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Next Meeting and Demonstration (Gary Guenther)

The next meeting will be:

Date: Thursday, August 11, 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: **Keith Tompkins - Signature Linen Fold**
(\$10 Demo Fee will apply)

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

Keith Tompkins began his career as a cabinetmaker, but his interests gradually evolved from making functional furniture pieces to creating artistic wood turnings. He is producing beautiful and innovative objects that are immediately recognizable as signature works. His whimsical "Playing Hooky" recently made the cover of the Packard Woodworks Catalog (Fall 2010) and the promotional back cover of Woodturning Design Magazine (Winter 2010). He is also an inventor of woodturning tools (the GageT and the V Skew) and a sought-after teacher. Keith is a faculty member at the Brookfield Craft Center in Connecticut where he teaches woodturning. His works are represented in several prominent woodturning collections and have been displayed many times in recent years in the pages of *American Woodturner*. His amazing gallery of works and a long, impressive, and growing list of credits can be seen by clicking on the "gallery" and "résumé" links at the bottom of his web site Home page at www.keithptompkins.com.

For his demonstration, Keith will focus on his signature linen-fold theme. It's a real propeller and will definitely keep your attention. As he works on it, he will describe each tool cut on the lathe, as drawn from his well-known "Ten Essential Cuts" demo that he presented in Hartford.

Please join us for what is sure to be an awe-inspiring demonstration.



Keith Tompkins
Creations

Special Points of Interest:

- Signup for Fair Demonstrations
- MCW Demo Day Planning - Nov 5th



Spring Pole Lathe

President's Perspective (Bert Bleckwenn)

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair - MCW Demonstrations

Sign up now to demonstrate at the upcoming Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. The demonstration dates are from Sunday, August 14th 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.

Bob Browning and I have put the finishing touches on a portable Spring Pole Lathe so members will have a chance to try their hand on a new lathe at the fair this year.



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Working Wood

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 in manning the woodworking area. Our theme will be "Working Wood". You are encouraged to sign up for turning, woodworking and/or woodcarving. For the traditional woodworking demonstrations, we will have two 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.

With the expansion into two 10'x10' adjacent areas under one 10'x20' tent, we will also be relocated directly across from the Blacksmith's area this year with two large Oak trees providing much appreciated shading.

The Woodworkers Club will be demonstrating the construction of sawhorses and wants to collaborate with MCW in the construction of three-legged stools with MCW members turning the legs.



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President's Perspective (Bert Bleckwenn)

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We need to have 2-4 volunteers for each day and preferably two members present at a time 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 (bableck@gmail.com) to sign up.

MCW Skills Enhancement Program

The August Skills Enhancement sessions have been cancelled because of their close proximity to the fair. Come out to the fair instead and we will have skills enhancement available all week with fellow members.

Walter Reed Warrior Support Program

We have two remaining sessions scheduled for July 29th and August 12th with plans to remove our equipment on August 12th because of the relocation underway to the new Bethesda site.

Currently, we are investigating the possibilities of hosting the program at the Woodworkers Club on a permanent basis. This would afford us the opportunity to leverage our assets with the MCW Skills Enhancement Program. In addition, it will be easier for additional MCW members to participate in the program without having to deal with restricted base access and parking facilities. There are lots of issues to work out including a commitment from the Woodworkers Club and the Art Therapy Department at Walter Reed providing the necessary transportation to and from the Woodworkers Club.

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 and hope to see you at the Fair!!!
Bert



MCW Give-Back Challenge
by Eliot Feldman

July 7, 2011 MCW Business Meeting Minutes (Tim Aley)

President Bert Bleckwenn called the meeting to order at 7:01 and welcomed new member Tom Coker and several of demonstrator Don Rigg's friends from CAW.

Members can get a wooden MCW name tag inscribed with their name for just \$7.00. The form is available on the MCW website or contact Phil Brown.

The July Skill Enhancement sessions are open turning and the two dates scheduled are Friday, July 8, 2011, 6pm – 9pm and Sunday, July 17, 2011 - 10am - 1pm. It was determined that the Friday would be cancelled and several people signed up for the Sunday session which coincided with a one year anniversary special events going on at the Woodworker's Club.

A signup sheet for MCW Demos at the Montgomery County Fair was out during the meeting. The fair Starts Friday, August 12th, with the Old Times Area and our demonstration area opening at noon on Sunday, Aug 14th running through Saturday, August 20th (10:00AM-7:00PM). We have expanded our space to include the Woodworkers Club with workbenches featuring Traditional (hand tools only) Woodworking. When you sign up you can demonstrate any type of woodturning, hand tool woodworking or wood carving. We need to have 2-4 volunteers for each day so please sign up. Contact Bert Bleckwenn to sign up.

