

# Richmond Woodturners

## Newsletter November 2020



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The October 15th meeting started with a welcome to all with a brief introduction to all logged into Zoom (26 folks at the time I counted). After the business accounts, Show and Tell turnings were displayed. Note that several pieces were not contained in the October Newsletter are listed in the November edition.

Notes of the September and October staff meetings appear later in this edition.



Ted Beebe discussed in length how he turned many of the parts of and the construction of his guitar. His presentation is well documented in several places as listed below. Any one of these describes the process well. The demo for our meeting is almost identical to the one described in the Sarasota, FL, Woodturners club. See the following:

[Ted Beebe's Guitar Turning Demo](#), January 2019, page 11, Sarasota Flying Wood Chips Newsletters  
<https://www.sarasotawoodturners.com/Newsletters>

Also, in AAW publication American Woodturner  
[A Lathe-turned GUITAR](#), by Ted Beebe, June 2020, page 32 and  
[Concepts for A Woodturner's Guitar](#), by Bernie Hrytzak, AW3103 pages 30-35

Plus a television station recorded Ted turning: <https://www.wcax.com/content/news/MiVT-Ted-Beebe-woodturning-570927671.html>

A very special support bar that is installed in front of a lathe provides assistance to stand in front of it. That is, for those of us who need a little help. See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvNWxfsx1E4> and contact Ted for more info.

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## President's Message

Thanks goes to Ted Beebe for a very interesting shop tour and enlightening demo last month showing us some of the very innovative methods he uses to make his lathe-turned guitars. While I'm not sure that I'm quite ready to tackle a guitar, I have made a few mountain dulcimers in the past and Ted's demo got me thinking how his methods might be employed to tackle a lathe turned dulcimer.

With that said, a prime opportunity exists to remind all that our quarterly challenge for December is to make some form of musical instrument . . . something that can make sounds at least, and not necessarily clear crisp tones that can offer your rendition of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. A duck call or penny flute can fit the bill.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner, I can't imagine anyone not knowing that our November elections are upon us. I'm not referring to elections related to the chaotic news on mainstream media, your mailbox full of undesired stuff, or those robo calls on your phone. We're talking about much more simpler elections for the six board members for Richmond Woodturners. RWT board members are elected for mostly 2 year terms with different positions expiring on alternate years so that all positions do not come due at once. I am happy to report that we have a full slate of qualified candidates set up. Please take the time to review the list of candidates and be prepared and able to vote during our November Zoom meeting. Please save the date of Thursday, 11/19 and don't forget. It is important! Mark your calendars if need be. Please arrange to join us if at all possible! Stay tuned to your email for a Zoom meeting invitation.

Shop Safety: We have all heard some of the more common turning safety protocols such as protect your lungs from sanding dust and shields to protect the face and head. With all our of turning related internet browsing and push notifications coming to us from magazines that we might subscribe to, we're going to take a different tact today. It's all about using some common sense when it comes to some of the "tips & tricks" that we come across. Such tips can often be fantastic while others can be fantastically stupid. I'm fairly sure we've all seen some of these tips and methods of dubious distinction. Two come to mind that I have recently seen. One so called novice was so proud of himself and bragging that he could turn a bowl using only a roughing gouge. I have to wonder how many times he did that before that thin narrow tang bent, broke, or worse. That is why any bowl turners worth his salt has a bowl gouge which is much easier to control and performs much better – safely. Another so called turner offered a tip to those readers having difficulty with a skew. His solution was not to learn how to use a skew but to use a block plane to make spindles with the lathe turned on. While possibly less dangerous and hard on the tool at low rpm's, I won't be offering credence to that one either. If having trouble mastering the skew, it's high time to learn. The point is to use the appropriate tool for the job and to use some common sense. Consider that some methods are not in common practice for good reason, while others may be worth considering. Use the tool the good Lord endowed you with – common sense.

For those club members who have not yet taken the opportunity to take part in our live remote meetings, I strongly encourage you to do so. It's working! We look forward this month's topic requested and suggested by one of our members; a panel discussion about wood, specifically what species we like to turn and why, and also what woods may not be the best option. An emphasis will be on native species more readily available, as well as some of the exotics and costlier options.

See you then,

Bill Buchanan, President  
Buchanan198@gmail.com

## Zoom for Newbies

Zoom for Newbies:

To participate in virtual meetings you'll need to download the FREE Zoom software.

Desktop and laptop computer users should go online to zoom.us, join as a free basic member by entering your email and a password, and look under the "resources" tab for the download. Smartphone users, go to your app store for "zoom cloud computing." There are many concise videos on line showing you how to install and start Zoom.

Joining the meeting. When you receive an invitation in your email, just look for the Zoom link to join meeting, and click it. There may or may not be a password needed. If needed, it will be listed.

Full screen. In the meeting, look in the upper right corner of your screen and click "enter full screen," to see the biggest picture.

