



# RICHMOND WOODTURNERS

## August 2021



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### President’s Corner

From Steve Kellner:

Last month’s second in-person meeting at Woodcraft with our own Steve Schwartz demonstrating his bowl embellishment techniques was a great success. I totally enjoyed the presentation and have even tried applying some of his ideas on my Show and Tell item

this month. Turnout was slightly higher than June, but we are looking forward to larger turnouts in the future.

Woodcraft did a nice job of clearing part of the back room so there was no issue with space. We still a few bugs to work out with the Zoom broadcasts and Jared is working to come up with a cost-effective system. We’ll get there, but please be patient.

Regarding the August meeting, don’t forget, if you are **not** vaccinated (which I hope is no one at this point) you **must** wear a mask or attend remotely. Because the delta variant is spreading more widely, if you would feel more comfortable wearing a mask during the August meeting, no one will mind. You may have a lot of company.

We’d like to use the 6:00 – 6:30 time frame for **Meet and Greet** and looking at Show and Tell items. Depending on the demonstration, we may have another break, but if you can make it by 6:00, please do. The Board has voted to permanently suspend pre-meeting refreshments and snacks. This is partly due to Covid concerns, but the board felt having extensive snacks was disruptive to the meeting.

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone Thursday, August 19, at 6:00pm. Thanks for reading.

Steve

### Club Mission Statement

The following mission statement was adopted by the Board of Directors in December of 2020. *The mission of Richmond Woodturners is to provide education and information to those who are interested in woodturning and to promote woodturning as an artform within the club and to the general public.*

## Club Logo Redesign

There will be an announcement when final options have been selected. Most of those shown in previous newsletters have been eliminated from consideration. If anyone has an original digital version of the current logo, please forward it to a board member. More later.

## 2021 Remaining Challenges

- 3rd Quarter - Item with at least 4 individually turned components
- 4th Quarter: Child's toy, with kid safe parts and finish

## July Demonstration

The July meeting was held at Woodcraft as a joint in-person and Zoom meeting. Twelve people attended by Zoom and there was a good in-person gathering. Steve Schwartz presented his method of applying stenciled figures to turnings to add value, interest and the fun of making something besides “brown and round”. He discussed a variety of techniques for making stencils of objects and how to apply them. He also discussed embellishments with wood burning and texturing. A key closing tip was that a turned item with poor form is still an item with poor form no matter how nice the embellishment. Before you embark on embellishment, be sure you can turn items with an attractive shape.



## August Demonstration

From David Bushman:

**August** – Barbara Dill will present a multi axis turning video demonstration. This will include a discussion about multi axis spindle turning and then she will use the techniques discussed to create a twisted three-sided candle holder.

## Future Demonstrations

**September** – We will have two more shop tours hosted by Ray Deyo and videoed/edited by Stan VanDruff.

**October** – The demo will be a joint venture with the Tidewater Turners. Harvey Meyer will provide a two part Basket Illusion demonstration. The first 2 hour session will be at our RWT meeting and the final 1 ½ hour session will be at the Tidewater Turners meeting the following Tuesday. Both sessions will be in person and via Zoom, so you won't have to drive to Virginia Beach to see the second session on the following Tuesday.

**November** - Ron Campbell with AXE carbide tools is scheduled to do an interesting demo with his carbide tools. Ron will present a video demonstration where he makes a beautiful open form from a piece of wood that you would consider to be scrap. After viewing this you will think twice before you dispose of this piece of wood.

**December** – Christmas Party???? Let's hope we get through this current COVID wave and things are back to normal before then.

Note: My term ends in December but I plan to have a couple demos lined up so my replacement doesn't have a panic attack trying to get a demo ready in a couple weeks. I have some good ideas for this that I think will be interesting and enjoyable.

Thanks, David Bushman

## August Show and Tell

From Larry Yancey:



Pecan bowl about 7-1/2" in diameter. It is finished with Myland's High Friction Polish.

From Steve Kellner:



Bradford Pear bowl: 8.5" x 4", finished with Table Top varnish. I cheated and bought a stencil at JoAnn's, traced stencils on bowl and modified outlines to look something like birds I was trying to depict, and then burned tracings onto bowl. I painted birds and leaves with acrylic paint. To say I have a way to go is an understatement - but it was my first try so can only get better from here!

