



# Woodturners Anonymous of Richmond

<http://www.richmondwoodturners.org>

## February 2008

**Next Meeting:** @Woodcraft, Willow Lawn Shopping Center, 4925 West Broad St (250W), Richmond, on the third Thursday of every month, 7PM. Refreshments.

### February 21

#### Challenge Schedule:

Feb: Pepper Mill

March: Platter

#### Program Schedule:

Feb: Jim Bumpass –Platter

March: TBA

April: TBA

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### Demo for the Month: Wine Bottle Pepper Mill with Sid Mace

Make a turning blank 3.5 “square by 12+ inches. This can be a solid block, glued up end grain squares, glued up 3/4 inch wood or anything else you wish to try. Only thing necessary is good glue contact to all wood surfaces. (Ray sells the pepper mill grinder parts) Get the 10 inch one which can be cut down if necessary. Turn a 2+ inch tenon on each end for reverse chucking later. Many Forstner bits (2 – 3/4 inch) were used as was a drill bit extension. Drill out the bottom to about 4 inches deep. Use a drill diameters suggested by your grinder mill instructions. Mark the blank half way up from the bottom. Cut into it with a parting tool. Make a tenon on the head stock end. Finish cutting off the bottom with a thin blade saw. Size the tenon to 2 inches in diameter but only deep enough (3/8” or less) to get a good hold on it with a 4-jaw chuck; flatten the end then drill it out with a 3/4 inch drill to about 1.5 inches deep (Diameter for the top part of mill to be attached). Don’t drill all the way through the top blank (Drilled later from the other end to make sure it’s centered). Chuck up the bottom piece and true up

the cut end. Drill a 2 “ hole about 3/8 inch deep then drill through with a smaller (1 3/4”) bit. Remove it from chuck and replace with the top piece. Place the bottom on the tenon and use a cone center to hold it all together (neck end of bottle is in the head stock). Turn it round. Wine bottles taper slightly toward the bottom. Start the neck about 1 1/4 [Continued on page 2]



Turn it round then separate the top from the bottom



Fit the parts together for final



### Meeting Vibrations

AAW Update: Danny still needs 3 team leaders. Children’s Hospital will be the Return to Community recipient this year. Please turn a toy. Sat Feb 9 at 1:30pm at the Marriott will be a planning meeting. More AAW news in the newsletter. The Christmas auction netted the club \$388. Phil E needs eye surgery. A Get-Well card was signed by the club members at the meeting. Guy C wants everyone to look up what a “Klein bottle” is on the web. I found a nice one at (<http://plus.maths.org/issue26/features/mathart/index-gifd.html>). Looks like something for Tom C to try out. If it can be made in glass, why not wood. Lee S hopes to get a big named turner in for an April Demo. Mike L will email out information on the collaborative project.

## Club Dues Are Over Due

**Coming Soon Out Of VA:**

**April 5**, A Day on the Lathe, Concord, NC. Early Registration by March 15. [Woodsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:Woodsmith@yahoo.com)

**April 10-13**, CODA Conference, Little Rock, AK Early Registration March 5. [www.codacraft.org](http://www.codacraft.org)

**May 22 - 24**, Utah Symposium will be held at the Utah Valley State College, which is close to BYU.

**Coming Soon In VA:**

**April**, Don Geiger

**June 20—22** , AAW 2008 Symposium, Richmond

The club's **2008 AAW membership drive** was quite a success. Our efforts netted us two free entries to the Symposium including banquet tickets at a value of \$280 each. The registrations will be given to two club members on a need basis. The recipients will remain anonymous unless they choose otherwise. The board is soliciting your nominations. Talk to Mike.

**Hotel rooms** at the MARRIOTT are sold out SOLD The OMNI is next in line then the CROWN PLAZA, etc; so rooms may be difficult to find. Asking for volunteers who would allow fellow AAW members to be guests in their home during the 2008 Symposium in exchange them to stay in AAW homes in Albuquerque, NM during the 2009 Symposium.

**New Members:**

Mark Roth ; Brian Goulet

George Schooler, Mark Williamson

[Pepper from page 1] inch above the cut for the twisting part and cut it down to 1+ inch diameter (corks are 3/4 + inch diameter) Clean up with a scrapper, then on to sanding 120 grit to 320 or more. Cut off the rest of the bottom tenon. Reverse chuck the top and finish cutting the neck. Drill out the rest of the neck. Sand the inside of the neck to smooth out where the two drillings meet. Sand the rest of the neck. Attach the grinding mechanism with 5 min epoxy. That is a basic wine bottle pepper mill. Now let your imagination go wild and bring them in next month.



The **Southern Piedmont Woodturners** presents the third annual "A Day at the Lathe" 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Saturday, April 5 at the Davis Theatre in the Historic Courthouse, 65 Union St. S., Concord, NC. Featuring nationally and internationally recognized woodturners Dave Barriger, Larry Hasiak, and John Lucas. Each turner will present a two hour woodturning demonstration; Dave Barriger - Elevated Turnings, Larry Hasiak - Hollowing the Low Tech Way, and John Lucas - Hand Mirrors. See attachment. There will be an Instant Gallery, Raffle , and Auction. \$45 pre registration by March 15 or \$60 at the door. Come and renew old woodturning friendships and make new ones. Please forward this message to anyone who may be interested. Hope to see you there. Barry Russell, President  
Southern Piedmont Woodturners [woodsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:woodsmith@yahoo.com)

