

December 2012

Montgomery County Woodturners

<http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org>

Next Meeting and Demonstration (Gary Guenther)

The next meeting will be:

Date: Thursday, December 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: **Steve Anonucci Demistifying the Hook Tool**
There is a \$5.00 DEMO FEE
- 9:15 - 9:30 PM Pay for and retrieve your Silent Auction items, pack up, put the lathe and space back in order.

December Program - Steve Antonucci

Steven Antonucci lives in Sussex County, NJ and has taught beginning woodturning at Peters Valley Craft Center for the past three years. His passion for creating turned wooden objects inspires his students to jump into the vortex. Steve is well known for his variety of hollow vessels. Steve's work, "Three Views on Elm Burl", appeared in the AAW "Rounding the Four Corners" exhibit in St. Paul, and he had a piece selected for critique from the Totally Turning Instant Gallery. He will be demonstrating this fall at the Wisconsin Woodturning Expo. He exhibits at the Sally D. Francisco Gallery at Peters Valley



December Program - (cont.)

Steve is active on the WoodCentral online forum, which is where I initially met him. He frequently travels to the DC area as part of his IT job. An engineer and technologist at heart, Steve's attention to technical details is notable. He finds time not only for woodturning, but also for kumihimo (a form of Japanese braiding using a turned wooden marudai) and making chain mail (with a lathe!).

Hook tools have a long and distinguished history around the world for woodturning, but they are not used as much today in the U.S. as they could, and perhaps should be. A hook tool is ideal for cleanly cutting and hollowing end grain as well as side grain. Bowls made with self-powered lathes are traditionally made with hook tools (see www.woodcentral.com/woodworking/forum/turning.pl/md/read/id/459471/sbj/good-video-no-possible-commercial-aspects). Famed Georgia turner Ed Moulthrop used home-made hook tools to hollow his large vessels. Today, Andre Martel is well known for his use of hook tools, and he also sells a proprietary form he developed.

Steve is planning to demystify hook tools by creating a hook tool from scratch, on site, by forging and annealing the metal, shaping and sharpening it in his own unique manner, and adding a turned handle. He will briefly discuss its history, its international popularity, and demonstrate its use and cutting action on end grain, compared to alternatives. If there's time, perhaps we'll let some audience members come up and try it too. Steve will bring a few samples along with him to sell at a very low price. This is bound to be a very interesting and popular program – don't miss it. There will be a \$5 demo fee.

Special Points of Interest:

- **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCW Members,

It has been suggested by the new Program Director at CAW that we, and the constellation of many "local" AAW chapters within a given geographic radius of us, could benefit by sharing lists of names of members who might be interested in demonstrating for the other clubs. The goal is to get more people involved in demonstrating, to cross fertilize, as it were, and to provide the respective Program Directors with opportunities to fill open slots when traveling pros are not available.

Hence, I would appreciate it if those of you who think you might be willing or interested in being a demonstrator, under certain conditions and at some unspecified time in the future, for other "local" clubs who may choose to participate in like manner, would reply to this email with a "Yes; I might be willing to be a demonstrator if the circumstances are right." I'll compile the resulting list and provide it to CAW and to other clubs as they may choose to join in and request it.

This is in no way a commitment to do anything -- just an expression of general interest in the possibilities.

Thanks for your help, Gary

MCW Skills Enhancement Program (Bert Bleckwenn)

The next Skills Enhancement session will be held on Sunday, December 9, 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 of our featured Demonstration and meeting can be found on the MCW Picasa website at:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/MontgomeryCountyWoodturners/MCWNov12Meeting>

<https://picasaweb.google.com/MontgomeryCountyWoodturners/MCWNov12Program>

Treasury Report, November 16, 2012

November Income:

Membership fee \$25

Silent Auction \$49

Total income \$ 74

November Expenses:

Total Expenses \$0.00

Total funds available \$1,165.43

President's Perspective (Tim Aley)

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

This is the time of year we have waited for ... this is the time to focus on woodturning.

It's time to get into the shop! Many the factors have converged. We have just gone through black Friday and all your favorite woodturning suppliers had big sales and you NEED to use that new tool you just purchased. The days are short so there is no need to go out at night, evenings are meant for woodturning. The cold weather has us wanting to stay inside in the warmth of our shop. We have so many holiday gifts we need to get finished BEFORE the holiday and hopefully get some extra quiet time after the holidays to sneak away to our shop. So what are you waiting for, get out there and turn!



It is also time to renew our memberships in MCW, AAW and any other club we belong to. We start collecting dues at the December meeting. Although AAW has gone to a yearly membership from the day you start, most of us are still on the calendar year membership and it is time to renew (as you have become aware of several times by now).