Views. Also in the upper left, you'll see either "Speaker View" or "Gallery View," click to switch. In Gallery View, you see Hollywood Squares. In Speaker View, the person talking fills your screen. You can switch back and forth.

Mute/Un-mute. Look in the lower left corner of your screen for a wee microphone, here you can Mute your sound, and Un-mute. Switch back and forth to see how it works; in many setups, the space bar acts as a "press to talk" switch.

Smartphones and some tablets will show a bigger better picture if you turn them sideways to landscape mode.

More Zoom controls appear as icons on the bottom of the screen. You can experiment with them.

Exit. Click "Leave the Meeting," in red at lower right, to end the session.

IOS Macs, I-Phones and I-Pads will likely be a different view. On Ipads look to the top right corner for menu tray, to include, video (your camera on), small microphone to toggle between mute on/off, participant list and a 3-dot icon to offer more options to include hand raise, and chat.

See you at the virtual meeting!

Check out the information at this site to help you get started using Zoom.

<https://sac.edu/sce/about/Pages/Zoom-for-Beginners.aspx>

It has come to my attention that the above instructions for Zoom (from AAW) makes a rash assumption that notebook, laptop and desktop computers have a built in camera. However, many do not and installing one on such is a fairly easy thing to do. First, of course is to obtain a computer camera (also called a webcam). For local purchase, I suggest a store such as Walmart or Best Buy. Online is another way to but one. Make sure that a USB cable comes with it. Installing is fairly simple. The process is like a plug and play process. Clip the camera onto the monitor/screen of the computer and plug it into a USB port. Next wait for the signal that the equipment is recognized and it is done. An indication should show up in the lower right corner of the screen. If all fairs, check out the process by Googling the process such as "how to install a computer camera on my \_\_\_ type computer"

**Membership dues can be mailed to:**

**Cody Walker. 19373 Vontay Rd. Maidens, Va. 23102**

**\$35 individual. \$45 family for 2021**

# November Elections

Two year terms effective January 1, 2021

## Board Positions:

## Candidates:

President

Steve Kellner

Secretary

Larry Yancey

Activities Director

Katherine Harris

Information / Web Dir.

Stan VanDruff

Newsletter Editor

Chuck Horton

Past President #2

Ray Deyo

## Pictures and Bios of Candidates



Steve Kellner - I am a recently retired PhD Chemical Engineer by training and a long time hobbyist woodworker and furniture maker. I began woodturning in 2016 and have been expanding my skills over the ensuing years.

I joined the club in 2017 and attended nearly all meetings. Now that I'm retired and have plenty of time I decided to become more involved with the club; did not expect to start at the top, but I'm willing and able and expect lots of help from everyone in the club! This is a difficult time for the club without the ability to meet in person. I will work with the Board to help make our Zoom meetings as interesting as we can. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in person again sometime next year.



Larry Yancey is a businessman who owns and has operated a general contracting construction company for thirty years. In late 2018, he set a date for retirement of May, 2021. Larry's life has been filled with family, church, and work with very little time to develop hobbies; and he was satisfied with that. But, after he began to plan for retirement, he questioned what he was going to do to occupy his free time. One morning in January of 2019, while exercising on the treadmill, he was watching YouTube and a segment appeared on the topic of woodturning. The subject struck a chord with him. He watched well over 100 related YouTube videos, took a class at Woodcraft, and joined the Richmond Wood Turners Club.

In late May 2019, he started to purchase the tools that he would need to begin turning and then to convert a storage building in his backyard to a workshop. In July, 2019, the shop was finished and he completed his first wood turning project. After many less than art-worthy attempts, he is improving and excited about refining his skills and techniques with the limited amount of time that he has in the shop. He is looking forward to May, 2021, when he can spend more time in the shop and increase his skills to the next level. He feels there is still much to learn.



Katherine Harris -

I am a retired math teacher with two major hobbies. I love my horse and I love to wood turn. I have been turning, very amateurly, for about 10 years. I really ought to be better by now! Mostly I turn bowls and then foist them on unsuspecting visitors.

## Pictures and Bios of Candidates - Continued



Stan VanDruff inherited his love for all things wood from his father, who allowed Stan into the workshop when he was about 10. In high school shop class, he gained access to far more power tools than he had at home, including several heavy-duty lathes. Since he didn't have access to a lathe at home, though, Stan didn't do any more turning until he built his own house in 1986. Around that time, he purchased a Record CL-3 lathe which he has used for all his turnings since. Like most woodworkers, Stan enjoys the endless variety of local and exotic wood that God hid in this planet's remarkable trees. Stan, in fact, has far more bowl blanks than bowls, but now that he is retired, he plans to drastically change that ratio.



