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BOB ROSAND TREE ORNAMENTS, BIRD CAGE, AND SPECIALTY TOOLS









NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

NOVEMBER 2010 MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOODTURNERS MEETING...

DATE Thursday - November 11, 2010

TIME 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

LOCATION The Woodworkers Club

4950 Wyaconda Road - Rockville - 20853

301/984-9033

AGENDA 6:30-7:00 — Bring a chair, if you wish... be sure to wear your name tag... register items for Show & Tell with Richard Webster... make

your bid on *Silent Auction* items... sign out and pay Clif Poodry for videos from the club's *Lending Library*... pay your \$10 demo fee.

7:00-7:30 — Business meeting... Show & Tell.

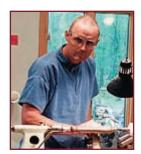
 $\underline{7:30-8:45}$ — PROGRAM – Bob Rosand will demonstrate how he uses his specialty tools to create ornaments and bird houses.

THERE WILL BE A \$10 FEE FOR THIS DEMONSTRATION.

 $\underline{8:45-9:00}$ — Pick up and pay for any of your items from the Silent Auction... help pack up and clean up the space.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM – BOB ROSAND CHRISTMAS TREE & BIRD HOUSE ORNAMENTS

BOB ROSAND is a self-taught master of the art and craft of woodturning and has turned pieces of wood into beautiful bowls, boxes, and ornaments for over 30 years. He began working with wood as a child and is also a teacher, demonstrator, and prolific writer. Bob has demonstrated at several national AAW Symposiums and for many AAW chapters. His turnings have been accepted into AAW Exhibitions such as *Woodturning: Vision and Concept II*, Turned for Use, *Put A Lid On It*, and *Re-Turn to Oz*.



Bob served as AAW Vice President and Board member, and over 50 of his articles can be found in past issues of the *American Woodturner*. His works are in private collections throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan. A Christmas tree ornament turned by Bob, and painted by his wife, Susan, was selected to be placed on one of the White House Christmas trees. They have been married for over 30 years and often combine their talents on a variety of pieces. He gives individual and small group workshops in his home in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

Bob is known throughout the woodturning community for his unique Christmas tree ornaments, lidded boxes, ring holders, and oil lamps – items that can be made in a relatively short period of time and also sold successfully at local crafts fairs. He uses a $\frac{1}{4}$ "-round skew and a self-designed bent-angle hollowing tool. Both tools will be for sale at our meeting at very reasonable prices.

For MCW, Bob will turn one of his signature Christmas ornaments and a bird-house ornament. The ornaments are very instructive because they involve both hollowing and spindle work. Please join us and learn the intricacies of turning small objects.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOODTURNERS 2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

FULL NAME	
ADDRESS	ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
Membership dues are \$20.00. Renewal is on an annucash at our monthly meetings or by check in the mai	ual, calendar-year basis. You may pay your dues by check or il. Please mail your renewal dues check to —
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	aid on an annual, calendar-year basis and are tax-deductible, excluding cost December 2010]. You may pay your dues by check or credit card and mail ove. Or, if you prefer, you may join AAW on our website
	er.org/org/mbrship/
Membership benefit details are also available at the above	e address. For questions go to woodturner.org and choose <u>CONTACT</u> .
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GENERAL – \$74.00 SUPPORTING – \$250.	.00 BENEFACTOR - \$650.00 PATRON - \$1,500.00
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OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

TIM ALEY, SECRETARY

BERT BLECKWENN called the meeting to order at 7:04PM for 32 members and guests. One new member, **Marge Rintoul**, and an unusual number of guests – including Jake France's grandfather, **Al Parry** – introduced themselves and were welcomed.







Mark Sfirri signed and donated his offset candlestick from last month's demonstration, and it was raffled off for \$1-perticket. The drawing occurred at the conclusion of *Show & Tell*,



and Clif Poodry blindly pulled his own ticket.

Everyone is encouraged to see the **Bresler Exhibit at the Renwick Gallery**, running through January 30th.

