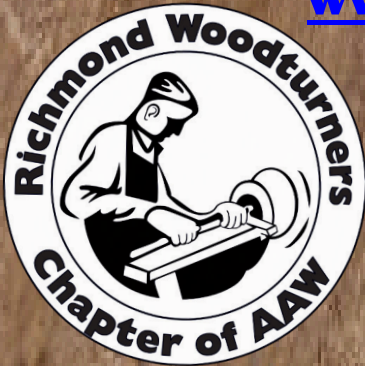


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WOODTURNERS IS TO
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INFORMATION TO THOSE
WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
WOODTURNING AND TO
PROMOTE WOODTURNING
AS AN ART FORM WITHIN
THE CLUB AND TO THE
GENERAL PUBLIC

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OF WOODTURNERS

FEATURE

Christmas Party

December 12, 2024, 6:30 PM
St. Giles Presbyterian Church
5200 Grove Ave., Richmond, Va 23226

Pictures from last year



**Great
food**

**Great
deserts**



**Great
fun with
surprises**



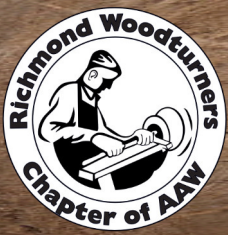
**Great Venue
with lots of
space and
white table
clothes**



If you still have not signed up, it's not too late.
Contact John Daniel, jwdaniel@me.com

If you want to join in the White Elephant exchange, bring a turned gift. Wrap gift if possible. Also, remember to bring your 4th quarter challenge turning, (something to wear) and Show and Tell is welcome.

Very good way to get to know one another.
This will take the place of our regular December meeting one week prior.



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President's Corner

Steve Kellner

Great turnout for the November meeting. Jay Pugh started it off leading an excellent discussion of drying wood. A variety of techniques were discussed from the shavings and paper bag method to using moisture absorbing media like mole sieves to submersing in boiling water; many new ideas that I'll need to try.

During the business meeting we voted in the slate of officers up for election this year; no surprises here since all are re-upping for another term. Thanks to the group for continuing to serve. Also, an excellent number of Show & Tell entries including quite a few wig stands and tops. Again, thanks to all who contributed.

After a short break, the floor was turned over to Dave Bushman for an excellent demonstration of turning a yarn bowl. Thanks, Dave, for another excellent demo.

Hope to see many of you at the Christmas party. I missed last year's but am looking forward to it this year.

Thanks for listening!

Note: Dues for 2025 are now due.

Please bring and wear your badge to the meeting!

If you want one, please contact Larry Yancey, lpYancey@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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The board minutes and Bylaws of the club can be found on the [RWT website](#).

Penturners News

The Richmond Penturners group meets at Woodcraft on the 2nd Thursday of the odd months at 6:00PM. This is a "subsidiary" of Richmond Woodturners; an informal group sharing thoughts and experiences with pen turning. Membership is not required.



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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 do not wander around the store after they close. Do all your purchases prior to the 7:00 PM closing time. If you need to leave early, please arrange that with the Woodcraft employee.

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.

2025 Quarterly Challenges

1st Quarter- Something to do with multi-axis
2nd Quarter- A box with a finial suitable for your dresser
3rd Quarter- Something with the bark still on
4th Quarter- Something from a limb you have found, limb to be at least 3" in diameter.

Future Demonstrations

December- Annual Christmas party
January- Barbara Dill, Offset turning
Feb.- Larry Yancey, Introducing paper to turning
Mar.- Cindy Drozda -Finials and Unique Vessels
April- Remote demo, From a log to a rough bowl to a perfect bowl by Ric Urban

Treasurer's Report

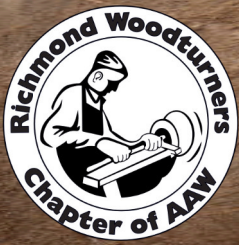
Previous Balance (11/1/2024)	\$14,499.32
Income	139.37
Expense	91.63
New Balance (12/1/2024)	\$14,547.06

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 .

December- Christmas Party, no Turner's Talk
January- Dust management with Ray Deyo
February-Legal requirements to sell your work
March-Tips and Tricks with Chuck Horton





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BIG NEWS

Our monthly meetings are about to become even better with improved visibility, easier listening and greater comfort. The AV Committee has completed a several months long investigation into how we can improve our meetings from an audio and visual standpoint.