Chuck Horton - I retired from Newport News Shipbuilding in 2004. I have been actively turning since around 2002 and have been a member of the Richmond Woodturners since 2011. I also belong to the Tidewater Turners and the Honolulu Woodturners. I primarily turn bowls, but have done a wide variety of other objects. I mostly use locally available green wood from tree cutters or donations from other Woodturners.



Ray Deyo - My entry into woodturning started in 1996 while living in Cleveland, Ohio. After about a year of making chips and standing in shavings, I joined the North Coast Woodturners club that met at the local Rockler store. Ernie Conover was a member and I decided to take a two-day bowl turning class at his shop in northeastern Ohio. After moving to Richmond to purchase the local Woodcraft store in 2002, I started teaching woodturning and eventually joined Richmond Woodturners in 2004. With a fondness of wood and the wide variety at Woodcraft, I quickly decided to turn every specie that came into the store whether it was block, billet or board. While some of the draw was to become an educated seller of wood, there was a high level of personal interest as well.

Consequently, over the years, I have been able to turn hundreds of species. Eventually I became President of RW for two years (2015/16) then joined the Board as past President. My favorite experience in turning was created by a birthday gift. One of our sons talked a retiring apple orchard owner into giving me a tree. I walked the orchard, selected a favorite and took it home. I can now say I have turned a complete tree from trunk to branch tip. Among all the species turned, apple continues to be a favorite. Today I will turn anything but have a particular fondness for hollow forms, anything with a finial and thoroughly enjoy teaching and demonstrating the craft.

# Show and Tell - from last month



Steve Schwartz,  
Cherry Burl vase w/  
Cocobolo collar 13"  
tall X 8" Dia



Chuck Horton, Beech, 8" x 3", finished with  
Minwax wipe on poly. Part of a cored larger  
blank



Alan Harrell, "basket illusion"  
done in hard maple 10" dia.



Jerry Fisher, A turned glass  
candle. It burns paraffin fuel.  
It is made of maple for the  
column, walnut burl cap, and  
cherry base. Died with a blue  
green alcohol dye, a poly  
overcoat, and buffed to give it  
an antique finish. It has a  
magnet and embedded iron  
washer for stabilization.



Royal Wood, Segmented vase from  
Royal Wood 10"tall 6"dia. Curly  
maple, heart, and spectra ply.



Jared Parker, I got a couple of  
hours in the shop last week-  
end. I was asked by a friend if I  
could recreate some spindles.  
Apparently, the answer is no  
but here's my attempt.

# Show and Tell - current



Brad Miller, Bowls for show and tell. Was given one log about 20" diameter. Half the log was this burl, the other half will be plain bowls, they are still drying. Cored both half's total 8 bowls using Oneway coring system. Wood - Cherry Burl, Finish- Danish Oil, Size- largest 18"x 10", Smallest 11"x 3", One bowl is missing in pictures, have already been given to person donating log.



Steve Schwartz, Item 727 is a Maple bowl 14" dia X 3 with airbrushed fall maple leaves on the outside. Item 783 is an Ash bowl 20.5 dia X 4 with Great Blue Herons on rim. To make this I cut the birds out of adhesive stencil material then burn textured as close as I could. I masked everything but the rim and airbrushed black water based paint to bring the black right up to the stencils. Then removed the masking and stencils.



Larry Yancey, Cherry Box with a segmented crown and walnut finial. It is approximately 6 inches in diameter and 3-3/4" high. Myland fiction polish finish. Made as a birthday gift to my daughter-in-law last May .

# Show and Tell - continued



Charles Horton, Maple with punky core stabilized with CA glue. 9 1/2" x 4 1/2".



Christopher Waggener, 13" walnut bowl with a huge bark inclusion and a giant crack. Crack is filled with white alabaster and crape myrtle branches, General Wood Bowl Finish.



Royal Wood, Segmented Walnut and Curly Maple, 15"w x 7"h



Georgia Wood, Spectra Ply Bowl, 6.5"w x 3"h cherry finished with Acks sanding paste and Acks polish



Steve Kellner, 4 recent sycamore turnings. Finished in walnut oil. Starting clockwise from top left: 8" dia x 5" tall salad bowl, 6" x 1.5" small bowl, 9.5" x 1.5" plate, and 6" x 1" plate. The last 2 items were made utilizing my recent acquisition of a Oneway coring system purchased with the help of Dan Luttrell. The latter 2 plates have some beautiful 'chambira' 3-d type grain pattern.



Bruce Robbins, Holly, Design with markers

# Show and Tell - continued



Bill Jenkins, Writing arm Windsor, black over red milk paint. Sent to a customer in Kentucky.



Bob Silkensen, This Basket Illusion Vase was inspired by Tom Lohman. Of course his was segmented and probably better done but I had fun doing it. The vase itself is a segmented maple hollow form then beaded, burned and colored.



Luigi D'Amato, Mahogany, 15 cm, Box in piercing



Jim Bumpas, Spiral carved hollow form (A. Samuel like) 6 1/2" x 3 1/2". Walnut, ebony - and cherry.



