



NEWSLETTER

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF WOODTURNERS

Mike Sorge

Diamond bowl and Trillium pagoda lidded box



Mike Sorge scared most of us with the demo last month turning a diamond shaped bowl. He has exaggerated a fingernail grind that lends itself to turning at very high speeds as well as through a majority of air.

To be able to turn a diamond shape at that high of speed, the piece needs to be cut, drilled and balanced perfectly to reduce vibration.

While making the initial cuts the tailstock is in place and he is using a shear cutting method and taking very light cuts while making sure that he, his head, and other body parts are NOT in the line of fire.

You can visit his website at www.mikesorge.com

For step by step instructions click [HERE](#)

He also sells the templates to accurately mark diamonds and triangles

Here are some safety notes from his website

The extended tips of diamonds, triangles and squares are more fragile, always wear a full face shield when turning these geometrics. Wood with any weaknesses such as cracks and “punk” decomposition should be avoided. Have a keen eye for “ghost” imaging and apply focused, patient, steady tool movement; never force the tool too fast. When turning dark wood, consider putting a white pillow case over the lathe bed for contrast to help see ghost imaging, and when turning light wood put a black pillow case over the lathe bed. At all times when the lathe is on, be sure to keep your face, arms, hands and tools clear of the nearly invisible sharp spinning tips, especially when adjusting lathe speed or turning the motor on and off. Balanced geometric shapes such as diamonds, equilateral triangles and squares are easier and safer to turn than out of balance shapes such as isosceles triangles and odd shaped trapezoids. Large out of balance shapes can make a lathe dance! If you haven’t turned large diamonds, triangles or squares, it may be best to start with smaller ones. Turn patiently, “The only thing you can get in a hurry is trouble.”



S b o w a n d T e l l



Joanne Fisher
Box Elder



Joanne Fisher
Alder



Chuck Mosser
Dogwood
Forestry Project



Chuck Mosser
Apple & Dogwood
Forestry Project

S b o w a n d T e l l



Robert Gundel
Norfolk Island Pine



Cody Walker
Apple
Forestry Project



Cody Walker
Magnolia
Forestry Project



Cody Walker
Apple
Forestry Project

S b o w a n d T e l l



Jim Bumpas
Elm
Forestry Project



Jim Bumpas
Elm
Forestry Project



Chuck Bajnai
Bottle Toppers

E d i t o r s C h o i c e



Cody Walker
Apple

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

In less than a week, our September meeting will have ended with only three months left to the year. It's typically a busy period with many members selling their turnings at various events or preparing all those holiday giveaways. And let's not forget the holidays themselves. If you are like me, your concerns about having enough time to accomplish what needs to be done are beginning to grow; your "To Do" lists are becoming more important and there may be a prioritization process taking place. Even with all that, it won't all get done.

Sounds bleak, doesn't it? Actually, we still have three more months; a quarter of a year. That's enough time to accomplish just about anything. We have done the easy stuff and had fun doing it. Now we just need to get the rest done.

Here is my point: I suspect there are some members of our club who have ideas, wishes or suggestions they would like addressed. There are probably a few who may have already offered a suggestion and are waiting for the end result. Then there are those who may hold a thought or idea and need help developing it into a suggestion.

Just as you have three months remaining this year, so does your Board of Directors. We still have time to act, implement ideas or improve the organization to be what you want it to be. So, don't think our year is over yet and keep the communication going. We will enter the process of assessing our own "To Do" list soon (ie: thinking in September about the holiday party in December) but still have room for a few additions if you have them. The Board is an energetic group and if you tell one of us, you have told all of us.

Remember to support the cub on September 24th and visit our Makerfest booth at the Science Museum of Virginia any time between 10am and 5pm.

Be safe, keep communicating and happy turning.

Ray

From Our Pen-turning Friends

Richmond Penturners – September

Cody Walker led this month's meeting with a demonstration on how to make a pen blank using strips of mother of pearl and/or Paua Abalone. Thin/narrow strips are available from a company called Morning Calm in Korea either on their website or through ETSY. Since these strips are very thin, the color of the blank can be modified by painting the tube. The strips are cut to approximate length and adhered to the tube with fingernail polish. Once dry, the blank can be cast in resin followed by turning to final dimension or CA glue can be used to build up the diameter with a slow speed turner. The slow speed turner was of enough interest that we will be building them at our next meeting.