The status of the two lathes offered for donation to MCW [to be housed at the Woodworkers Club] was updated with the news that the 1.5 HP Woodfast lathe, donated by Jerry Kaplan, is now on site and will be set up next week in time for the *Exploring Woodturning* demonstration day on October 16th. Many thanks to Jerry. His lathe will now be the foundation for our Skill Enhancement Program. The Powermatic Lathe that was to be donated by VisArts is on hold and may not happen.

Bert Bleckwenn and **Jack Enders** gave a final status report for the *Exploring Woodworking* demonstration day being held on Saturday, October 16, from 10:00AM-3:00PM.

An update for the AAW *Turning 25-A Celebration* for the 2011 AAW 25th Anniversary Symposium, was given by



Tim Aley. A plan of a birthday-cake format with mini-turnings on it was presented, and approved by those attending the meeting. A comprehensive plan has been e-mailed to the entire membership.

We will begin offering *Skill Enhancement Sessions* in November. A *Skill Enhancement Coordinator* and *several Skill Enhancement Mentors*, for conducting specific programs, are needed.

The *Silent Auction* table was filled with red cedar from *Clif Poodry*, an anonymously donated half of a walnut log, and several items from *David Jacobowitz* including wood blocks, a cheese server, and a radial arm saw.



The *Show & Tell* table was filled with a variety of items, including the first monthly Challenge, the "Ebony Challenge". Items was logged in by *Richard Webster*, photographed by *Michael Colella*, and taxied back and forth by *Don Van Ryk*.

Clif Poodry led a speedy Show & Tell, including the Ebony Challenge.

Jake France was selected for a Woodworker's Club gift certificate.



Program Chair **Gary Guenther** introduced **Jim Duxbury**, our demonstrator for the evening, who showed his secrets and techniques for making kaleidoscopes.

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MEMBER NEWS

PHIL BROWN/MICHAEL BLAKE

- CLIF POODRY teaches the following classes at the Woodworkers Club in Rockville Beginning Bowl Turning on Saturday November 13th.
 Advanced Bowl Turning on Saturday & Sunday November 27th/28th.
 - For more information see: woodworkersclub.com/practice%20class1.htm or call 301/984-9033
- ❖ PHIL BROWN will have his turned work at The Third JRA Day, at 7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, 11:00 AM 5:00 PM, on Saturday, November 13. Sponsored by the James Renwick Alliance, this is a craft member exhibition and sale.
- ❖ ADDITIONAL RENWICK GALLERY DEMONSTRATION DATE. Due to the success of our joint demonstrations with Capital Area Woodturners, the Renwick Gallery has made available another date Tuesday, January 11th, Noon to 1:00 PM. Anyone interested in filling the date should contact Phil Brown.



CLIF POODRY

❖ MARK SUPIK & COMPANY has four more sessions on their Fall class schedule, two in November and two in December. Any additions or changes will be available in this space every month or call 410/732-8414 or their website at... marksupikco.com/School/s

Saturday, November 20th – The Right Start* Sunday, November 21st – Bowl Turning
Saturday, December 11th – Bowl Turning Sunday, December 12th – The Right Start*

(*) For our *The Right Start* spindle classes, let us know ahead of time if you want to make a beer tap, fiber art, or other tools and we will have the materials you need on hand.

Students are provided with safety equipment, an individual lathe and set of tools to use during the workshop. All project materials provided. Class size is limited to five. Cost is \$150 for the all day workshop, \$50 deposit required to hold your space, refundable up to one week prior to class. Class cost for all area AAW Chapter members is discounted 20% to \$120.

