

Montgomery County Woodturners

<http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org>

Next Meeting and Demonstration (Gary Guenther)

The next meeting will be:

Date: Thursday, September 6, 2012
Time: 7:00-9:30 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 - 7:40 PM Business Meeting and Show & Tell
- 7:40 - 9:15 PM Program: **Jigs 'n' Tips, Safety, and Potluck Dinner**
- 9:15 - 9:30 PM Pay for and retrieve your Silent Auction items, pack up, put the lathe and space back in order.

September Program - Jigs 'n' Tips, Safety, and Potluck Dinner

It looks like our September meeting will be held in the CURRENT LOCATION of the Woodworkers Club, as usual. The planned move is being delayed.

This meeting will have the normal Business Meeting, Silent Auction, and Show & Tell.

The Program for this meeting will consist of three components:

- 1) We will have a session of Member-supplied "Jigs 'n' Tips";
- 2) we will have a session for Member-supplied Safety Tips; and
- 3) we will socialize a bit with a *potluck dinner* and perhaps get to know a little more about each other away from the lathe.



September Program - Jigs 'n' Tips, Safety, and Potluck Dinner (cont.)

We are depending on YOU to participate in all these activities by bringing things with you.

1) We would like as many as possible of you to bring a Jig or unique tool to show, or a Tip related to your turning activities. We had a successful demonstration program session like this a couple years ago, and it's time to do it again. Please bring some new stuff if you can. Be prepared to discuss it or even to demonstrate it briefly on a lathe.

2) I have been providing lots of Safety Tips at meetings. Now it's time for YOU to bring some to present to us, based on your personal experience or reading. This is something we ALL need to be reminded of on a regular basis. Accidents happen to experienced turners as much as to novices. We have to keep our guards up and share our thoughts on this important aspect of woodturning education. Write up a couple, in case somebody else takes one of yours! Please plan to leave a copy with me, and I'll get them all combined and written up for distribution into one document after the meeting.

3) Since there's not enough support for a stand-alone Picnic, we're going to do the next best thing, and have a potluck at our meeting. MCW will provide plates, cups, tableware, and napkins, as well as drinks (bottled water and sodas). YOU are asked to kindly provide the foods: appetizers, salads, hot dishes, desserts, and the like -- not too many desserts! Let's try to keep it relatively healthy. Please bring your own serving spoons, etc. We would like to have people bring foods ready to serve, but there is a microwave available should that be needed to heat up those casseroles.

Because we will need to know roughly how many drinks to buy, we would appreciate it if you would RSVP to Gary Guenther (at my usual email address) ASAP and NLT Tuesday, September 4.

We look forward to seeing MANY of you for this fun, educational, and entertaining activity. I know that every time I talk with one of our members, I find out some amazing new fact about their life. We know too little about each other. Here's a chance to start becoming better acquainted. Answers to the Quiz will be provided!

While we would like you to bring things with you, we understand that circumstances don't always permit, so please plan to come even if you can't bring anything. What's important is that you join us. But please RSVP by Tuesday if at all possible. Thanks.

Remember, bring a Jig or Tip, a Safety Tip, some food, and Come Hungry!

Special Points of Interest:

- Montgomery County Fair

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCW Skills Enhancement Program (Bert Bleckwenn)

The next Skills Enhancement session will be held on Friday, September 7, 2012 from 10:00am – 1:00pm in the Shop of the Woodworkers Club. Please register with Bert Bleckwenn (bableck@gmail.com) before or at the next MCW meeting. A minimum of two participants is required, otherwise, the session will be cancelled. Remember, you must be an active AAW member in order to participate in the Skills Enhancement Program.

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/106891946865477202075/MCWAug12Demo>

<https://picasaweb.google.com/106891946865477202075/MCWAug12Gallery>

<https://picasaweb.google.com/106891946865477202075/MCWAug12Meeting>

Treasury Report, August 24, 2012

August Income:

Silent auction	\$ 31
Library Rentals	5
Demo Fee	270
Member Renewals	140
Total income	\$ 446

August Expenses:

Warrior Program	301.25
Supplies	15.00
Demonstrator	323.50
Jet Lathe Stand	50.00
Total Expenses	\$825.38

Total funds available \$1,105.43



MCW Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2012 (Tim Aley)

MCW President Tim Aley welcomed 26 members as he opened the meeting at 7:02.

