

Montgomery County Woodturners

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MCW Newsletter



Montgomery County Woodturners http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org

Next Meeting and Demonstration

The next meeting will be:

Date:	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014
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Time: 7:00-9:30 PM

Location: Woodworkers Club 11910-L Parklawn Drive Rockville, MD 20853 (301) 984-9033

<u>Agenda</u>

6:45 -7:00 PM	Wear your name tag meet and greet other mem- bers 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 Li- brary.
7:00 - 7:40	Business Meeting and Show & Tell
7:40 - 9:15 PM	Program:
9:15 - 9:30	Pay for and retrieve your Silent Auction items, pack
PM	up, put the lathe and space back in order.

December Program - Holiday Potluck + Joe Dickey presentation on How to Create Turned Wood Art Pieces

1) This will be our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner. Please bring a dish to share, along with serving utensils. A few desserts are certainly expected and desired, but I would like to have us emphasize salads and main dishes. Some good bread would be nice too. MCW will supply the drinks, plates, tableware, napkins, etc. <u>Please plan to arrive with</u>

<u>your food at 6:30 p.m.</u> to give us plenty of time to eat and schmooze before the Business Meeting, Show & Tell, and Joe Dickey's Presentation.

2) Our program for the evening will be a very popular Presentation by Joe Dickey, a local Renaissance Man who, among other things, happens to be a very talented woodturner. If you look at the photos included here, you will see that Joe makes some incredible "how'd he do dat" kinds of pieces. So rather than



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wasting time with chips, he's going to give us a narrated slide show of some of these amazing pieces and describe, in great detail, how they are made on the lathe, while inviting questions and discussions. In this way, he can cover a lot more ground and provide more detailed information on techniques and tips for making these art pieces than he would be able to by messing with the wood for one single

item. Joe's Presentation was reviewed very favorably in the CAW Newsletter where it was described as "riveting". Joe will describe in

detail the methods used to create examples such as his latest sculpture, an out-of-thisworld, ringed, natural-edge vessel named "Cephei", after the exotic, eclipsing-binary star system VV Cephei. He will show the use of a huge, integrated butterfly rim patch in a bowl

and talk about his methods for creating a fanciful "church collection bowl" made mostly of open space (in which the voids were filled with pieces of 2x4 construction lumber so it could be turned "safely"). Following that, Joe will get

into a discussion of mounting techniques for large spheres with voids, some of which are hollowed and jointed with contrasting woods. Fi-

nally, he will discuss dyes and how to get a crisp demarcation line. The CAW review finished by saying: "Joe really kept the audience's interest with this no-flying-chips demo, and everyone went away sat-

isfied." Joe will bring some pieces for you to see in person. And there won't be any clean up!

You can meet Joe and see what he does by watching a 9minute video on "From Tree to Art" on his web site at <u>www.joedickey.com/wood-art.html</u>. Joe has been a professional and nationally recognized woodturner since 1984, specializing in vessels and hollow forms. He has works in many private and public collections. He helped establish, and currently administers, the Woodturning School and Co-op at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis, MD (www.MdHallArts.org). He is a founding member of the

Chesapeake Woodturners (<u>www.ChesapeakeWoodturners.com</u>) in Annapolis. He is also a past President of the Board of the Maryland Federation of Art (<u>www.MdFedArt.com</u>) which operates a gallery at 18 State Circle in Annapolis. You can see more of his wood art and other endeavors on his website, (<u>www.JoeDickey.com</u>). He loves online visitors interested in any of his activities. Joe is opening a solo show of his wood art on December 13 at the Watergate Gallery in Washington, DC.

Joe has recently retired from Johns Hopkins University where he was a research physicist. He has published about a hundred peer-reviewed papers, mostly in structural vibrations. He turns wood by night, and on weekends he plays banjo in several area folk/bluegrass bands













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(<u>www.ShenandoahRun.com</u>). In his "spare" time, he and his wife tend an American Chestnut orchard on their farm in Davidsonville, Maryland, as part of a cross-breeding program with the American Chestnut Foundation (<u>www.acf.org</u>).

Breaking News ! Joe has been Nominated for a 2014 Arts and Crafts Design Award. This is an international, annual competition for all nominated artisans, craftspeople, and designers. The primary aim of the award is "to honor and support the best ideas and concepts and recognize their excellent realization". The Awards will be made at the end of the year. Good luck, Joe!