❖ PHIL BROWN recently collaborated with John Noffsinger (CAW and CW member) for his pyrography art work to complete a Life Time Achievement award plaque which will be presented to Stoney Lamar by Collectors of Wood Art during their meeting at SOFA Chicago over the November 5-7 weekend. The CWA web site is: www.collectorsofwoodart.org/

DON'T BE SHY - PROMOTE YOURSELF. Let us know about your woodturning activities so they can be included in the newsletter each month. Send your information to **Bert Bleckwenn** at **bableck@gmail.com** or call 301/634-1600 OR to **Phil Brown** at **philfbrown@comcast.net** or call 301/767-9863.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BOB BROWNING, TREASURER

ACCOUNT B	\$ALANCE 09/30/10\$	3,494.51
INCOME	\$2.00 [LIBRARY] \$39.00 [SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE] \$90.00 [MEMBERSHIP] \$271.00 [DEMO FEES]\$	402.00
EXPENSES	\$215.00 [DEMONSTRATOR FEE] \$100.00 [PICNIC] \$80.00 [DVDs] \$325.36 [MC FAIR]	720.36)
CURRENT A	CCOUNT BALANCE 10/31/10\$	3.176.15

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BILL AUTRY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

BOB GRUDBERG joined us at the August meeting... Welcome To MCW. If anyone is interested in seeing a terrific website and some more fantastic turnings, go to – woodturnerbob.com/home.html

Since the beginning of 2010, MCW has been fortunate to signup 12 new Members, including Bob, Mike Twenty, Gary Nickerson, Mark Adler, Bob Brulotte, Andrew Hardigan, Jake France, Pat McVicker, Richard Sherman, Steve Di Benedetto, Tina Chisena, and Marge Rintoul.

EXPLORING WOODTURNING DEMONSTRATION DAY

PHOTOGRAPHS BY MICHAEL COLELLA

















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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BERT BLECKWENN

EXPLORING WOODTURNING - A FINAL ASSESSMENT

By all measures, our *Exploring Woodturning* day long demo event on October 16th was a success! Many thanks to all the MCW volunteers and Woodworkers Club staff who made it a great day. There were over 85 free drawing cards submitted and MCW had 22 members either demonstrating, volunteering, or in attendance.

Completed surveys by 16 of the 22 members provided a good perspective of what went well and what could be improved. Feedback was unanimous that this was an excellent undertaking for MCW and should be repeated on a yearly basis. Using a 1-to-5 scale for the evaluation survey [1 = Failure / 2 = Okay, Not Great / 3 = Okay / 4 = Pretty Good / 5 = Exceptional, the results were:

Event Promotion---3.4
Demonstrations----4.7
Display Gallery----4.8
Free Drawings------4.2

❖ Discounts----- 4.3

OVERALL ASSESSMENT-----4.5

♦ Other Vendors---- 2.5

The write-in comments provided insight into the details of what went right and what should be improved, especially for the areas of Event Promotion and the Other Vendors which are the obvious areas for improvement.

I shared the MCW survey results with the Woodworkers Club and received additional feedback from their perspective, as well as ideas for our continuing partnership. They considered the event a success as well, and are now looking at potential September/October dates next year for another day long demonstration event.

They are also interested in encouraging additional MCW member support through smaller and/or individual demonstrations on weekends throughout the year and would welcome anyone that would like to be a turning instructor, on occasion. They are currently doing a major redesign of their entire turning curriculum and would welcome any class ideas that you would be interested in teaching or participating in. So, if an MCW member is interested in putting on demonstrations in the store or teaching a class, let me know or give Matt Nauman at the Club a call at 301/984-9033.

SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

With the Woodfast lathe from Jerry Kaplan now in place, I've started to develop our MCW Skills Enhancement Program by initially scheduling pilot offerings in November as communicated in an email to all members in October. I hope to have 3-5 participants for each session. I also encourage anyone interested in participating or willing to fill

the role of **Skills Enhancement Mentor** for a specific skill to contact me to sign up.

For November, I've focused the session on turning finials and hollowing small objects as a follow-up to Bob Rosand's Holiday Ornament demonstration and plan to focus on jam chucks as a follow-up to Clif Poodry's December demonstration as pilot offerings. Given the challenges of availability of week days and week day evenings for the "non-retired" members, I hope to get some weekend slots scheduled with the Woodworkers Club for 2011.

