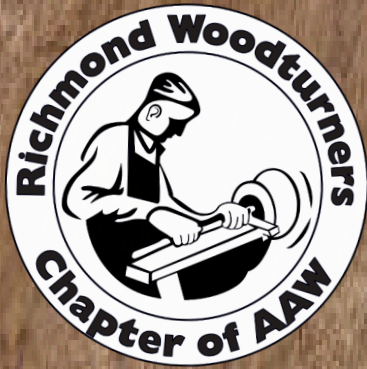


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AS AN ART FORM WITHIN
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FEATURE

What is the best and worst wood to turn?

Several years ago several experienced turners in our club held a panel discussion on the woods they like to turn and the the woods they did not and the reasons for both. As you would imagine they did not all agree on the perfect wood. In the same vein, they also did not agree on the woods they most disliked to turn. It was a very interesting and educational discussion. Fortunately, the event was recorded and if you would like to see it either for the first time or the tenth time here it is. This was done during the time we were not meeting in person, so it is presented in sections. Click the link for each of the panelist.

[Ray Deyo](#) started the panel with a discussion about properties and characteristics of wood and how knowing them helps him be a better turner.

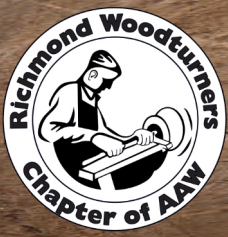
[Barbara Dill](#) talks about her history with wood, turning, and of course, her favorites.

[Ron Bishop](#) tells of his love affair with black cherry.

[Jim Bumpas](#) tells us his favorite wood is free wood, then goes on to show some magnificent examples. Along the way, he mentions things he goes searching for, and those that he shies away from.

[Dan Luttrell](#) talks about some of his favorite woods, but also dives into the piercing he is known for.

[Steve Schwartz](#) wraps up the discussion with one of his favorites, Ash. He also says that you need to determine what you want to make before you can decide what kind of wood you want to use. And he talks about the importance of embellishment to him.



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President's Corner

It has been a great start to the new year. We had an excellent turnout at Woodcraft as well as a significant number online and new members. Turners Talk, first turning on the club's new lathe, a good collection of Show & Tell entries, and an excellent presentation! We can't ask for more!

I want to thank everyone who came for my Turners Talk on spalted wood. Excellent discussions and many examples of spalted turnings brought to the discussion. I didn't even need to open the Spalted Wood bible by Sara Robinson!

Nice to have Dan Luttrell christen the new 3520C lathe to start the meeting and Chuck Bajnai's mobility kit worked well! It was also good to see a nice collection of Show & Tell entries. Finishing the meeting off was an outstanding discussion by Jacques Vesery on design. I think this was one of the best Zoom presentations we have had because it was a discussion between us and Jacques. His ideas and techniques of looking at form opened my eyes. Hopefully, based on the lively discussion, this was true for most of us. I hope we follow this example in the future during all of our programs and Turners Talk discussions!

Thanks for listening.

Steve

Pen Turners meeting

The Richmond Penturner's club will meet at Woodcraft at 6 p.m. on Thursday March 14. The meeting topic will be casting pen blanks.

Please bring and wear your badge to the meeting!

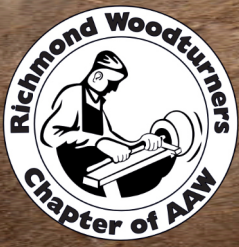
If you didn't sign up and want one, please contact Larry Yancey, lpancey@gmail.com. The first one is free to members. There is a fee of \$10.00 to replace a lost one

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NEW FEATURE STARTING IN THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

Hyperlinks are now available for both URL's and email addresses. Thanks to Stan Van Druff for helping to get this feature active. Hopefully this feature will make it more convenient, as you no longer have to re-type in web addresses into your search engine or copy and paste.



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It is time to pay membership dues!

The Board for the Richmond Woodturners has decided to keep the dues the same as last year. Your options for payment are as follows:

- 1-Give a check or cash to either Cody Walker or Chuck Bajnai at the next meeting
- 2-Mail a check to Cody Walker at 19375 Vontay Road, Maidens, Va. 23102
- 3-Pay your dues using Paypal on our website:

[Richmond Woodturners membership](#)

Annual dues are \$35.00 for a single member and \$45.00 for a family if paying by cash or check payable to Richmond Woodturners. There is an extra \$1.00 fee if using PayPal (\$36.00 for single or \$46.00 for family).

