butterflies to zippers. Dennis will provide a follow-up Zoom session two weeks later to answer any new questions that may arise after his demo.

**March, April and beyond** – I plan to have March and April sessions be club-based presentations. Some possible subjects include our kick off of the studio

tours with the video presentation of three of our members studios. I am also planning another group discussion with the topic being photography. I would also like to do a group discussion with the topic being the gouge. Steve Schwartz has volunteered to do a future demo on his embellishing technique using stencils. I have also got some ideas for interesting demos and panel discussions down the line, however, let me know if you have a subject you would like to see or if you would like to do your own demo. I am all ears. (dbushman54@gmail.com)

**May** - In keeping with our second quarter kitchen gadget challenge Kai Muenzer will be coming to us from Canada demonstrating creating some interesting salt and pepper shakers.

## Dues Reminder

Effective Jan 2021, the dues will increase to \$35 per year for single members, \$45 for families. This will be the first increase we have had in the past several years. Guests are welcome, especially at Zoom meetings.

Sixty-six members have paid their dues for 2021 as of January 16, including three new members.

As a convenience, Cody Walker has created a PAYPAL account for the club so you can pay by PAYPAL if you don't want to mail a check. Because the club is charged a fee for this service the cost to you is \$36 or \$46 per year if paid via PAYPAL.

Mail your check to:

Cody Walker  
19375 Vontay Rd.  
Maidens, VA 23102

Please use the following link If you wish to pay via PAYPAL:

<https://www.richmondwoodturners.org/membership.shtml>. New members should complete and return the member application form as outlined in this link.

## News of Note

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Last year there were 100 paid memberships. This year to date 46 have renewed either by check or PAYPAL. Our 2021 budget was based on 100 members, so please renew soon so we have an accurate estimate of memberships and can appropriately plan events and demonstrations.

### CULTURAL ARTS CENTER DISPLAY



If you can, visit the Richmond Woodturner's display at the Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen, 2880 Mountain Road, Glen Allen, VA. Hours are 9:00 – 5:00 Monday-Thursday, 9:00-9:00 Friday and Saturday, Noon-5:00 Sunday. The display will be in place from January 9 through the end of March. This is a family friendly venue, free admission and

conveniently located close to exit 45 (Woodman Road) on I-295.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Board of Directors approved a new mission statement at the December board meeting.

"The mission of Richmond Woodturners is to provide education and information to those who are interested in woodturning and to promote woodturning as an artform within the club and to the general public."

### CLUB LOGO

At the November board meeting, it was noted that the club Logo, as it appears in the Newsletter and on the website is indistinct and unattractive. In case you can't make it out, it is supposed to represent a woodturner at lathe.

The Board then decided to hold a design competition among members. At the December meeting, discussions concluded that entries should be submitted to Steve Kellner in a JPEG format (preferably) and that Stan VanDruff would render the concept more artistically if the submitting member had a good idea, but not the capability to execute it in digital format. It was tentatively decided that the contest would close at the end of February, with recognition of the submitter. There

will possibly be a prize award, but the Board has not yet taken this up.



## DONATIONS

At this time of year, it seems every entity needs money. There are indeed many worthy causes. We are likely to suffer a drop in membership level this year due to the pandemic. That will have a large impact on our 2021 budget. If you get a stimulus check and don't need all of it, please don't forget your club. Richmond Woodturners is an AAW sponsored 501(c)3 chapter qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts per IRS Sections 2055, 2016 or 2522. Donors can deduct contributions made to Richmond Woodturners under IRS Section 170. Make checks payable to Richmond Woodturners and send them to Cody Walker, or contribute via PAYPAL.

## Income and Expenses

Previous Balance: (Dec 2020)	\$7033.04
Income	\$1988.80
Expense	\$205.80
New Balance	\$8816.04

## Mentors

The board discussed trying to re-establish a mentor program. Until a more formal program can be implemented, a list of people willing to advise members on any particular topic will be included in the newsletter. Beginning with:

Ray Deyo – advice on purchasing a lathe, Ray is the former owner of the Richmond Woodcraft with many years of turning and teaching experience as well as lathe sales. Reach out to Ray at [makeitround@comcast.net](mailto:makeitround@comcast.net).