**SAWDUST PERSON** by Aage R **Phil English** is one of our club's most accomplished turners. When he retired from the Marine Corps in the early 80s, he started his own craft company; after 10+ years he sold the company to focus on wood turning. What got him into turning was an order to produce 900 candlesticks shaped like the Space Needle. For a while he primarily produced salad bowls, 1000 + a year at the height. Phil still has a stash of rough-turned bowls just in case, but now he focuses on gallery quality hollowings that sell for \$1000+ a piece through his web site or at major arts and crafts shows. He specializes in large hollow forms in exotic woods. Phil mounts his enormous blanks on the lathe with a lift-rig, and supports them with a steady rest and tailstock. Then he goes to work shaping the outside. Since blanks of this size still are green on the inside and the hollowing can take many days, he has to cover up his blanks at night to keep them from warping or cracking. Phil is not intimidated by cracks or checks; his wood is too expensive to be discarded for such petty reasons. If cracks still remain visible when he arrives at the final shape, he reaches for superglue and applies it liberally to seal up any crevice. In extreme cases he uses epoxy mixed with an appropriate color to accent this unique character. Take a look at his web site: [www.artfromthelathe.com](http://www.artfromthelathe.com) or stop by his gallery/workshop in Thornburg, VA. Phil has had recent eye surgery and we hope he will be back to turning real soon.



### News Flash

**Collaborative project:** A few of our members are working on a design for a wine barrel to hold the bottles. A square box meeting the rules would be 33 inches on each side. This is a little larger than I had originally thought. Producing our items at a reduced size provides more opportunity for all of our members to participate. Maybe we will be able to include a few full/actual size items. Let's produce our best and see where it takes us. You do not have to attend the symposium to participate. Let your imagination be your guide. Segmented, inlayed, offset, natural edge, exotic, or native bring them on! Thanks, Mike

**2008 Winter/Spring course schedule at The Johannes Michelsen School of Woodturning.** This schedule is also available on my new website [www.johannesmichelsen.com](http://www.johannesmichelsen.com) Feel free to email me directly and I will send you a document with all the course info and available scheduled dates. This year, we are offering our most successful wood-hat-turning workshops as well as lessons in basic bowl turning. **We are pleased to announce that Graeme Priddle will be joining us as instructor again in May!** We already have a number of turners who are interested in learning Graeme's incredible woodworking and sculptural techniques. **Availability is limited.** Why Not Call The Studio Now - 802-362-3481 [joh@woodhat.com](mailto:joh@woodhat.com) [www.JohannesMichelsen.com](http://www.JohannesMichelsen.com) [www.HannesTool.com](http://www.HannesTool.com) 1336 Main Street, PO Box 562, Manchester Center, VT 05255

### Treasurer's Report

Balance forward	\$2661.22
Income: Christmas Auction	\$388.00
Sandpaper	\$52.50
Dues	\$1079.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$1519.50</b>
Debits :	
Sandpaper	\$ 34.75
Supplies (ink & gift cards)	\$226.26
Total debit	\$261.01
<b>Current balance</b>	<b>\$3919.71</b>

## Turning Challenge



**Challenge:** Bottle stoppers, off center goblets, natural edge bowl, lidded vessel, lamp. Angel, Segmented vessel

**Wood:** Cherry, maple, walnut, weeping cherry, Christmas auction wood, elm, White top, cherry burl

**Prize:** Woodcraft gift certificate

Officers for 2007

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**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, for only \$1. Loose it and you bought it A reference list of available material will be forthcoming .

**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.

The AAW 2008 Symposium is scheduled for RICHMOND, VA. All clubs within a 100 mile radius will be asked to help a lot. Website is up [www.aaw2008symposium.org](http://www.aaw2008symposium.org). Location will be at Richmond Convention Center.

Danny L will be the AAW contact person for 2008 symposium @ Richmond. Tom Crabb will be our group symposium project chairman

**AAW Symposium News**

**On-line symposium registration** is now available at <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2008/> for the AAW Symposium. Note also the banquet/auction seating is limited to 1,700. This may sound like a lot but when there could easily be 2,500 attendees plus spouses the seats will go fast. So please register early! Mike made his this morning :) The AAW member's area access is below: <http://woodturner.org/member/MemberLogOn.asp> You may call the AAW offices at 651 484-9094 to register or for help with on-line member sign in.

It is time to begin the process of **electing three new members to the AAW Board**. A principal responsibility of the Nominating Committee is to "seek out and encourage qualified candidates" to offer themselves as candidates for the Board. The qualifications and process of electing new Board members is outlined completely on p.28 of the Resource Directory. While the AAW leadership is aware of some people who would be good Board members, we certainly do not know even a fraction of the 13,200+ AAW members who would be a good Board member. Please look over your Chapter membership list and see if you can identify someone who you think might be a good Board member. The members of the Nominating Committee are Don Derry, John Hill and Larry. Please let one of us know the names and contact information of anyone you think might have the interest and ability to run for the Board. We will approach these persons and initiate the process. As always, please feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions or comments.

Our goal is to put the **best videographers** in the AAW behind the cameras at the 2008 Symposium in Richmond, VA. They will be given a complimentary symposium registration in exchange for doing the video at six sessions. To recommend a videographer for Richmond: E-mail: [video@hockenbery.net](mailto:video@hockenbery.net) Subject: Video Recommendation Include: Videographer's name & e-mail address, Your name and position, and a 150 word max recommendation. Thanks, Al Hockenbery, AAW

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 us every month!