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## Montgomery County Woodturners

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### Next Meeting and Demonstration (Gary Guenther)

#### The next meeting will be:

Date: Thursday, September 8, 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.

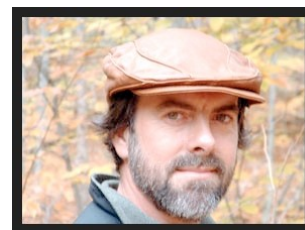
7:00 - 7:15 PM Business Meeting and Show & Tell

7:15 - 8:50 PM Program: **Michael Kehs – Turning a thin-walled vessel (\$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

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 life-long 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](http://www.michaelkehswoodworks.com).



Michael Kehs  
Creations

### Special Points of Interest:

- Pen Turning Workshop
- MCW Demo Day
- Quince Orchard Display
- Fair Highlights

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## President's Perspective (Bert Bleckwenn)

### MCW's Demonstrations at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Was A Great Success!



**Jake France and Phil Brown at the lathes**

Thirteen MCW members participated in this year's MCW demonstrations at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair from Aug 14-20. In addition, staff from the Woodworkers joined us in demonstrating various woodworking activities as well.

The Woodworkers Club is interested in partnering with us again next year and I have a tentative commitment from the Old Timers sponsors to provide us with a 10'x20' side-skirted tent arrangement as well so it will be more weather-proof and simpler for setup/takedown.

### MCW Skills Enhancement Program

The September Skills Enhancement sessions are scheduled for:

- Friday, September 9, 2011 - 6pm - 9pm (\*\*EVENING SESSION\*\*).
- Thursday, September 22, 2011 - 10am - 1pm

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

The sessions will be open turning, so bring whatever project you would like to work on and we can address any current turning challenges you may be having.

Signup now by contacting Bert Bleckwenn via email at [bableck@gmail.com](mailto:bableck@gmail.com)

## President's Perspective (Bert Bleckwenn)

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### MCW Demo Day - November 5th, 2011

Just a reminder that we will be holding an MCW Demo Day at the Woodworkers Club on Saturday, November 5th in support of our great partnership with the Woodworkers Club so mark your calendars and plan to assist or participate.

We would like as many MCW members as possible to assist with and participate in the activities. Besides 4-5 lathe demonstrations, an MCW Gallery Display and an MCW Information Table, we will be leveraging the annual *Turn For The Troops* program sponsored by corporate Woodcraft along with Berea Hardwoods. We plan to focus on pen turning during the month of October through our October meeting member hands-on learning sessions and the October Skills Enhancement sessions leading up to the MCW Demo Day.

**If you've turned a couple of pens, let me know as I'm looking for volunteers that can assist other members in learning how to turn a pen at the October meeting and/or Skills Enhancement sessions.**

### MCW Picasa Picture Gallery

Pictures from last month's meeting including highlights of the fair can be found on the MCW Picasa website at:

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

### Stackable Chairs Available at the Woodworkers Club

The Woodworkers Club has been checking out the stackable chairs available from IKEA and we hope to have them available in the near future.

### Thousand Cankers Disease Update - Pennsylvania Quarantine

Pennsylvania says it has quarantined the movement of walnut lumber into and within the state after detecting Thousand Cankers Disease for the first time, in a tree in Plumbstead Township, in Bucks County, PA.

Seems like our trees are succumbing to increasing environmental pressures what with the demise of our American Chestnut, Dutch Elm Disease, Oak Wilt, and Emerald Ash Borers just to name a few that have decimated our beautiful American hardwoods. We all need to be advocates for our forests and trees and help inform the public about the issues relating to our trees and how we can support our environment.

Check out the latest details in the following Article URL: [Thousand Cankers Disease Article](#)

Happy turning,  
Bert

## August 11, 2011 MCW Business Meeting Minutes (Tim Aley)

President Bert Bleckwenn called the meeting to order at 7:01 and welcomed new member Mike Collins. Membership Director Bill Autry was there signing up new members and Treasurer Phil Brown collecting demonstration fees.

The Skills Enhancement sessions in August were canceled because of the fair demonstrations. A General midi-lathe and Delta-midi-lathe are on order for our Skills Enhancement expansion.

The Sign-up sheet for the MCW Demos at the Montgomery County Fair was out. MCW will have a Jet midi-, Jet mini-, and new Spring Pole Lathe (built by Bob Browning and Bert Bleckwenn) available for demos from Sunday, Aug 14<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Our fair space has expanded to include the Woodworkers Club with two workbenches featuring traditional woodworking by the Woodworkers Club staff.

The MCW Demo Day is scheduled for Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with an emphasis on Turn for the Troops. Besides having a variety of 5-6 turning demonstrations, we hope to have several members using the various mini-lathes and midi-lathes turning pens for the troops. October's demo will be a collaborative, hands-on pen turning by members to get ready for the Demo Day.

Mike Mills has access to a Maple tree, see him if you are interested. A very large Oak tree with 30" diameter is planned to be taken down at Jack Enders home in November, so if you are interested in some large oak, please contact Jack at [jendersaero@verizon.net](mailto:jendersaero@verizon.net).