Following the short how-to demo, each member made a blank from kits Cody supplied for a cost of \$6. Once cast, blanks such as these sell at many of the pen supply vendors for \$40, so this was a great deal for all of us.



And here is what the pens look like when finished:



Note: Richmond Penturners meet at Woodcraft on the second Thursday of odd months. Meetings start at 6:30

Next meeting November 10 will be another hands-on demonstration of how to make pen blanks with snake skin and assembling a slow speed turner for building up CA finishes on irregular surfaces.

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

Upcoming Events

Come to the 2016 Virginia Woodturning Symposium!

We know you will find this year's Symposium to be an exciting alternative to Symposiums of previous years. We've updated our format from a hands-on format using local demonstrators to one that features an exciting array of international, national, and regionally known demonstrators - Jimmy Clewes, Trent Bosch, Bob Rosand, Frank Penta, John Jordan, Lyle Jamieson, JoHannes Michelsen and Barry Gross. Additionally, we have expanded the Symposium from one hall with 21,600 sq. ft. to two connected halls having a total of 33,600 sq. ft. This will allow more room and reduced noise.

Plan on spending some time in the New expanded Skills Section. Our volunteers (and maybe even one or two of the demonstrators) will be happy to assist you with that technique that will hopefully improve your woodturning experience. You will be given one-on-one assistance on techniques and methods of your choice.

Make sure you visit the Vendors located in both halls. Many have special prices just for the Symposium and you can pick up that perfect tool and/or supplies you have been wanting and not have to pay shipping! A great savings that will help you get more for your money.

A Message from Trent Bosch:

Trent Bosch is one of the **SIX** featured demonstrators at the 2016 Virginia Symposium being held Nov. 5th & 6th, 2016 in Fishersville, VA. Trent has assisted David Ellsworth at Arrowmont, birthed and breathed life into his own prospering company, (the Rescued Wood Bowl Company), and developed, organized and taught a woodworking program for men in the *early* stages of Alzheimer's disease (the Eagles Club Respite Program). He has been a demonstrator at many AAW Symposiums over the years.

Trent's philosophy is as an artist, to express my feelings about nature, my family and natural processes. I work in series or bodies of work, which allows me to explore these issues in depth. Throughout the creative process I am continually reminded that I have not and will not ever be content. I will continue to create and strive for that body of work that has yet to be conceived."

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

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2/16/2016

March meeting

3/16/2016

April meeting

4/18/2017

May meeting

5/18/2017

June meeting

6/15/2017

July meeting

7/20/2017

August meeting

8/17/2017

The 2016 Whiskey and Artisan Wood Festival

*Friday & Saturday, October 21-22, 2016
This event will take place on Friday, October 21st
with a preview reception starting at 5:00 pm
and opening to the public at 6:00 pm*

Saturday, 10 am -5 pm

*A. Smith Bowman Distillery
One Bowman Drive At Deep Run
Fredericksburg, VA 22408*

Hosted by



Presented by



Admission is Free for this exciting event!

**Meet the makers, hear the stories behind their creations,
add their works to your collections.**

Wood, Glass, Metal, Textiles

Furniture Home Decor Jewelry

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Richmond Woodturners on display at RVA Makerfest



The collage includes several images: top row shows a colorful spiral wood slice, a large shallow bowl, a wooden egg-shaped vessel, a person turning wood, a woven basket, three small vases, a large textured gourd-like object, and a man working on a large circular piece; middle left column shows a person demonstrating a wood lathe, a woven wood bowl, a person turning wood, and two wooden lids; bottom left shows a hollowed-out wooden bowl, a small wooden box, a red wooden vessel, and a group of people at a booth; middle right shows a wooden spoon holder, a black wooden box, a complex woven wooden ball, and a man working on a lathe; bottom right shows a pile of wood shavings and a decorated wooden bowl.

