



NEWSLETTER





We had a great Christmas Party!! Special thank you to Joanne Fischer for her help and guidance in setting up the party. And a hearty thank you to all the people that brought hot pots. it was a great success.

DEC 2017 CHALLENGE



Robert Gundel, Camphor with Turquoise,
Buffed and waxed, 3 x 10



Galen Rice, Cherry with Coffee and
Aluminum Wire Pen, Turners Finish



Bruce Robbins, Maple with Polymer Clay, CA
finish



Ray Deyo, Maple Burl with
aluminum, Urethane finish



Larry Plating, Holly with Coral & Gold Leaf,
Wipe on Polly & Wax



Jerry Fisher, Elm & Maple with Metal Inset,
Mallet



Joanne Fisher, Cherry with Inset, Oil Finish



Chuck Horton, Cedar with Inlaid & Coffee Grounds, 13" dia x 5"



Brad Miller, Oak with Nickel Inlay, Wax finish



Bob Silkensen, Walnut with Epoxy Highlight, Poly finish



Herb Walke, Light up Bottle with Maple Base, Base holds battery pack, Remote control changes patterns of light



Dan Luttrell, 3 Maples with Antler & Corian, Lacquer, 1 3/4"



Cody Walker, Walnut & Maple with Resin, Wipe on Poly, 6"

BEST OF THE YEAR



Robert Gundel, Santa Rosa Plum, Waxed & Buffed, 13 x 15



Phil Duffy, Red Oak burl, Varnish, 9", Fruity Wood



David Bushman, Southern Magnolia, GF Salad Bowl finish



Chuck Horton, Magnolia, Wipe on Poly, 13-14"



Charlie Hamilton, Maple, Walnut Oil finish



Bob Silkensen, Maple, Basket Illusion



Bill Jenkins, Pine, Maple, Milk Paint & Poly Oil finish, 36" x 16", Windsor Side Chair



Dan Luttrell, Hard Maple, Lacquer, 33" x 2 3/4"

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Looks like that time of year again for a little R&R. So while many of you may be resting and relaxing from a busy holiday season and trying to work off a few pounds gained at our holiday party I thought I would give some thoughts to reflections and resolutions. When I stepped into the president's role last year I knew I was about to take over on solid ground. It's always easier to lead from a position of strength and this was no exception. So my first look back involves a big thank you to the previous board. Next I have to give a shout out each of the other board members who are the real engine for making our meetings great. As each of them works silently and mostly behind the scenes, it's easy to forget their contributions. Bill King has provided us with a year full of great demos at each of our meetings trying to balance the interests of novice and pro turners alike. Bob Marchese tirelessly publishes our newsletter chock full of timely information and great pictures that capture our culture. Somehow each month Georgia Wood manages to set up our refreshment table with enough goodies to keep us all happy and this year led the exhibition at Ginter Park. And the little thing of managing the holiday party. Cody Walker keeps our books in order, writes our checks, makes sure we have gift cards for the monthly drawings and files our tax returns. Stan VanDruff manages our web site, has added several new features this year, and even got recognition from AAW this year as one of the best in the organization. John Anderson, our secretary takes great notes at our board meetings and with the help of Stan; we now have them archived for future reference. Chuck Bajnai keeps a close eye on our resources including our expanded tool library. In addition, Chuck has agreed to coordinate group buys so if you have an idea and can interest some others, get a hold of him. Last but certainly not least is our long standing membership manager, Dan Luttrell. Dan makes it a point to greet all new members and guests with a warm welcome and introduction to our club. Thanks also to the members who led our committees and managed our external exhibitions and to all those demonstrators who shared our hobby with young and old. I may not be the best top turner around, but I think I got enough smiles when I parted them off and gave them to patiently waiting small hands. If you haven't signed up to demo at these events, consider doing so in 2018.

Here are some of the other highlights:

- ... 16 new members in 2017
- ... Added Jamieson Hollowing Rig to our tool library
- ... Added 2 Nova Chucks to our club mini lathes
- ... Continued our Tops for Kids program
- ... Had 7 club sanctioned demonstration events outside of regular club meetings
 - ... Competition/Exhibition @ Woodcraft
 - ... Forest Camp
 - ... State Fair
 - ... Crossroads Art Center (Forest Project)
 - ... Makerfest
 - ... Regency Square Construction Junction
 - ... Ginter Park Botanical Gardens Winterfest

So my resolution for 2018 is to try to be as successful as 2017.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year.

Safe turning,

Bruce

RICHMOND PENTURNERS NEWS

John Penberthy kicked off the New Year with a demonstration on how to make pen blanks using real tobacco leaf and cigar bands wrapped around brass tubes and then casting in resin. After numerous failures, his persistence paid off with a repeatable process for success.

Preparing the tube: John starts out by painting the tube with black nail polish. This provides a dark background to hide small holes that may appear in the leaf.

Preparing the leaf and band: As purchased, the leaf and band are too thick to be used. If wrapped around a tube, the diameter would be too large. To mitigate this, John uses a rolling pin to thin these out followed by carefully adhering a piece to the painted tube. John uses nail polish as the adhesive and a strip of polyethylene from a milk carton to smooth out the surface.