This is going to be a great demo that you surely will not want to miss, not even counting all the great food and camaraderie we're going to have going with our holiday party.

Spouses are welcome and encouraged to come for this festive event. There will be no demo fee – this one is on us, as a gift to our valued Members.

Please join us for this outstanding Presentation – and don't forget to bring your food at 6:30! We'd like to be pretty much done eating before the Business Meeting starts at about 7:10 p.m. (a special, delayed time for this event). There will be a Show & Tell, as usual, so please bring your latest work or questions.

Phil Brown will be returning your Public Library loan pieces from the 2014 shows and hoping to receive a new batch of loaners for our 2015 Public Library Gallery Shows. Phil works very hard to make this Outreach Program happen throughout the year, so please bring four pieces each, and don't disappoint him. ...GG

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President's Perspective December 2014 (Tim Aley)

Since the snow has started to fall and the turkey has been cooked, this means it is the time of year when I think back to the previous year about things that make me thankful. As I think about my time as President, I am very thankful.

I want to thank everyone who has inspired me during my 2 ½ years as president. So many of you have come up to me and given me encouragement and I really appreciate it!

I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time for MCW. MCW would not be the same without all of you!

I want to thank everyone who helped out at meetings, including demonstrators and panelists, Jerry and Deena for sharing their collection for our meeting, our clean-up and set-up helpers, money collectors, photographers, "truckers", show-and-tell facilitators, silent auction contributors, pot luck contributors and so many more.



I want to thank everyone who pitched in at outreach events including Wounded Warriors, MOCO Ag Fair, Turn for the Troops, Library exhibits, Brookside Gardens, Tudor Place, and World Wood Day.

I want to thank The Woodworkers Club for hosting us and making us feel so welcome!

I want to thank all the officers who have given me guidance, opinions, encouragement and suggestions. I have learned a lot from them and often make my decisions from a very well informed base.

I want to thank Phil and Bert for setting up the club with such a solid foundation and for their continued strong support for MCW and our outreach!

I want to thank Gary for stepping up to be our next president. He has been a huge resource for me as president. Gary is very passionate about MCW and spends more energy on it than anyone I know. I am sure he will do what is best for MCW and I look forward to MCW with Gary as president.

And lastly, I want to thank YOU for being a member. We end 2014 with more than 80 members and 35-40 members attending each meeting. This is best we have done and it shows we've been doing something right. I will try to continue this tradition as program chair.

Many heartfelt thanks to everyone.

Keep Turning Safely,

Tim



MCW Meeting Minutes – 6 November, 2014 (Steve Drake)

President Tim Aley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, welcoming members and

guests. Approximately 45 people were in attendance.

Tim reminded everyone to please wear their name tags. Guests included Chad Fogel, Shirley Seymour, and Frank and Carol Travis from Capital Area Woodturners.

<u>Newsletter:</u> Items need to be submitted to our Editor Mark Verna by November 26th (<u>mark.verna2@verizon.net</u>). The club has a wealth of both experienced and novice turners. Stories of your experiences can help and inspire other members.

<u>Elections</u> will be held in December. At the current time, the following people have volunteered.

Gary Guenther – President

Matt Radtke – Vice President

Program Chairman – Tim Aley

Membership – Jim Allison

Treasurer - Phil Brown

Webmaster - Carl Powell

Secretary – Jack Enders with Steve Drake as backup

Newsletter Editor – Bill Long

Should any member wish to put their name in the hat for any of these positions, please contact Tim Aley (<u>teaturning@gmail.com</u>) or Phil Brown (<u>philfbrown@comcast.net</u>).

<u>Skills Enhancement</u> will be held Friday, November 21st during the day. This will be Bert's last time chairing the session but Matt is stepping up to take over. Thank you Bert and good luck Matt.

<u>Turn for the Troops</u> will be November 8th and 9th from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Woodworker's Club. Thanks to everyone that helped make pen blanks during October.

Bring Back Challenge – Bob Browning made a birdhouse ornament as his donation and Stan Wellburn won it.