When the Committee first started, the following objectives were established and EVERY objective will be accomplished by the new system:

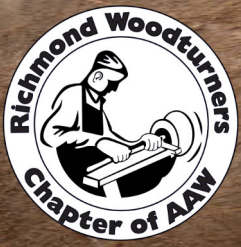
1. Easily see what is going on at the lathe during demos and speakers during meetings
2. Ensure the ability to hear the meetings and presentations
3. Allow for remote viewing and demonstrators while prioritizing the in-room experience
4. Record presentations for future use.
5. Create an easy set up system that can accommodate various trained operators
6. Create a comfortable arrangement for the presenter.
7. Allow for comfortable club expansion.
8. Provide portability for off-site activity (ie: symposium)
9. Provide safe, secure storage of invested equipment.

With authorization received from your Board, over the next several months we will be adding new PTZ (Pan/Tilt/Zoom) cameras (one on the wall, and one on a mobile stand), as well as a fixed camera over the lathe bed. We'll incorporate updated ceiling speakers in both meeting rooms and enable everyone to hear what is said from the front. An additional and larger monitor will be added to the second room for overflow viewing as well as a small monitor mounted at the lathe for the demonstrator to better reveal approach and technique. Other components will include a camera controller for more discrete camera adjustments, wireless headset and hand-held microphones for improved audio and a small dedicated computer to manage the presentation and streaming software. Modern, easier assembly and simpler cabling will make set up and tear down a breeze and a secure, mobile storage cabinet will be added to protect our \$9,000 investment which was made possible through your annual dues, raffles, donations and other revenue generating activities.

This is a huge improvement for everyone's benefit and will bring our meetings to the next level. Furthermore, it will let us migrate from a Zoom based remote access to YouTube streaming, simplifying the recording process and making the recordings more efficient and ready to be reviewed almost immediately.

Your AV Committee

Jared Parker, Stan VanDruff, Ray Deyo, Chuck Bajnai, and Steve Kellner



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Richmond Woodturners Community Service projects

The Board of the Club recently approved two opportunities for us to use the art form of woodturning as a way to bring some comfort, joy and happiness to people that are experiencing serious health issues.

FIRST- We are inviting every member of our club to make 3 - 5 spinning tops to be given to children who are currently in treatment at the Children's Hospital of Richmond. These items will be given to both inpatient and outpatient children. Please understand we are asking that you bring the best you have so these kids will receive what is a fun "WOW" for them. Now, if everyone does this, we will have over 300 to deliver to the hospital to be distributed by the staff to the children. I can see their faces now! A hand turned, beautifully decorated spinning top to play with on the table in their room. I am excited for these children already!

SECONDLY, members, in corporation with the Women in Turning are ask to make wig stands for patients at Massey Cancer Center that have lost their hair as a result of chemo-therapy. Direction for making a wig stand can be found on the RWT website (www.richmonwoodturner.org). Click on Resources tab and scroll down to the "Demo Handout", then go the bottom of the list to Pam Bozkurt's Wig Stand.

Both of these projects are an act of generosity and an effort to display the art form we enjoy in a way that brings goodness into the lives of seriously ill people. That is truly a "win-win". We get to create and the sick among us know they are not forgotten and hopefully give them encouragement..



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November Demonstration

David Bushman demonstrated how he turns Yarn Bowls, including designing the shape and size, the hollowing and the tool he uses, cutting the slot for the yarn, sanding, and described his finishing procedure. There were a lot of discussion and everyone learned something new, including David.



November Show and Tell Presentations

Chuck Horton

Jim Thorp





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Ron Bishop



David Bushman



Scott Synott



Steve Kellner





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Cody Walker



Dan Luttrell & Steve Kellner



Chuck Bajnai



Ray Deyo



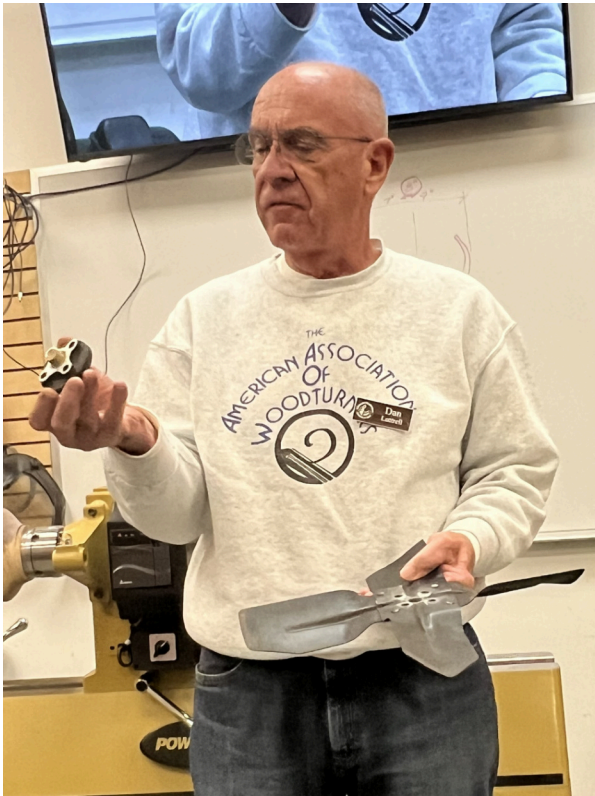


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Dan Luttrell



Jay Pugh



Don Rowe



Brad Miller





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Jared and Jeremy Parker



Pam Bozkurt





December Quarterly Challenge

Dan Luttrell



Something for a princess to wear. 5-1/2" diameter.