Jim Marstall, 4 inches high; 6 inches diameter; with a 5/16 of an inch wide by 1/28 of an inch thick band of white maple inlay with dyed lines inserted in the rim.

# Show and Tell - continued



Rob Bladder



Soapstone Pen



Alan Harrell, Cherry Bowl 11½" by 5", finished with tung oil.



Steve Schwartz, Wormy Maple Bowl with handles 13" Dia



Cody Walker, Maple Crib Spindles 26 3/4" long,



Bob Marchese, Mortar & Pestle, Firewood and Maple, 5" X 6", Natural Oil finish



Beads of Courage Bowls

# Another Way to Support Richmond Woodturners:

**When shopping on Amazon, you can use this link:**

**Amazon Smile**

Instead of:

**Amazon.com**

**This allow for .05% of price of eligible purchases to be donated by Amazon to Richmond Woodturners if chosen as shopper's charitable organization.**

**Friends and family can help as well.**

**Amazon shoppers can use their same log-in and password they currently use.**

**Any saved lists, profiles, and Prime Member benefits automatically transfer over as well.**

# Richmond Woodturners Board Meeting Minutes 10/19/2020

Prepared by Bill Buchanan, President

Attending: Dave Bushman, Stan VanDruff, Bob Marchese, Chuck Bajnai, Cody Walker, Ray Deyo, Bill Buchanan, Georgia Wood, Lee Scarborough. Steve Kellner, Katherine Harris, Larry Yancey, Chuck Horton, Dan Luttrell

November elections update:

Bill advised we have a full slate of candidates; one per slot to date. Thanks to all who stepped up.

We will be running November elections via Zoom platform at November meeting. The hope is to accomplish elections with Zoom's polling option, or other non verbal means. A cursory attempt to trial run "polling" did not go as hoped. Bill, limited to a tablet cannot not launch polling. Another trial run needed: Action Item: Bill to get with Jared Parker.

Budget and Related:

Cody and Chuck submitted a proposed budget for review. Various discussions followed. Line 515 "donations" expense appeared to some as misleading which was intended to reflect an expense as donation to member or family suffering a loss.

One expense not listed is Zoom expense. (see "Zoom Meeting" topic following page).

Concern was expressed that budget did not reflect some possible future large ticket expenses such a new lathe to replace current Powermatic or possible need for a venue change. Additional concern was expressed that expenses can easily surpass income, and that additional fund elevation efforts are needed such as possible hat, smock, gear sales, wood raffle, bowl sales, limited pro demos and capital plan campaign. Not resolved was any decision to change from fiscal year to capital year basis.

Ray Deyo suggested the club save enough funds for a new lathe and current Powermatic is outdated and without fire insurance.

Not resolved. \*Note : Three Jet minis are nearly new (2019 ?)

Ray pointed out some benefits to calendar year. Cody pointed out benefits to fiscal year basis, July thru June. It was discussed to call the reflected \$6614.68 a "reserve fund" vs. \$5k or a 6 month operating expense amount as previously discussed.

All agreed that this proposed budget is an excellent starting point subject to minimal fine tuning. As a component of the club's previous "5-year plan" effort, the club now has a budget work with.

Action Item: Cody and Chuck to adjust as needed to include adding line item to reflect Zoom expense.

December Meeting:

No banquet to be held this year. December meeting to be live remote via Zoom. No demo planned. Quarterly challenge remains scheduled. Other activities may include "Best of Year" show & tell, Tips & Tricks submitted by members and possibly an open Q&A

period for less experienced turners by suggestion of member John Daniel at an earlier date. No further recommendations made. Bill to draft announcement for inclusion to November Newsletter.

Cultural Arts Center Glen Allen: 11 week exhibit to commence January 9, 2021.

Bill B. is coordinating. Member participation is anticipated to be limited.

Member Roster Status: Chuck Bajnai advises roster is up to date with non dues- paying members broken out, listed separately.

Bob has already purged appropriate names from newsletter group e-mail list. Bill to do same with dropped memberships.

"5 Year Plan": Passing the baton.

With board's inability to meet in person and lackluster attendance for previous planning meetings, the "5 year Plan" was put on hold. The current working document to be re-structured to reflect those action items accomplished, those action items pending and those yet to address. Document to include some yearly maintenance required or recommended by the Planning board.

Action Item: Bill to update the working document and pass to new board to be in place January 1, 2021.

#### Nominations Committee:

Briefly discussed was the possible need to bolster the current Nominations Committee of one person with additional members to assist. Role of proposed committee could also include the role of developing volunteers for various tasks needed throughout the year and not be limited to board election candidates. Ray suggested the board should select the committee.

No decisions made. Seed planted.