Tim asked for volunteers to STEP UP.

Open Positions include;

Vice President – We are putting in a plan to have the VP ready to succeed the President. Clif has been VP since the start of MCW but work does not allow him to be here enough to be President and has agreed to step down when someone is ready to take over.

Program Chair – This is the most important job in the club. Most of us deal with the club one day a month and go on our merry way, so what happens at that meeting is extremely important! Also what a great chance to meet and have conversations with great turners.

Secretary – Position of secretary is now open and ready for someone to take notes at meetings and send them to the newsletter editor.

If you have an interest in the positions Vice President; Program Chair – Anyone interested in co-chairing this?; Secretary; Candid Photographer please contact Tim Aley (taley16922@aol.com) or Phil Brown (philfbrown@comcast.net)

- Tim mentioned that October will have two demos; Ernie Conover on October 11 & Liam O'Neill on October 18
- Program Chair Gary Guenther talked about the Sept. meeting. It was agreed that we will have a pot-luck, and talk about safety and jigs.
- The newsletter items need to be submitted this month by the 25th so that it can come out by the Friday before the meeting. Other months it should be submitted 2 Fridays before the meeting.
- Matt from the Woodworker's Club says the permit process and discussions have started. The move should be 30 – 45 days from now.
- August MCW Skill Enhancement is cancelled due to the fair.
- Bert Bleckwenn gave update and a final volunteer solicitation for MOCO Ag Fair.
- The wood ex-change with the Florida Gold Coast Woodturner's Club is postponed till next month. Bring local hardwoods to meeting.
- Wounded Warrior Project will be held August 24 from 12:30-2:30 because the last Friday of the month is a holiday. Please contact Don Van Ryk (dvanryk@aol.com) for more information.
- Phil Brown led the Show and Tell.
- Program chair Gary Guenther introduced Mark Gardner and his demonstration of a non-hollowed hollow form.

News about our Members (Phil Brown)

As a follow up to **Tim Aley's** description of his coaching experience in "A time to Commit" from the August MCW newsletter, see this local article: <http://www.towncourier.com/2012/08/01/aley-a-true-good-sport/>

Bill Autry has been invited to demonstrate and mentor twist turning at the Virginia Symposium Sept 15th and 16th, an every other year event in Fishersville, Virginia. Two motels in the area are: Sleep Inn (540) 887-6500, and Best Western (540) 885-1112.

You can see all the demonstrators and vendors by selecting 2012 Symposium at:
www.virginiawoodturners.com.

Allan Starr (a member we seldom see at meetings) received four awards for two expertly executed model vehicles entered into the Montgomery County Fair. His golf cart received 1st place for models, Champion, and Adult Grand Champion in the Education & Recreational Hobbies Division. In Wood Craft under the Flat Work category **Allan** received 1st place for his eight wheeled tractor, and **Phil Brown** received a second place ribbon under the vessels/plate category for a maple vortex piece, 5" x 15".

*Creating One-of-a-Kind Wood Handcrafts: **Richard Webster** carves post-retirement life* appeared in the Potomac Almanac, November 11, 2011. This interesting description of Richard's turning and other work that most of us probably do not know is found at:

<http://connection.membershipsoftware.org/article.asp?article=356025&paper=70&cat=104>

On Saturdays beginning at 10 AM, **Clif Poodry** teaches *Introduction to the Lathe* on September 22nd, and November 3rd; and *Advanced Bowl Turning* on September 1-2nd, and October 27-28th at the Woodworkers Club. To register, call 301-984-9033, or go to classes at: <http://woodworkersclub.com>

Craft Forms 2012

The 18th International Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Craft will be up December 1, 2012 through January 26, 2013 at the Wayne Art Center in Wayne, PA. The entry deadline is September 13th.

See www.wayneart.org/exhibition/craft-forms-2012 for more information and link to the prospectus.

Call for Entries to Local Juried Retail Show

The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival is produced annually by the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) and showcases the best contemporary fine art and craft from around the country. This Festival is held in the streets of Reston Town Center on May 17, 18 and 19, 2013. Applications will be accepted until November 30, 2012. For information and application procedure, visit:

http://www.juriedartservices.com/index.php?content=event_info&event_id=574&a

News about our Members (Phil Brown)

2012 Fall Woodturning Workshops at Mark Supik & Co.

Tools, materials, lunch and great donuts included in class costs.

