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Next Meeting and Demonstration (Gary Guenther)

The next meeting will be:

Date: Thursday, October 6, 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: **Learn Pen Turning and Support our Troops**
- 8:50 - 9:00 PM Pay for and retrieve your Silent Auction items, pack up, put the lathe and space back in order.

Demonstration and Workshop

Demo: Pen Turning and Preparation Alternatives Discussion

Workshop:

- Mentored Pen Turning (using prepared pen blanks and slimline kits)
- Pen Blank Preparations (cutting, drilling, gluing, trimming)
- Turning Pens for Donation

Sign up: Register for Pen Turning and obtain Pen Kits & Pen Blanks



Warrior Pens

Help Turn Pens For U.S. Troops Overseas!

*Each Year During
Veteran's Day
Weekend*

**Turn
for
TROOPS**

Co-Sponsored by Berea Hardwoods

Special Points of Interest:

- Turn for the Troops
- Signup Status
- Mark Supik Spotlited

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President's Perspective (Bert Bleckwenn)

Turn for the Troops - Marathon Efforts

There are several efforts planned for October and November dedicated to supporting our troops through MCW's support of the Woodworkers Club focus and Woodcraft's sponsorship of the Turn for the Troops program. We kick things off with our October MCW meeting dedicated to members learning or enhancing pen-turning skills and actually turning pens for donation. The two October Skills Enhancement Programs are also dedicated to enhancing pen-turning skills and turning more pens. The November 5th MCW Demo Day at the Woodworkers Club features pen turning demonstrations and donation of completed pens by the public besides the normal general turning demonstrations. In addition, the Woodworkers Club will be hosting Pen Turning for the Troops for the general public on the evenings of Sept 7-9 from 6:30PM-9:00PM for a nominal fee.

Volunteer Status for the Events

See pages 4-5 for the current status of volunteer sign ups for supporting the various events. I continue to need additional volunteers, so signup with me at the MCW meeting or contact me at bableck@gmail.com.

MCW October Meeting - Turning Workshop: Learn Pen Turning and Support our Troops

Demo: Pen Turning and Preparation Alternatives

Workshop:

- Mentored Pen Turning (using prepared pen blanks and Slimline kits)
- Pen Blank Preparations (cutting, drilling, gluing, trimming)
- Turning Pens for Donation
- Pen Kits & Pen Blanks Sign-out

Participants only need to bring a basic set of tools (small roughing gouge, small skew chisel, small spindle gouge). All needed materials and accessories such as pen blanks, pen kits, mandrels, sanding and finishing supplies will be provided and available at the workshop.

MCW Skills Enhancement Program

The September Skills Enhancement sessions are scheduled for:

- Friday, October 7, 2011 - 10:00AM - 1:00PM.
- Sunday, October 23, 2011 - 10:00MM - 1:00PM

We have a capacity of nine lathes. The sessions will be dedicated to enhancing pen turning skills and turning pens for the November 5th Demo Day - Turn for the Troops effort. Signup know by contacting Bert Bleckwenn via email at bableck@gmail.com

President's Perspective (Bert Bleckwenn)

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MCW Demo Day - November 5th, 2011

We would like as many MCW members as possible to assist with and participate in the activities. Besides 5 lathe demonstrations both inside and outside like last year, 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 with 4-5 additional mini/midi-lathes dedicated to turning pens to be donated by the public.

*** Woodworkers Club Specials for Turners ***

During the week leading up to the MCW Demo day, the Woodworkers club will be running specials on lathes and turning tools. The Delta Midi Lathes will be \$50 Off plus a \$50 gift card and the Nova 1624-44 running at \$1199.99 with a \$300 gift card. They will have six of each lathe in stock. They will also take preorders now with a 50% deposit. They are also working on getting a crate of bowl blanks in from Exotic Lumber to have for November/December as well.

MCW Picasa Picture Gallery

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

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

Many Thanks to Tim Aley for Orchestrating MCW's Chapter Collaboration Submission to AAW

We received \$227 from AAW for our Celebrate 25 submission. Tim did a fantastic job in organizing and orchestrating our chapter's submission for the AAW Symposium. Great job Tim!