#### Zoom Meeting Program: Changes if any:

- Bob Marchese submitted a list of 27 Zoom participants on line for October's general meeting featuring pro IRD by Ted Beebe, and noting that this count is fairly consistent ranging upwards of approximately 38 members on a roster of 100. Bill mentioned that other clubs are experiencing similar results with their own Zoom efforts, some better, and some worse. The reasons for this deficit is unknown and most likely is due to a wide variety of reasons to include members with limited tech hardware and know-how, potentially some apathy resulting from our inability to meet and greet in person. Addressed was the need to find out why and what can be done to generate greater member interest.

- Mentioned, was plans by Ray and Stan to develop shop tour videos to supplement general business meeting agenda.

- Reference made to prior member feedback from prior year's survey. Bob has digital copy. Bill has print copy ( President's binder)

Stan shared web site link to archives/survey/results. Bill followed up with screen shot by e-mail.

- Discussed was the possible need for a shareable club specific email address & password to be used as Zoom log-in credentials vs. a single personal e-mail address. This could allow 2 or more key members to share log in efforts to Zoom as needed. Stan advises this would not be a difficult task as currently being done for board members on club's website.

Action item: Bill to poll members by e-mail in effort to learn why more members are not taking advantage of Zoom meetings.

#### Zoom cost:

Current expense for a single Zoom Pro user license with no added features is \$15.00 +tax per month if paid on monthly basis.

If paid on annual basis, cost for single Pro license with no added features is currently priced at \$150.00 + tax . A \$30.00 savings.

Going on an annual plan could be a risk if assuming that in-person meetings won't be a reality in near future.

Zoom allows 1GB free cloud storage for meeting recordings – (not much) . Cost for 100 Gigs - \$480/ year.

Zoom cost for added Pro license is \$40 /month on same account. This would allow pre-arranged co-host.

Note: With single license, Host can pass hosting ability on the fly while meeting is in session.

Note: Bill has learned the hard way that full feature Zoom sessions should not be scheduled, hosted and launched on tablet.

#### Donor Recognition:

The comment was made that all board members could consider donations as well as general members and outside interests.

Dan suggested a review the AAW structure of listing donors in their fundraising campaign in American Woodturner Journal, April 2020 volume 35 / 02: AAW American Woodturner April 2020 35.02

It was agreed upon to list a line item with a donations tally in the expanded financial report in January and July's newsletter.

It was agreed upon to not earmark donations to a specific fund other than general capital improvements.

It was agreed upon to announce donors in April newsletter issue, to include anonymous donors and unspecified donations.

Dan and Cody to sideline to work out further details relative to money transfer and letter of gratitude. See 10/23 update.

Additional:

Ray suggested doing away with turning competition and convert it to something profitable. Not resolved.

Next meeting: Save the date: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:30pm via Zoom.

Note: 10/19/2020 Zoom board meeting did not properly record for unknown reason. (Limited free cloud storage?)

Note: Selection can be adjusted for recording to save to Zoom cloud or creator's hard drive.

10/23 Updates:

Bob Marchese pulled 2015 newsletter with survey results from 56 members and sent email to meeting attendees.

Chuck Horton has drafted a questionnaire for members, to address lack of participation in zoom meetings.

Cody and Dan got together to discuss money transfer logistics and letter of gratitude to potential donors.

Stan created club specific e-mail address for eventual Zoom log-in to replace Bill's personal email. Password will be needed.

Donations: Cody and Dan worked out details. Dan to be POC for donations and will forward to Treasurer.

Club bylaws state: " A nominating committee appointed by the President with the consent of Board of Directors, shall develop a slate of Officers and Directors and present the slate to membership at the November meeting. Bylaws will have to be amended if role of the Nominating Committee is modified.

## Richmond Woodturners Board Meeting via Zoom Minutes: Date: September 14,2020

Prepared by Bill Buchanan, President.

**Attending:** President - Bill Buchanan, Vice President - Dave Bushman, Treasurer- Cody Walker, Activities Dir. - Georgia Wood, Resources/Web Dir. – Stan VanDruff, Newsletter Editor – Bob Marchese, Membership Dir – Chuck Bajnai, Past Presidents – Ray Deyo & Lee Scarbrough.

### **Dues:**

Board discussed pros and cons of changing dues level. Annual dues of \$25 have not changed in the past 22 years since inception while inflation rate remained at roughly 3% per year. Board agreed to elevate annual dues to \$35 per year for single members and \$45 for families effective January 1, 2020. Resolved.

Board agreed that a prominent notation was needed as another reminder for all members desiring to remain active and receive newsletter, to catch up on current dues. Resolved – September.

Dues payments should go to Cody Walker Treasurer at home address. Cody notifies Chuck.

**Amazon Smile :** Board agreed to introduce Amazon Smile Program to membership to help generate funds for club. Participation is strictly voluntary and all can choose charity of choice if desired. Resolved to be added to September Newsletter.