Thanks for your continued interest and participation in Richmond Woodturners.

Chuck Bajnai, Membership Director 804-301-4600

Newsletter Pictures

Pictures from the newsletter are available in a JPEG format upon request to all members. Send request to RWTnewsletter@gmail.com

Future Demonstrations

- February-Dan Currier discussing photography of our woodturning treasures
- March- Jay Pugh demonstrating the One Way Coring system
- April- Cody Walker demonstrating turning bowls with handles

February Program

The February demonstration will feature Dan Currier discussing photography and providing tips of how to best photograph your work

Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance (1/1/2024)	\$13,601.23
Income	1,165.45
Expense	442.88
New Balance (2/1/2024)	\$14,323.80

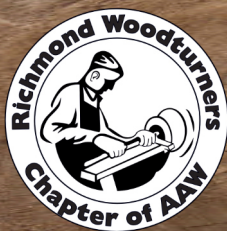
Join meeting Via Zoom

Be sure to check your email each month for the sign in information to join the meeting with Zoom. If for some reason, it is not in your in box, simply refer back to a previous invitation for the information which remains the same from month to month.

The Zoom link will be active starting at about 6:15 PM on the evening of the meeting.

Quarterly Challenges

- 1st quarter 2024- turn wood and some other material
- 2nd quarter 2024- bowls with handles
- 3rd quarter 2024- bowl or vessel accented with texture
- 4th quarter 2024- turn an item to wear



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Turner's Talk

Mentoring & Skills Development Workshop

The workshop meets at the beginning of our regular Thursday meeting at 5:30 PM. Come on in and let's talk shop. This month Ray Deyo will be discussing hollow forms.
March- John Daniel on sanding
April-Chuck Horton with lead an open question and answer session
May- Dr. Jim Thorp will discuss woodturning and our health.



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.

A neighbor with a variety of topless glass canisters asked if I could make tight fitting cork lids for them all. Not having even thought of turning cork before, it was time to find out. Resin impregnated cork was not an option for this project. As suspected, cork does not turn well at all, resulting with considerable tear. The down and dusty method was to rough turn oversize, then sand on the lathe to final size. Sanding to a smooth surface is very quick and very dusty. Dust collection and mask is a must. Turning cork is not recommended but can be done if needed for such a project.
Bill Buchanan





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January Meeting Highlights



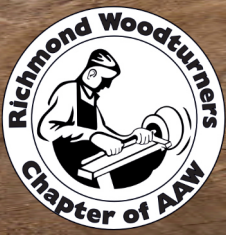
The club's new Powermatic 3520C was christened at the January meeting. Dan Luttrell cut the ribbon and turned the first piece as a demonstration.

January Demonstration



The presentation for the January meeting was a discussion by Jacques Vesery on form and design. He provided many examples of good form and suggested several reference books on the subject. There was good group dialog with Jacques and he was thorough in his explanations.

Photo provided by Chuck Bajnai



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We have been invited by two organizations to participate in events that they have planned. With the board's approval, I am inviting you to sign up to have fun and to represent our club in taking Woodturning out into the community. **Here are the details. Please review and respond directly to me:** jwdaniel@me.com indicating you will participate.

**The Center of The Universe Brewery
LOGGER FEST
March 2, 2024 from 2-5 pm
11203 Air Park Road, Ashland, VA 23005**



We will have two tables available. One table for a traveling lathe and information on the club. The other for "show and tell" items which may also be offered for sale. Yes, you can bring things to offer for sale. Please email me right away with your interest. Several wood related clubs and merchants will be present. Come help us promote Richmond Woodturners. **We welcome all who can come but are seeking 5 members to participate for part or all of the three hours.**

**Farm Field Day at Meadow Farm
Museum At Crump Park**

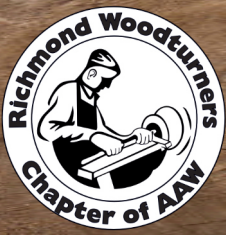
**April 27th, 11-2 pm (with set up prior)
3400 Mountain Road
Glenn Allen, VA 23060**



The County of Henrico has invited us to participate in this event. They normally have well over 1000 people. We plan to have a lathe and need demonstrators for the three hour period. We will have space for show and tell items which also can be for sale.