Feel free to volunteer your expertise.

## For Sale

This item was referred to RWT by Mike Moore, President, Blue Ridge Woodturners (Roanoke). A couple has a huge oak tree with about 20 apparent burls on it and hopes to sell them to someone. Contact Mike at 540-521-1435 or email at ssar-emt@rev.net.



THE TREE IS OWNED BY DAVID & MICHELLE BARBER

## Tips and Tricks

This is a new section in the newsletter. Members are invited to submit entries they think will help other members. If you are passing on something you have learned from someone else or read in a publication, giving credit is always appropriate.

## REPEATABLE GRINDER SETTINGS

From Chuck Horton: I don't recall the source, but I didn't dream it up.

This only works for CBN grinding wheels. Friable\* grinding wheels will change diameter over time. Build a jig on your grinder stand to establish a consistent tip exposure.



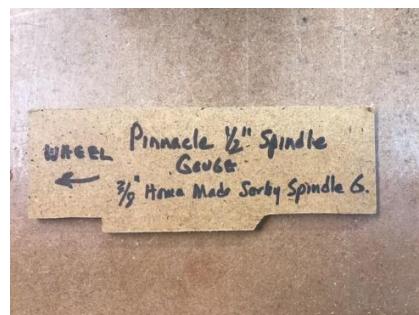
Make your preferred setting for the tool rest.



Measure and cut a piece of Masonite or plywood to tightly fit the gap as shown.



Mark it for future use.



Make one for each gouge grind.

\*Friable: cutting crystals abrade to expose fresh cutting crystals.

## Questions and Answers

Q: How do you keep from getting lint in the finish when using Wipe-On Polyurethane or friction polish?

A: Buy a roll of blue shop towels from any auto parts store for about \$5 and cut a sheet into small wipes. A roll will last for a long time. It will not shed lint.

Q: How do you sharpen a Forstner drill bit?

A: On-line, see Stumpy Nubs Woodworking Journal. He uses a file and a diamond card. Or see other on-line hints: search “how to sharpen a Forstner bit”. You will need a diamond card file and/or a fine file. There is one video using a Dremel type grinder, but unless your have great manual dexterity, you will ruin more bits than you sharpen.



## Meeting Snack Assignments

Enjoy your favorite snack or dessert (or drink) while participating via Zoom Meeting. Have faith that we can meet again by mid-year.

## 2021 Officers and Committees

### Officers

President - Steve Kellner

Vice President - Dave Bushman

Secretary - Larry Yancey

Treasurer - Cody Walker

### Directors

Membership Director - Chuck Bajnai

Activities Director - Katharine Harris

Resource Director - Stan VanDruff

Past President #1 - Bill Buchanan

Past President #2 - Ray Deyo

### Committee Chairpersons

Turning Competition - Jim O'Hanlon

Audio/Video - Jared Parker

Social Media - Vacant

AAW Women in Turning Liaison - Meg Turner

### Newsletter Staff

Editor - Chuck Horton

Contributing Writer/Reviewer – Izumi Miller

Photographer - Tim Warren

## Parting Shot

### NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION TIMETABLE

Meetings occur on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The newsletter will be published on the Monday prior to the meeting. It will be issued to the review committee on the Thursday prior to the meeting. Inputs to the draft newsletter must be sent to the editor by Tuesday of the week prior to the meeting.

Members are invited to submit pictures of their work for Show and Tell and for Challenges. Members are also invited to submit items for sale, tips and tricks, and to post questions about woodturning. Notice that there are new sections, called “Questions and Answers” and “Tips and Tricks”. Members are also invited to submit their answers to questions in the preceding newsletter.

Email entries to [hortoncharles876@gmail.com](mailto:hortoncharles876@gmail.com). For Show and Tell pictures, as well as Challenge pictures, copy to Steve Kellner [rwt president202122@gmail.com](mailto:rwt president202122@gmail.com).