I'm looking for a volunteer to take on the role of our **Skills Enhancement Coordinator** who can work with me during the pilots in November/December and that can take over the program for 2011. This could be a very fun and enjoyable activity to get involved in as you would coordinate the scheduling and announcement of offering dates and help to grow this potentially great program for our members. Please contact me if you would like to discuss and volunteer for this role.

MONTHLY CLUB CHALLENGE

Elliot Schantz has agreed to be the Challenge Volunteer. Since he instigated the ebony challenge and has been part of this dialogue, he is already up to speed as to the issues and suggestions.

INTENT & SCOPE

- ▶ Develop another venue for member interaction, learning, and fun.
- ► Leverage off of Monthly Demonstrations when interest is there apply what you saw/learned.
- → Add to the quantity and range of *Show & Tell* items.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Offer a variety of challenge types throughout the year.
- → Avoid using incentives for any challenge. Members should be interested and willing to participate on their own for the value of fun and/or learning and sharing.
- ► Have the Challenge Volunteer define 3-4 specific types of challenges that we would like to offer and solicit interest from MCW membership as a basis and priority for conducting them.
- ► Minimize the time used during MCW meetings... utilize Show & Tell for reviewing challenge submissions... avoid meetings where major, out-of-town demonstrations are scheduled... consider inclusion in alternative formats such as the annual picnic, annual critique, etc.

Happy Turning! BERT

MICHAEL BLAKE

PHOTOGRAPHS BY MICHAEL COLELLA

— EBONY CHAPTER CHALLENGE —



3½" x 7½" HOLLOW VESSEL WITH FINIAL LID [EBONY & SPALTED MAPLE]



7" x 3" BOWLS & BALLS – [EBONY AND MAPLE]



1/2" x 51/2" TWIST PEN - [EBONY]



3/8" x 51/2" CELTIC KNOT PEN - [EBONY AND MAPLE]



5" x 3" SCULPTURE WITH TURNED FINIAL [EBONY AND BLACK & WHITE EBONY]

JAKE FRANCE

1/2" x 11/4"

GOBLET

[EBONY]



MICHAEL BLAKE

PHOTOGRAPHS BY MICHAEL COLELLA

BOB GRUDBERG



8" x 9" NATURAL-EDGE BOWL [CHERRY]



10" x 5" SEGMENTED BOWL [PECAN, PURPLEHEART]

5" x 10" GAVEL 4" x 1" STRIKING BASE [MAPLE, EBONY]





DON COUCHMAN 11/4" x 48" WALKING STICK [WALNUT, OAK]

MICHAEL BLAKE
PHOTOGRAPHS BY MICHAEL COLELLA





JAKE FRANCE

LEFT 5" x 3" SNOWMAN EARRING HOLDER [CHERRY]

RIGHT 11/4" x 3" CHRISTMAS TREES [CHERRY]

TIM ALEY

5½" x 2½" BOWL [MAPLE]
INSPIRED BY VICKI JORDAN'S
VOICE OF THE BELOVED TREE





MICHAEL COLELLA

7"x 3" PEDESTAL BOWL [SPALTED MAPLE]



ELLIOT SCHANTZ
6"x 3" BOWL [WALNUT]

MICHAEL BLAKE
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CLIF POODRY

LEFT 5"x 4" HOLLOWED VESSEL [ORANGE OSAGE] RIGHT 31/2"x 5" HOLLOWED VESSEL [PLUM]

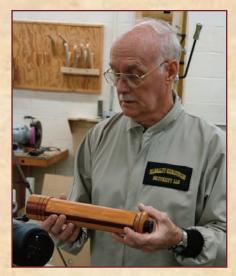


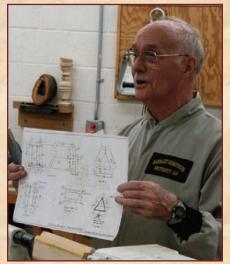
RICHARD WEBSTER

12" x 2" SHALLOW BOWL [SPALTED MANGO]

