



# RICHMOND WOODTURNERS

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## President’s Corner

From Steve Kellner:

It was great to see that Bruce Robbins was able to join us for last month’s meeting. We are all pulling for you, Bruce. Keep at it and you’ll be back in the shop in no time!

I think we all really enjoyed and learned a lot from our panel discussion on photographing our work, I know I did! Meetings like this, where we share expertise of members of our own group, tend to be among our best meetings because many members feel comfortable engaging in the discussion. Thanks

to all the panel members for their efforts and to the rest of the group for participating in the discussion.

Last week, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting with Marly and her staff at the Perkinson Center for the Arts and Education in Chester. It’s a recently opened and beautiful facility that is a great addition to Chesterfield County. It has an excellent theater as well as art exhibit rooms which double as meeting rooms.

The center is currently accepting entries for their June show ‘**Quarantine Creations**’. If you are interested in entering a piece, check out their website. In the fall, they are planning a wood turning exhibit and a turning demo. They would love to have our participation. We will hear more about that in the coming months. They are also looking for figured wood to use for their logo on the front of a podium they are building. I have a few pieces that I will offer. The logo consists of 6 triangular pieces about 6”x 12” that are arranged in a semi-circle. An option they mentioned was spalted wood. If you have something that might be of interest, let me know or contact the center directly through their website.

## Notes from March Meeting

### CLUB LOGO REDESIGN

You have to agree – the old logo leaves something to be desired. Use your imagination to create a new one. Perhaps your idea can be synthesized with someone else’s to create a great logo. Entries should be submitted to Steve Kellner in a JPEG format (preferably). Steve Schwartz will render the concept more artistically if the submitting member has a good idea, but not the capability to execute it in digital



format. There will possibly be a prize award, but the board has not yet taken this up. Several designs have been submitted so far. Look for them on page 12.

### WOOD RAFFLE

The next club wood raffle will be held on April 24th in the parking lot near Woodcraft on Broad Street. See the flyer on page 14 for details.

### 2021 Remaining Challenges

- 2nd Quarter - For the kitchen, other than a bowl or platter
- 3rd Quarter - Item with at least 4 individually turned components
- 4th Quarter: - Child's toy, with kid safe parts and finish

### March Demonstration

The club did not have a demonstration in March. Instead, David Bushman organized a panel discussion on photographing your work. Techniques were discussed from the very basic to the fully professional. There was something to learn and consider, no matter what your planned use of a photograph. Techniques ranged from using a piece of white cardstock near a window with a smart phone to using a high-end camera with dedicated lighting and a variety of backdrops. Mid-range methods were illustrated with several light box designs, some of which were homemade and one which was purchased. Various digital photo editing software packages were also discussed.

*Editor's Note: Windows 10 has a basic photo editing Ap. To access, double click your JPG file to open the Photo Ap, then click on the "edit and create" drop down menu. This will allow changing the color setting and brightness and cropping. There are 3 dots at the far right of the header. Click there to access a resize option to reduce the file size for emailing or use in a document and to "save as" the altered file.*

Jared Parker put together an excellent PowerPoint slide presentation to summarize inputs from panelists. Stan VanDruff provided his own presentation. A link to a video of the March Zoom meeting is now on the club website. Look under the "RESOURCES" heading and click the colored text to access.

The discussion video can also be found on YouTube at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BK9PfKOFUKU>

### April Show and Tell



Robert Marchese: Cherry, Wipe on poly, 5.5" x 5.25" tall. I started this one several years ago.



Robert Marchese: Unknown species, wipe on poly finish, 5.5" x 3" tall. Very similar to last month!



Jerry Harvey: Redwood slats and pieces in epoxy resin with pressure pot, Yorkshire grit and homemade friction polish.





Chuck Horton: various styles and finishes for Easter eggs. Maple wood burned, maple with dyed lacquer, and laminated. Photographed with an I-phone in indirect sunlight on a foam board background. No retouching other than cropping.



David Bushman: maple lidded vessel with a walnut base and ring with an ebony finial. The finish is wipe on poly. The inlays are malachite and fake red coral.

From Steve Kellner: These are staved coffee mugs with a SS liner. The wood is mahogany and maple. The turned parts are 3.5" x 6". The glued up blank has 12 staves, each 3.75" x 8".



The cup with the wider maple accents was turned with a tilted axis.





The finish is shellac & walnut oil friction polish.



Jim Zorn: Small padauk and maple boxes. He used a Dremel and his dental carving tool to do the designs.



Bill Buchanon: Wine bottle transition from 4" limb. Spalted Oak. 3-4" dia. x 13" tall.





