



NEWSLETTER



2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY



2015 Editors Picks



Bob Silkensen
Mesquite & Maple
Open segment

2015 Editors Picks



Jim Bumpas
Maple Hollow form
Carved Spirals

2015 Editors Picks



Bruce Robbins
Pool Cue Pen
Keylime Pie Pen

2015 Editors Picks



Jim Zorn
Maple & Walnut Vase

2015 Editors Picks



Megan Shogren

If you have noticed, there are a few Show & Tell pieces without the artist's name included because they were not identified when placed on the display table. Please be sure to identify your piece so we can match your good work with who you are.

2015 Editors Picks



Robert Gundell
Sycamore sphere

2015 Editors Picks



Chuck Moser
Maple Burl & Glass

2015 Editors Picks



Bill Jenkins

2015 Editors Picks



Dick Hines

F r o m O u r P r e s i d e n t

I suppose, for those of us who are a little older, the fact that another year has gone by may not be the best news to receive. So, we make the best of the worst and take stock in the positives that lay ahead. If I were a New Year's resolution kind of guy, I would focus on becoming a better turner than I am now; creating several beautiful pieces never done before, or maybe finding a market to relieve the turned collection developing in every corner, on every shelf and in every cupboard throughout the house. At least my spouse would appreciate that. While I have a personal commitment to replace some of the older pieces and actually completed the first one this month, it's not a "resolution". So, I'll focus my attention on the coming year.

We have been talking about a membership survey to give everyone a voice in what we do or how we do it; to identify areas for improvement giving everyone greater benefit from membership; perhaps become little more creative and expand our current comfort zone into a bigger and better one. The survey is ready.

Then there are the challenges never done before. Challenges like balls and spheres, lidded boxes, textured platters and multi-axis turning. Add a few associated workshops and demos and some of us will probably branch into a new area by year end.

There seemed to have been strong support for participation in the 2016 Virginia State Fair when it was mentioned a few months ago. After all, it's right in our back yard. Maybe this year we can give the community a wake-up call as to who we are and what we do! Demos at the Fair, anyone?

Of course there are the turning competition in late April and Forestry camp in mid June, but this isn't nearly enough. We need to hunt for other organizations or functions in the community who can benefit from our support similar to what we have discussed with Dawn Flores and the tops program. If we each give a little it becomes a whole lot. I suspect (hopefully) some of our members may already have a few suggestions or ideas.

Collectively we are a very talented group and if we pooled our skills together into one or two specific turning projects we would certainly impress ourselves. It could even become an advertisement for new membership. After all, increased membership introduces more talent which creates new ideas and expands skill. It just gets better and better.

We have a great deal to look forward to in 2016 and will have a good year ahead. Now all we need is your continued support, contribution, ideas and suggestions.

By the way, if you haven't paid your annual dues yet, it would certainly help if you did.

Happy New Year and happy turning.

Ray

From Our Pen-turning Friends

Richmond Penturners – January 2016 Meeting

Richmond Penturners had one of their best attended meetings this month as we all participated in making an aluminum click pen. A “kit” was supplied for \$10 which included a Schmidt ball bearing click mechanism, an aluminum tube, a refill, a spring, a clip and some material to make a nib.



The first step involved taping one end of the tube on the lathe by hand so the click mechanism could thread in. We had 2 lathes set up; one with a conventional collet chuck to hold the tube and the other with a homemade wooden collet held in a standard Nova chuck. With the tap secured in a drill chuck in a loose tail stock, the lathe is turned by hand while gently pushing on the drill chuck as the threads are cut.

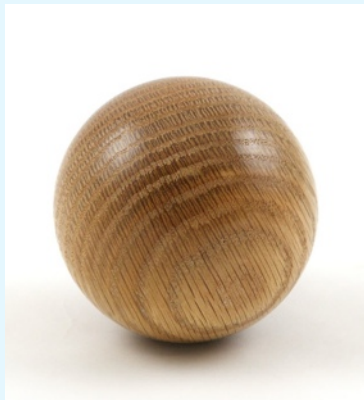


After everyone tapped, there was a short demo on how to turn the nib end and finishing options for the aluminum tube. Matte or mirror, painting, decals, etc. are all possibilities. Several alternative designs using this technique were also presented. Wood or plastic could be substituted for the aluminum and if desired, the aluminum could even be used as a supporting tube for a fatter pen. Hope to see some of the finished products at our next meeting.

For our March meeting, we are planning to have a fishing rod maker demo how to wrap or weave colored thread onto pen tubes for some real exciting possibilities. There are some exquisite designs, now common to the fishing rod community that could translate well onto pens.

Richmond Penturners meet on the second Tuesday of odd numbered months.

March Challenge
(Spheres)



Februarys meeting we will have a workshop on how to turn a sphere



We are once again turning tops for 2016. Not only are these are fun to turn, but they really improve your tool control. Have fun everybody!