20% discount for members of AAW and local woodturning clubs.

For Location and Class Cost -- GO TO www.marksupikco.com 410-732-8414

<u>The Right Start, Spindle Turning</u> Saturday, Sept. 29th Saturday, Oct. 20th Saturday, Dec. 8th	<u>Bowl Turning</u> Sunday, Sept. 30th Sunday, Oct. 21 st Saturday, (Beginning) Nov. 10th Sunday, (Advanced) Nov. 11th Sunday, Dec. 9th
<u>Open Shop Saturday Afternoons</u> (Practice time for graduates) 1 PM to 4 PM Saturday, Oct 27 Saturday, Nov 17 Saturday, Dec 15	<u>Saturday Morning - Next Step Workshops for Graduates</u> 9 AM – Noon Saturday, Oct 27 Saturday, Nov 17 Saturday, Dec 15

Don't be shy! Promote yourself. Tell us about your woodturning activities in the MCW Newsletter.
Send your information by the 27th of the month to Phil Brown, philfbrown@comcast.net, or call 301-767-9863.

Exhibiting At The 2013 County Fair (Phil Brown)

Bert Bleckwenn planned, gathered, and orchestrated setup of lathes, tools, and wood for the MCW turned wood demonstrations at the Montgomery County Fair (page 11&12), and at least 12 additional members demonstrated, many of them on two different days. There were lots of turned pieces on our show and touch table. Inside the Arts, Crafts and Photography building were just four turned pieces, plus two flat-work models with turned elements. Only three of these were by MCW members. There we are outdoors demonstrating wood turning, while we don't have a nice showing of juried work inside.

For 2013, I hope to change that picture with much more juried and award winning turned work on display. My challenge to MCW members living in Montgomery County is to turn a new and wonderful piece for the Fair, legibly sign it, and bring it to the July or August 2013 MCW meeting. I will enter it into the Fair in your name and pick it up from the Fair. There is no entry fee, and I have your address and phone from the membership file.

Only one piece may be entered in a class (you can't compete against yourself), but there are several classes in which turned work could be entered by children, teenagers, and adults. In Division 3: CRAFTS, under CREATIVE AND HOLIDAY CRAFTS are class numbers:

- 326 Christmas tree ornaments, other
- 327 Christmas decoration (other than wreaths, tree ornaments, ceramic or porcelain items) may include candles
- 329 Holiday decoration (any occasion other than Christmas) may include candles
- 330 Mobiles, puppets and marionettes, any material
- 335 Handmade toys and games, any material (other than dolls and stuffed animals)

Under WOOD CRAFT are class numbers:

- 368 Hollow ware/flat ware, plates, bowls, etc.,
- 369 Spindle turned items,
- 374 Wood carvings other than birds,
- 375 Novelty wood craft.

In Division 4: Educational and Recreational Hobbies, are class numbers:

- 390 Collection of 15 or more items made by the exhibitor (mounted securely such as in a shallow box or as an object like the 25th anniversary piece MCW members made for AAW),
- 399 working or scale model, and
- 400 a model such as a car or other vehicle.

These and possibly other categories are found in the fair catalog, pages 95 to 99, at: <http://www.mcagfair.com/pdf/2012%20Catalog/2012%20Fair%20Catalog%207.9.12.pdf>

Fun At The 2012 Montgomery County Fair (Bob Browning)



MCW @ The 2012 Montgomery County Fair (Bert Bleckwenn)

MCW Fair Demonstrations a Great Success

Another Successful Year at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair!

The weather couldn't have been better for this year's fair demonstrations by MCW and the Woodworkers Club. We say a regular flow of traffic, especially on the weekend days. We handed out close to 250 MCW brochures, so hopefully we might pick up a few new members.

Thanks to the MCW Fair Volunteers

Thirteen MCW volunteered to demonstrate, setup and closedown at this year's fair. It was a great joint effort. Many thanks to the volunteers: Bert Bleckwenn, Bob Browning, Carl Powell, Clif Poodry, Donald Van Ryk, Emily Koo, Jack Enders, Margaret Follas, Michael Colella, Mike Kugelman, Paul Simon, Phil Brown, Russ Iler, Tim Aley

Expanded Times

Because of vehicle restrictions during the fair, we set up on Friday prior to the fair opening and closed down on the following Sunday which actually ended up working well. We expanded our demonstrations to include the first Saturday and also demonstrated for the full day on the last Saturday as well. The weekend days actually had much high traffic volumes and thus ended up being great demonstration times as well.