We welcome all who can come but are seeking 5-7 members to participate for part or all of the three hours. (FYI, in the event of bad weather this event will most likely be canceled.) I would love to have you participate in one or both of these events. Please email me at jwdaniel@me.com or call me at 804-928-2234 with your questions and interest. These things are a ton of fun and serve deeply our purpose as a club. Let me hear from you soon.

Activities Director
John Daniel



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Save the Date!

Virginia Woodturners Symposium
November 2-3, 2024

<https://www.virginiawoodturners.com>

What: An exciting program of *demonstrations* by many renowned woodturners, including Nick Agar, Donna Zils Banfield, Trent Bosch, Linda Ferber, Joe Fleming, Barry Gross, Jeff Hornung, Kristin LeVier, JoHannes Michelsen, Bob Rotche, Steve Schwartz, Andi Wolfe

A large array of *vendors* of tools and wood supplies for turning
A bunch of *fun* meeting like-minded turners!

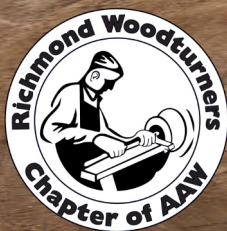
Where: *Augusta ExpoCenter, Fishersville, Virginia*

How: *Lodging* information at <https://www.virginiawoodturners.com/hotels.htm>

Registration at early bird rates at <https://www.virginiawoodturners.com/registration.htm>

See you there!





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2024 AAW International Symposium May 23-26, 2024



Chapter/Club Symposium Discount

Five or more of your chapter members can get \$40 off each registration!

We want our woodturning chapter members to be able to send as many people as they can to Portland, OR to experience the biggest woodturning event of the year. That's why we are offering a \$40 chapter discount to each member of a group of five or more. Pull together at least five of your chapter friends and submit the form on the website to get your personalized discount code. Then, share the discount code with those chapter members and you can each register for a full registration at \$40 off.

The AAW International Woodturning Symposium is the best event for local chapter members to learn together, make bulk purchases and connections with top vendors, and put their chapter on the map by showcasing their best work in the largest woodturning gallery. This is a great opportunity for new woodturners to tag along with their chapter members and soak in a wealth of woodturning knowledge from some of the most experienced woodturners in the world. Chapter leaders will have the opportunity to network with one another and share experiential knowledge to help grow chapters around the country. Chapter Discounts must be requested by April 5, 2024.

[Click Here for more information.](#)



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Show & Tell

Chuck Bajnai



Walnut Ball
Friction polish and Beal buffing system



Poplar
Textured using 4" grinder
Airbrushed with lacquer finish

Chuck Horton

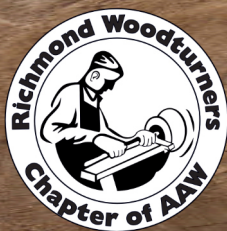


Pecan with walnut rim, 6 1/2" high x 4" wide, several coats of wipe on poly.



Maple platter, 10" wide x 1 1/2" high, several coats of wipe on poly. My first attempt at dying wood.





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Ray Deyo



Mahogany open twist goblet with oil urethane finish applied as a wipe-on.

Jerry Harvey

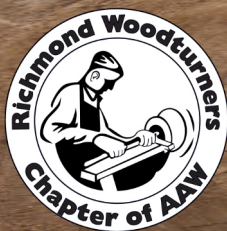


Vase ,turned and carved. 12"x 3.5" butternut. Danish oil and Beall polish

Steve Schwartz



This is my item #906 Cherry Bowl with Dragonflies 10" Diameter X 2.5 tall



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Mike Squire



Unknown wood.
8" tall.
Finished with water based wipe
on poly.

Larry Yancey



Train pull toy for my granddaughter's 2nd birthday.
Wheels, tanks and steam stack were turned. Various
woods were used. Axles are wood dowels.
Approximately 27" long not counting pull cord. It
will not be on display at the meeting as it is in route
to her.