Steve Kellner



A poor man's wedding ring! Vegetable Ivory (Tagua nut). 1" diameter x 1/4" wide x 1/8" thick, sanded and polished, no finish.

Chuck Bajnai



3 bracelets, various woods, with chameleon flakes.

Jim Thorp



Some necklace pendants to wear.



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Chuck Horton



Bracelets in various stages of completion. Round ones are spalted wood, probably poplar. The hexagonal one is laminated walnut and maple, ready to mount and turn. Most are 2 1/4" - 2 1/2" ID. Finish is/ will be CA glue.

John Daniel



Three projects... 1- 4th Qr Challenge, something to wear, bracelets from maple, 2- bells for necklace and 3- Christmas Bell for table arrangement.

David Bushman



For the challenge I made some brooches. Starting from the left is African Blackwood with a jasper stone, cherry with agate, spalted beech with jasper, spalted beech with black onyx and walnut with malachite. The finish is spray polycrylic.



December Show and Tell

Dan Luttrell

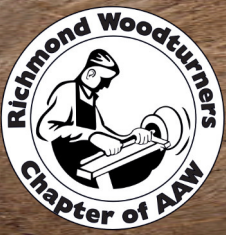


Hickory bowls from Leigh and Barry's scrap bin. Two shapes I've never turned before. About 9" dia x 2" high.

David Bushman



Footed spalted gum vessel with an embellished vertical accent band. This is another of my Icelandic volcano themed pieces. The accent band has been painted to represent hot lava flowing out and cooling. The paint is artist acrylic and the finish is spray Polycrylic.



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Klingspor and Penn State discount programs

Both Klingspor and Penn State Industries offer a 10% discount to members of woodturning clubs. If any member wishes to participate, both companies require the club to submit your name, email address, phone number, and mailing address. You must then establish an online account with a user name and password. Thereafter, you will receive an automatic 10% discount on all on line purchases.

Chuck Horton (our Secretary) is the contact point for RWT members who wish to participate. If you want to sign up for either or both discounts, send Chuck an email noting P, K, or both and he will forward your information to the appropriate company. (hortoncharles876@gmail.com)

If you DO NOT wish to participate, no action is necessary and your data will NOT be submitted.

Richmond Woodturners has been approached by two more organizations that want our membership email addresses. Rather than asking members again to opt in or out, here is their information and you can sign up or not. They are Carter and Son Toolworks and Chapel Hill Woodturners.

Carter and Son Toolworks website is carterandsontoolworks.org (oddly enough). They offer frequent tips as well as sales offers. Log on to sign up.

Chapel Hill Woodturners conduct instructional workshops by well known professional turners. They are located in Chapel Hill, NC, about 160 miles from Richmond. Their website is chwt.org where you can view their calendar of classes and sign up for notifications.



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2024 Officers and Committees

President – Steve Kellner
Vice President – Ron Bishop
Secretary – Chuck Horton
Treasurer – Cody Walker
Directors :
Membership Director – Chuck Bajnai
Activities Director – John Daniel
Web/information Director – Neal Stublen
AV Director- Jared Parker
Newsletter Director- Larry Yancey
Past President #1 – Ray Deyo
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 valuable 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 dialog in which we so often engage during our monthly meetings.

[Richmond Woodturner Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/832886010074989/)

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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.

Notice: Collection of dues for 2025 will begin this month.

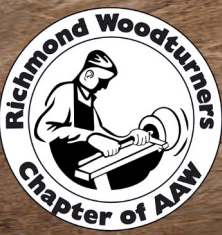
From the Editor

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 & TELL and QUARTERLY CHALLENGES- 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 pictures and description of entry to be included in the newsletter is one week prior to the meeting at 5:00 PM



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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 chapters globally, AAW members include amateurs, hobbyist, 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 the 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 Richmond, Virginia Woodcraft store supporting us and out 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 class provided at this location see [Woodcraft Classes](#). Classes are taught by Ray Deyo, Clark Brummett, Brian Noble-Marx, and others.