After drying, one thin coat of polyester resin is applied with a brush and allowed to dry. The band is then glued on followed by 2 more coats of resin. After drying, the coated blank is ready for casting in a mold and finally ready to be turned into a pen.



Following this demonstration, Bruce Robbins gave a quick demo on how to make simulated ash from buckeye burl for closed end pens. After turning to size and cutting a small tenon to fit in the tube the outside can be textured with a round burr and a Dremel tool. The picture below is from another method of making cigar leaf blanks but leaving the outside natural in lieu of casting.



The display at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens will continue through Jan 13th. Georgia will pick them up and have them at the Jan 18th meeting.



FROM AAW

Brrrr!

Many areas of the U.S. experienced arctic temperatures in early January. Brrrr! What a frosty way to begin the new year!

Oftentimes, when woodturners muse about the expression, "Brrrr!" their thoughts leap to the word "burr" and then go directly to "scrapers" -- all in a subliminal game of woodturning word association. Well, we Minnesotans made the connection between brrrr, burr, and scrapers, and decided to share some useful information about burrs and scrapers with you in this week's article and video pick.

In his article, "Real woodturners do use scrapers!" from the Spring 2003 issue of *American Woodturner*, Russ Fairfield explains three different edges you can put on a tool -- no burr, micro burr, heavy burr -- and their uses. He introduces and compares the three edges in a simple turning exercise.



UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS

January: Jim Bumpas and Ron Bishop examine hollow forms and carving techniques

February: How do they do that? Join us for "The Jig is Up" - a look at some popular jigs to facilitate your turning.

March: Explore the fascinating world of Segmented Turning with Bob Silkensen, Terry Moore, and Bill King

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming in April: the Second Annual Richmond Turn-a-thon.

2018 Challenges

1st Qtr: Something made of 3 or more species of wood

2nd Qtr: Functional utensil that is not a bowl

3rd Qtr: Hollow form

4th Qtr: Shop tool

2019 1st Qtr: Jigs

Further definition of these maybe forthcoming.

Richmond Woodturners Quarterly Challenge

The Challenge will now be regularly scheduled for the third month of each quarter (March, June, September, and December). Entries will be placed on a table separate from the Show-n-Tell table.

Club Jet Mini Lathes for Sale by Sealed Bid

The club owns 2 mini lathes which have been mainly used to bring to outside locations for club sponsored demonstrations. While these lathes have served their purpose, the board has decided to replace these with newer models. Both lathes have new bearings and belts installed. One has a new switch. Several more experienced turners noticed that there is some play in both of these and when turning larger objects, may experience some chattering. For smaller objects such as pens, bottle stoppers, small bowls, tops or even as a buffing station these would perform satisfactorily. In this same condition, they have been used at many demonstrations in the past few years.

What is for sale:

2 Jet mini lathes (10 x15) – **DOES NOT INCLUDE NOVA CHUCKS OR STANDS** - Will include accessories that we have other than the chucks and stands. Both should have tailstock centers and drive centers but may not have faceplates. Lathes are available for inspection in the storage room at Woodcraft opposite the meeting rooms.

How it works:

Sealed bids will be accepted at any time from members in good standing until the February Club Meeting. Envelopes with cards will be made available at the January and February meetings. Write your bid on the card along with your name and contact information, seal in the envelope and hand to Bruce Robbins. If you can't make either meeting, you may email your bid along with contact information to brobbins629@verizon.net Bids will be opened at the February 2018 Club meeting. The highest bid will get first pick, the second highest bid will get the remaining lathe. In the event of a tie, winners will be selected by random drawing. You don't have to be present to win.

January Snacks & Drinks

- Georgia Wood.....Ice and Cooler
- Bill Walters.....1-Liter of Coke
- Bob Hudson.....1-Liter of Coke
- Bob Silkensen.....1-Liter of Diet Coke
- Bob Tingle.....1-Liter of Caffeine Free Soda
- Bonnie Cross.....Chips
- Brad Miller.....Cookies
- Brian Witt.....Sweet Snack
- Bruce Robbins.....Salty Snack
- Cecil Barrett.....Salty Snack

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

Visitors

New/Returning Members

Elected board

President: Bruce Robbins

1st Vice President: Bill King

2nd Vice President: Georgia Wood

Treasurer: Cody Walker

Secretary: John Anderson

Newsletter: Bob Marchese

Resource Manager: Chuck Bajnai

Membership Manager: Dan Luttrell

Information Manager: Stan VanDruff

Past President Board Members:

Dick Hines

Lee Scarbrough

Jim Bumpas

Dan Luttrell

Committee Chairpersons

Barbara Dill Chairperson of the AV
Committee

Jim O’Hanlon Chairperson for the
Turning Competition
Committee

For sale or trade

If you have any items to list in the For Sale or Trade
Section,
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”.

Financial Report

Balance \$ \$9087.51.

Meeting Schedule

January	1/18/2018	July	7/19/2018
February	2/15/2018	August	8/16/2018
March	3/15/2018	September	9/20/2018
April	4/19/2018	October	10/18/2018
May	5/17/2018	November	11/16/2018
June	6/21/2018	December	12/21/2018

AAW Membership

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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 and Brian Noble-Marx.