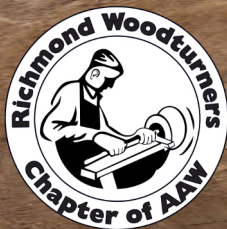
Cody Walker



Dunno Bowl, dunno the wood, dunno if
bark will stay on. 13.5" at its widest
point, finished with walnut oil.



Two axes Cedar bowl. 14.5" at its widest point
finished with boiled linseed oil.



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Steve Kellner



Small Calabash style cup: 3" diameter x 3'5" tall, spalted sycamore with CA finish. I had this with me as part of my spalted wood discussion last month. After Jacques's discussion on form, I looked at this and decided it has an attractive shape - even if it is not black! While finish is CA, it is a mat finish which I think works well on this cup.

Al Kiebert



Mahogany Platter: 12-1/2" wide and 1-1/4" deep.



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Scott Germain



Cherry, 6 inches by 14 inches,
finished with Yorkshire grit and
Minwax

Dan Luttrell



Blowout. White oak and mineral oil.
7-1/2" diameter

Scott Synnott



Cherry about 16" diameter. Twice
turned, finished with walnut oil and
buffed.





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WANTED FOR THE CLUB

The Board of Directors has identified a need for our club to have a complete set of tools available for demonstrators at meetings and/or remote gatherings. Through previous contributions, we already have a partial set, but are in need a parting tool, 3/8" or 1/2" spindle gouge, and a 1/2" bowl gouge. If you have one of these tools in good condition, full size (not ground short) and name brand and would like to help round out our set with a contribution, it would be welcomed. If you would like to underwrite the expense and purchase a one of these tools for the club through a donation, our cost would be approximately 75% of the retail price. Please coordinate any donations and/or contributions through Ray Deyo to avoid duplication. Thanks for your help. Please make checks out to Richmond Woodturners and give them to Ray.

Wanted

9 to 10" diameter log section about 12" long with 3 to 3-1/2" diameter rotted center.
Probably white oak.

Dan Luttrell

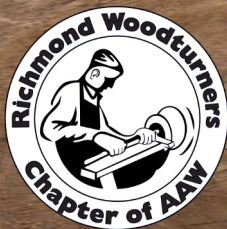
mostthingsround@gmail.com

804-382-2145

Want to Purchase

I am looking for a used low speed dual wheel grinder with pedestal if possible. Thanks

Ron Bishop rbishop1946@gmail.com



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For Sale

NOTICE FOR FOR SALE AND WANT TO PURCHASE ITEMS

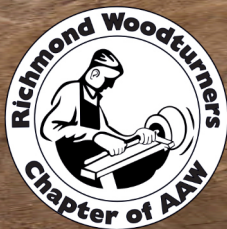
Ads for "For Sale" and "Want to purchase items" can run for multiple months, but unless you contact and request that it run again it will be deleted after the month they are shown. Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

Used turning tools. Too many to list. Categories include bowl and spindle gouges, parting tools, skewers, hollowing tools, scrapers, and "specialty" items. Let me know your interest and I'll bring a selection of those to the next meeting. \$25.00

Dan Luttrell 804-382-2145 mostthingsround@gmail.com



Our club is selling four donated tools at a cost of \$10 each on a first come-first serve basis: Craftsman round nose scraper, Sorby roughing gouge and two thin parting tools. Please contact Ray Deyo if interested. makeitround@comcast.net



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2024 Officers and Committees

President – [Steve Kellner](#)
Vice President – Vacant
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Directors :
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Newsletter Director- [Larry Yancey](#)
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Past President #2 – [Bill Buchanan](#)
Committee Chairpersons:
Social Media – Vacant
AAW Women in Turning Liaison – [Meg Turner](#)

A very special thank you to Izumi Miller for her contribution to this newsletter. She proof reads it and makes valued suggestions on ways to make it more readable.

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.

[Richmond Woodturner Facebook](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/832886010074989/>.

Club Membership dues

Individual—\$35, Family (must reside at the same address) —\$45, Student (under 19 years)—\$15. For more details, please visit the website at www.richmondwoodturners.org and go to the membership tab.

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. The deadline for submission of show and tell items to be included in the newsletter is one week prior to the meeting by 5:00 PM



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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 [Woodcraft Classes](#) Look for classes taught by Ray Deyo, Clark Brummett, Brian Noble-Marx and others.