**November Elections:** We have a few candidates at this early stage for positions of Secretary, Web Director and Past President 1. No candidates to date for positions of President, Newsletter Editor, and Activities Director.

Briefly discussed the need for position of Activities Director – Not resolved.

It was agreed to NOT eliminate the Newsletter. – Resolved.

Board agreed that a prepared, bold caption text block be inserted to Newsletter in prominent location on page 1 requesting volunteers and candidates from membership - Resolved

Board further agreed that a separate email to all members from the “Board” be written asking for volunteers, candidates and further participation by members as it suspected that many members do not read Presidents message or only scan the newsletter. – Action Item: Bill

Stan advises that Zoom has the ability for polling/ voting, - Action item. Bill / Jared.

Bill agreed to look into problems with a few email addresses for Dawn Flores and Bill Jenkins. Resolved.

Bob Marchese will email Bill a list of others with missing or incorrect email addresses.

**Membership Roster:** Chuck Bajnai agreed to send out updated membership roster on a monthly basis after general meeting, as has been done in the past. Dues payments should go to Treasurer. Cody will message Chuck with any needed updates to roster. Notice to be inserted in Newsletter to that effect. Resolved.

### **General Meetings with and beyond Zoom:**

Our current level of Zoom meetings is going fairly well at best, all things considered. Member participation is limited to roughly 35-40% on any given month. Bill has heard compliments from some and nothing from some members.

Many thanks to Jared Parker for hosting with his wealth of knowledge and expertise.

Discussed was that our show & tell sessions may be lacking and predictable with limited Zoom attendees, and fewer with turned pieces to feature. Suggestion was made to eliminate show and tell from Zoom meetings, in part because pieces are currently duplicated in Newsletter and also to allow for possible additional features that may better engage members. Not resolved.

Discussed eliminating food table from in-person meetings to avoid distraction and reduce the efforts & associated costs. Not resolved.

Ray Deyo suggesting that one way to better engage members and change things up is to add home shop tours as video presentation and possible demo. Further suggesting potentially three brief shop tours for the introduction month in lieu of show & tell and as a demo, then one per month thereafter. 2-3 folks would be needed. Board agreed it was a good idea to pursue. Ray offered to serve as commentator and Stan as cameraman. Another as camera support may be needed. Action item: Ray Deyo and Stan VanDruff.

Ray and Bill suggesting a wood raffle, auction or sale as an in-person, open-air event at a time other than general meeting night, once per month. This would allow a get-together in person for club members inclined to participate. It can generate funds for the club. Such an event would allow some members to gain desired stock and allow others to shed excess turning stock. Minimal props and prep would be needed. Board is generally in agreement that such an event would be beneficial. Would need volunteers to run it - Not resolved. \*Note: Bill has a number of turning blanks donated to the club by sponsor : "Got Wood, LLC " .

**Donor Contributions & Recognition:** Dan Luttrell offered to act as Solicitor General, to raise funds for the club and has number of potential donors in mind to appeal to. One donation of \$1000 is already received and Cody has sent letter of gratitude. As Cody & Bill know it today, this donor requests anonymity. The AAW published their recognition format in April 2020 following their 2019 campaign.

The general opinion of the board is that recognition structure and method of appeal should not be overly complicated and should be kept simple and brief for this relatively small group.

The suggestion is made to insert a bold notice in all forthcoming newsletters to advise that we are a 501c3 chapter with the ability to accept tax deductible contributions.

Stan agreed to publish notice to website homepage. Action item: Stan.

Bob agreed to publish in newsletter. Done – September: Bill and Bob, subject to refinement.

Board is in general agreement that all donations regardless of size should be recognized in newsletter with a "thanks for your contribution and support of the club" .

Cody has and will send gratitude letter to donors with notice of tax deductible status.

Ray suggesting that President's letter should include a note of gratitude as donations come in. With no objections: Action Item: Bill and future Presidents.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Ray and Stan suggesting a donations sub column in treasurer's report be created to reflect this donations / fundraising initiative.

Lee suggested that members know that Dan and club is raising donation income.

Previous board decision was made to offer a brief expense/income statement every month and that a more detailed report be shown every six months in January and July. Board agreed to maintain that schedule with a new income /donations line item.

Action item: Cody & Bob

#### **Annual Budget:**

Chuck Bajnai questioned the progress of our "5-year Plan" specifically the annual budget component. "5-year planning" was suspended due to limited participation, then with the current pandemic to follow. All agreed that an annual budget is past due.

Ray Deyo offered that an annual budget should include a 6 month reserve of funds at any one time as a bare minimum. Chuck is experienced with budget development. Cody agreed to assist. Action Item: Chuck and Cody to develop an annual budget, starting with a mock-up.