SEPTEMBER DEMONSTRATION

MICHAEL BLAKE



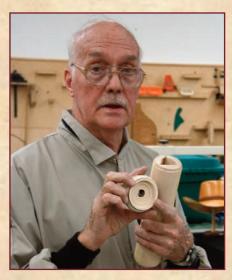














FOR FULL-SIZE PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS OF JIM DUXBERRY'S COMPLETE DEMONSTRATION ON HOW TO TURN AND CONSTRUCT KALEIDOSCOPES... PLEASE GO TO MCW'S WEBSITE, CLICK ON PHOTO GALLERY, AND CHOOSE OCTOBER DEMONSTRATION. HERE IS THE DIRECT LINK...

montgomerycountywoodturners.or g/PhotoGallery.aspx

FUTURE DEMONSTRATIONS/EVENTS

GARY GUENTHER

▶ December 9th – Clif Poodry – Using Jam Chucks To Turn Small Boxes.

Proficiency in making jam chucks will make you a more confident and productive turner. In the woodturning world, a "box" is a small vessel with a lid, made to hold small items. Box making is an honored tradition and a hot topic now, as evidenced by an extremely lively Special Interest Night session at the 2008 Richmond AAW Symposium. Eliot Feldman did a demo for us on making a box a year and a half ago, but we still don't see many boxes in our S&T. Hopefully, this demo will encourage more members to give them a try.



▶ January 6th – Second Annual Show & Tell With Formal Critiques.

We had such a good response to this session last January, so we're going to make it an annual affair. Instead of a demonstration, we will have an extended Show & Tell session with a formal critique of each piece by a panel of three selected craft, art, and turning experts. We will have three new panelists in 2011. Participants will bring one piece to have it reviewed. The idea is not to submit a perfect piece – rather, the goal is to learn about design, turning, and finishing techniques from the things each of us has made. This is an ideal way to learn how to improve what we are doing, from our fellow turners' experiences, in a friendly and instructive environment. Needless to say, we want as many people as possible to come and join us for this session, whether or not you bring a piece to be evaluated. We will have a sign-up sheet at the December meeting to get an idea of the number of potential participants.

If you have suggestions for future demonstrators, or would consider demonstrating yourself, please contact Gary Guenther by e-mail at <qary.quenther@att.net> or call 301/384-7594.

IN MEMORIUM

PHIL BROWN

In Memory Of CHARLES SHELTON BRESLER

Charles Bresler, of Rockville, Maryland, passed away on Friday afternoon, October 22, 2010. He had recently been in a rehabilitation center battling pneumonia, and was thought to be improving.

Beloved husband of Fleur Bresler; devoted father of Sidney (Phyllis), Susan, Lynne (Michael), Edward, Carol (Carolyn), and the late William; grandfather of Alex, Jonathan, Amanda, Audessa, Jessica, Rebecca, Louis, Anthony, and Ruby.

Graveside services were held on Monday, October 25th at 10:30 AM at Garden of Remembrance Cemetery, Clarksburg, Maryland.

The family observed Shiva on Monday and Tuesday at his home in Rockville, Maryland at 6:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Food and Friends of Washington D.C. or The Wood Turning Center at 501 Vine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106.

Arrangements entrusted to Joseph Gawler's Sons Inc., Washington, DC.



FLEUR & CHARLES BRESLER AT THE SEPTEMBER 24TH OPENING OF A REVOLUTION IN WOOD: THE BRESLER COLLECTION AT THE RENWICK GALLERY.

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MCW MEETING SCHEDULE - 2010

Meetings are held on the Thursday before the second Saturday each month, from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM, at the Woodworkers Club in Rockville, Maryland. See our website for a map to the meeting site.

2010 MEETING DATES JAN 7 FEB 11 MAR 11 APR 8 MAY 6 JUN 10 JUL 8 AUG 12 SEP 9 OCT 7 { NOV 11 } DEC 9

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Members get a 15% discount, with MCW receiving a 3% rebate. If you have not signed up for this program, let Stan Wellborn know you want to do so. He will let Hartville know you are an MCW member and sign you up. Catalogs and ordering instructions are available or at meetings.