Steve Schwartz: Cherry Bowl 13" dia x 3". The inside has undercut walls and the rim is texture burned with bears, big horn sheep and elk. I turned the bowl and my wife did the texturing. This was custom designed for a wedding present for a couple in Colorado.



Dan Lutrell: Top view of ash tray.



Dan Lutrell: Bottom view. Remember when your mother made you so proud of your first ashtray in high school shop class? This one is for cigars. Made from white oak fire (fired) wood.

## April Demonstration

Dan Luttrell will demonstrate his piercing technique. Stan VanDruff will use his video expertise to produce this demo.

## Future Demonstrations

From David Bushman, Vice President:

**May** – In keeping with our second quarter kitchen gadget challenge, Kai Muenzer will be coming to us from Canada to demonstrate how to make some interesting salt and pepper shakers.

**June** – I am still planning to have a demo about carbide tools. Some details are pending.

I also want to let everyone know that Stan VanDruff has offered to provide video assistance to anyone wishing to do a club demo. Stan will not just be the guy behind the camera pushing the record button. He will help plan, video and edit the production so all you have to do is bring your wood turning skills to the session. Stan will help you produce a high-quality demonstration that our club and maybe neighboring clubs can enjoy. These will not be live demos, but they will be in a prerecorded format so you have flexibility on when you want to make it. This is a great service he is offering and I hope we take advantage of it. I know I am thinking about it. Thank you, Stan.

## Membership

We are steady at eighty-four members renewed or joined as of April 3,

*Persons who did not renew by March 1 have been dropped from the newsletter distribution list and from ZOOM meeting invitations. If you know someone who didn't get a newsletter, remind them to pay their dues!*

## News of Note

### VIDEO SHOP TOURS

From the RW Shop Tour Committee: Ray Deyo and Stan VanDruff.

Whether your personal woodshop is located in the corner of a room or occupies an entire building, there are ideas within your shop potentially helpful to other club members. It might be how wood is stored, the arrangement of turning tools, your repurposed storage facilities, how you manage dust and debris, or whatever. You may have unknowingly done something that will help someone else.

Richmond Woodturners has begun a series of 30-minute shop tours. The plan is to share them with the membership at monthly meetings. Our objective is to see how shops are set up throughout the club and share creative ideas and problem solutions. We have completed tours at Steve Kellner and David

Bushman's shops. Other volunteers so far are Chuck Horton, Gordon Kendrick and Bruce Robbins. Larry Yancey has indicated a willingness to have a tour and we are looking for others.

We have designed the tour to be simple, easy, and stress free. The visit will be on a date of your choosing, with a list of anticipated questions provided early so you can think about your answer before we arrive. To avoid any surprises, we will also fully review our approach with you before we begin.

We invite any Richmond Woodturners member to volunteer their shop for a tour. Remember, size and complexity of the shop is not the objective. We want shops of all sizes, whether it's full of sophisticated equipment or just a lathe in the corner. Best of all, we will come to you.

To volunteer your shop for an upcoming "RW Shop Tour", please send a note to Ray Deyo via the email listed below. He will contact you as soon as he can to begin the process. Eventually, we would like to visit every club member. Contact Ray at [makeitround@comcast.net](mailto:makeitround@comcast.net). We think this will be beneficial to everyone!

## Income and Expenses

Previous Balance: (Feb. 2020)	\$9056.35
Income	0.00
Expense	0.00
New Balance	\$9056.35

## Member Resource Contacts

The board discussed trying to re-establish a mentor program. Until a more formal program can be implemented, a list of people willing to advise members on any particular topic will be included in the newsletter. Beginning with:

**Ray Deyo** – Ray can give advice on purchasing a lathe as well as many other topics. Ray is the former owner of the Richmond Woodcraft with many years of turning and teaching experience as well as lathe sales. Reach out to Ray at

[makeitround@comcast.net](mailto:makeitround@comcast.net).

**David Sterling** - A professional woodturner, has been turning since 1983 and professionally since 1988. He says "Never be afraid to answer questions. Got a question? Just ask." His cell number is 804-683-8418.

**Walt Bennett** - My best "expertise" would be vending at art, craft & etc. shows. My wife and I have been doing that since 2000. Everything from low to high end and pretty much across the country. [theonewaltben@gmail.com](mailto:theonewaltben@gmail.com) and [\(https://www.abhats.com/\)](https://www.abhats.com/)

**NOTE:** The above persons have volunteered to be contacted. Most turners who have been at it for a few years have encountered problems, solved them and developed their own approaches to many woodturning techniques. If you have an issue you aren't sure how to handle, don't hesitate to reach out. You'll make somebody feel good and you might make a new friend.

