

Next Meeting and Demonstration (Gary Guenther)

The next meeting will be:

Date: Thursday, July 7, 2011

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Location: Woodworkers Club
4950 Wyaconda Road
Rockville, MD 20853
(301) 984-9033

Agenda

- 6:45 -7:00 PM Bring a chair, if you wish... be sure to wear your name tag... meet and greet other members... register your items for Show & Tell with Richard Webster... bid on Silent Auction items... sign out and pay Clif Poodry for videos from the club's Lending Library.
- 7:00 - 7:15 PM Business Meeting and Show & Tell
- 7:15 - 8:50 PM • Program: **Don Riggs - Appetizer, Main Course and Dessert**
- 8:50 - 9:00 PM Pay for and retrieve your Silent Auction items, pack up, put the lathe and space back in order.

Demonstrator Profile - Don Riggs – Top Chef, Woodturning Edition: Appetizer, Main, and Dessert

The appetizer is a quickly-turned sphere; the main course is a goblet with a crazy-long stem; and dessert will be a small hand mirror.

This is going to be a very special evening – don't miss it.



Don Riggs
Creations

Special Points of Interest:

- Signup for Demonstrating at the Fair

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President's Perspective (Bert Bleckwenn)

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair - MCW Demonstrations

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is coming up in August, so it's time to sign up and have some fun demonstrating at the fair. The demonstration dates are from Sunday, August 12th through Saturday, August 20th. Time slots each day are from 10:00AM to 7:00PM with wide flexibility to start late or quit early, depending on your own schedules.



Our demonstration area is being expanded this year to include traditional woodworking with hand tools and we will be joined by the Woodworkers Club and their staff. So you are free and encouraged to sign up for turning, woodworking and/or wood-carving. For the traditional woodworking demonstrations, we plan to have a couple of work benches set up and encourage you to bring your own hand tools, especially the older ones such as wooden hand planes and demonstrate any basic technique you like such as planing and joinery techniques.

We need to have 2-4 volunteers for each day so multiple names each day is good. Just let me know what you are interested in and I'm sure we can accommodate you. Please call me at 301-634-1600 or email me to sign up.

Jack Enders and I are in the planning stages and collaborating with the Woodworkers Club in enhancing this year's activities.

MCW Skills Enhancement Program

The July Skills Enhancement will focus on any turning technique you like. The sessions consist of two dates scheduled for:

- Friday, July 8, 2011 - 6pm - 9pm (**EVENING SESSION**).
- Sunday, July 17, 2011 - 10am - 1pm

A minimum of two participants is required for each session, otherwise a session will be cancelled.

Walter Reed Warrior Support Program

We continue to help our warriors in transition with pen turning every two weeks. Our next session is Friday, July 8th from 1:00-3:00PM, so let Don Van Ryk know if you can help out.

President's Perspective (Bert Bleckwenn)

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MCW Newsletter Editor position is vacant

We are still looking for a volunteer for the MCW Newsletter Editor position. Please let me know if you are interested or would like to discuss it.

MCW Picasa Picture Gallery

Pictures from last month's meeting which includes the S&T Gallery, Meeting Highlights and the featured Demonstration can be found on the MCW Picasa website at:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/montgomerycountywoodturners>

Happy turning,
Bert

News about our Members (Phil Brown)

Phil Brown and Gary Guenther each had one piece in the Columbia Art Center's "Art Reinvented" exhibit from June 13 to 26. Members of Chesapeake Woodturners provided the turned wood portion of this exhibit.

Stuart Glickman is exhibiting several photos at the Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda, from June 30 to July 31. Show title is "8 Pairs of Eyes". A reception with light refreshments will be Sunday, July 10, 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Hours are Monday through Thursday noon to 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 PM. Closed Friday and Saturday.

Financial Report (Phil Brown)

Treasurer Report (as of July 4, 2011)

Beginning Balance	\$3,845.09
Income: (\$39 Auction, \$26 Bale auction, \$70 AAW raffle)	\$135.00
Expenses (\$220 AAW raffle)	\$220.00
Ending Balance	\$3,760.09

June 9, 2011 MCW Business Meeting Minutes (Tim Aley)

President Bert Bleckwenn called the meeting to order at 7:08 and welcomed 32 members and guests. Guests Ed Cook and Michael Kollins introduced themselves.

