



MCW Newsletter

Montgomery County Woodturners

<http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org>



Next Meeting	Location	Agenda	
Thursday 9 February 2017	Woodworkers Club	6:30 - 7:00	Set-up, Check-in Show, Tell & Ask items, Silent Auction
			Shop in the Woodworkers Club Store
7:00 – 9:30	11910-L Parklawn Drive	7:00 – 7:30	Business meeting
	Rockville, MD 20852	7:30 – 8:00	Show, Tell & Ask
	(301) 984-9033	8:00 – 9:30	Program
		9:30 -10:00	Clean up, claim your auction items and pay for selected items

Note: Please park in the rear of the building (or the last half of the side) because all the spaces in the front are reserved for short term parking.

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Evening Program

Bowl Turning with Matt Radtke

Tired of not seeing shavings at meetings, now it is time to make some shavings! Our resident skills enhancement coordinator and bowl turning teacher Matt Radtke will show us how he turns his bowls. Since we have had a few requests for coring demo, he will start his bowl with his OneWay coring system. Matt will then cover what he does to rough out a green wood bowl and what steps he takes to prevent cracking. He will then show how he finishes the bowl as if it had dried for months. Matt will talk about bowl turning basics, the tools he uses, finishes he uses and what makes a good bowl.





President's Perspective by Ellen Davis

Some Core Principles for MCW

1. Specifics: Make the meetings specific and member centered. It starts with a single question: "What specifically do our members want to learn, to see, to experience?"
2. Variation: Find ways to allow our members to participate. What works for one member may not work for another, so we vary what we do to include as many members as possible.
3. Dedication: Our volunteers offer our members their expertise, their abilities, their effort and their energy.
4. Loyalty: Our members come to the meetings, pay their dues, participate in discussions, socialize, and make purchases at the Woodworkers Club.
5. The Bowl: How do we core a bowl? Come to February's meeting and watch as Matt Radtke shows us.



Ellen

I've been charged with murder for killing a man with sandpaper. To be honest I only intended to rough him up a bit.

Editor's Corner by Stephen Price

Here is the new newsletter. The old version was created in a different application that offered many features that we did not use in our newsletter and in some ways they made it harder to produce the newsletter from the pieces that were provided by the contributing members. We are giving up some capabilities but this new layout should make it easier and a little faster to produce each month. There will be many more pictures than in recent issues. This is because we get a wonderful contribution of photographs from our members. They include the meeting, the programs, and the Show & Tell items. Until we have some volunteers to do Demonstration Writing for the monthly program the photos will be it. So please sign up to write one or two articles.

Stephen

Meeting Minutes by Steve Drake

President Ellen Davis called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, welcoming approximately 35 members.

General Announcements:

- Silent auction has a few excellent items to offer. Buy these and bring more next month.
- Guests – There were no guests.
- Membership renewal time – See Phil Brown. Remember to renew for AAW as well.
- Montgomery County Carvers is offering a great Chip Carving Class on March 10-12.
- Unfortunately, neither Ellen Davis nor Richard Webster was selected to receive AAW Scholarships in this year's drawings.
- Mike Colella said that received a lot of feedback from the last Show&Tell he conducted and states that it is a work in progress. He wants to make sure no one was offended by his



comments last meeting.

- Stephen Price spoke about his comments last meeting and wanted to remind everyone that they should research their epoxy for its toxicity. Different formulations have different properties and toxicities.
- Clif Poodry stated that someone was sharpening the club's roughing gouge incorrectly. Roughing gouges should always have a flat top, not a winged top like a bowl gouge.
- Richard Webster said he has 17 ash trees that were just taken down and are available for turning or firewood. Some of the trees are up to 14" in diameter.

Bring-Back Challenge and prize raffle:

Steve Drake won last month's Bring-Back Challenge and, for this month, has donated a natural edge bowl. John Laffan won the drawing and will bring something to next month's drawing. (Insert photo of item)

Thank you Phil Brown:

Gary Guenther presented Phil Brown with a Certificate of Appreciation from the club for having started MCW 10 years ago. At the introductory meeting, 23 people attended and 10 of these are still in the club. Phil reminisced that he had not been sure if anyone would attend since he had sent out the invitations to people he didn't know but had heard might be interested in a club. He was amazed that within 2 weeks of the initial meeting, they had put together a newsletter and a web site for MCW.