January meeting

1/21/2016

Febuary meeting

2/18/2016

March meeting

3/17/2016

April meeting

4/21/2016

May meeting

5/19/2016

June meeting

6/16/2016

July meeting

7/21/2016

August meeting

8/18/2016

September meeting

9/15/2016

October meeting

10/20/2016

November meeting

11/17/2016

December meeting

12/15/2016

Friday, January 29, 2016

SYMPOSIUM: Tennessee Association of Woodturners 28th Woodturning Symposium - Franklin, TN
1/29/2016 » 1/30/2016

Friday, February 05, 2016

SYMPOSIUM: Florida Woodturning Symposium - Leesburg, FL
2/5/2016 » 2/7/2016

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

EXHIBITION: American Craft Council Show - Baltimore, MD
2/17/2016 » 2/21/2016

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Glenn Lucas demonstration and workshop at Las Vegas Woodturners Association - Las Vegas, NV
2/20/2016

Friday, February 26, 2016

SYMPOSIUM: Desert Woodturning Roundup, Arizona Woodturners Association - Mesa, AZ
2/26/2016 » 2/28/2016

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Idaho Artistry in Wood Show at Southwest Idaho Woodturners Association - Boise, ID
2/27/2016 » 2/28/2016

Wednesday, March 09, 2016

EXHIBITION: American Craft Council Show - Atlanta, GA
3/9/2016 » 3/10/2016

Saturday, March 12, 2016

SYMPOSIUM: Honolulu Woodturners 7th Annual Symposium - Honolulu, HI
3/12/2016 » 3/13/2016

Friday, March 18, 2016

**SYMPOSIUM: "Turnfest Australia"
Int'l Woodturning Symposium - Gold
Coast, Queensland, Australia**
3/18/2016 » 3/20/2016

Saturday, March 19, 2016

**Magnolia Woodturners: Dixie Biggs
demonstration, - Mendenhall, MS**
3/19/2016 » 3/20/2016

Saturday, April 02, 2016

**SYMPOSIUM: Totally Turning 2016 -
Saratoga Springs, NY**
4/2/2016 » 4/3/2016

Thursday, April 07, 2016

**EXHIBITION: American Craft
Council Show "Color Outside the
Lines" - St. Paul, MN**
4/7/2016 » 4/10/2016

Friday, April 22, 2016

**Dakota Woodturners Spring
Symposium at Dakota Woodturners -
Bismarck, ND**
4/22/2016 » 4/24/2016

Saturday, April 23, 2016

**John Jordan at Badger Woodturners -
Monticello, WI**
4/23/2016 » 4/25/2016

Financial Report

Balance 7,522.32

**RICHMOND
WOODTURNERS
QUARTERLY
CHALLENGE**

The Challenge will now be regularly scheduled for the third month of each quarter (March, June, September, and December) with the subject announced at the beginning of each quarter and included in the newsletter. Entries will be placed on a table separate from the Show-n-Tell. Members attending the meeting that evening will select the Challenge winner by popular vote. Voting will be accomplished by placing a token (provided on the table) in the cup (also provided) for the entry of your choice. The winner will have the opportunity to speak about the piece, how it was made, type of wood, any special processes or finishes used, etc. It's a change to have a little fun and get everyone involved one way or another.

January Snacks & Drinks

(Bill Jenkins)	Ice 10 lb bag with cooler
(Bill King)	Two 2-Liter Diet drinks
(Bill Walters)	Two 2-liter Regular drinks
(Bob Hudson)	Two 2-liter non Caffeine drinks
(Bob Silkensen)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Bob Tingle)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Bonnie Cross)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Brian Witt)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)
(Bruce Robbins)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)
(Cecil Barrett)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)

January Snacks & Drinks

(Chuck Bandai)	Ice 10 lb bag with cooler
(Chuck Horton)	Two 2-Liter Diet drinks
(Chuck Messer)	Two 2-liter Regular drinks
(Cody Walker)	Two 2-liter non Caffeine drinks
(Colin Smith)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Dan Fritz)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Dan Luttrell)	Sweet Snacks (Cookies, etc)
(Dave Thomas)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)
(David Gray)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)
(David Haywood)	Salty Snacks (P-Nuts, etc)

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

2015 Elected Board

President:	Ray Deyo
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Past President Board Members:	
Dick Hines	
Lee Scarbrough	
Mike Lane	
Jim Bumpas	
Dan Luttrell	
David Sterling	
Gerry Cambell	

Show and Tell

I hope you are enjoying the new format for the show and tell. When filling out your "ticket" please include your name, type of wood, and any description you would like. Also if you have small items such as ornaments or pens, feel free to bring a stand with you so that they will photograph better.

For sale or trade

If you have any items to list here, please email me at forsale@richmondwoodturners.org.

You can include pictures if you like. They will run 1 month unless notified to "re-run".

Committee Chairpersons

Barbara Dill Chairperson of the AV committee.
(That committee is responsible for the camera changes in process.)

Position Open Chairperson for the Turning
Competition committee

Upcoming Demonstrations

January, Surface treatment, from burning to carving (Barbara Dill, Bob Silkensen, Matt Baker)

February, Workshop (hands on training) for balls/spheres. Which incidentally will be the first challenge for 2016. More info next month.

Visitors/New Members

1st Time Visitors

New Members

Ann Horton

**RICHMOND
WOODTURNERS
INFO**

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. The list is on the website. Lose it and you bought it.

Website:

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.

**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD
SPINNING TOPS**

Thanks to all who turned tops. For 2015 we turned in 1,330 Lets get started for next years total.

Here is a link to a video to show just how easy they are to make if interested....

<http://youtu.be/UWpV9dBpbME>