From Katherine Harris:





Wood unknown: It was a gift. It is thought to be wood from Australia.

From Chuck Horton:



All are made from the same mahogany piece. The smaller two were turned after I purchased a bowl bottom gouge.

From Phil Duffy:



White oak platter, 13" diameter, finished with wipe on poly.

From Bob Silkensen:



This bowl measures 19.5" dia. x 2.5" tall. The black area was all burn textured and then painted with water-based India ink as demonstrated last month. The bowl was then finished with Wipe on poly.



Here is my latest. It is 8" maple.

From Steve Schwartz:



From David Bushman:



(See next page.)

I tapped my inner Avelino to create this with an unusual twist (no pun intended). I offset the axis when I made the hole for the ring, so that when you look at it the hole is off to one side. The hollowing was on the main axis through a 3/4" diameter virtual hole. It is black walnut with an African blackwood ring. The finish is wipe on poly.

From Royal Wood:



Red maple burl segmented bowl with purple heart. 9.5" x 5". The segments were made from the sliced burl.

## Membership

We have eighty-seven members renewed or joined as of August 1.

The board has discussed several ideas for promoting the club and conducting outreach to recruit additional members. The board is developing a business card and a flyer to be used to promote membership. In addition, participation in the State Fair of Virginia is a great outreach event. Many people who visit the craft area have never seen a lathe and are fascinated. Exhibiting your work and working a shift or two is also a great way to get to know and interact with other club members. A healthy membership and its dues will support bringing in professional demonstrators and keeping our lathes and electronic equipment up to date.

## News of Note

### WOOD RAFFLE

The third club wood raffle was held July 29 in the parking lot near Woodcraft. Everyone that purchased a ticket got a selection of wood for each ticket they purchased. The club thanks Larry Yancey for heading up the event, everyone that helped, everyone that donated wood, and everyone that attended the raffle. Proceeds of \$113.00 from the raffle go to the club treasury to offset the cost of upgrading the club's video capabilities.





As you can see, the event was well attended and there was plenty of wood selections from which to choose.

### ORNAMENT CONTEST

Steve Kellner recently received this email.

*I am Alan Stratton. I host a Christmas Ornament Challenge every year. Coming up is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual challenge.*

*I would appreciate your help in spreading word on the challenge. And, there is something in it for the club.*

*To enter, all the participant needs to do is:*

1. *Complete a Christmas or holiday ornament. Ornaments from other faiths are also welcome.*
2. *Take or compose one still picture featuring the ornament.*
3. *Enter their information and upload the picture at [www.AsWoodTurns.com/challenges](http://www.AsWoodTurns.com/challenges) during the month of November. The challenge closes November 30.*

4. *The ornament may utilize any craft - it is not restricted to woodturning.*
5. *Do something good with the ornament.*

*We have a process for selecting winners.*

*As we did last year, we will ask for a club affiliation. For the clubs with the most people entering the challenge, I will offer an interactive remote demonstration at no charge. More details are at [www.AsWoodTurns.com/challenges](http://www.AsWoodTurns.com/challenges) or [www.OrnamentChallenge.com](http://www.OrnamentChallenge.com).*

*The challenge is a lot of fun and a great way to help celebrate Christmas or the winter season. Personally, I love the diversity that I see.*

*Thank you,  
Alan Stratton*

[www.AsWoodTurns.com](http://www.AsWoodTurns.com)

Editor's note: Check out the website to see some interesting projects.

### 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 done something that will help someone else.

Richmond Woodturners has begun a series of 30-minute shop tours. Our objective is to see how shops are set up throughout the club and share creative ideas and problem solutions. 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. 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: (July 1, 2021)	\$8876.95
Income	148.00
Expense	47.40
New Balance: (July 1, 2021)	\$8977.55

## For Sale

**POWERMATIC 35/20B** Ron Holden has a Powermatic 35/20B for sale. About 10 years old, one owner. He has several face plates, a OneWay strong hold scroll chuck, a Super Nova mega jaw chuck, spur drives, live center, all original parts, knock out rod, tool rest, etc. Also comes with outboard turning stand and many accessories too numerous to mention. Asking \$3,000.00. The lathe is in very good condition. He is selling due to health condition. He was a member of Richmond Woodturners in past years.