Gary Guenther shared information he found at AAW on someone that sells wooden belts. Gary also recommended Google alerts for getting information on woodturning.

Phil Brown returned items from the library displays.

Bill Long shared what he learned about wood identification at the AAW symposium. He talked about the book Identifying wood: accurate results with simple tools by R. Bruce Hoadley and how to use it.

The silent auction table was packed full of dry wood from an ailing woodturner.

The Show & Tell table was checked in by Richard Webster, and photographed by Hal Burdett. The show & tell was conducted by Phil Brown.

Gary Guenther gave his safety reminder about always using a face shield and to properly use chemicals with ventilation and gloves.

Program chair Gary Guenther introduced the evening's demonstration by Don Riggs, a true American war hero, with a demonstration entitled *Appetizer, Main Course and Dessert*.

Financial Report (Phil Brown)

Treasurer Report (as of July 27, 2011)

Beginning Balance	\$3,760.09
Income: (\$50 memberships, \$3 Auction, \$26 Bale auction, \$7 badge order)	\$86.00
Expenses (\$103 demonstration, \$7 badge order)	110.00
Ending Balance	\$3,736.09

News about our Members (Phil Brown)

Clif Poodry teaches three classes at the Woodworkers Club in Rockville:

- *Beginning Bowl Turning* on August 6th, and September 10th
- *Advanced Bowl Turning* (two session class) on August 13-14th, and September 24-25th
- *Introduction to the Lathe* on August 27th

See: <http://woodworkersclub.com/instruction/> for more description and to register, or call 301-984-9033.

Mark Supik's workshops at 1 N. Haven Street in Baltimore are:

- *Summer Open Studio* on Saturday, August, 13, 9 am to noon or 1 pm to 4 pm
- *The Right Start, Spindle Turning*: \$150/day. 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. All materials and lunch provided. Saturday September 24th, Sunday, October 23rd, Saturday, November 12th, and Sunday, December 11th
- *Bowl Turning*: \$150/day. 8:30 to 5:00 PM. All materials and lunch provided. Sunday September 25th, Saturday, October 22nd, Sunday, November 13th, and Saturday, December 10th.
- Small class sizes and all skill levels welcome. Advanced turners, please let us know the specific skills you'd like to work on so that we can have the materials ready for you.

Details are at: www.marksupikco.com, or call 410-732-8414. There is always a 20% discount for wood-turning club members

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

This a good exhibit for exposure and to add to your resume.

Next Library Exhibit

In September we will ask you to lend bowls and other turned work for an exhibit in October at the Quince Orchard Library. Many of these pieces will also be shown during the November 5th Demo Day at the WWC. Some bowls from the Silver Spring and Davis Library exhibits remain to be picked up at the August meeting.

New England Turned Wood Exhibit

If your travels take you to eastern Massachusetts, stop in at the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, MA to see *Loom & Lathe: The Art of Kay Sekimachi and Bob Stocksdale*. The photo of *Marriage Sets* at the right shows the results of Kay's use of fiber shaped on Bob's bowls. This exhibition of fiber art and woodturning showcases the long and distinguished careers of Kay Sekimachi and Bob Stocksdale. Married for over thirty years, each supported the other's work, while becoming renowned in their separate fields. This exhibit closes September 11. For fiber enthusiasts, this is a splendid time to visit the Fuller with an opening August 7th of *All Things Considered VI: National Basketry Organization Biennial Juried Exhibition*. Thus two exhibits with fiber to visit in the coming month.



MCW Demo Day Planning - November 5th, 2011 (Bert Bleckwenn)

We have an approaching deadline of August 10th to establish the general theme and plans for our upcoming MCW Demo Day at the Woodworkers Club on Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 10:00AM - 5:00PM. The Woodworkers Club needs to have the title/theme and a paragraph description for their advertising material that is supported through Woodcraft by their August 10th deadline. The officers have been brainstorming different ideas and we've come up with the following concepts. If you have additional ideas to offer, please let me know by Friday, August 5th.

Corporate Woodcraft along with Berea Hardwoods will again be sponsoring an annual *Turn For The Troops* program during the first week of November in honor of Veterans day on November 11th. The Woodworkers Club would like to leverage this program as part of the MCW Demo Day.



Check out highlights from last year's Woodcraft sponsorship at:

<http://www.woodcraft.com/offers/turnfortroops.aspx>

THEME: Support our Troops - donate a custom- turned pen, help to create the pen and include a personalized note of your choice thanking our warriors. See wood turning in action. View a display of turned art by local woodturning club members. Explore woodturning as a creative form of craft or art.