Public Library Display:

Phil Brown is collecting pieces tonight for the 2017 traveling display. The first display will be at the Bethesda Library and they will hold an opening reception on Thursday, February 2nd from 7:00 to 8:30.

MCW website and emails are changing:

A new website will hopefully be ready by the next meeting and there are now four email accounts. Anything that would have been sent to the old [Freewood] account should now be sent to the "members" address with the subject line saying "Free wood". The new accounts are:
"info@montgomerycountywoodturners.org" for general woodturning information
"volunteers@montgomerycountywoodturners.org" for all the program coordinators
"members@montgomerycountywoodturners.org" for all the members
"officers@montgomerycountywoodturners.org" for all the officers.

Turning Works:

Pieces that were donated to the Turning Works charity auction for the homeless have now been returned since the plan to auction them off fell through. Ellen and Bob are trying to find a local charity to donate them to as part of a fund raiser. Contact Bob Browning if you have any ideas. If you want your piece back, you can get it from Bob.

Beads of Courage:

Jeff Tate is collecting bowls for an anticipated delivery of September. Please make something so he has plenty to take to the hospital for the kids.

Wounded Warrior Program:

This program is being held on Fridays at 12:30pm. The next session is Friday, March 10th. Please



check the web site or contact Don Van Ryk at DVANRYK@NIAID.NIH.GOV for more information.

Skill Enhancement:

The next Skills Enhancement session is Sunday, January 15th from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm with the last 30 minutes reserved for lathe maintenance. Sign up by contacting Matt Radtke as it is by reservation only since so many people are showing up.

Facebook page:

The MCW Facebook page is doing well and is very active.

Gallery Photography:

Thank you to Mike Colella for taking the pictures of the Show and Tell items and to everyone that assisted by carrying the pieces for him.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Steve Drake, Secretary

Bring Back Challenge

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Last Month's Program

The annual critique session went very well. The panel had some nice things to say about almost every piece, but provided valuable insight as to potential improvements for most.







Show, Tell and Ask

Member	Description	Size	Wood /notes
Gary Guenther	Goblet	5 ¾ x 3	Curly silver maple
Tim Aley	Bud vases	8 ½ x 3, 8 x 2 1/2	Oak, Hickory , Mahogany
Bob Grudberg	Open segmented	11 x 8	Maple walnut
Jeff Tate	Wall hanging	7 ½ x 22	Multiple lost spindles
Eilot Feldman	Hollow form	5 ½ x 5	Ambrosia maple
Steve Haddix	Pedestal Bowl	7 5/8 x 3 1/2	Rosewood, ebony, ebonized maple
Matt Radtke	Cherry & Glass	10 x 8	Cherry
Joseph Barnard	Maple bowl	3 x 6 1/4	Maple
William Flint	Bowl	12 x 6	Maple
Richard Foa	Platter	11 x 2 1/2	Jelutong, purple heart
Richard Webster	Platter	15 x 13 x4	Buckeye burl
Clif Poody	Sculpture	9 x 10 x 3	Spalted maple
Ellen Davis	Spoon	7 1/2	Yew
Ken Lobo	Segmented Vessel	8	Sapele, maple
Jeff Struewing	Natural edge bowl	7 x 2	Cherry
Phil Brown	Line drawing on pear	3 x 13	Pear / hangable

Here are pictures of the items that were submitted for critique.





Member News by Phil Brown

Tim Aley, Joseph Barnard, Phil Brown, Bob Browning, Tina Chisena, Mike Colella, Ellen Davis, Richard Foa, Bob Grudberg, Paul Mazzi, and Richard Webster lent turned work for library exhibits in 2017, with the first exhibit for this year in four wall cases at the Bethesda Library on Arlington Road. This library is unique for having a wall for hanging two-dimension art, and we will be enjoying quilts with leaf images by Jane Frenke (fiestafibers.com/Quilts/LeafQuilts/LeafQuilts2/LeafQuilts2.htm) concurrently with our work. We are holding an opening reception from 7 to 8:30 PM on Thursday evening, February 2nd. ([see article in this issue](#))

Phil Brown and David Fry will have pieces in a curated wood exhibition in the Popcorn Gallery, Glen Echo Park, February 11 to March 5, 2017. Gallery Hours are noon to 6 PM Saturdays and Sundays only. An opening reception will be from 3 – 5 PM on February 11th.

