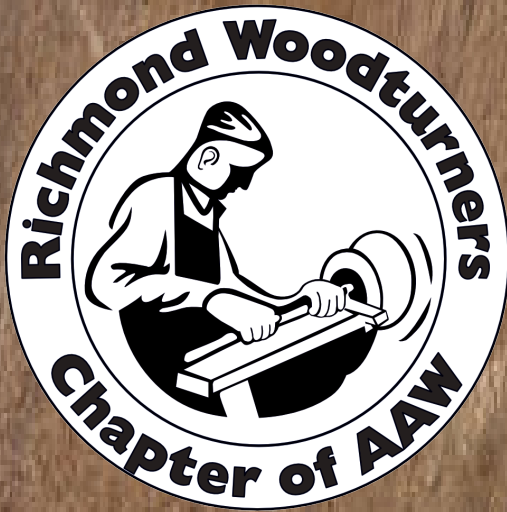


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WOODTURNERS IS TO
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WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
WOODTURNING AND TO
PROMOTE WOODTURNING
AS AN ART FORM WITHIN
THE CLUB AND TO THE
GENERAL PUBLIC

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FEATURE

Our club is blessed to have so many talented people working to make the club and the meeting go smoothly. One of those people is Jared Parker. Jared is the audio/visual chair person. In the next few paragraphs, he tells us about his history in woodturning and how he brings his audio/visual skills to us. So. Lets go.

How did you get involved with the club's AV committee?

It was among those first meetings when I first came to the club that I got to talk with our then Vice President Bill King and we talked about my job. I work for Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in the AV support department for the classrooms. At that time, the board was looking to update the AV system for the club, so they wanted to pick my brain a little. They were wanting to move from our old analog system to new larger displays with high-definition video. I enjoy working with technology and was happy to help. Not long after we finally got that system installed and mostly working, Covid hit and we had to switch to Zoom club meetings. I had worked with Zoom for several years at VCU by this point, so I was able to help the board navigate that adventure. Now that we are back to doing live in-person, we're working on a new system that will help improve our experience for live demos whether you are in the room or if you need to join by Zoom. That process has been a little slow going for me between work and my 3-year-old son occupying much of my time these days, but we're getting close. It's been really fun working through the challenges associated with this system. Though I work with technology every day, there are so many different ways to do things, its been a fun challenge to find the right combination of functionality, form, and reasonable pricing.

How long have you been a woodturner?

I was first introduced to woodturning by a former RWT club member and member of my church, Jack Hayes. He invited me out to his shop and helped me turn my first mallet around 2013 and I was hooked. He graciously let me come back over several more times until I eventually got my first lathe, a Nova Comet II in 2015.

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Jared (left) with his brother Jeremy after helping Jeremy make his first turning, a Christmas Tree.

How long have you been a member of RWT?

It was actually Jack Hayes who told me about the club, although I never actually attended with him before he moved out of the area. It wasn't until 2017 that I visited the club for the first time. It was either that first meeting or the second one I attended where we had a demonstrator come up from Williamsburg to do a demo on turning a bowl. He did a great job breaking down his approach to quickly clearing waste wood and invited volunteers to come up and give it a try. I raised my hand and the room erupted with encouragement for the new turner to try. The hands-on learning and open dialog between experienced and new turners that first meeting was what kept me coming back month after month.

What is your favorite aspect of woodturning?

There are so many check boxes that woodturning checks off for me. I work in a technology intense field and I need a creative outlet to unwind. There is just something relaxing about making shavings. I enjoy making things for others that are unique or special. It's so much fun to come across a piece of a tree that was significant to someone and give them a bowl or a pen from that tree that will last beyond the tree. I also enjoy tools and learning how to use different ones. Since this is a hobby for me, I don't have a huge budget for my tools, so I end up spending a lot of time researching different tools looking at all of the features and capabilities, so when I save up enough, I know exactly what I'm looking for. The search is a part of the fun. When I finally find a deal on something I've been looking for, bringing it home feels almost like it felt to open presents on Christmas morning when I was a kid.