Lastly, this is the time I start to think about going to the [AAW Symposium](#). This year it is on the east coast in sunny Tampa FL June 28-30. This may seem a little early to be thinking about June but I have found that if you care which hotel you want, you may need to book early. If you have not been to a symposium before, it is woodturning heaven. If you like the demo's we have at meetings, you can get 3 full days' worth and you get to pick the topics you want to see! If you like to look over our show and tell table, they have a huge room filled with tables that are packed for "show" and you can find many "tales" if you listen closely. And if you like to shop woodturning tools, wood, dvds, and accessories this is your place (but of course you have to get it home!)

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

MCW Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2012 (Jack Enders)

MINUTES: – MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOODTURNERS MEETING

President Tim Aley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, with about 30 members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES:

MEMBERS & GUESTS:

Welcomed three new guests, Joe Stout, and Martin and son Andre Vashevitch, and invited them to sign in and get a name tag.

Reminded everyone to wear their name tags. "Permanent" wooden name tags are available also. Fill out a form at the meeting or check out <http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org/NameBadge.html>

VOLUNTEERS AND OFFICERS:

Tim confirmed that Mike Colella has agreed to take on the job of Program Chair.

The MCW still needs volunteers to step up and fill some vacancies. Specifically we need:

Vice President who would be willing to become the next President.

Someone to work with incoming Program Chair Mike Colella to help with planning and managing next year's programs.

Membership Chair – Bill Autry is stepping down from this position.

Nominations for these positions were requested to be made at the December meeting. *[Members willing to volunteer were urged to contact Tim Aley (taley16922@aol.com) or Phil Brown (philfbrown@comcast.net).*

NEWSLETTER:

Newsletter items and features are sought and welcome from any member. Tim noted that the current mailing was late but should be in members' hands by the next day. He also urged members to please submit their stories about their turning experiences and get them to Newsletter Editor Mark Verna (mark.verna2@verizon.net) by the fourth Friday of the month in time to make the deadline for the next Newsletter.

GIVE BACK CHALLENGE:

Elliot Schantz distributed tickets for the drawing. The Bring Back Challenge prize was a walnut bowl donated by member Duane Schmidt. The winner of the draw was your Secretary, Jack Enders *[Members are reminded that the monthly Bring Back Challenge is an exchange whereby the winner of a donated piece is obliged to furnish a donated turned object at the following meeting].*

SURVEY:

Tim reported that the survey of members is being constructed and will be e-mailed to the members shortly. He emphasized that suggestions/ideas/inputs are really welcome, to make sure that members' interests are being served by the MCW.

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

December: Gary Guenther announced that December's meeting program will feature Steve Antonucci, who will demonstrate a very fundamental approach to woodturning. He will bring a bar of iron, heat it with a MAPP torch and forge a hook tool which he will fit with a handle that he will turn with it. There will be a \$5 demonstration fee for his presentation. *[Antonucci also makes chain mail on the lathe!]* He will bring some hook tools for sale at about \$20 for the tool itself, or \$25 for the tool and handle. (See the November Newsletter for a more detailed description by Gary).

December: Tim announced that December's Show and Tell will solicit Christmas or other Hanging Ornaments among the usual shared items.

January 2013's meeting will feature our annual Critique Session. Members are urged to select ONE piece from among their turnings and bring it for a panel of three experts to critique as to style, ornamentation, design, selection of wood, etc. This program was started three years ago and has proved popular with the members, getting constructive professional feedback on our craft. Chuck Engstrom of the Chesapeake Woodturners has agreed to be on the panel; the other members are pending.

WOODWORKERS CLUB EVENTS:

MCW is grateful for the support given to us by the Woodworkers' Club (WWC) and in turn is pleased to support them on many occasions:

MCW members Carl Powel, Don Van Ryk and Tim Aley supported the WWC's October 27th VisArts Gala in Rockville Square. MCW participated with WWC's Matt Nauman in running a pen turning class during the evening and answering questions about what each group does.

MCW members Margaret Follas, Bob Browning, Don Van Ryk, Carl Powell, Elliot Schantz, and Boluwagji Omisore supported the WWC's November 10-11 all-day Turn-A-Thon/Turn for the Troops event. The goal was to make as many pens as possible to donate to the troops. Wounded Warriors participated. MCW members interested in supporting our club's support to the Wounded Warriors effort should contact Don Van Ryk (dvanryk@aol.com) .