Bert thanked Michael Blake for his contributions as our MCW Newsletter Editor in producing a great MCW Newsletter for the last 2-1/2 years. Michael orchestrated all the various parts and produced 30 very high-quality newsletters and should be very proud of his contributions.

Bert formally solicited for a new MCW Newsletter Editor. Please contact Bert Bleckwenn if you're interested in assuming Michael's responsibilities. Michael and Bert will both assist with helping the new editor in getting up to speed.

Tickets for the AAW Lathe Raffle (Powermatic 3520B) were sold by Paul Simon. All members present received a ticket to raffle off 5 raffle tickets. The winners were Barry Zalcman, Cliff Poodry, Mark Verna, Gary Nickerson, and Kathy Bleckwenn.

The June Skill Enhancement Offerings will feature Open Form Turning. Steve Drake and Mary Rintuol are signed up to participate in the Friday, June 10th Skills Enhancement Session. The Saturday June 25, 2011, 10am - 1pm session was not filled at the time of the meeting.

We are waiting for discount information from the Woodworkers Club regarding lathes and turning equipment before making any decisions regarding the enhancement of the MCW Skills Enhancement facilities.

Bob Grudberg has offered to provide individual Skills Enhancement assistance in his workshop in Littlestown, PA which is about 10 miles southeast of Gettysburg, PA. Bob has been showing a lot of his segmented turnings during Show & Tell and is a very accomplished turner. If interested, contact Bob directly at 1-717-359-4026 or via email at grudberg@embarqmail.com

Jack Enders spoke about the information he found on Jerry-Rigs that were discussed at the last meeting, including different styles and prices.

Jake France received the Pen/Pencil set made of American Chestnut turned by Bert Bleckwenn for the MCW Bring-Back Challenge and will be turning something for next month's Bring-Back Challenge.

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Hal Burdette won the glued up open form that was donated by Bob Grudberg to take home and turn.

The show and tell items were photographed by Hal Burdett, trucked between tables by Dave Haley, and checked in by Michael Blake.

There were 2 filled Silent auction tables, one from the shop of a sick turner that we are helping out by giving him 80% of the auction, and the other table was donated by members and 100% goes to MCW.

A spirited Show & Tell Member Critique was led by Clif Poodry. It included varied items from a fiddle pot, to glowing vases, to a loaf of inspirational bread and everything in between.

Gary Guenther introduced the Demonstration of Southwestern Open Forms but didn't need to introduce the member presenter, Clif Poodry, because this is his sixth demo for MCW.

Shows & Events (Phil Brown)

Call for Entry

Craft Forms 2011, 16th National Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Craft, December 2, 2011 – January 21, 2012 at the Wayne Art Center in Wayne, PA. Entry Deadline is SEPTEMBER 25, 2011, and fee is \$40 for two pieces. For information and forms, go to: www.craftformsentry.com

Craft-Art Exhibit Closes July 9th

The Creative Crafts Council multimedia exhibit at Strathmore Mansion closes July 9th. This is an outstanding show of local craft-art work. The Mansion is next to the Strathmore Music Center at 10701 Rockville Pike, north of the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro station. Hours are 10 AM to 4 PM Tuesday to Friday, and open until 9 PM Wednesday, and 10 AM to 6 PM on Saturday.

Library Exhibits

Bowls lent for the Silver Spring and Davis Library exhibits will be at the July 7th meeting for pickup. The next request to lend your bowls and other turned work will be in September for an exhibit in October at the Quince Orchard Library.

Future Meetings (Gary Guenther)

July 7th – Don Riggs – Top Chef, Woodturning Edition: Appetizer, Main Course & Dessert.

The appetizer is a quickly-turned sphere... the main course is a goblet with a crazy-long stem... and dessert is a small hand mirror. Let's play the association game. You say "Woodturner"... I say "Don Riggs". Since beginning in 1994, Don has taught woodturning and done it all at the lathe – and that comes after 965 carrier landings (296 of them at night). Whew. Don was one of my mentors at CAW before he went into "retirement" down in Virginia at Smith Mountain Lake, where he now has a new 1200 square-foot shop populated with 4 lathes and a 22,500 square-foot garden! Hardly a day goes by that he doesn't get some turning in. This guy can do it all. This is going to be a very special evening – don't miss it

August 11th – Keith Tompkins – Signature Linen Fold Piece.