Next time you see Jared, be sure to tell him how much you appreciate his hard work.



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President's Corner

I may be jumping the gun on this a but I feel confident in saying our new meeting format with 'Turners Talk' from 5:30 to 6:15 is a definite success! We had an excellent early turnout to learn about hand hollowing tools led by Dave Bushman. We had a large selection of hollowing tools demonstrated and tried by quite a few members. We have a few ideas lined up for the next few months, but we're always looking for more topics, so keep your ideas coming. And remember, you get 10% discount on wood turning supplies on meeting nights. By showing up early, you have more time to shop before the business meeting starts!

We had a nice number of S&T items to share; not as many as last month but still a good showing. Unfortunately, not me, but I'll do better this month.

I really enjoyed Brian Noble-Marx demonstration of his technique for making ovoid bowls. I plan to give it a try after I clear my 'Honey do' list a bit. I hope others will as well.

Thanks for listening.....and keep turning!

Quarterly Challenges

3rd quarter- turn something with feet

4th quarter- turn a Christmas ornament

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New name badges

In an effort to get members get to know one another, the board has decided to have new name badges made for all members. In the next week, you will be receiving an email, requesting that you provide the name that you would like engraved on the badge. Design details will also be included with the email. Please provide your desired engraved name as soon as possible. There will be no costs to members for the name badge.

June Program

We will have an open discussion about finishes. The discussion will be moderated and you may be called on to give a brief description of your favorite finish. This can include a basic description of the finish, why you like it, how you apply it. You may have more than one finish that are your favorites, you can talk about all of them. The finish can be for anything that you create in your turning experience. You are encouraged to bring a piece that has the finish you like to share with the group.

Activities Director

John Daniel has agreed to be our Activities Director. I'm sure John is going to bring bright new ideas to increase the awareness of our club to the public and to find new and exciting activities for our membership. Thank you John.



Treasurer's Report

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| Previous Balance (4/1/2023) | \$14,651.94 |
| Income | 140.41 |
| Expense | 250.00 |
| New Balance (4/31/2023) | \$14,542.35 |

Facebook Group

This Facebook group was created to provide a platform for our members to share project photos, to ask questions and, generally, to carry on the dialogs in which we so often engage during our monthly meetings. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/832886010074989/>.



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Turner's Talk

Mentoring & Skills Development Workshop



The workshop will meet prior to our regular Thursday meeting at 5:30 PM at Woodcraft and have a time to talk turning. Come on in and let's talk shop.

This month Dan Luttrell will discuss the in's and out's of using a chuck to secure wood to the lathe. The focus will be on chucking for safety.

Woodcraft Guidelines for our Meetings

Woodcraft graciously provides a space for the club to meet. The store closes at 7:00 PM and they have an employee stay until our meeting ends. They have requested that we:

- 1- Do not wander around the store after they close. Do all your purchases prior to the 7:00 PM closing time.
- 2- Stay in the meeting area until the meeting is over and we are ready to leave. If you do have to leave prior to the end of the meeting, please arrange that with the Woodcraft representative ahead of time.
- 3- That we all leave at the same time, taking all visiting outside the store, so the representative can lock up and leave.

Future Demonstrations

July – Ray Deyo will give a brief demonstration about the fingernail grind bowl gouge and Dan Luttrell will demonstrate the Irish (Ellsworth) grind. After their demos you will be able to go up and ask questions, and have try them out.

August – David Bushman will discuss and demonstrate how he chooses the style of foot he puts on a vessel or bowl and show how he turns the bottom of a piece to prepare it for carving.



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Future Demonstrations continued

September – More shop tours may be in the offing. I hear they may be Ray Deyo's and Stan VanDruff's shops.

October – Demonstration of spindle gouge. More details to follow

November – A Christmas theme turn-a-thon.