**Membership Tally:** Chuck Bajnai suggesting that an active member tally be listed in the newsletter. Chuck will provide the count. With no objections, it is decided to list the active member tally to newsletter in same block where officers and chairmen are listed to replace notice of club looking for interim club Secretary. Resolved by Chuck and Bob Marchese.

#### **Annual December Christmas Party:**

Rather than cancel banquet entirely, we will meet via Zoom. Suggestion made to hold quarterly challenge show , favorite turning of the year, any Christmas gifts made and any item member chooses to offer to be shown. Photos to be sent to Bill in advance for ppt presentation vs. member to attempt show with poor lighting or focus and time spent doing so.

**Next Board Meeting:** Bob Marchese requesting another in October or November. No objections.

Date pending.

AAW is making available the "Best of Woodturning Fundamentals" video featured during AAW's Virtual Symposium in July.

Click either of the links below to view. No AAW membership is required to view.



**Many Great Tips & Tricks.**

**AAW membership not required.**

**No cost to view.**

[https://www.woodturner.org/  
Woodturner...](https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner...)

<http://tiny.cc/AAWAffiliate>

Any member of our chapter, not presently an AAW member may now become part of the AAW community under our Affiliate member program. Joining as an Affiliate grants free access for 90 days to all of the same online benefits reserved for paid members. No credit card required. No long term obligation.

Use the same link as above for more information.

## Board Officers

Bill Buchanan - President

Dave Bushman - Vice President

Vacant - Secretary

Cody Walker - Treasurer

## Directors

Chuck Bajnai - Membership Director

Georgia Wood - Activities Director

Stan VanDruff - Resource Director

Ray Deyo - Past President

Lee Scarbrough - Past President

## Committee Chairpersons

Jim O'Hanlon - Turning Competition

Jared Parker - Audio/Video

Vacant - Social Media

Meg Turner - AAW Women in Turning Liaison

## Newsletter Staff

Bob Marchese - Editor

Izumi Miller - Contributing Writer

Tim Warren - Photographer

Current Paid-up Membership is 100

## Snacks & Drinks Providers

Perhaps in Jan 2021

Of course you are always welcome to bring a drink and a snack for yourself at the Zoom meetings.

See you in person, hopefully soon.

## Finances

Previous Balance	\$6,157.13
Income	570.00
Expense	0
New Balance	\$6,727.13

## Future Demonstrations – An Update

**November** – Panel discussion about wood. Three to five veteran turners talk about woods they really like to turn and why; and woods that they have turned and will not do again and why. Emphasis will be on native woods that are from this region and an exotic wood that would need to be purchased.

**December** – In lieu of our usual Christmas party, we will give our members the opportunity to present their best work of the year.

**2021** – Nothing nailed down yet Dave Bushman is all ears to hear your suggestions and/or your demo topic.

## *Quarterly Challenges*

The Challenges are regularly scheduled for the third month of each quarter (March, June, September, and December). Entries will be E-mailed to Bob Marchese at: [robtmarchese@gmail.com](mailto:robtmarchese@gmail.com), 585-409-7087. Note that more than one photo (views) is allowed. They will be edited as needed.

4th: Musical Instruments - Or an item to create tones... not necessarily correct crisp tones, (as one member recommended).

### **2021 Challenges**

1st qtr: Lost Wood a la Art Liestman

2nd qtr: For the Kitchen, other than bowl / platter

3rd qtr: Four part item with at least 4 individually turned components

4th qtr: Child's toy . With kid safe parts / finish

## *Richmond Woodturners Info*

Our club normally meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Richmond Woodcraft Store (see last page for directions). However, during the unusual and temporary situation with Covid, we are gathering our members via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent to all our members each month. Should other individuals who are interested become known to us, we will send them a link as well.

Our current website page can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.richmondwoodturners.org>

In the past, the dues were \$25 per year. Effective Jan 2021, the dues will increase to \$35 per year and \$45 for a family. This will be this first increase we have had in the past several years. Guests are welcome. Special rates for those who join late in the year. See Chuck Bajnai the Membership Director. Contact him at [csbajnai@gmail.com](mailto:csbajnai@gmail.com) or at the meeting for more information. Current Paid-up Membership is 100 people.

## **Tops - Operation Christmas Child**

Ray Melton continues to sponsor a version of the tops for kids programs. For complete information, contact him at 804-814-5712. or at: [RayMelton@hometownrealtyservices.com](mailto:RayMelton@hometownrealtyservices.com) and at [raym@htrsi.com](mailto:raym@htrsi.com) . Ray stated: Yes he will be collecting tops again in early November. They may be brought to the Woodcraft store. Here is a link to a video to show just how easy they are to make:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWpV9dBpbME&feature=youtu.be>

## Joanne Fisher keeps the pace!

From: <seven7js@comcast.net>

Date: Fri, Nov 6, 2020 at 7:37 PM

Subject: FW: Mallet

To: Bill Buchanan <buchanan198@gmail.com>

Bill

Just wanted to tell you that people do appreciate the work we do and here is an example from a friend of Joanne's. Joanne likes to make mallets and give them to her lady friends as they are useful tools in the kitchen. She got this thank you email today to confirm that.