Christmas Tree Decorating Contributions



We contributed again this year to help decorate the Old Timers Christmas tree with snowmen, icicles and tops. In addition, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Old Timers participation in the fair, we were asked to turn the ornament for the top of the tree which was a collaboration between Bert Bleckwenn turning the ornament and Margaret Follas chip-carving the 50th anniversary numbers into the accompanying top ring.



Blacksmith Raffle Contributions

We collaborated with the blacksmiths again this year by turning candlestick stands, napkin ring holders, flower stands for holding some of the blacksmith creations and a honey bowl for their wrought iron honey dipper stand.



Montgomery County Fair - August 10th -18th, 2012 (Bert Bleckwenn)

Demonstration Layout

- We were located in the same area this year under two giant oak trees across from the blacksmith area and the Old Timers General Store. The location works great for fair traffic. We had a much easier time this year with canvas side flaps added to the tent so we could easily setup and closedown each day. We also added two mobile safety shields to help protect the public and make it easier to turn larger items.
- The Woodworkers Club really helped out tremendously by using their truck to transport the lathes and other items to and from the fair this year. They also provided one of their Nova DVR lathes so we had a larger lathe available for demonstrating as well.
- We improved public safety by adding two mobile safety shields in front of each lathe with attached 2'x3' MCW banners.
- Bob Browning set up his Spring Pole Lathe and gave his legs a good workout throughout the fair.



Margaret Follas augmented the Woodworking demonstrations with her chip carving techniques.

Other Points Of Interest

We also were able to turn a couple of small projects including a raptor perch stand, dome cover for an antique coffee grinder and replacement chair spindles for other fair demonstrators. Since we are not able to sell items, we asked for donations to be made to the Old Timers Area for supporting maintenance and enhancements to the area.

Even with signs out that we do not sell items on display, there was a lot of interest in purchasing items of knowing where there could purchase items. For future demonstrations, it would be nice if we had a list of members that would be interested in either turning custom items or willing to sell items. If this is something of interest to members, perhaps we could create a section on our MCW website identifying members that will sell work and/or do custom work. Let the officers know if this is something that would interest you. With the Woodworkers Club's plans for a display gallery in their new facility, this might be another reference we could use as well.

Thoughts for Next Year

- With a lot of requests for selling, it would be nice to have a list of MCW members that would be willing to be referred for requests for turned objects or custom work
- The Old Tiers General Store does have to sell items made and donated by MCW, so would suggest developing a list of suggested items that we could turn and donate during the week of fair demonstrations.
- There is a lot of kid traffic, so we might consider preparing top blanks before hand to speed up turning tops that can be given away to the kids. We might also consider creating an MCW activity of turning tops prior to the fair that could be given away as well. Perhaps a contest as to who could turn the most tops prior to the fair.

The SawStop demo by the Woodworkers Club was an attention grabber. We need to think of something that we could demo that would draw more of a crowd such as load, noisy and/or startling. We can make use of the fair's PA system to announce any special activity or regularly scheduled activities.

Future Meetings (Gary Guenther)

Suggestions for Future Meetings are Welcome!

Please call Gary at 301-384-7594 with your ideas.

Because of cooperation with Chesapeake, CAW, and the Woodworkers Club, we have a truly outstanding set of programs planned for 2012. Please review the following.

• September 6, 2012 – Jigs ‘n’ Tips, Safety, and Potluck Dinner

See Page 1 for details.

Please note: There will be two Demonstrations in October, the first a stand-alone, and the second with a normal meeting, as follows:

• October 11, 2012 – Ernie Conover – topic TBD

This will be a demonstration only, not a full meeting. There will be NO business meeting or Show & Tell. This is the date when we would normally meet. The regular meeting this month will, however, be held the next week.

Ernie Conover is a well-known author in the woodworking field with ten books, many videos, and hundreds of articles to his credit. His work has received numerous awards and been the subject of several one-man shows. Ernie is a long-time contributor to *Fine Woodworking*, a furniture maker, and a tool aficionado. While he is best known for teaching and writing about woodturning, he is also called upon as a machine designer, having designed and marketed the Conover lathe. Ernie and his wife, Susan, run Conover Workshops, a craft school where he teaches woodworking and woodturning courses, and she teaches fiber arts classes.

www.conoverworkshops.com There will be a \$10 demo fee.

