



# RICHMOND WOODTURNERS

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### President’s Corner

From Steve Kellner:

As I look at where we are now compared to last year, it feels like we’ve settled into a new normal. The year started with the loss of a valued member and good friend, Bruce Robbins. Our first challenge, turning a pen, was a nice way of honoring him. His wife Linda’s donation of his Laguna lathe to the club, will help to keep him in our thoughts going forward. But the ‘New Normal’ does not give us as many opportunities to put that lathe to use. The time when we would have live demos by professional turners

seems to be a thing of the past. David Bushman has done a great job providing us with a combination of Zoom Video demonstrations and member demonstrations of a variety of techniques to embellish our turnings.

But it’s time to make a mess! January’s meeting will be a start in this direction. We will try to do more in-house demos. If you have an interesting technique that you think the rest of us might be interested in learning, let Dave know. If not in January, then later in the year. And please bring us your ideas of how we can make meetings more interesting and informative; or join the board so you are always part of the discussion. The position of Activities Director is open!

As with all our monthly demos, we learned more tricks of the trade last month. Kirk DeHeer gave a nice presentation; only wish we had more time to spend on gouges and other sharpening systems. I picked up some good tips especially around sharpening a radius skew. I removed the radius so I could sharpen easier on a stone but may get another with radius and try sharpening by the technique Kirk demonstrated.

Now that Thanksgiving is over, I hope everyone has a little time to get back to the lathe. December’s meeting will be here before you know it! Expect to see lots of Challenge entries! And don’t forget to bring your favorite turning of the year to the December meeting along with your favorite Potluck dish for the Christmas party.

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

Steve

### News of Note

**Garage Sale!** At the November meeting, Ray Deyo proposed that the club hold a gently used tool garage

sale, with members donating tools, jigs or accessories they no longer wanted. Proceeds would go to the club treasury. Members can bring tools to the December and January meetings. See the Flyer on page 13.

Registration is now open for the 2023 Symposium held by the Tennessee Association of Woodturners, on January 27 and 28 in Franklin, TN. See the AAW website for details and registration.

The AAW also offers webinars by noted demonstrators a few times a month, for a nominal fee and often repeat viewing for a limited time. This is a benefit for joining.

**David Bushman** - Katherine Harris let us know that David Bushman won first place at a juried show at the Richmond Crossroads Art Center. Ask him about it. Congratulations, David.

## Membership

As of December 1, 2022, 99 people have renewed their membership or joined for 2022 and 25 have paid their dues for 2023. Bring your dues payment to the November meeting.

## Income and Expenses

Previous Balance: (November 1, 2022)	\$10,401.38
Income	773.11
Expense	650.00
New Balance: (November 30, 2022)	\$10,524.49

## November Meeting

When the meeting convened at 6:30 p.m., there were 24 persons present and 4 attending by Zoom.

Two new members, Jerry Pugh and his spouse, and Lewis Ladocsi were recognized. There was one visitor.

Larry Yancey announced that a year-end wood raffle would be conducted in the parking lot near Woodcraft on December 3, at 1:00 p.m. The rain date will be December 12.

Steve Kellner asked for suggestions for Challenge ideas for next year. Several were offered from the floor and noted for action by the board of directors to select four.

Cody Walker announced that the pen turners group had contributed 34 pens to the Woodcraft "Turn for the Troops" program.

Elections were held for Board of Director positions. A quorum was present. The following positions were open of election:

- President (Steve Kellner)
- Secretary (Larry Yancey)
- Newsletter Editor (Chuck Horton)
- Information Director (Stan Van Druff)
- Activities Director (Katherine Harris)
- Past President #2 (Bill Buchanan)

There were no opposition candidates and all current officers agreed to serve again, except that Chuck Horton and Larry Yancey ran for each other's position. Also, Katherine Harris declined to serve again and that position remains open. The slate was accepted by acclamation and there were no "no" votes.

After the Show and Tell presentation, Bob Silkensen won the participation drawing.