<u>Public Library Display</u> – All 2014 items will be returned to everyone at the December meeting and Phil will be collecting more items for next year. He has put together some excellent shows of our work this past year and next year looks to be just as good. Thank you Phil for doing this for the club.

<u>Wounded Warrior Project</u> is going strong. Contact Don Van Ryk (dvanryk@aol.com) for more info. If you have time, stop by and see what they are doing and how much joy a pen brings to the Wounded Warriors.



MCW Meeting Minutes – 6 November, 2014 (Steve Drake)

AAW News

The 29th Annual International Symposium in Pittsburg is approaching. Bill Long and Matt Radtke were selected by drawing as the two candidates to be nominated by MCW for one of the 28 AAW Scholarships to Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, TN, or John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown NC.

Currently, the AAW pays the admission fee for the President (or his/her appointee) but Tim is concerned that the AAW might discontinue this practice. He feels that the club should be represented at the annual meeting, especially the Club meeting, and proposed that, if AAW does stop their current practice, then the MCW should pay the admission fee for the president's (or a MCW representative) to attend the AAW symposium and represent us at the Club meeting.

Tim reminded everyone that we still need to select a group project for the Pittsburg meeting involving the theme of "Merging" or combining multiple materials into one project. The only "Pittsburg" ideas advanced so far are a pinball machine or something to do with steel. He and Gary also reminded everyone that there are tips on Safety and Turning Fundamentals available at the AAW site for downloading.

<u>Mentoring</u> – Ellen Davis thanked Eliot Feldman for mentoring her in his shop and Tim asked people to consider volunteering for mentoring positions. There are a number of people in the club that would like to have a mentor.

The next meeting is the <u>December pot luck meeting</u>. Tim stated that we could use a few more main dishes and a couple fewer desserts but he wanted to leave it up to everyone what they bring.

Show and Tell session – 15 members presented 32 pieces.

Tim Alley – Oak Burl bowl and a Burl bowl from a mystery wood, possibly Maple.

- Joe Barnard Walnut bowl.
- Tina Chisena Sycamore platter.
- Jeff Tate Sycamore platter and Maple Candy bowl.
- Elliot Feldman Zebrawood hollow form.
- Ellen Davis Ash mallet, Maple bowl.

Rebecca Meyerson – Redwood Burl pen, Dyed Box Elder compact mirror and purse hanger, Bocote golf mark repair tool.

Mike Colella – Walnut square rim box.

Phil Brown – 5 natural edge bowls from Black olive, Ficus, Sassafras, Red Cedar, and Tulip Poplar.



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Elliot Schantz – Pink Ivory bowl.

Manu Suarez – A Cherry bowl and a bowl and two goblets from Guachipilin.

Jim Allison – Oak bowl and Cherry bowl.

Stan Wellborn – Maple bowl, 3 Muddlers

Bob Grudberg – Segmented Xmas Ornament

Bob Browning – Xmas Ornament from Walnut and Birch

See the website for excellent images of these member items and of the meeting itself.

https://picasaweb.google.com/106891946865477202075

Thanks to Mike Colella for the gallery photography and Matt Radtke for the videography. Thanks also to everyone who set up and to all who cleaned up the HUGE mess of curls Jimmy Clewes demonstration.

Future meeting schedule is:

December11, 2014 Joe Dickey with potluck		
January 8, 2015	Panel Critique Patrick O'Brien,	
February 12, 2015	ТВА	
March 11, 2015	Mike Sorge Special Wednesday meeting	
April 9, 2015	ТВА	
May 14, 2015	Michael MochoOne week later than usual	
June 11, 2015	ТВА	
July 8, 2015	ТВА	
August 6, 2015	Barbara Dill	
September 10, 20	15 TBA	
October 8, 2015	ТВА	
November 11, 201	5 John Lucas Special Wednesday meeting	
December 10, 201	5 ТВА	

Submitted by Steve Drake, acting Secretary



News about our Members (Phil Brown)

Bill Long went on the Montgomery County Big Tree tour offered by Conservation Montgomery.

Clif Poodry teaches *Introduction to the Lathe* membership December 15-16 at the Woodworkers Club. A minimum of three students are required to conduct a class. To register, call 301--984-9033, or go to classes at: http://woodworkersclub.com/classes/

Mark Supik's workshops at 1 N. Haven Street in Baltimore include these all-day woodturning workshops from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for \$150/class, with a 20% discount for AAW and local woodturning club members. Lunch & materials are included. To register, phone or e-mail Nancy Supik 410-732-8414, or nancy@marksupikco.com Classes for 2015 will be posted soon.