Richmond Woodturners

Benefits

- Monthly Demonstrations
- Mentoring
- Network with other turners
- Learn new techniques
- Enhance turning skills

Monthly Meetings

Third Thursday every month
Woodcraft Store
9862 West Broad St.
Glen Allen, VA
Meeting time: 6:30pm

Learn more at: www.Richmondwoodturners.org

We had our second team meeting in preparation for our booth at the RVA Makerfest to be held at the Science Museum **September 24** from 9:30 to 5. Based on previous events, they are expecting over 10,000 visitors so this should be a good opportunity to showcase our club. If the weather is nice, our booth will be in the Garner Pavilion which is on the left as you face the building along the old railroad tracks. In the case of inclement weather, we will be moved indoors at a location TBD. Our plans include 2 tables displaying our work and 2 lathes with demonstrations throughout the day. Join us for a day of fun and mingling with 100 other displays of makers. Expect to see a little of everything from 3D printers, robotics, blacksmiths, other woodworkers, chocolate makers, artists and more. Free admission for all.

September Challenge
The challenge this quarter is lidded boxes.**December Challenge**
Off-center turning**2017 Challenges**

1st Qtr: Finial longer than 6" (one continuous piece no thicker than 1": longest finial gets the prize.

2nd Qtr: A turning where one piece fits into another (not permanently glued)

3rd Qtr: Turn something out of a tree branch less than 3" is diameter.

4th Qtr: Turn a mixed media piece (must be primarily wood but includes other media (i.e.: polymer clay, metal, glass, anything)

**Please remember to wear your
name-tags**



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!

Financial Report**Balance** **\$7,670.73****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.

September Snacks & Drinks

Georgia Wood	Ice 10 lb bag with cooler
Ron Thompson	Two 2-liter diet drinks
Royal Wood	Two 2-liter regular drinks
Shana Williams	Two 2-liter non caffeine drinks
Sherman McLaughlin	Sweet snacks (cookies, etc)
Stanley VanDruff	Sweet snacks (cookies, etc)
Steve Clement	Sweet snacks (cookies, etc)
Steve Schwartz	Salty snacks (p-nuts, etc)
Terry Moore	Salty snacks (p-nuts, etc)
Tim Warren	Salty snacks (p-nuts, etc)

October Snacks & Drinks

Tom Crabb	Ice 10 lb bag with cooler
Wally Ubik	Two 2-liter diet drinks
Zach Adams	Two 2-liter regular drinks
Aage Rendalen	Two 2-liter non caffeine drinks
Alan Harrell	Sweet snacks (cookies, etc)
Alice Hastings	Sweet snacks (cookies, etc)
Andy Hammer	Sweet snacks (cookies, etc)
Ann Horton	Salty snacks (p-nuts, etc)
Barbara Dill	Salty snacks (p-nuts, etc)
Ben Green	Salty snacks (p-nuts, etc)

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

For sale or trade

Delta 46-745

16" swing. Lathe only, no tools or accessories

Contact Rollie Sheneman 804-233-5366.

Jean-Francois Escoulen Ball-&-Socket Eccentric Chuck



One, never been used, still in its original box, Jean-Francois Escoulen eccentric chuck, V1. The chuck consists of a main body and three "balls" or inserts that have holes drilled through them.

The balls are:

20 mm ball for items 7" long and up to 1 1/2 inches in diameter

30 mm ball for items 7" long and up to 2 3/8 inches in diameter

40 mm ball for items 8" long and up to 3 1/8 inches in diameter

Also included is a Stronghold adapter manufactured by OneWay to fit a 1 1/4 inch X 8 TPI drive. Original instructions, installation tools, and training tips are included. Purchased in approximately 1996.

Asking \$150.00.

Escoulen chucks are presently version #3 and are manufactured by Vicmarc. They retail for \$445.00 plus the adapter which is \$43.00.

Jim Marstall jim@marstall.com

Lake Anna 540-872-4489

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

Visitors/New Members

1st Time Visitors

Jack Haar
Ray Twomey

New Members

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.

Please remember that each item needs a description, price, city, seller's name and contact info (phone/email).

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

Lee Scarbrough Chairperson of nominations

Upcoming Demonstrations

Demo schedule for 2016

Sept. 15th	Ray Deyo	Hollowing techniques
Oct. 20th	Bob TIngle	Sea Urchin Christmas Ornament
Nov. 17th	Barbara Dill	Multi Axis Turning

**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

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>