### November Program Review

Kirk DeHeer provided a remote demo via Zoom from Utah on the topic of tool sharpening. Some highlights of his presentation included:

- Have the grinder close to your lathe – no more than 1 ½ steps. A 90 degree turn right or left is ideal.
- Never use hard grey grindstones on tool steel. CBN or friable white grindstones are ideal.
- Do not grind soft/mild steel on a CBN wheel. It is designed for use with hard tool steel.
- You need something like a 60-80 grit wheel for shaping and a finer grit (120 -220) for sharpening. Opinions vary on how fine a wheel one really needs.
- He recommended a Wolverine style grinding jig to ensure a consistent sharpening process.
- Use a scraper to refine a curved surface – a light touch is needed.

He spent a lot of time on skew sharpening and negative rake scrapers. There was good audience interaction with questions and answers.

### Show and Tell/Favorite Turning of the Year

From David Bushman



This is his favorite turning of 2022. He sold it so he won't be able to bring it to the meeting. It is southern magnolia with ebony butterfly bodies.

From Izumi Miller:



This is Gonk (aka Norwegian gnome) ornament. It is 5 1/4" tall x 7" diameter and made from sweet gum, with a feed and wax finish. The gray faux fur covers the body.

From Brad Miller:



Christmas Ornament: Approximately 6" tall x 3 1/2" wide; made of sweet gum and pine, with a lacquer spray finish; made by Brad Miller.

From Steve Schwartz:



This is a cherry bowl with deer.



This is a cherry bowl with antelope and cattle

From Steve Kellner:



This is a calabash 7" high x 8" wide. It is spalted birch that I picked up at one of the wood raffles. One section was a little too punky and I should have reinforced it before final shaping. The result was a few sunken spots.

From Larry Yancey:



My hollow form is a piece of hackberry that I ebonized, then used model airplane paint blotted on with a paper towel and then a final coat of lacquer. The piece is about 4-1/2" wide and 2-3/4" tall. It has both turning and finishing issues, but was a good learning experience.

From John Daniel:



I turned the pumpkin from willow oak. The pumpkin was carved to get the "lumps." The top is walnut turned then carved. The pumpkin is finished with Watco Wipe On Poly (satin) and the top finished with Mahoney's Walnut Oil.

From Don Lutrell:



This is an “elongasphere” ornament. It is about 2” x 3-1/2” and made from holly.

From Ron Bishop:



This is Ron’s best of 2022. It is a cherry fluted vase, about 8” x 5”. It is inished with Libron Finishing oil

From Chuck Horton:



These are the first six of a dozen planned snowman ornaments. Made from hard maple, sanded to 320 grit, with no finish. They are hollowed from the bottom and weigh about an ounce. They are about 3 1/2” tall.

From Katherine Harris:





The segmented bowl is from pallet wood.



The one with wood burned decoration is her first attempt at wood burning.

## December Quarterly Challenge

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:** Hollow form, but not from the top. Hollow from the bottom, off-center or multi-axis.

From Ray Deyo:



This is spalted beech; it is 11" wide and 16" tall.



From Cody Walker:



Olive oil jug, middle hollowed, spalted hickory, finished with teak oil, 4 1/2" dia. x 5" tall

From Steve Kellner:



Bottom hollowed wedding jug, made with poplar and finished with tung oil, 4" dia. x 6 1/2" tall.



Steve's challenge item is a multi-axis hollow-form vase, hollowed through the three 1 1/4" openings in the necks. It is willow oak, 12" high x 10" wide. It is finished with lacquer. He switched between the necks multiple times and ended up with a 1/2" -3/4" wall and a few bruises! There was lots of power carving and sanding to finish shaping the outside.

From Dan Lutrell:



This is "Trading Places", a multi axis hollow form in spalted red oak. 8" dia. x 14" tall. The finish is natural.

From Chuck Horton:



This is one of my hollow-from-the-bottom challenge pieces getting the bottom plug installed and before completing the top.



These are completed Bradford pear hollow forms, hollowed from the bottom. The left one is about 8" tall and the right one is 6 1/2". Both are from the same piece of wood. They are sanded to 400 grit; the finish is wipe on poly and Beal buffed.

From David Bushman:



These ornaments are hollowed from the bottom up. They are cherry with chechen finials and finished with spray lacquer.