December – Christmas Party

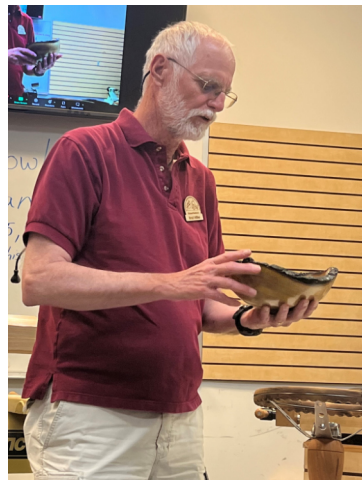
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Show and Tell

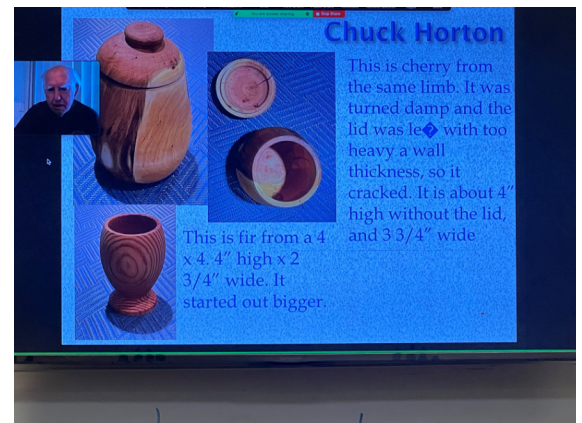
Please note: If you had Show and Tell or challenge pieces and your picture is not included, please forgive the omission. Some times, I am in the wrong position to get the shot or the picture was out of focus. The omission is not intentional.



Cody Walker



Brad Miller



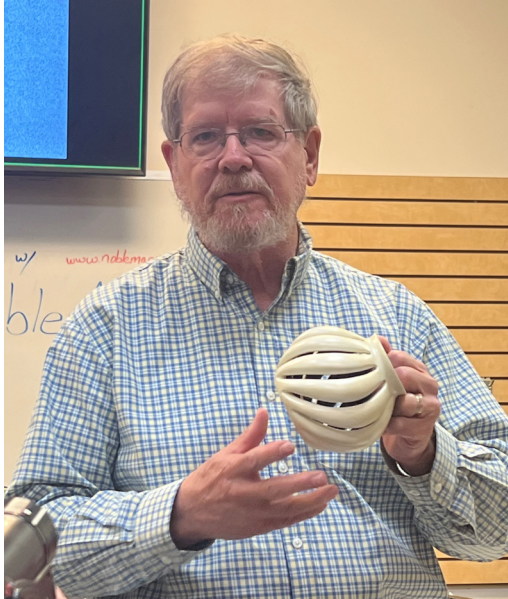
Chuck Horton



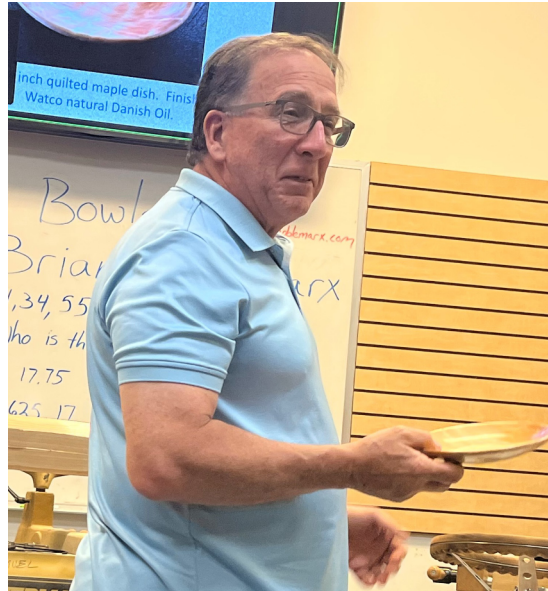
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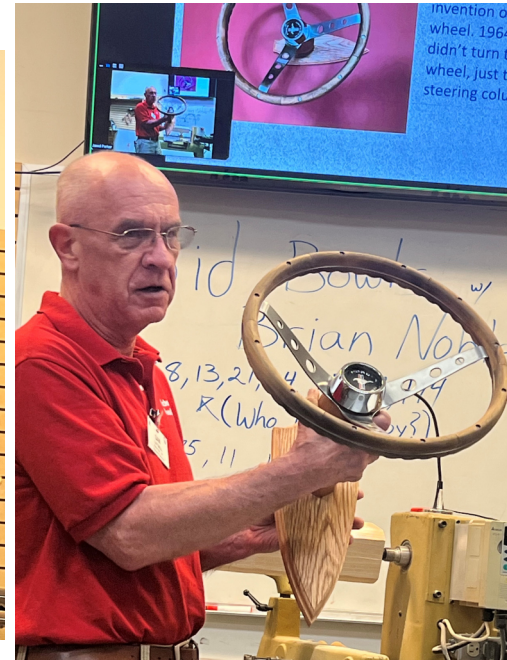
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Ray Deyo