Please feel free to volunteer your expertise.

## For Sale

**VACUUM CHUCK KIT:** Jerry Fisher has a never used kit for sale. He is selling the works for any reasonable offer. Items priced individually are as follows:

1. HF 2 Stage Vacuum Pump...\$150
2. Gast Vacuum Gauge Kit \$100
3. Hold Fast 3.5 inch adaptor \$40

Consists of pressure gauge, bleeder valve, mounting bracket, hardware, and 6' of air hose for use with the E-Z Vacuum Adapter or Oneway Rotary Adapter.

4. E-Z Universal Vacuum adapter.....\$65

It is for use with a 1 1/4" x 8 tpi spindle.



Contact Jerry at [seven7js@msn.com](mailto:seven7js@msn.com).

## LIKE NEW SHOPSMITH

From Bob Weiner: [bobweiner36@gmail.com](mailto:bobweiner36@gmail.com)

Mark 7 PowerPro, 3 years old in excellent condition. Includes: Pro fence table system, lift assist, large casters, table saw guard, fence straddler, miter gauge and miter stop, drill chuck and key, and lathe tailstock assembly, drive center, cup center, and tool rest. Original cost over \$5000. Asking price \$3500.

**WANTED:** Chuck Horton would like to buy a used NOVA Outrigger kit for his NOVA 1624 lathe. Contact him at 757-810-1553 or [hortoncharles678@gmail.com](mailto:hortoncharles678@gmail.com).

## LOGS AND STUMPS

From Margret Andrews: I have been asked to post wood for sale by a friend. He is an excavator and has a ton of oak, maple, gum some locust and black cherry. All are in log form around 8"-36" in diameter. Will sell cheap to keep it from rotting or burning. He can load it for \$100 minimum or they can cut what they want. Contact me at 804-896-0580 to arrange a



meet up. The wood is located in south Chesterfield near Matoaca High School.



- Safety glasses and most shields are not impact rated. Keep out of the danger zone when turning at medium to high speeds.

**GLUING A SMALL CRACK**

From Ray Deyo:

Tired of thin CA glue wicking into the wood fibers around a crack only to worsen the sanding experience? Here’s a solution. Before gluing the crack, wipe an application of sanding sealer around the cracked area trying not to let it get into the crack itself (apply two coats to more porous woods). Wait a few minutes for it to dry and then apply your thin CA glue to the crack using a pro tip. The sanding sealer stops the glue from penetrating adjacent fibers and makes the sanding much easier.

**MAKE YOUR OWN CALIPERS**

From Chuck Horton: This Ad is from a Packard Woodworks catalog.

**Veritas Deep Calipers**

These quality calipers were designed to reach into deep vessels with limited access to measure wall thickness. With this design the caliper is not angled and therefore gives the truest measurement. The curved leg has a spring that allows the caliper to be removed from the vessel without marring it. The leg then springs back showing the thickness. Made of brass and black oxide steel that resists rust. We offer two sizes of Deep Caliper: the small size that will measure vessels up to about 6" deep and the large size that will measure vessels up to about 12" deep.



131408	Small Deep Caliper	\$44.95
131409	Large Deep Caliper	\$62.95

The “D” shape is ideal for measuring wall thickness in a hollow form. These are small ones, made for doing ornaments or other small hollow forms.

**Tips and Tricks**

Members are invited to submit entries they think will help other members. If you are passing on something you have learned from someone else or read in a publication, giving credit is always appropriate.

**SAFETY REMINDERS**

- Use the tailstock to support work whenever possible.
- Inspect new blanks for possible flaws before mounting them. Blanks with visible cracks, splits, bark inclusions, and shakes should not be used.





You can make your own by bending a “D” shape with a stiff piece of wire. Insulation supports are very stiff and cheap.



**HEAVY LIFTING**

From Jared Parker:

I bought this cart after purchasing something else large from Harbor Freight (I think it was a tool chest). They were able to lift the box up to the same height as my tailgate and it was easy to load the item. Of course, they used it again when I went back to buy the cart.



Lift to your tailgate



Move big things. It has 1000lb lift capacity. It lists for \$299 but is on sale from time to time.