Jerry Fisher

Joanne,

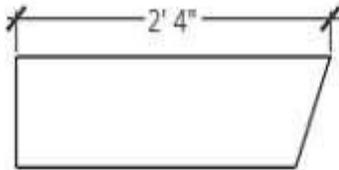
I wanted to let you know that your beautiful mallet (?) has saved Skip's and my lives this past month and will continue to do so for a few months to come!! On Oct. 13th I had surgery on my right wrist (tenosynovectomy) and have been wearing a brace on that wrist ever since. The brace comes off next week and the therapy begins so hopefully get that right hand/wrist functioning again. Your mallet has allowed me to cut food every day - i.e.: feed Skip and me!!!! You've REALLY saved our lives! Thank you, thank you.

Hugs,

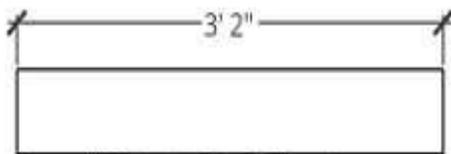
Sally

## The Ellsworth Saw Buck

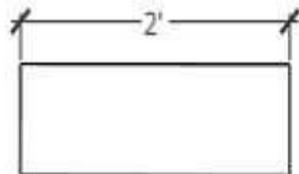
I recently subscribed to an AAW video which featured "David Ellsworth, Natural-Edge Bowl". The first thing he did is show how to cut the piece of a log in half. I was so impressed with him doing it with ease on the saw buck, I asked for a sketch of it. And then, asked if I could share it with you. Well, here it is. Enjoy!



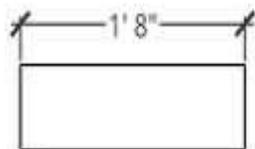
Leg, 110 degree angle at top, 2x8, Qty: 4



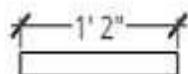
Long Horizontal, 2x6, Qty: 4



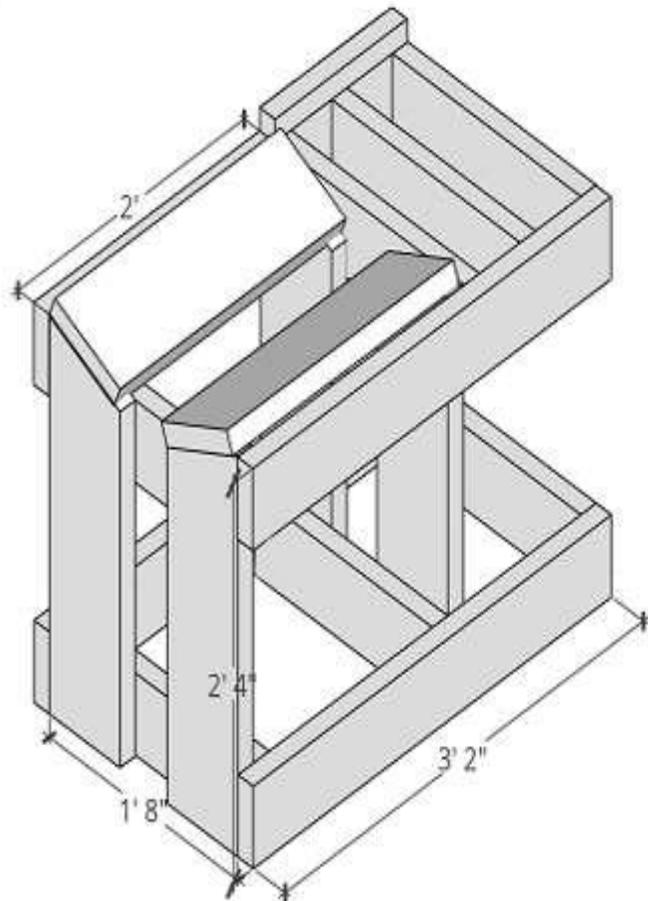
Top Rail, 2x8, Qty: 2



Short Horizontal, 2x6, Qty: 7



Backstop, 2x2, Qty: 1





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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.



Mike Leigher

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Fellow club members:

I need your help. I will be moving soon to a new home (with a new shop). Still in the area, I still hope to remain active in the club. Most of my collection of turning wood, from over the years, however, does not want to take the trip. I have Apple, Pear, Oak, Burls, exotics, beams, more, some of it dating back to 1996. Bowl, hollowform, and spindle stock. Fairly dry! (And, Ray, more ebonized Oak)

Please call me, make an appointment, and come by and get what you want. All I ask is that you make an appropriate donation to the club.

Thanks,

Dan Luttrell

804-382-2145