

Richmond Woodturners Newsletter March 2006

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Next Meeting:

March 16th @Woodcraft
(always the third Thursday of every month)

2006 Dues – It is that time again. Please give Gene Milstead or Danny Luttrell \$25 for your annual dues. A check Payable to Richmond Woodturners is acceptable.

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.

Turning Challenge Schedule:

March: Bowl coring, More 4-H Ideas & Open Turning
April: Cored Bowls, Members Choice
May: Hollow Form
June: Multi-Axis Turning

Program Schedule:

March: David Sterling, TBA
April: Barbara Dill, Multi-Axis Turning
May: Multi-Axis Turning, Cindy Drozda (Memorial Day FROM 9-11AM)
June: ...
July: ...
August: Sid's Place?
September: ...
October: Bob Rosand?
November: VA/NC Symposium
December: Christmas Party

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>. One of his ornaments can be viewed in the picture to the right. Can you tell which one is his? This ornament was won at one of our meetings.

New Members & Visitors:

Please welcome first time visitor Lucy Jenkins.

Symposium Notes:

Aage Rendalen asked a very important question at our last meeting about whether there would be anything at the symposium of

interest there for the average Woodturner. Well, it would not exist, if not for the average Woodturner. This is a place where one can meet the professionals and make new friends. See more below:

The AAW Symposium in Louisville is fast upon us. It will be Thursday, June 22, 2006 through Saturday the 24th. There are always many great reasons to attend: There will be 30 world class demonstrators putting on 150 rotations in eleven demonstration rooms.

There will be a room where Bonnie Klein and Nick Cook will teach hands on classes to young people ages 10 through 17. The youth can register FREE when accompanied by a fully registered adult.

As they did last year, they will give away 25 JET Midi lathes with stands, 25 sets of Crown tools, 25 Nova Midi-chucks and 25 face shields to 25 of the lucky youths. (Bring your kids or grandkids)

See the world's largest instant gallery of over a thousand spectacular pieces. (The collectors will be there) Visit the Trade Show filled with the world's largest assortment of woodturning tools, equipment, wood, etc.

There will be three panel discussions featuring world famous artists J. Paul Fennell, Binh Pho, David Ellsworth, Graeme Priddle, Curt Theobald, Clay Foster, Albert LeCoff, Kevin Wallace and Giles Gilson.

They will have a great banquet and live auction. There are three great woodturning exhibitions within blocks of the symposium.

Louisville has more to do than we can list here. Danny visited this last weekend and loved it.

Also, you have 55 BIG reasons to register to come to the Louisville AAW Symposium. For door prizes, how about FIVE Oneway 2436 lathes free, thanks to special pricing from Oneway Manufacturing or FIFTY \$100 gift certificates donated by Packard Woodworks? For more information, go to: <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006>

Notable Products:

If you are looking for a quality bottle stopper try the stainless steel ones available from Ruth Niles at the following website: www.torne-lignum.com/stoppers.html.

Barry Irby has tried them and is quite pleased with their quality.

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!

Website of the Month:

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~pwguild/p-quasi.htm> "QUASI TURNING":



Check It out!

February Demo:

Barry Irby demonstrated bowl coring. Barry described the setup and use of the coring jig along with the touch and feel of the tool. His demonstration of a home made template made of clear plastic to help align the cutter will prove to be very helpful. Cutting a blind deep curve takes a lot of nerve and is best accomplished with up front planning to build the confidence.

Sometimes the best lessons are learned from mistakes or material failures. Barry was cutting a large dry blank previously prepped for the demo. As you may see in the photo the spigot failed to hold the blank. Green wood has more strength than dry wood. The best time to rough out your bowls is when you first cut the wood. Be sure to leave enough thickness for warping and shrinking as the wood dries.

Barry did a great job. His presentations provide a host of technical details which are gleamed from experience

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Barry and His Tools!



A good cut starts with a good layout.



Time To Dig In



A little misfortune! Most likely due to the wood being to dry.

Members Challenge Photos:



Is Someone Thinking Louisville?



We Do It All



The Big and The Small



Beautiful Wood!



Nice Form



A Special Thank You from 4H!



A Real Variety

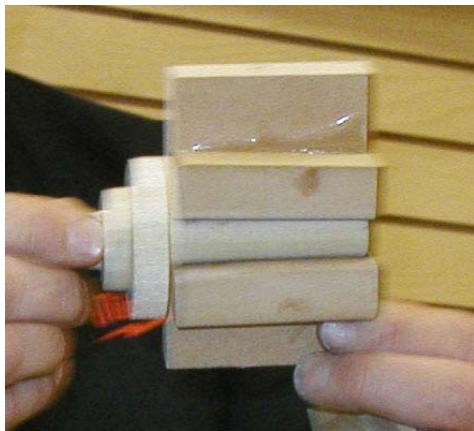
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Members Tech Tip:

One of our members submitted this “jig for a jig” along with a complete potential project for the 4H. What a simple and easy way to make a Morse taper. Just cut a few short blocks, lay your center or other tapered tool on one block and glue on the other two for a perfect fit. Turn your new jig fitting it to this template.



Jig For A Jig

AAW Members:

There will be 3 open positions on the Board of Directors of the AAW this year. The Nominating committee will select six names from all that apply to be nominated and those six will be on the ballot for the general election to fill the 3 vacant seats. In order to be considered for nomination, the following 3 things must be sent to the AAW Managing Director, 222 Landmark Center, 75 W. Fifth St., St. Paul, MN 55102, postmarked no later than May 15, 2006. (Last year two people missed the postmark date and could not be considered).

1. A statement of intent including qualifications and reasons for applying.
2. Letters of recommendation from 2 individuals who can affirm your organizational and leadership abilities.
3. A photograph of yourself (shoulders and head).

Many times, the best people do not step forward to serve; they must be asked and encouraged. You know who the leaders in your chapter are. If you feel that they could bring real leadership skills to the AAW, encourage them to submit the above information before May 15th. If you feel that you could be an asset to the AAW membership, submit your own information.

Please forward this message to your chapter members as soon as possible.

More Symposium Notes:

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 . This is a great opportunity for your chapter members to have some real fun while building their turning skills and at the same time, help sick kids in need. What a deal! If you have any questions, contact Greg as shown above. Thanks, John Hill – Chairman AAW chapters and membership committee Johnhill@charter.net 828-645-6633

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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 or 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/>