He is located in Hopewell, VA  
Text 804 704 7825  
Serious inquiries only please.

**FREE** Jerry Fisher has two complete Sears Radial Arm saw molding cutter sets. He also has a box of Sears HSS ¼ router bits in various conditions, but all are good. He will bring them to the next

meeting. Contact him in advance if you are interested. [Seven7js@comcast.net](mailto:Seven7js@comcast.net)

## TWO ROCKLER MOBILE TOOL STANDS



The hardware without the wood was \$79.00 plus tax and shipping. The size can be modified to fit your equipment, \$30.00 each. Contact Larry Yancey at 804-399-3394

## 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.

**Chuck or Faceplate Sticking?** From David Sterling: If you are having trouble getting your face plates off your head stock shaft there is a cure. I use gallon milk jug washers. Drill to the size of your shaft then trim with scissors to fit around shaft and your problem is solved. Ta-Da!!

**Allen Wrench Keeper** Always looking for an Allen wrench that fits a set screw or band saw guide? Katherine Harris glues a small magnet to the large tool frame and keeps the right size Allen wrench stuck to it.

### Jammed Dust Collection Blast Gates?

From Dan Lutrell: Ever have a problem with blast gates not closing fully due to dust in the slide?



Notice the two 3/4" dia. holes I have drilled in the corners.



Here is the photo with the gate completely closed. Notice the corners of the slide into the 3/4" holes. The slide will push the collected dust into the void area and not prevent closure. There will be slight leakage when the gate is open, but this is negligible.

## Questions and Answers

Chuck Horton wonders if there is a way to detect sanding scratches before applying finish? He often finds that after sanding with 400 grit and careful inspection under bright light, there are still scratch marks that become visible after applying finish.

Ray Kallman of Tidewater Turners offers this solution. "I mix sanding sealer with lacquer thinner in 50:50 mix. First, I sand the piece to 220 or 320 and then use a paper towel to apply the mixture. It soaks into and seals the wood, and dries quickly. It will show off every tool or sanding mark. Then you know where to go back and re-sand. Once I'm satisfied and sand further), I use another finish over it. I first heard about this mixture in the club and learned more on one of the woodturning web sites. Maybe Captain Eddie. Different sources will have various proportions like 70/30, so I don't think the 50/50 needs to be exact. I've used that mixture for years. I used to use Deft sanding sealer. It was cheap and worked well but it's getting harder to find (and the price is going up).

## 2021 Officers and Committees

### Officers

President – Steve Kellner

Vice President – Dave Bushman

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### 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

Suggestions for additional content are always welcome. The goal is to have a club newsletter that is interesting and educational.

**Newsletter Staff**

Editor – Chuck Horton

Contributing Reviewers

– Izumi Miller

– Ann Horton

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## From the Editor

**MEETINGS**

Meetings occur on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. If you are attending via Zoom, you may log in at any time after 6:15pm. Do not wait until 6:30pm. The in-person meetings resume this month on July 17 at Woodcraft on Broad Street. Come at 6:00pm to socialize and help set up.

**NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION TIMETABLE**

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).

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.

**NEWSLETTER CONTENT**

## Attention: Richmond Woodturners who shop on Amazon. com

Richmond Woodturners recently registered with Amazon's Smile program to support charitable organizations. It's an easy, no cost way for your club to benefit from Amazon shopping expenditures.

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charity; Richmond Woodturners. When you shop at [Smile Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same products, prices and Amazon Prime benefits as with Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price to Richmond Woodturners.

Here's how it works: to shop at Amazon Smile, simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com> from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. On your first visit, you may need to designate Richmond Woodturners to receive donations before you begin shopping. We are now one of over a million charitable organizations registered with Amazon Smile. From then on when you enter Amazon through <https://smile.amazon.com/> every eligible purchase you make will result in a donation to your club.

Buyers can use their same login and password they currently use. Any saved lists and profiles automatically transfer over as well.

Please consider registering with Amazon Smile and designating Richmond Woodturners as a beneficiary. You are welcome to encourage friends and family to do likewise. We will update membership on a regular basis on donations gained from this unique program.



## 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.



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