From John Daniel:





This was turned from a very dry 12" round of walnut. It has a small throat and was hollowed from bottom up, with sides less than .25" thick. It is finished in Mahoney's Walnut Oil and buffed, with a micro crystalline wax final coat.

## December Program

There will be a Show and Tell and Challenge presentation, followed by a pot luck Christmas celebration.

## Future Demonstrations

**January – Open lathe night.** If you have something you would like to share with the club, but don't need a lot of time, here is your chance. We will have a lathe available

if needed for your presentation. Contact David Bushman if you would like to share something. (dbushman54@gmail.com)

## For Sale/Wanted to Buy

### FOR SALE

Just in time for Christmas. Rikon Model #10-345 18" Bandsaw, 2 speed, 220V (11A), 2.5HP. Blade assortment included. Low Mileage, \$2,200 (\$3,800 new with tax). Contact Lee Scarbrough (Lee Scarbrough <lee.scarbroughrx@gmail.com>), or Dan Luttrell ([danluttrell@verizon.net](mailto:danluttrell@verizon.net)). Similar to below:



### FOR SALE

**Robert Marchese** has a Delta contractor saw for sale. It is listed on Craig's List for \$550, but is available to RWT members for \$400. Please see the entry at craigs list.

**BUT** – *he advises he has received a new saw early and now really wants to sell the Delta saw.* Contact him at [robtmarchese@gmail.com](mailto:robtmarchese@gmail.com) or 585-409-7087.

**WANTED TO BUY**

None this month.

**Questions and Answers**

None this month.

**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.

**2022 Officers and Committees****Officers**

President – Steve Kellner

Vice President – Dave Bushman

Secretary – Larry Yancey

Treasurer - Cody Walker

**Directors**

Membership Director – Chuck Bajnai

Activities Director – Katherine Harris

Resource Director – Stan VanDruff

Past President #1 – Ray Deyo

Past President #2 – Bill Buchanan

**Committee Chairpersons**

Turning Competition – Jim O’Hanlon

Audio/Video – Jared Parker

Social Media – Vacant

AAW Women in Turning Liaison – Meg Turner

**Newsletter Staff**

Editor – Chuck Horton

Contributing Reviewers

– Izumi Miller

– Ann Horton

Photographer – Tim Warren

**From the Editor****MEETINGS**

Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month and convene at 6:30 p.m. Come at 6:00 p.m. to socialize

and help set up. It is highly recommended that you should be fully vaccinated and boosted. Feel free to wear a mask as well. If you are attending via Zoom, you may log in at any time after 6:15 p.m.

We are no longer taking pictures of Show and Tell and Challenge entries at the meeting. Therefore, email pictures of your work to the newsletter editor for publication in the newsletter and to the president and for inclusion in the PowerPoint presentation used as an agenda for the meeting.

**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.



Email entries to [hortoncharles876@gmail.com](mailto:hortoncharles876@gmail.com) and [rwtpresident202122stevek@gmail.com](mailto:rwtpresident202122stevek@gmail.com).

## Garage Sale Flyer

# **GARAGE SALE**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**WOODCRAFT CLASSROOM 9AM – 2PM**

**ADD SHELF, CABINET  
AND DRAWER SPACE TO  
YOUR SHOP!**

**DONATIONS ARE TAX  
DEDUCTIBLE – FORMS  
WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**DESIGNED FOR ALL  
WOODWORKERS:  
FLAT AND ROUND!**

**BRING YOUR ITEMS TO  
THE DECEMBER OR  
JANUARY MEETING!**  
*(See Ray Deyo)*

### **EVERYBONE WINS!!!**

- **CONTRIBUTORS GAIN VALUABLE SPACE!**
  - **BUYERS SAVE MONEY!**
- **CLUB BENEFITS FROM PROCEEDS!**

Please Note:

- Items should be complete and in usable condition with all pieces and parts included.
- Please no wood or liquids (solvents, finishes, etc.)
- Sale excludes "stationary" tools – portable and benchtops are welcome!
- Unsold items will not be returned.

## Amazon.com

### 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 the 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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