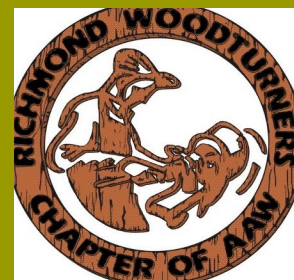




# Richmond Woodturners' Newsletter



## Next Meeting:

@Woodcraft, old Circuit City Plaza, 9862 West Broad St (Rt. 250W), Richmond, on the third Thursday of every month, 6:30PM. Refreshments provided.

# Nov 21

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## Program Schedule:

**Nov: Natural Edge Bowl**

**Dec: Christmas Party**

**Jan 2014: TBA**

## Challenge Schedule:

**November: Burial Urns**

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## November 2013

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## Chainsaw Turning With Tom Lowe

Tom Lowe is a local wood carver who's originally from Martha's Vineyard (or Fantasy Island, as he calls it) & who carves bowls for a living. Tom took us through the process he has established. First he shapes the outside of his bowls. He uses a carver's screw, drilled into the top of the bowl, to hold it down, bottom up. He starts shaping the outside, using a Bosch angle grinder with a double chain-saw wheel. The double is much better than a single, he argues; it reduces kick-back 80%. Still, it's a dangerous tool and he advised caution when using it. In a few dusty moments the outside was rough-shaped. He then switched over to another angle-grinder with a doughnut-shaped rasp-wheel. Not as rough as the chain saw attachment, it leaves a finer surface while still removing a lot of wood. His third step was a drill sander. Tom sands up to about 300 grit. With special wood he'll at times go from 300 to 600, in one jump, to create a glassy surface. Tom then reverses the bowl. He normally clamps it down in a 2x4 frame (which he had forgotten to bring) and repeats the process, from chainsaw wheel to [Demo, page2]



**Shows Coming Out Of VA:**

**Shows Coming In VA:**

**Pen Turners News** Bruce gave the demo on his method of making baseball bat pens. Drill a stepped hole in the blank on the lathe. Glue in the brass tube, mount a 1/4" long bolt into your chuck, screw the blank onto the bolt & turn the bat. Drill a hole in a hardwood blank for the pen refill. Turn a nib shape with a small tenon. Fit to the bat. Insert the pen refill. Drill more if needed. Cut off a small piece of spring and insert into bottom of pen body. Press fit the nib. With decal paper for your printer, make a few baseball decals and add them to the bat. Seal with CA glue.

January is the next meeting. Bring a fountain pen for discussion.

**[Demo]** sander. One interesting tidbit had to do with his finishing oil. Tom uses mineral oil, which he buys from Walmart's pharmacy (it's a laxative & completely food-safe). A pint costs \$1,50, cheaper than when you buy it in bulk. Tom saturates his bowls in mineral oil the minute they're finished to keep them from cracking. He will apply mineral oil up to three times a day for three days, being careful to wipe off the excess towards the end of the process. Tom showed some of his pieces. He uses a Bosch die-grinder and various smaller versions of his big tools and sanders to create grooves and overhangs. Everybody seemed to stick around to the end of what was a very interesting demonstration. To anybody interested in off-lathe enhancements of their turnings this was very useful information. Those of you who were here for Charles Ferrar's demo two-three years ago would have noticed that he uses many of the same rim-enhancement techniques that Tom does. You'll see Tom every Saturday at the Farmer's Market in Richmond, or at local craft shows.



We want you to pay  
your dues



**Meeting Vibrations**

Thank you Aage for the demo write-up and photos. Might need you again for the November meeting as I'm having eye surgery that morning.

Lee has reordered the name badges and they should be in soon.

Christmas Party will be Dec 19. Bring food by 6:pm. Eating will start at 6:30. Do we want a Silent Auction? Let the Prez know at the meeting.

**Challenge is due: Burial Urns**

# SHOW & TELL



Some photos did not download. Sorry for those that missed the newsletter.