**2021 Officers and Committees**

**Officers**

- President - Steve Kellner
- Vice President - Dave Bushman
- Secretary - Larry Yancey
- Treasurer - Cody Walker

### **Directors**

Membership Director - Chuck Bajnai  
Activities Director - Katharine Harris  
Resource Director - Stan VanDruff  
Past President #1 - Ray Deyo  
Past President #2 - Bruce Robbins

### **Committee Chairpersons**

Turning Competition - Jim O'Hanlon  
Audio/Video - Jared Parker  
Social Media - Vacant  
AAW Women in Turning Liaison - Meg Turner

### **Newsletter Staff**

Editor - Chuck Horton  
Contributing Reviewers  
– Izumi Miller  
– Ann Horton  
Photographer - Tim Warren

## **From the Editor**

### **NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION TIMETABLE**

Meetings occur on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30. You may log in anytime after 6:15. Do not wait until 6:30.

Members are invited to submit pictures of their work for Show and Tell and for Challenges. Members are also invited to submit items for sale, tips and tricks, and to post questions about woodturning.

Email entries to [hortoncharles876@gmail.com](mailto:hortoncharles876@gmail.com). Show and Tell pictures, as well as Challenge pictures, should be copied to Steve Kellner [rwtpresident202122stevek@gmail.com](mailto:rwtpresident202122stevek@gmail.com).

Newsletter entries may be submitted in the body of an email or attachment in Word, PDF or JPEG. Entries may be submitted any time **prior to Wednesday of the week before the meeting**. Late entries may be held for publication in the next newsletter.



# Logo Designs



By Bruce Robbins and Herb Walke

Version 1  
(with top left part  
of "R")



Version 2  
(without top left part  
of "R")



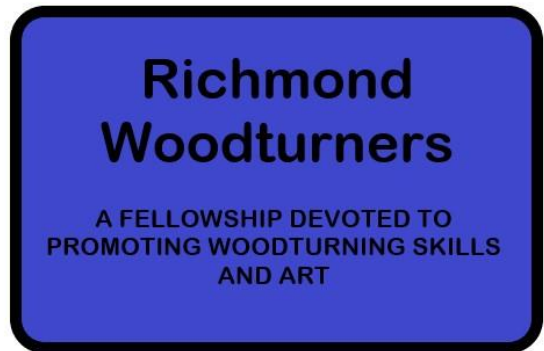
Version 3



Version 4

By Steve Schwartz

By Chuck Horton



The next four are by Bill Buchanon





There are a few more in development.

## Richmond Woodturner's Wood Raffle

April 22, 2021 6:30

Rain date April 29, 2021 6:30

**Location:** Parking lot of the shopping center where Woodcraft is located, but more in front of the Dollar Tree and DSW. This area is not as crowded as in front of Woodcraft

Mask and Social Distancing encouraged

**Tickets:** \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Please bring checks made out to Richmond Woodturners or cash (exact change please). Sorry, but we cannot process credit cards or PayPal.

**Rules:** Wood will be displayed on tables for viewing prior to start of the raffle. Two-part tickets will be used, with one part to the purchaser and the second part placed in a container. Tickets will be drawn out of the container and the ticket owner can select the piece of wood or bundle of wood of his/her choice. Ticket holders can select a piece or bundle in the order the ticket was drawn. At the end, any unclaimed wood will be returned to the donor or put into the trash.

**No wood will be given away**

*Proceeds go the club for the purchase of equipment (either wood turning equipment or audio/visual equipment)*

Anyone wishing to donate wood please arrive 15 minutes early to display wood, please ask yourself if you would be willing to pay \$3.00 for that piece of wood. Small pieces may be bundled together.



## Sponsors and Friends of the Club

Organizations such as the Richmond Woodturners, Richmond Penturners and James River Woodcarvers would not exist if it weren't for the kindness of their sponsors. We are blessed and grateful to have the Richmond Virginia Woodcraft store supporting us and our activities. Members get a 10% discount on meeting nights for most turning related items.

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, Brian Noble-Marx and others.

**Contact the store at:**

Phone: [804-355-3945](tel:804-355-3945)

Fax: 804-355-2532

Email: [richmond-retail@woodcraft.com](mailto:richmond-retail@woodcraft.com)

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A screenshot of a website banner. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Green/Undried Woods, Kiln Dried Woods, Search By Size, and Bargain Bin. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with icons and links for Photo Gallery, Photo Contest, Education Center, Facebook Page, and Instagram Page. The main banner features a background of wood grain with the text "ONE OF A KIND TURNING BLANKS" in large white letters. Below this, a black bar contains the text "WHEN ONLY THE BEST WILL DO - ALL INDIVIDUALLY PHOTOGRAPHED." in yellow. Three small white dots are visible in the bottom right corner of the banner.

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