DESCRIPTION:

Offer a day where the public can donate a pen for our troops. They can select a pen already turned by an MCW member. They can select and purchase a pen blank kit and wood for their donation. In addition, they can either have an MCW member custom turn it while they watch and/or they can even assist with pen turning. Thank You notes will be available for inclusion of a personalized note from the donor to the receiving warrior thanking them for their service and offering the pen in gratitude.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Promote support for our troops
2. Promote the Woodworkers Club
3. Promote MCW
4. Involve MCW members

EVENT ELEMENTS:

- Two outside lathe demonstrations focusing on gaining attention. The front demo would be pen-turning and a second demo of throwing a lot of shavings.
- Five inside lathe demonstrations on the large lathes focusing on a variety of turning activities
 - Two lathes would focus on short, quick demos (5 minutes) for generating turning interest

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- Three lathes would focus on longer demos (20-40 minutes) for those interested in more elaborate turning activities
- Four inside pen-turning lathes where MCW members are custom-turning pens for our troops on demand for the public based on the public's selection and donation of pen-turning kits/blanks. The public would be invited to participate in the custom-turning process (shaping, sanding, finishing, assembly).
- A sharpening station
- A continuously playing DVD/TV with featured DVDs of turning
- An MCW Turning Display area featuring MCW brochures, AAW brochures, Club aspects (3x4 poster board), several turned objects for the public to pick up, an electronic photo gallery.
- An MCW Art Gallery of member-turned objects
- A book vender area (Fox-Chapel Hall from last year).

MCW MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

- We will need numerous MCW members available to staff the various turning demonstrations, doing actual custom-pen turning or assisting other MCW members in turning.
- We need members to help with setup the night before and early that morning along with takedown at the end of the day.
- We can always use additional members to help with advertising and other miscellaneous planning and preparation activities.

MCW PEN MARATHON AT THE OCTOBER 6th MCW MONTHLY MEETING

To increase MCW member involvement, we are considering using the October MCW meeting to mentor MCW members in turning pens. The objectives would be for MCW members to turn a pen for donation at the November Demo Day event and to develop sufficient skills and confidence to lead or assist with the custom-pen turning lathe stations during the November MCW Demo Day. Perhaps the pens turned by MCW members at the October meeting would be prominently displayed during the Demo Day as well.

Please contact me with your thoughts, your willingness to demonstrate, your willingness to custom-turn pens or just to volunteer for some of the other necessary support activities.

Thousand Cankers Disease affecting Black Walnut—Virginia Quarantine in Effect (Phil Brown)

On June 24th, 2011, the first case of thousand cankers disease of black walnut was found in two trees with severe epicormic branching on the lower trunk and advanced decline in Chesterfield County, Virginia. Presence of the vector and pathogen associated with this disease, the walnut twig beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*) and the fungus *Geosmithia morbida*, was confirmed in the samples. This is the first report of thousand cankers disease of black walnut in Virginia. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) is conducting a delimiting survey to determine the extent of the infestation surrounding the positive find. Initial delimiting survey work has found additional trees with thousand cankers disease in Chesterfield and Henrico Counties.

The first report of thousand cankers disease of black walnut east of the Mississippi River (<http://news.tennesseeanytime.org/node/5684>) was previously reported when the Tennessee Department of Agriculture announced the occurrence of the disease in black walnut trees in Knox County, Tennessee in August 2010. Although this lethal disease has been present in parts of the western U. S. for at least a decade, it had not previously been reported east of the Mississippi River in the native range of the black walnut. The presence of this devastating disease in the southeastern U. S. poses a great risk to black walnut trees in their native range. Virginians should be on the lookout for this disease in black walnut trees.



General information on thousand cankers disease:

Thousand cankers disease is caused by the newly named fungus, *Geosmithia morbida*, which is vectored by the twig beetle, *Pityophthorus juglandis*. When the beetles form galleries beneath the bark of walnut trees, they carry the fungus with them. The fungus forms dark cankers in the phloem around the beetle galleries. The number of beetles that attack an individual tree is enormous and the number of cankers that form is correspondingly large. On black walnut the disease is lethal, causing cankers that coalesce and eventually girdle the trunk and branches. Hickory and pecan (*Carya* species) are resistant to thousand cankers disease. English walnut (*Juglans regia*), the species primarily responsible for commercial nut production, seems to be resistant. More work on the resistance of various tree species is ongoing.