**TOY TOPS** There were 2 sessions where we gathered and turned tops together at Woodcraft. Tuesday 10/29 started at 6pm and turned until Ray kicks us out. Plenty of Beech wood to turn but if you want to bring your own you were welcome to. 8 lathes to turn on but in the event there were more than 8 who want to participate, there was plenty to help with, finish sanding, waxing, or even decorating. I would like to give a BIG thanks you to Ray for opening up his classrooms for this!! Also be turning tops in your spare time. This is where the competition comes in. The top 3 producers will each receive a \$25 woodcraft gift card. You need to have 25 tops to qualify. Please bring these in to the Woodcraft store for a count. All 1000 tops need to be completed by 11/16 and I picked them at the Woodcraft store Saturday evening 11/16. I know we can do this.....a 1000 tops. Winners will be announced at the RW meeting. Ray Melton

### Officers for 2013

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### Visitors / New Members:

**New Members:** David Ridderhof;  
Mark Chandler ; Megan Shogren

### Meeting Snack Roster

29	Squire	Ice -10lb bag & cooler
30	Deyo	Two 2-liter diet drinks
31	McLaughlin	Two 2-liter regular drinks
33	Thomas	Two 2-liter non caffine drinks
35	Rendalen	Sweet snacks(cookies, etc.)
34	Dill	Sweet snacks(cookies, etc.)
37	Mack	Sweet snacks(cookies, etc.)
38	Tingle	Salty snacks(P-nuts, etc)
40	Mosser	Salty snacks(P-nuts, etc)
41	Cox	Salty snacks(P-nuts, etc)

**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 \$2 per month. List is on the website. Lose it and you bought it.

**Newsletter Entries:** If you have tips, news, "For Sale" or a newsletter entry (250 words max and no embedded photos; send photos separately as attachments) please send it to the Editor for publication in a future newsletter. **Must be received by 7th of each month to make the most current newsletter.**

**Website:** [www.richmondwoodturners.org](http://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.

### Next Month Snack Roster Reminder

Christmas Party will be Dec 19

Suggestions for food are by last name.

A-G: Appetizers, hors-d'oeuvres;

H-Q: Drinks, hot & cold, ice;

R-Z: Desserts.

We don't want to run out of food, nor do we want only desserts.

Show & Tell will be your best **one** of the year.

January we shall start back at the front of the membership list, Member numbers 123 + and then member number 1, 2, 3 etc.

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## FOR SALE, BUY, or TRADE

Ray Deyo offers a 10% discount on non-power tools and supplies on meeting nights at Woodcraft for members with current cards only. Another very good reason to join us every month!

**FOR SALE:** Catocin Area Turners (CAT) club in Leesburg has a General Model 16018 lathe for sale. This is 18" x 38" with electronic variable speed (reversible) and 1 hp motor 220v, with 4 groove pulleys. It comes with 3 tool rests, 12" and 4" from the factory and a 6" after market one. The spindle is 1" x 8 tpi with MT2 on the spindle and the tailstock.

This has been the club demo lathe for a couple of years, but the club has upgraded to a Powermatic lathe.

The lathe is made in North America (Canada), and we are asking \$1,000.

I've attached a picture of the lathe, which is currently in my shop (located just east of Rt 287, North of Rt 9, with a Waterford mailing address) and it can be seen and tried out most any time after Nov 11 as I am out of town until then. Please contact me via email or phone [585-455-2517](tel:585-455-2517) (cell) if you have questions or to make an appointment to see and try out the lathe.

Terry [terry.lund@gmail.com](mailto:terry.lund@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE:** I have an 8 1/4 RYOBI **radial arm saw** New in box -- never opened. \$200.00 Ed Wood (804) 266-2878

**Ed Wood** had a bad fall on Sunday, November 3, 2013. He has a compression fractured vertebrae and has to wear a brace for six to ten weeks. He is unable to drive because of the pain medication he is taking. He hopes to make the meeting Thursday, but if he does not, you will know the reason why he isn't there. Bonnie Cross