• October 18, 2012 - Liam O'Neill - topic TBD

Note that this meeting is one week after our normal meeting date, to accommodate Liam's travel schedule. This will be our normal, complete meeting for the month.

Liam O'Neill is one of the true legends in woodturning. He will be visiting from his workshop in County Galway, Ireland. Liam is the "Irish" in the "Irish Grind" for bowl gouges, which design variation he introduced to people like David Ellsworth in 1982. In 1983, he was a founder of the Irish Woodturners Guild, the world's first national woodturning organization. In that time frame, he won several national First Prizes for his woodturnings and also a scholarship to travel to the U.S.A. to study advanced woodturning with leading American Woodturners such as Bob Stocksdale and David Ellsworth. While here in 1986, he played a part in the formation of the AAW.

Liam has been a production turner and also an educator, having taught at Arrowmont for ten years. He makes everything on a lathe from traditional pieces to massive outdoor sculptures. The development of woodturning techniques has always been important to him. He is a master craftsman and wood artist with a unique understanding of his medium. It is said that the quality of his bowls lies in their subtle detailing as well as the intrinsic beauty of the wood. Even so, his interests have always lain in the way in which he could use woodturning creatively to make unique sculptural pieces. For the latter, which are found in

Future Meetings (Gary Guenther)

many international collections, Liam has specially designed and built a large, outdoor lathe with a concrete headstock sporting a 2.5" spindle, a nearly 6-foot swing, a 12-hp motor, an integrally mounted chainsaw, and a gantry for lifting logs into place!

Interest in Liam's work has grown enormously in recent years, fuelled by high-profile commissions and the fact that examples of his work have been presented to leading world figures as gifts from the Irish Government. See all about his interesting career and works, large and small, at www.liamoneill.com.

Please join us for this opportunity to see one of the internationally-famed woodturning "greats". There will be a \$10 demo fee.

2012 Meeting Schedule		
January 12 <i>MCW Show & Tell</i>	February 9 <i>Selling Your Work</i>	March 15 <i>David Ellsworth</i>
April 12 <i>Mike Hosaluk</i>	May 10 <i>Alan Carter</i>	June 7 <i>David Reed Smith</i>
July 12 <i>Selling Your Work II</i>	August 9 <i>Mark Gardner</i>	September 6 <i>Jigs 'n' Tips, Safety, and Potluck Dinner</i>
October 11 <i>Ernie Conover</i>	October 18 <i>Liam O'Neill</i>	November 8 <i>TBD</i>
December 6 <i>TBD</i>		

2012 Meeting and Skills Enhancement Capabilities & Schedule (Bert Bleckwenn)

Mark your calendars now so you can take advantage of our meetings and Skill Enhancement programs in 2012!

- **One week later than our normal schedule**

2012 MCW Meeting and Skills Enhancement Schedule			
Month	Meeting Date (7:00-9:00PM)	Skills Enhancement Day	Skills Enhancement Date (10:00AM-1:00PM)
February	Thursday, February 9, 2012	Sunday	Sunday, February 12, 2012
March	Thursday, March 15, 2012*	Friday	Friday, March 16, 2012
April	Thursday, April 12, 2012	Sunday	Sunday, April 15, 2012
May	Thursday, May 10, 2012	Friday	Friday, May 11, 2012
June	Thursday, June 7, 2012	Sunday	Sunday, June 10, 2012
July	Thursday, July 12, 2012	Friday	Friday, July 13, 2012
August	Thursday, August 9, 2012		No Date MC Fair
September	Thursday, September 6, 2012	Friday	Friday, September 7, 2012
October	Thursday, October 11, 2012	Sunday	Sunday, October 14, 2012
October*	Thursday, October 18, 2012		
November	Thursday, November 8, 2012	Friday	Friday, November 9, 2012
December	Thursday, December 6, 2012	Sunday	Sunday, December 9, 2012

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Membership Application Form and Interest Profile

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

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 on 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.



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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 on the link above and going to the club member login located at 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 at meetings.





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

MCW Contact Information

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Skills Enhancement Coordinator	Bert Bleckwenn, Bill Brown
Warrior Support Program	Don Van Ryk
Clean-Up Committee	Jack Enders, Gary Nickerson, and Paul Simon