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Next Meeting:

@Woodcraft, the third Thursday of every month

DECEMBER 21, 2006

Turning Challenge Schedule:

December: Photo of your art & Instant Gallery

January:

February:

Program Schedule:

December: Christmas Party

January: Sid Mace

February: Tom Crabb

March: TBA

April: Myron Curtis– Making your own tools

May: Dug Campbell—Only the Skew

June: TBA

New Members:

Andy Hammer

Jim Welch

Visitors:

Jim Severson

Richmond Woodturner's Newsletter

Photographing Your Woodturnings with Guy Cox

Guy gave a good PowerPoint presentation on every thing you did not know about cameras. Being educated as a physicist, he got into lens, f-stops and hyperfocal distance deeper and faster than the old brain could retain. Good thing he also had handouts and CDs for those of us slow learners.

1. A camera is like a lathe. One is not enough. Bigger, heavier and more expensive is always better. Practice as your results depend upon your skill level.
2. The lens makes the camera, pay for a good one.
3. F-stop numbers measure light & depth of field; higher f-stops mean increase in depth of field & less light getting into the camera.
4. Viewing distance means points closer to the camera are magnified more, causing distortion of the image. You can crop & size the image later so hold off on the zoom button.
5. Exposure rule of thumb: increase the shutter speed by one step & a smaller f-stop equals the same exposure index. Set the shutter speed to reciprocal of film speed (ASA200=1/200 speed). Set f-stop (bright sand/snow-f22, distinct shadows-f16, fuzzy shadows-f11, & blacklit-f8). Adjust for depth of field.
6. Color balance for different lights. Incandescent are red-yellow; halogen are white; fluorescent are green or worst. Use color filters or white balance adjustment (digital) to correct.
7. Lighting should be even overall but not flat. Shadows add modeling & make the object look round.

Richmond Woodturners Elections

The hanging chads are counted and Roy Tedesco announced the Winners and Officers for 2007 year

President: Mike Lane

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Announcements:

Library Needs:

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Coming Soon:

Lyle Jamieson will be here March . That is Saturday & Sunday following our regular meeting day. His topic is Wood turning A-Z.

Next month: Sid at the lathe. Will we see fish, hats or something different? Don't miss it!

Sid Mace donated an antique bandsaw to the club. It was sold on eBay for a profit of \$200.

Christmas Party, @ next meeting. Bring food, other half, extra stuff for the silent auction and your 2 best pieces of the year for the instant gallery.

Sweatshirts with your name & club on them from the same place we are getting the polo shirts. Only ~\$18 for the light weight version. Get one for Christmas. Contract Jim Pellick or bring money to the next meeting.

8. Specular highlights can be minimized by a polarizing filter or changing the location of light direction.

9. Background should be plain with no pattern & 3-4 times the size of the object. Use a lint roller.

10. Setup – shoot verticals, use a tripod and cable release. Record the setup used. Take multiple photos with slight changes in setup. Doesn't cost anything with digital cameras and not all of us have a monitor attached to our cameras.

11. All photos will look bad if your monitor has not been color balanced properly. Don't skip this step, as what you see will not be what you print. OK, ready for the challenge. 1...2....3... Click.



Change the speed



Move the highlights



Ray is the coal/wood car next?



Change the f-stop

(Elections)

1st VP: Lee Scarbrough

2nd VP: Guy Cox

Treasurer: Matt Baker

Librarian: Dick Hines

Membership: Dan Luttrell

Refreshments: Harry Howell

Website/Newsletter: Michelle Touchette

Betsy Mack



Check the monitor color balance

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Cherry & Elm tree Jim contacted the gentleman who is clearing a lot in Richmond and informed him that there was interest among Richmond Woodturners in the two trees that he plans to take down. He will let me know when the two trees (elm and cherry) will be cut. At that time I will provide more details thru Mike Lane. I indicated that there we would turn several nice bowls from the wood as an in kind payment for the wood.

Thoughts from the President

I have enjoyed my two years as President of the Woodturners Anonymous of Richmond. During this time we have continued to grow in numbers and we can be proud of our commitment to improving the quality of the programs we provide. We have had excellent demonstrations by our own members and by nationally known turners including, Irene Grafert, Christian Burchard, Cindy Drozda, Don Derry and others. Our own Tom Crabb demos for us and across the country.

In 2005, Richmond Woodturners initiated a cooperative program with the Spotsylvania 4-H and worked with approx 500 youth at the summer camp held at the Northern Virginia 4-H Camp in Front Royal. In 2006 we submitted and were awarded a \$1,000 Educational Opportunity Grant from the American Association of Woodturners. Two lathes and related equipment were purchased to support the 4-H initiative. With these lathes and those loaned by Woodcraft Richmond, our members provided hands-on woodturning experience to youth at the 2006 Summer Camp.

Richmond Woodturners is indeed fortunate to have the high caliber of members that we have and I have enjoyed excellent support from many of you through your willingness to volunteer for the critical roles of the club. In addition to the various officers and the work that you provide to make the club a success, many of you have stepped forward to help with the 4-H Partnership. Phil English has provided countless hours and resources to this initiative as has Ray Deyo. Ray and Noreen continue to support the Club through the use of their Woodcraft Store for meetings and through providing discounts to members on meeting nights. Ray has donated numerous items to our club which have helped us immensely.

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One of the highlights of the year is the Club Picnic. Sid and Penny Mace have held it at their home in Reedville for the past 3 years. Sid has donated and prepared the wonderful barbecue and Sid and Penny have been wonderful hosts at these enjoyable events.

Please join me in welcoming Mike Lane and all of the officers for 2007. I wish each of you a happy and safe holiday season and a new year in which you get to turn as much as you want. Keep on turning,

Jim

Officers for 2006

President:	Jim Bumpas (804) 526-2873 (Jimturnswood@yahoo.com)
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2 nd Vice President:	Matt Baker
Treasurer:	Gene Milstead (804) 932-9749
Librarian:	Dick Hines
Membership:	Danny Luttrell (804) 271-4799
Refreshments:	Harry Howell
Information Officer:	Don Dillon
Newsletter Editor:	Mike Lane (804) 932-5149 richmondwoodturner@cox.net Betsy Mack
Past President	Dan Luttrell
Board Members:	David Sterling

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 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 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.

AAW: The AAW **2007** Symposium is scheduled for June 29 –July 1n Portland, OR. <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2007>

The AAW **2008** Symposium is scheduled for RICHMOND, VA. All clubs within a 100 mile radius will be asked to help a lot.

Virginia Symposium Notes:

<http://www.virginiawoodturners.org>

Around 150+ woodturners and friends showed up for the symposium. Richmond was well presented with the most people and the most demonstrators. Dan hopes for 200+ the next time. He asked those of us that didn't go to fill out a questionnaire as to why. Hey Dan, with so many from Richmond showing up, why not have the next one closer to home?

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!

**Remember
2007 Club dues are due!**