WWC hosted the November 17th meeting of the Chesapeake Region Society of American Period Furniture Makers (SAPFM) meeting. An extremely interesting discussion of pre-1820 furniture design, construction practices and special work-holding jigs and fixtures was presented by Jeff Headley and Steve Hamilton who operate the fifth generation Mack S. Headley and Sons cabinet shop in the historic Shenandoah Valley. Headley's cabinet shop makes many of the furniture items for the White House, the National Park Service and other State agencies as well as conducting classes and accepting private commissions for their furniture. MCW members Bleckwenn, Autry, and Enders participated.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOODTURNING (AAW):

Tim again urged those who have not yet joined AAW to do so. Brochures were made available. Among the many advantages in AAW membership are their excellent publication that features turning techniques and displayed turnings as well as the group's liability insurance coverage for those who are demonstrating turning to the public.

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MCW WOUNDED WARRIOR SUPPORT:

Contact Don Van Ryk (dvanryk@aol.com) to participate in this worthy program to teach the wounded veterans to turn. It generally takes place the last Friday of the month.

SHOW AND TELL (see separate listing of items in this newsletter):

Show and tell items were checked in by Richard Webster, photographed by Mike Colella, with Hal Burdette assisting.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Donated wood was again provided for the monthly Silent Auction (Note: This is a fund-raising activity for the MCW).

NEWS OF OTHER WOODWORKING ORGANIZATIONS:

SAPFM (Society of American Period Furniture Makers):

(See above note in the Woodworkers' Club paragraph above). Bert Bleckwenn announced the Renaissance Woodworkers group, led by Shannon Rogers, of McIlheny Hardwoods, Baltimore. The emphasis is on total hand tool woodworking. MCW members who are interested should contact Bert for further information (bableck@gmail.com).

Maryland Artisan Guild will exhibit from November 8 to December 9, at 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 20204, with a reception that was held November 11 afternoon. Various artists, including woodturners, are participating.

EVENING PROGRAM: MIKE COLELLA – “GOOD, PRACTICAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR EVERYONE.”

Gary Guenther introduced MCW member and new Program Chair Mike Colella, tracing his background and active participation in our club.

After describing his photographic career, from teen amateur to adult professional, Mike presented a very informative lecture and slide show comprising good knowledge and tips about selecting and using cameras and equipment (stressing the importance of **READING THE MANUAL!**), techniques of photographing various objects, choices between manual or auto operation, lenses (including polarizer), placement and types of lighting, accessories (e.g., tripod, reflectors, diffusers, background materials, etc.), digital advantages over film, how to edit (e.g., don't mess with color balance unless you are a professional), and concluding with a very useful discussion of focusing, depth of field, and the different formats (e.g., .jpg, .tif, .gif, etc.) and raw vs jpg.

[Copies of the slides used by Mike will be found on the MCW website.]

It was a very instructive and interesting program by one of our own very talented members, having useful applications to how we might successfully photograph our work.

--Jack Enders, Secretary

News about our Members (Phil Brown)

Richard Webster will be showing and selling his bowls and small tables at the James Renwick Alliance 5th annual JRA Day sale and exhibition on December 1st from 11 AM to 5 PM at The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Ave. This is one light north of East-West Highway with parking in the rear. Admission is free and there are activities for children. Visit www.jraday.org to view works by exhibiting artists.

Phil Brown will exhibit his work at *Carderock Creates* on December 9th, an afternoon community arts and crafts show, at 8200 Hamilton Spring Court in Bethesda, MD. Phil will demo his green wood turning processes and briefly discuss design at the CAW January 12th meeting in the Bryant Adult Education Center, 2709 Popkins Lane in Alexandria. Phil has one piece in the *Robin Wood's CORES Recycled* exhibition and fund raiser at the Center For Art in Wood through Feb 2, 2013 in Philadelphia, PA. His is the ninth piece that appears in the slide show at: www.centerforartinwood.org/exhibitions/robin-woods-cores-recycled-exhibition-and-fundraiser-2012/. Unsold pieces are available in an online auction at: <http://myworld.ebay.com/thecenterforartinwood/>

Clif Poodry teaches *Beginning Bowl Turning*, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm, on December 27th and 28th, and from 10 AM to 5 PM on March 16th and April 20th; and *Introduction to the Lathe* during the evenings December 3-4th, January 15-16th, Mar 11-12th, April 3-4th at the Woodworkers Club. To register, call 301-984-9033, or go to classes at: <http://woodworkersclub.com> A minimum of three students are required to conduct a class.

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

The Right Start, Spindle Turning: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. All materials and lunch provided on Saturday Dec 8th.

Bowl Turning: 8:30 to 5:00 PM on Sunday Dec 9th.