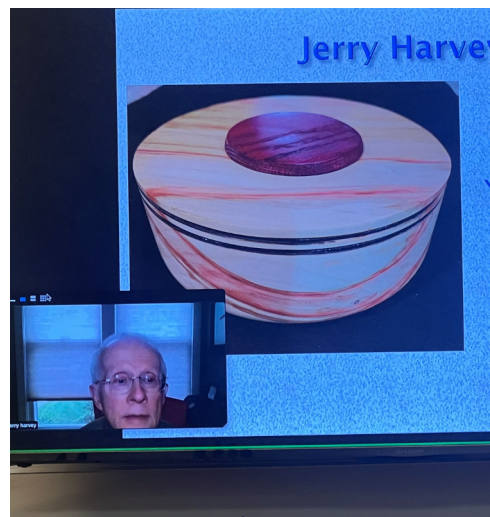
Kevin Fitzpatrick



Dan Luttrell



Scott Synnott



Jerry Harvey



John Daniel



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May Program Review

Brian Noble-Marx gave an in person demonstration of his Ovoid bowls. Brian's artistic skills are not only limited to woodturning. He is a very talented woodworker and creates beautiful furniture and carving. He is a resident of Richmond and his website address is <https://noblemarx.com>.





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SHOW AND TELL

Steve Kellner

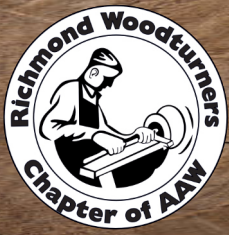


Maple Bowl: 13" D x 7.5" T, finish: Rock Hard Table Top varnish. Spalted section very porous and difficult to turn clean. About 10 coats of finish so far and not done yet!

Dan Luttrell



Oak Barrels Practice for
State Fair



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Roy Lewis



Dogwood stump / root. Finished with sanding sealer and shellac.

Steve Schwartz



Magnolia Bowl

9" x 2-1/2"

Kevin Fitzpatrick



I finished the 6"x6" fir Calabash bowl with Shellac. I'm submitting this as a demo for our discussion at the meeting on finishes.



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Luigi D'Amato



My latest Random box in mahogany



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Quarterly Challenge

Steve Kellner



Wine goblet with captured ring. Sycamore, 3.5"x 7", finish on goblet is cyanoacrylate and walnut oil on captured ring.

Dan Luttrell



Red Oak. Oil finish

Larry Yancey



Oak with Walnut oil finish

David Bushman

I generally don't like goblets unless they are full of red wine.

I decided instead to do a vessel with a captured ring. It is chestnut oak and will be finished by the meeting Thursday



Cody Walker



Torched and textured cherry goblets and an Olivewood goblet, all finished with walnut oil.