Stackable Chairs Available at the Woodworkers Club

There are now 20 stackable chairs available for our use during our meetings.

Oneway Mobile Base for the Woodworkers Club's Oneway Lathe

The Oneway Mobile Base has been ordered and should be available for our next meeting. This will greatly improve the setup/takedown process for our monthly meetings as well as provide more ease of use to the Woodworkers Club.



Happy turning,
Bert

Turn For The Troops - Volunteer Signup Status (Bert Bleckwenn)

MCW Meeting on Oct 6th - Pen Turning Workshop

Pen-Turning Mentors (Nine Lathes Available)

1. Steve Drake
2. Jake France
3. Clif Poodry
4. Carl Powell
5. Bob Grudberg
6. Tim Aley
7. ?????????
8. ?????????
9. ?????????

Pen-Blank Preparation Volunteers

1. Mary Beardsley
2. Gary Guenther
3. Margaret Follas

Sign-up Coordinator

1. Don Van Ryk

Setup and Cleanup Assistants

1. Mary Beardsley
2. ?????????

Sign Up to Turn Pens for Donation (blanks and kits provided)

1. ????????? (sign up at meeting and pick up supplies)

MCW Skills Enhancement Program

(Mentor, Get Mentored, Turn Pens)

- **Friday, Oct 7th - 10:00AM-1:00PM**
 1. Margaret Follas
 2. ?????????
- **Sunday, Oct 23rd - 10:00AM-1:00PM**
 1. Margaret Follas
 2. Tim Aley
 3. ?????????

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Turn For The Troops - Volunteer Signup Status - Continued (Bert Bleckwenn)

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MCW Demo Day**Turning Demonstrators (5 Large/Midi-Lathes)**

1. Bill Autry (Large Jet)
2. Cliff Poodry (Jet Midi-lathe) - Outside, weather permitting
3. Mark Supik (Oneway)
4. Carl Powell (Nova DVR)
5. ????????? (Jet Midi-lathe) - Outside, weather permitting
6. ????????? (Woodfast)

Donation Desk Coordinators

1. Margaret Follas
2. ?????????

Pen Turners (4 Mini-Lathes—Rikon, Delta, General, Jet)

1. Tim Aley (pens and other small turned objects)
2. ?????????
3. ?????????
4. ?????????

Support roles.

1. Hal Burdette (MCW Gallery setup/takedown)
2. Carl Powell (setup/takedown)
3. Tim Aley (setup/takedown)
4. Donation Desk (setup/takedown)
5. ????????? (MCW Information table setup/takedown and staffing)
6. ????????? (Food/refreshments arrangements & setup for volunteers)
7. ????????? (can always use a couple more hands for setup/takedown)

These are great opportunities to help support our troops and give back to MCW and the community, so please consider volunteering.

September 8, 2011 MCW Business Meeting Minutes (Tim Aley)

President Bert Bleckwenn called the meeting to order and welcomed 22 members and guests. New member Allen Farber introduced himself.

Attendees took advantage of the new stackable chairs purchased by the Woodworkers Club with matching funds from MCW.



The MCW Demos at the Montgomery County Fair were a great success. Thanks go out to the thirteen MCW members that participated. A special thank you to Bert Bleckwenn for organizing our involvement, supplying the tools, and being there almost every day to make sure all went well.

There is strong interest by the Old Timers for us to continue. They are willing to provide a side-flapped 10'x20' tent next year in same location. The Woodworkers Club is interested in participating again next year.

The Skill Enhancement offerings for September are scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2011 from 6pm - 9pm and Thursday, September 22, 2011 from 10am - 1pm

The MCW Demo Day is Nov 5th, 2011 with a Turn for the Troops emphasis. We need volunteers for Demo Day planning, area setup, demonstrations, gallery display setup, and information table setup. Also needed are people who have prior pen-turning experience, even just 2-3 pens is sufficient, that can assist with mentoring other members at next month's meeting or Skills Enhancement session on Friday Oct 7, 2011 from 10am - 1pm or Sunday Oct 23, 2011 - 10am - 1pm. Please contact Bert Bleckwenn if you can help.