Open Studio Saturday Afternoons Dec 15th, 1 pm to 4 pm,

Classes for 2013 will be scheduled later. 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

Don't be shy! Promote yourself. Tell us about your woodturning activities in the MCW Newsletter. Send your information by the 24th of the month to Phil Brown, philfbrown@comcast.net, or call 301-767-9863.

News about our Members (Phil Brown)

SHOW AND TELL:

Members showing items were:

Richard Webster – Goncalo Alves Bowl
Tim Aley – Walnut and Color Vase
Elliot Schantz – 4 Nestled Maple Bowls, Walnut and Cherry Colored Bowls
Mike Colella – Walnut Cup with Turquoise
Gary Guenther – Figured Maple with Red Dye
Joe Barnard – 3 Cherry Bowls
Duane Schmidt – Walnut Bowl
Bob Anderson – Mahogany and Walnut Nutcracker
Steve Drake – Cherry Goblet
Stan Wellborn – 2 Painted Holly Bowls, Painted Walnut Bowl
Tina Chisena – Locust Painted Bowl, Maple Painted Bowl, Maple Painted Multi-Axis Bowl
Benji Omisore – Maple/Walnut Hollow Form
Tom Gannon – Bowl
Jerry Kaplan – Norfolk Island Pine Tall Vessel

See Link below for pictures

<https://picasaweb.google.com/MontgomeryCountyWoodturners/MCWNov12Gallery>

Items for Sale

Available Lathe and Magazines

Record Coronet, Model CL3/48 Lathe, 3/4H.P. motor with speed range in of 510,750,1110,1632, and 2400 RPM, distance between centers is 48", weight is 200lbs, adjustable phosphor bronze bearing. Morse Taper in the head and tail stock and the tailstock is hollow bore 5/16". The lathe has a large bowl turning accessory rotating the headstock at right angles from the bed rails, which enables a bowl turning capacity of 30 inches.

Available chucks for this Lathe:

- Oneway 12" Jumbo Jaws (capacity 3/14" to 11 1/4")
- Oneway #1 Jaws (capacity 3/16" to 2 11/16")
- Oneway 4 Jaw safety Scroll Chuck (Base/Standard Closed- 1 7/16" interior 2" exterior, Open- 3 1/4" interior and 3 5/8" exterior)

Located in Kensington, contact Lynn Bailets at 301-933-1457 to see the lathe and to make an offer.

Also Lynn has several years of back issues of Woodwork Magazines, available gratis.

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.

• **December 6, 2012 – Steven Antonucci See Page 1**

• **January 10, 2013 – 4th Annual Show & Tell with Formal Critiques**

This has been a big hit our first three years, and we intend to continue this January MCW tradition. Instead of a demonstration, we will have an extended Show & Tell session with a formal critique of each piece by a panel of three selected craft, art, and turning experts. (We will have three new panelists, with an emphasis on turning, and they will be giving more critical comments than in the past, because you have asked for it.) Participants (you) will bring one piece that you have made, to have it reviewed. The idea is not necessarily to submit a 'perfect' piece, or even a finished piece – rather, the goal is for us all to learn about design, turning, and finishing techniques from the things each of us has made. This is an ideal way to learn how to improve what we are doing, from our fellow turners' experiences, in a friendly and instructive environment. Needless to say, we want as many people as possible to come and join us for this great learning opportunity, whether or not you bring a piece to be evaluated. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the December meeting to get an idea of the number of potential participants. This is guaranteed to be another fun and instructive time. Don't miss it!

2012-2013 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>Michael Colella</i>
December 6 <i>Steve Antonucci</i>	January 10, 2013 <i>4th Annual Show & Tell with Formal Critiques</i>	February 2013 <i>OPEN</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

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

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.



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 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

OFFICERS

President	Tim Aley
President Emeritus	Bert Bleckwenn
Vice President	Clif Poodry
Treasurer	Phil Brown
Program Chair	Gary Guenther
Membership	Bill Autry
Secretary	Jack Enders
Webmaster	Carl Powell
Newsletter Editor	Mark Verna

VOLUNTEERS

Web Albums	Tim Aley, Michael Colella
Show & Tell Recording	Richard Webster
Mentor Program	Donald Couchman
Gallery Photography	Hal Burdette, Michael Colella
Photography Assistant	Donald Van Ryk
Lending Library	Clif Poodry
Audio /Video	Mark Verna
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	Bert Bleckwenn, Bill Brown
Warrior Support Program	Don Van Ryk
Clean-Up Committee	Jack Enders, Gary Nickerson, and Paul Simon