There were 5 raffles for just showing up for the meeting. The MCW Give-Back Challenge was a pen turned by Jake France that was raffled off and won by Steve Drake. Steve will make something and bring it back next month. Several other items were raffled off including a mini goblet, also turned by Jake France, two of Don Riggs' turned objects from the prior meeting and a gift certificate.

The Show & Tell table was photographed by Mike Colella and ferried back and forth by Don Van Ryk. The Show & Tell was conducted by Clif Poodry.

Many people got some great deals at the silent auction tables. They were filled with many fresh cut pieces and some very dry pieces.

Gary Guenther gave his safety reminders about reading Keith Thompkin's *American Woodturner* article on bandsaw safety in the current issue, the importance of sharp tools for safety, and Elliot Schanz showed his side-insert shields for eyeglasses.

Program chair Gary Guenther introduced the evening's demonstration by Keith Tompkins and his Linen Fold Technique.

## Financial Report (Phil Brown)

### Treasurer Report (September 1, 2011)

#### August Income:

Demo fee	\$ 320
Memberships	50
Library rental	8
Silent auction	42
Bale auction	<u>16</u>
Total income	\$436

#### August Expenses:

Demonstrator	\$ 275
Skill enhancement-lathes	1,109
Supplies - chairs	<u>500</u>
Total expense	\$1,884
Total funds available	\$2,288



## News about our Members (Phil Brown)

**Mike Colella** is scheduled to demo for 4 hours on Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> at the Olney Farmers Market, Georgia & Rt 108, in Olney.

**Clif Poodry** teaches three classes at the Woodworkers Club in Rockville: *Beginning Bowl Turning* on September 10<sup>th</sup>; and October 29<sup>th</sup>, *Advanced Bowl Turning* (two session class) on September 24-25<sup>th</sup>; and *Introduction to the Lathe* on September 15<sup>th</sup>. 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:

- The Right Start, Spindle Turning: \$10/day. 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. All materials and lunch provided on Saturdays Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and Nov 12th, Sundays Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Dec 11th.
- Bowl Turning: \$150/day, 8:30 to 5:00 PM on Sundays Sept 25<sup>th</sup> and Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, and Saturdays Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> and Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://www.marksupikco.com) (click on Get Schooled Here), or call 410-732-8414. There is always a 20% discount for woodturning 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](http://www.craftformsentry.com)

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

### Next Library Exhibit—Quince Orchard Library

At our September meeting we ask your to bring and lend bowls and other turned work that you have made for an exhibit in October at the Quince Orchard Library. Many of these pieces will also be shown during the November 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> of *All Things Considered VI: National Basketry Organization Biennial Juried Exhibition*. Thus two exhibits with fiber to visit in the coming month.



**Library Display Scheduled For October** (Phil Brown)

Our turnings will be display in the Quince Orchard Library in Gaithersburg during October. Please bring up to 3 pieces that will fit on 7" wide glass shelves to the September meeting.

And please include the brief information form printed below or on the web site. We now have stands for displaying bowls and platters on edge. These pieces will also be displayed at the Woodworkers Club for Demo Day on November 5<sup>th</sup>, and will be available for pickup at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We will be receiving your loan of pieces at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for the wall case exhibit in the Quince Orchard Public Library, 15831 Quince Orchard Rd, Gaithersburg. The exhibit will be on view during October 2011. Approximately 30 pieces will fit on shallow 7 inch deep shelves by standing on their base or on edge, such as an easel-mounted platter or bowl. Your phone number, but not prices, will be displayed. Any sale is directly between you and the interested buyer after the exhibit is over. Pieces will be available for pickup at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

This information form is needed with your piece in order to prepare a label, an insurance list, a turner-telephone list, and plan for installation. Please bring your pieces in a box, or well wrapped for stacking if in a bag, with **your name on the container**.

**MCW Display Information for the Quince Orchard Library Exhibit, October 2011**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Piece #1:**

Title or Name (if named) \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of wood(s), other materials & treatments (dye, burned, finish, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Size (height & diameter) \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance/sale value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Piece #2:**

Title or Name (if named) \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of wood(s), other materials & treatments (dye, burned, finish, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Size (height & diameter) \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance/sale value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Piece #3:**

Title or Name (if named) \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of wood(s), other materials & treatments (dye, burned, finish, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Size (height & diameter) \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance/sale value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional pieces: Please provide the same information.



## Fair Highlights - 2011 (Bert Bleckwenn)



Bob Browning



Mike Colella



Angela Aley



Clif Poodry



Jack Enders



Paul Simon



Phil Brown



Bert Bleckwenn



Jake France



MCW's 2011 Demonstration Area

## Future Meetings (Gary Guenther)

### October 6, 2011 Pen-turning Workshop

In honor of Veterans day on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 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	February 10	March 10
April 7	May 12	June 9
July 7	August 11	September 8 Mike Kehs
October 6 Pen Turning	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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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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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)
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