<u>The Right Start</u>: Learn spindle turning, having fun making bead & cove cuts to create wine stoppers, mallets, and other useful objects on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014.

<u>Bowl Turning Fundamentals</u>, using green wood from recently downed local trees, move from log to bowl in one day on Sunday Dec. 14th.

<u>Woodturning w/Your Child</u>. For children 9 & up with an adult. Child is the turner for this day, the adult is the cheerleader. Saturday, Dec 27th from 9-12 or from 1-4 PM. \$75 for child, adult free.

<u>First Saturday Morning Workshops</u>, 9:00 AM to Noon, \$75. For students who have completed The Right Start or the Beginning Bowl Turning Workshop. First hour is a demonstration of a specific skill or project. Students then have the remaining time for directed practice of that skill. Focus is on Beer Taps and other Spindle Gifts 12//6/2014. <u>First Saturday Open Studio</u> follows from 1-4 pm (\$30).

Don't be shy! Promote yourself. Tell us about your woodturning activities in the MCW Newsletter. Send your information by the 25th of the month to Phil Brown, philf-brown@comcast.net, or call 301-767-9863.



Upcoming Outreach Activities - by Phil Brown

Public Library Exhibits in 2015:

At our December 11th meeting, I will return turned work lent and displayed in 2014, and I will be receiving your loan of one to four pieces to display in 2015. Eight Montgomery County libraries have display cases, and we begin the year at Potomac in January and Bethesda in February. I hope to borrow 50 pieces from members. For narrow display case shelves, bowls must be 7½ inches or less in diameter or stand on their edge if larger. Much larger pieces look well in the wall cases with 12" or 18" wide shelves, found in Bethesda and Potomac.

An information sheet listing your pieces is in this newsletter and on the MCW web site. With 25 members lending an average of two turned pieces each, we will have a nice library of work to draw from for monthly displays . And all types of turnings are welcome - candle sticks, tree or naments, wands, tool handles, bottle stoppers, balls, boxes, platters, bowls, and sculpture, etc.

Wood Turning at Craft Schools

A preview of 2015 woodturning classes at Arrowmont is available at

http://www.arrowmont.org/images/arrowmont/Sneak_Peek_2015_Date_TWOPAGE_web.pdf

Woodturning classes scheduled into June 2015 at the **John C. Campbell Folk School** are found at: https://classes.folkschool.org/Browse.aspx?sub=Woodturning

They describe the Willard Baxter Woodturning Studio as: "Opened in January 2007, the woodturning studio is a woodturner's dream come true. The 2,500-square-foot space features a tiered-seating demonstration area with video monitor, and separate wood preparation, turning, and finishing areas. With mostly new equipment and tools provide the icing on the cake."

Exhibits to Enjoy

Emilie Brzezinski: The Lure of the Forest (monumental chain-saw sculptures)

Kreeger Museum; Washington D.C., through December 27, 2014. Open 10 am to 4 pm Friday and Saturday, and reservations are not needed these two days.

www.kreegermuseum.org/exhibitions/view/current A nice book of photos of her work, *Emilie Brzezinski: The Lure of the Forest: Sculpture 1979-2013*, is available at Amazon.

The exhibit "Rediscovering Emil Milan and His Circle of Influence" is on view at The Center for Art In Wood in Old City Philadelphia, November 7 - January 24. For information and updates see their website at www.centerforartinwood.org/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibitions/





News about our Members (Phil Brown)

MCW Member Loaned Work for Public Library Exhibits, 2015

We will be receiving your year-long loan of turned wood pieces at the December 11, 2014 meeting for month-long wall case exhibits at Montgomery County Public Libraries in 2015. Approximately 50 pieces of all sizes are welcome and needed. This includes candle sticks, tree ornaments, wands, tool handles, bottle stoppers, balls, boxes, platters, bowls, hollow form vessels, and sculpture, including easel-mounted platters or bowls. Do not include display stands. Your phone number, but not prices, will be displayed. Any sale is directly between you and the interested buyer after the display is over at the end of the month. Pieces will be available for pickup at the MCW meeting on December 10, 2015, or earlier by request.