Keith will demonstrate his signature "linen fold" piece that was just featured in the Woodturning (UK) magazine and can be seen on the home page of his web site at www.keithptompkins.com. It is turned from a rectangular block. As he works on it, he will carefully describe each tool cut on the lathe, as drawn from his well-known demonstration "Ten Essential Cuts" presented at the 2010 AAW Symposium in Hartford.



August 12th–20th – Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Turning Demonstrations.

September 8th - Mike Kehs - topic TBD

November 5th – MCW Turning Demonstration Day at The Woodworkers Club.

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March 12th, 2012 – David Ellsworth – Topic To Be Determined.

[One week later than our regular meeting day.]

If you have suggestions for future demonstrators, or would consider demonstrating yourself, please contact Gary Guenther by e-mail at <gary.c.guenther@gmail.com> or call 301/384-7594.

2011 Meeting Schedule		
January 6 Mark Supik	February 10	March 10
April 7	May 12	June 9
July 7 Don Riggs	August 11 Keith Tompkins	September 8 xxxx
October 6 xxxx	November 10 xxxx	December 8 xxxx

Membership Application Form and Interest Profile

MCW Membership Application forms available at: <http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org/Membership.aspx>

To become a member or renew, please print out, complete and either mail it or personally deliver it to Bill Autry along with a check for \$20.00 payable to Montgomery County Woodturners. New membership in the 2nd quarter is \$15, 3rd quarter \$10, and 4th quarter \$5. A Family membership is \$30.00/yr. Please ensure you include your email address, as all communications are electronic via our website and periodic email notifications.

Member Discount Program

EXOTIC LUMBER, INC. GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND – exoticlumberinc.com

With over 130 species in stock, Exotic Lumber has one of the widest selections available on the East Coast. We offer a 10% discount to MCW members. We have warehouse locations in Gaithersburg and Annapolis, where you are welcome to select from our extensive selection of turning blocks.



HARDWOODS, INC. FREDERICK, MARYLAND – hardwoodsincorporated.com

10% off all turning stock, lumber, moldings, finishes and hardware. 10% off on all Amana router bits and blades that list for \$75.00 and under and 20% off those that list for over \$75.00. 5% off all plywood and veneer products.



2SAND.COM – 2sand.com or call 800/516-7621

2Sand.com is a coated abrasive specialist focused on fast service and fair prices providing superior sanding discs, sandpaper sheets, and woodturning tools to woodshops. MCW Member Discount is 10% (discount code available in the restricted area of the MCW Website).



ROCKVILLE WOODWORKERS CLUB – woodworkersclub.com

MCW and other club members, remember to support the Woodworkers Club by purchasing turning supplies during our meetings and save 10% on the retail price.



CRAFT SUPPLIES USA – woodturnerscatalog.com

Club members can save 10% on all finishes & disc abrasives from Craft Supplies USA.

Just mention your club name and save, all year long. You can always see current club specials by clicking on the members login button on their homepage. New 15% specials are updated on the 1st of the month, which can be accessed by using on the link above and going to the club member login located on the lower right portion of the page.



HARTVILLE TOOL CLUB – hartvilletool.com

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





Montgomery County Woodturners - A local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

MCW Contact Information

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Newsletter Editor	(vacant)		

VOLUNTEERS

Web Albums	Tim Aley, Michael Colella
Show & Tell Recording	Richard Webster
Mentor Program	Donald Couchman
Gallery Photography	Hal Burdette, Michael Colella
Group Buys	(vacant)
Photography Assistant	Donald Van Ryk
Lending Library	Clif Poodry
Challenge Coordinator	Elliot Schantz
Wood Identification	Ed Karch
Candid Photography	Tim Aley, Stuart Glickman
Exhibit Committee	Phil Brown, Hal Burdette, Clif Poodry
Skills Enhancement Coordinator	(vacant)
Warrior Support Program	Don Van Ryk