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History of the Disease:

Thousand cankers disease was first identified in 2001 in infected black walnut trees in Colorado; however, mortality in black walnut stands was observed in Oregon in the presence of twig beetles as far back as the 1990's, so the disease was likely present earlier than 2001. Both the beetle and the fungal pathogen are thought to be native to North America, so the epidemics that occurred in black walnut at that time were not due to an introduced species. On the contrary, the epidemic in black walnut is thought to be due to an expansion of the twig beetle's host range, which followed the introduction of the black walnut, an eastern species, to western states. Previously, Arizona walnut (*Juglans major*) was the main host of the twig beetle and the canker disease did not occur on this host species. The discovery of thousand cankers disease in black walnut in Colorado raised the strong risk that the disease and its vector could be introduced to the native range of the black walnut east of the Mississippi. Such an introduction could easily occur through transport of infected walnut products, especially infected logs or firewood. The lack of resistance in the native population of black walnut could mean rapid spread of the disease in the eastern forest.

To prevent the spread of thousand cankers disease:

- Don't transport walnut logs, lumber or firewood. If you are camping, buy firewood from a local source. Similarly, firewood from the camping location should NOT be transported home. Leave any extra firewood at the camping location.
- Don't buy walnut (logs, lumber, firewood) from an unknown source. If you purchase wood from a door-to-door or online vendor, make sure you know where it comes from. If it is not from a local source, don't buy it, and make sure you educate the vendor about the potential for transporting lethal plant pathogens and insect pests on walnut wood.
- Watch for symptoms of thousand cankers disease in your black walnut trees. If you suspect your black walnut tree may have thousand cankers disease, contact your local county Extension agent (<http://www.ext.vt.edu/offices/index.html>) for more information on submitting a plant sample to the Virginia Tech Plant Disease Clinic for diagnosis.

For further information on this disease, the following web sites may be helpful:

- <http://www.ppd.l.purdue.edu/PPDL/pubs/walnutthousandcankersdisease.pdf>
- <http://tn.gov/agriculture/regulatory/tcd.html>
- <http://www.thousandcankerdisease.com/>
- <http://www.dontmovefirewood.org/>

Note that this disease is an emerging situation. More information will be published as it becomes available.

Future Meetings (Gary Guenther)

September 8, 2011 Michael Kehs – Turning a very thin-walled vessel

Mike Kehs (pronounced “kays”) is a woodturner and carver from Quakertown (Bucks County), PA who also demonstrates and teaches topics such as Basic Turning, Carving on Turning, Inside-out Turning, Thin-Wall Open Vessels, and Piercing and Airbrushing, Texturing, and more. He has won many awards for his turning and was honored to turn an ornament for the Clinton White House during the “Year of the Craft.”

After working as a stone mason for many years, he left that to pursue his lifelong dream of working wood full time. He teaches in his studio where he builds custom furniture, as well as doing artistic wood turning and carving. He has recently been exploring caves, and this avid pursuit has spilled over into his artwork, resulting in critical acclaim. His pieces are in collections from coast to coast. You can view his work at two web sites: www.michaelkehswoodworks.com.

I’m thinking about asking him to do the very thin-walled turning for us, because that is quite tricky, and I don’t think we’ve adequately covered it in past demos. Mike will discuss the proper techniques for making very thin vessels in general, and this is also appropriate as a precursor for those (like Bert) who may wish to go further with piercing with a high-speed air tool. Mike will show the use of a bowl gouge, termite tool, scrapers, and other methods to obtain that 1/8” to 1/16” wall thickness – scary stuff.

October 6, 2011 Pen-turning Workshop

In honor of Veterans day on November 11th, Corporate Woodcraft, along with Berea Hardwoods, will again be sponsoring an annual *Turn For The Troops* program during the first week of November. The Woodworkers Club would like to leverage this program as part of the MCW Demo Day. The idea is for the public to donate pens that will be turned by MCW members at a number of lathe stations.

To increase MCW member involvement, we are going to use the October meeting to mentor MCW members in turning pens. The objectives will be for members to 1) learn how to turn a pen; 2) possibly turn a pen for donation at the November Woodworkers Club Demo Day event; and 3) develop sufficient skills and confidence to possibly lead or assist with the custom-pen turning lathe stations that will be operating before the public during the November MCW Demo Day. Perhaps the pens turned at the October meeting could be prominently displayed during the Demo Day as well.

Our last pen-turning demo was nearly four years ago, so it’s time to revisit that topic for everyone anyway. Here’s a good chance to learn how to make a great gift item that is always appreciated and to make a difference in the lives of some of our brave veterans by showing this small form of appreciation. At our October evening meeting, we’ll have instruction and a number of lathes set up for hands-on work. You can just watch if you like, or bring a small spindle gouge and plan to make some shavings. Pen kits will be available for purchase.

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
October 6	November 10	December 8

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

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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.





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

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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