We could use new pictures of members turning at the lathe - either an 8x10 print or a jpg file.

If you have questions, contact Phil Brown at 301-767-9863 or philfbrown@comcast.net

This information form is needed with your pieces in order to prepare a label, insurance, and phone lists, and to 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**.

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Turned Object Information for Public Libra	ary Exhibits in 2015
Member Name	
Piece #1:	
Title or Name (if named)	
Kind of wood(s), other materials & treatments (dye, burned	
Size (height and diameter)	
Piece #2:	
Title or Name (if named)	
Kind of wood(s), other materials & treatments (dye, burned	d, finish, etc.)
Size (height and diameter)	Insurance value \$
Piece #3	
Title or Name (if named)	
Kind of wood(s), other materials & treatments (dye, burned	d, finish, etc.)
Size (height and diameter)	Insurance value \$
Piece #4	
Title or Name (if named)	
Kind of wood(s), other materials & treatments (dye, burned, finish, etc.)	
Size (height and diameter)	Insurance value \$



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Membership Renewal Form

Montgomery County Woodturners (MCW)

Date//				
Name				
If anything below has changed ple	ase update			
Address				
City		State	Zip	
Phone(s)				
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Membership Types: Regular \$20 Family \$30 Apprentice - Free for mem	bers under 18.			
Please make check payable to MC	w.			
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NOVEMBER TRESURY REORT (Phil Brown)

Treasury Report, as of November 30, 2014

November Income:		November Expense:	
Membership	\$ 40	Demonstrator 312.5	0
Silent auction	7	Class instructor-Clewe	s 725
Library rental	2	Class supplies 258.5	6
Jimmy Clewes class	238	Class shop rental	300
Demo fees collected	330	Postage 10	
Name tags	27	Name tags 27	
FullerCraft books	10		
Total income	\$ 654	Total expenses	\$1,633.06

Total funds available $\frac{1}{2}$ \$3,318.26

<u>1</u>/ An operating loan of \$517 will be paid in December from these funds.



Please call Mike Colella at 301-942-2853 with your ideas

2014-2015 Meeting Schedule		
January 9, 2014	February 6 2014	March 13 2014
<mark>Mark Supik</mark>	William Peirce	Chuck Engstrom
April 17 2014 *	May 8 2014	June 12 2014
David Ellsworth	TBD	Warren Carpenter
July 10 2014	August 7 2014	September 11 2014
Derek Weidman	Allen Alexopulos	<i>Molly Winton</i>
October 9 2014	November 6 2014	December 11 2014
TBD	Jimmy Clewes	Joe Dickey with Potluck
January 8, 2015	February 12, 2015	March 11, 2015 **
Panel Critique	TBD	Mike Sorge

* one week later than normal

**** Wednesday**



2014 Skills Enhancement and Maintenance Schedule

Skills Enhancement & Maintenance Sessions	Day (Alternating Fridays and Sundays)
January 10th	Friday
Feb 16th	Sunday
March 21st	Friday
April 6th	Sunday
May 16th	Friday
June 8th	Sunday
July 11th	Friday
No Session - Fair	n/a
Sept 12th	Friday
Oct 19th	Sunday
Nov 21th	Friday
Dec 14th	Sunday

Membership Application Form and Interest Profile

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

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 guarter is \$15, 3rd guarter \$10, and 4th guarter \$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. FREDERICK, MARYLAND – www.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.

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

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Secretary	Jack Enders
Webmaster	Carl Powell
Newsletter Editor	Mark Verna

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Show & Tell Recording	Richard Webster
Mentor Program	Donald Couchman
Gallery Photography	Michael Colella, Jeff Tate, Hal Burdette
Photography Assistant	
Lending Library	Clif Poodry
Audio /Video	Matt Radtke, Bert Bleckwenn
Challenge Coordinator	Elliot Schantz
Wood Identification	Ed Karch
Candid Photography	Tim Aley, Gary Guenther
Exhibit Committee	Phil Brown, Hal Burdette, Russ Iler
Skills Enhancement Coordinator	Bert Bleckwenn
Warrior Support Program	Don Van Ryk
Clean-Up Committee	Paul Simon