A poll was taken if there was any interest in a session focused on "Going Commercial". There seemed to be minimal interest, so we will table it.

Bert Bleckwenn brought up the need for wheels on the One Way to make it easier to move for meetings. The wheels cost \$300. It was asked, seconded and unanimously approved to purchase the wheels.

Tim Aley announced that he just gave treasurer Phil Brown a check for \$227.50 that he received for our part of the sale of the Celebrate 25 entry in St. Paul. The Celebrate 25 book can be seen at http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2011/AAW_Turning_25web.pdf

Steve Drake brought in a mirror for the MCW Give-Back Challenge and it was raffled off and won by Tim Aley who will make something and bring it in next month.

Clif Poodry led the Show & Tell Member Critique. The show and tell table was filled with many bowls, a hollow form, a box, a tool and a cane. The table was photographed by Stuart Glickman and trucked by Don Van Ryk.

The silent auction table had two large half logs of honey locust and 2 logs of osage orange.

Program Chair Gary Guenther introduced the demonstrator Michael Kehs and his informative demonstration of Very Thin-Walled Vessels.

Financial Report (Phil Brown)

Treasurer Report (September 28, 2011)

Income:		Expenses:	
Demo fees	\$ 170	Demonstrator	\$ 310
Membership	10	Name tag order	<u>14</u>
Silent auction	29	Total expense	\$324
Bale auction	25		
Name tag	7		
AAW Celebrate 25	<u>227.50</u>		
Total income	\$468.50	Total funds available	\$2,432.50

News about our Members (Phil Brown)

Member News

Clif Poody teaches *Beginning Bowl Turning* on October 29th at the Woodworkers Club in Rockville: 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: \$150/day. 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. All materials and lunch provided on Saturday Nov 12th, and Sundays Oct 23rd, and Dec 11th.

Bowl Turning: \$150/day, 8:30 to 5:00 PM on Sunday Nov 13th, and Saturdays Oct 22nd and Dec 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 (click on Get Schooled Here), or call 410 □ 732 □ 8414. There is always a 20% discount for woodturning club members

Shows & Events (Phil Brown)

Library Display in October

Our turnings will be set up in the Quince Orchard Library in Gaithersburg on October 1st and remain on display during the month. Members lending pieces for this exhibit are Tim Aley, Bert Bleckwenn, Phil Brown, Tina Chisena, Don Couchman, Gary Guenther, and Gary Nickerson.

This is the smallest number of participating members we have had for one of these exhibits. Tim and Phil provided extra pieces to fill out the exhibit, which gives extra exposure to their work. Some or all of these pieces will be displayed at the Woodworkers Club for Demo Day on November 5th, and will be available for pickup at the November 10th meeting.



2009 Quince Orchard Library Display

Mark Supik & Company highlighted in *Bmore* article



Mark Supik was recently spotlighted in the *Bmore* electronic news issue for Baltimore. Check it out at: <http://www.bmoremedia.com/features/marksupikwoodworking092711.aspx>

One of the topics highlighted a project called **100 Bowls - Pine Bowl Turning Project: One Tree, A Hundred Bowls** where Mark and his woodturning students have challenged themselves to turning 100 bowls out of one fallen pine tree. The project began in March of 2010. A show/reunion/party has been set for November 19th and 20th in Baltimore. The event, called **How Many Bowls?**, will take place over two days, November 19th and 20th at the Schiavone Gallery in Baltimore (just a few blocks from the shop in Highlandtown). Mark & Nancy visited the gallery last week and the space is beautiful! There will be plenty of room to display the bowls and to project a slide show with photos of the original tree and of the bowls being turned. Dan & Liz, who run the gallery, are excited about the show. The exhibit will be in place for 2 days, November 19th & 20th, with some opportunities for early viewing the week



Future Meetings (Gary Guenther)

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
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

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)

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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