Newsletter entries may be submitted in the body of an email or attachment in Word, pdf or JPEG.

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## Sponsors and Friends of the Club

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: <https://www.woodcraft.com/stores/richmond/classes>.

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



### Contact the store at:

Phone: [804-355-3945](tel:804-355-3945)

Fax: 804-355-2532

Email: [richmond-retail@woodcraft.com](mailto:richmond-retail@woodcraft.com)

9862 West Broad Street

Glen Allen, VA 23060

A screenshot of the Woodcraft website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Green/Undried Woods, Kiln Dried Woods, Search By Size, Bargain Bin, Photo Gallery, Photo Contest, Education Center, Facebook Page, and Instagram Page. The main banner features the text "ONE OF A KIND TURNING BLANKS" and "WHEN ONLY THE BEST WILL DO - ALL INDIVIDUALLY PHOTOGRAPHED." over a background of wood grain.

Mike Leigher

Got Wood? LLC - Online at <https://www.turningblanks.net>

Phone: (864) 378-5200

Email: [service@turningblanks.net](mailto:service@turningblanks.net) or [mike@turningblanks.net](mailto:mike@turningblanks.net)

## Treasurers Report

In early 2020, we discovered that the IRS had no record of the Club's 501 (c) (3) status. Similarly, the Va. State Corporation Commission had no record of the Club's incorporation as a non-profit organization. Subsequently, we filed articles of incorporation with the Corporation Commission and filed an application for non-profit status with the IRS which was granted in June.

The Club's board also developed and adopted an aspirational budget for 2021 that is intended to provide guidance for targeted spending and to establish an equipment reserve fund should Club equipment (audio/visual, lathes, etc) require replacement or upgrading. In conjunction with establishing the budget, the Board recognized that membership dues were failing to cover typical recurring annual operating costs and decided to increase dues to a level that would cover such costs. The Board also decided to establish a PayPal account to give additional options for collecting dues and expending funds.

Finally, Dan Luttrell is spearheading a fund-raising effort to increase the Club's reserves. The donations collected thus far have greatly improved our financial status.

### STATEMENT OF 2020 INCOME AND EXPENSES

BEGINNING TOTAL FUNDS	\$5,697.98
EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL BEGINNING OPERATING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$697.98</b>

#### INCOME

DUES	\$2,762.35
DONATIONS	<u>\$2,260.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,022.35</b>

#### EXPENSES

WOODCRAFT OWNER GIFT CARD	\$100.00
EXHIBITIONS AND OUTREACH (4H)	-
DEMONSTRATIONS & ZOOM	\$1,021.46
COMPETITIONS (RIBBONS)	-
TURNING TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT	-
A/V EQUIPMENT	\$524.39
SHOW AND TELL GIFT CERTIFICATES	-
HOLIDAY PARTY	-
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (BANKING & INCORP COSTS)	\$350.00
AAW INSURANCE	\$200.00
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,295.85</b>

<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,726.50</b>
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ENDING TOTAL FUNDS	\$8,424.48
EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ENDING OPERATING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,424.48</b>

## RICHMOND WOODTURNERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The mission of Richmond Woodturners is to provide education and information to those who are interested in woodturning and to promote woodturning as an artform within the club and to the general public. We have about a hundred men and women who range from beginners to professionals and enjoy sharing their passion for woodturning. We meet the third Thursday of every month. Annual dues are \$35/individual, \$45/family (must reside at the same address), or \$15/student (18 and under) and are due in January for the year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply

New membership,  Membership renewal

Beginner,  Novice,  Advanced,  Professional,  Just interested,

Woodturning Interests:  Vessels,  Bowls,  Pens,  Segmented,  Ornaments,

Furniture,  Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to assist the club by: \_\_\_\_\_

Richmond Woodturners is a local chapter of the *American Association of Woodturners* (AAW). Membership in Richmond Woodturners does not constitute membership in the AAW. Membership in the AAW is suggested, but not required unless you are demonstrating. Please visit [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org) for more information.