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State Fair



STATE FAIR TIME IS COMING SOON

**The Virginia State Fair is coming September 22 through October 1.
The club is encouraging members to participate in two ways:**

1- enter a piece in one or more of the following categories

- Class 6101 Bowls**
- Class 6012 Platters**
- Class 6103 Vases**
- Class 6104 Boxes and Containers**
- Class 6105 Hollow Forms**
- Class 6106 Turnings incorporating surface treatments or decorations**
- Class 6107 Woodturning, other (please describe)**

Awards:

**1st, 2nd, 3rd each class \$5.00 & Ribbon
Best of Section \$20.00 & ribbon**

**2- Participate in demonstrating during a 4 hour shift during the fair.
Great fun, just ask someone who has done it.**

Dan Luttrell will have more details coming soon, but be thinking about being involved.



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Questions/Answers

QUESTION- Should I buy a CBN grinding wheel? If so, what grit.

ANSWER-

My opinion - yes. Though expensive at first, it will last nearly a life time and will extend the life of your turning tools. As to what grit, opinions will vary, but I have a 180 grit which I'm pleased with. It gives a sharp edge with one pass. You will need a coarser wheel, something like a 60-80 grit if you need to reshape a profile. White frangible wheels that come with most grinders are good for this. Never use coarse grey wheels on cutting tools.

Chuck Horton

Questions and Answers

If you have any questions, please submit it to the newsletter editor. He will send it out to several tuners qualified to answer it. The answer will be included in the next newsletter.

For Sale



Nova Face Plate

\$35.00

Jay Pugh

434-942-6705
Call or text

For Sale

I have a Rikon air filtration system that I bought and mounted on the ceiling of my shop but never used. It is one of the original green ones. Woodcraft still sells them, see attached photo. I want \$150.00 for it. Please contact Meg Turner. 804-380-6392



For sale - \$100

Don Derry captive bar hollowing system with laser guide. Tool post is 1".

Contact Dan Luttrell



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For Sale



Delta air filter with light \$100.00
Jay Pugh 434-942-6705 Call or
text

Want to Purchase

I am in the market for a steady rest. I would like a metal one....like the old Liberty one, but they are out of business. Carter is the only one I can find that is really strong. So, if someone knows of one available at a reasonable price have them contact me. John Daniel 804-928-2234.



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2023 Officers and Committees

President – Steve Kellner
Vice President – Dave Bushman
Secretary – Chuck Horton
Treasurer - Cody Walker
Directors
Membership Director – Chuck Bajnai
Activities Director – John Daniel
Resource Director – Stan VanDruff
Past President #1 – Ray Deyo
Past President #2 – Bill Buchanan
Committee Chairpersons
Audio/Video – Jared Parker
Social Media – Vacant
AAW Women in Turning Liaison – Meg Turner
Newsletter Editor – Larry Yancey
Contributing Reviewer- Izumi Miller

QR CODE

Jared Parker developed this QR Code to make it easy to log on to the club website. In case you don't know how it works, simply point your smartphone camera at it (As if you were going to take a picture, but don't click.). A text link will pop up on your phone's screen. Touch the link and the club website will appear.



From the Editor

MEETINGS- Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Woodcraft. 5:30- 6:15 PM, Turners Talk , 6:30-7:15 PM business meeting, 7:15-8:30 PM program. If you are attending via Zoom, you may log in at any time after 6:15 PM.

TURNER'S TALK- For those who have knowledge to share and those who have questions. A time to exchange ideas and knowledge. Also just a time to talk shop.

SHOW AND TELL- Email pictures of your work to the newsletter editor at rwtnewsletter@gmail.com for publication in the newsletter and for the presentation used for the meeting. Submissions to rwtnewsletter@gmail.com will automatically be forwarded to Steve Kellner.



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AAW



American Association of Woodturners is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the art and craft of woodturning worldwide through education. With more than 16,000 members and over 365 local chapters globally, AAW members include amateurs, hobbyists, professionals, gallery owners, collectors, tool and equipment suppliers, and others.

AAW wants to help you enrich your woodturning experience and pursue your aspirations wherever you are on your woodturning journey. We invite you to learn and grow with us and become part of the special community that is woodturning. They provide an almost limitless amount of resources: written articles, videos, and a yearly national symposium. Check them out at www.woodturner.org. Consider joining today.

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.