David Fry's review of the exhibition and book, *Shaping the Vessel: Mascoll + Samuel*, appeared in the October issue of *American Woodturner*, pages 33-35. David also had an article published on pages 46-47, *MARCUS REID GOES SOLO*.

Allan Starr displayed his car and truck creations in the free standing case at the Kensington Park library during January.

Manu Suarez was in Honduras last May to translate and help teach woodturning using a pedal-powered lathe in a project sponsored jointly by AAW's Turners Without Borders and Greenwood. The endeavor is described in the October 2016 issue of *American Woodturner*, page 12. Manu will return to Honduras in February.

Clif Poodry teaches Introduction to the Lathe on February 13 & 14, March 13 & 14, April 10 & 11, and May 8 & 9 at the Woodworkers Club. Matt Radtke teaches Beginning Bowl Turning during the evenings of February 27 & 28, March 22 & 23, April 17 & 18, and May 15 & 16. A minimum of three students are required to conduct a class. To register, call 301-984-9033, or go to : 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

The Right Start: Introduction to the lathe, use of three basic tools used in spindle turning, great projects on Sunday, Feb 12 and Saturday, March 11th.

Bowl Turning: Basic bowl turning from log to finished bowl. No woodturning experience? Please consider The Right Start as your introduction to woodturning. Turned some bowls already? This class is a great review of proper technique to eliminate those catches and save on sand paper.

These classes are on Sunday Saturday, Feb 11th and Sunday, March 12th.

The Next Step class on March 25th is on Kitchen Tools, 9 AM to noon.



Not sure which class is right for you? Give Mark a call (410-732-8414) or send him an email: mark@marksupikco.com

Don't be shy! Promote yourself. Tell us about your woodturning activities in the MCW Newsletter. Send your information by the 23rd of the month to Phil Brown, philbrown@comcast.net

Baltimore Craft Show

American Craft Show, Baltimore 2017 will be at the Convention Center February 24: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., February 25: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and February 26: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Approximately 9 wood turners are in the wood and turned wood categories, which you can view at <https://craftcouncil.org/artists/6901>. Under Filters on the right side, click "Select None", then click on the wood and turned wood categories, and click "Apply" to bring up pictures in those two categories.

Creative Crafts Council

Applications are open to February 20th to enter pieces for jurying into the CCC exhibit this spring, April 8 to May 21, at Strathmore Mansion. To submit pictures of your pieces, go to [creativitycraftscouncil.org//2017 biennial.html](http://creativecommons.org//2017%20biennial.html) before February 20th, the closing date. As a MCW member, you will pay the guild member rate, which is lower than for nonmembers. The site shows a calendar of events associated with the exhibition.

The CCC was formed over 50 years ago as a non-profit volunteer organization to create a local marketing opportunity for quality crafts in all media. While there is now a part-time administrator to handle much of the preparation work, a board of guild representatives meets to develop and approve plans, encourage guild member participation, and to recruit volunteers to help install the exhibition. We would like a few hours to a whole day of your time from April 3rd to 5th to help receive objects and install the work on pedestals and on the walls. If you are interested in selling your work, the setup experience is interesting and fun, and a chance to meet and network with other craft artists.

On Display – February 2017

Tree Spirits

by Jane Frenke and Montgomery County Woodturners

Trees are the source of material for woodturners and of images for the quilts on display at the Bethesda Library from February 1 to 28.

Lathe turned wood bowls, hollow vessels, vases, and pens by Montgomery County Woodturner members highlight the color, growth and spalted patterns in wood from our local trees. The leaves and branches in Jane Frenke's quilts remind us of the source of the turned objects shown in the glass display cases.

Printing and dyeing fabric has always been a part of the creative process for Jane Frenke. The natural world ... trees, leaves and earth, inspire the imagery of her quilts. Jane's quilts have been



shown in many juried local, national, and international exhibitions. Her work has been shown through the Department of State Arts in Embassies Program, and is in collections around the world.

One common trait shared by members of the Montgomery County Woodturners, a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, is the passion to create beautifully turned objects, primarily from locally grown wood, much of which would otherwise be destined for a chipper or fireplace. MCW educates members through monthly meetings, a skill enhancement program, a newsletter, website, and email.

All are welcome to attend a reception with the exhibitors on Thursday, February 2 from 7pm to 8:30pm in the Bethesda Library.



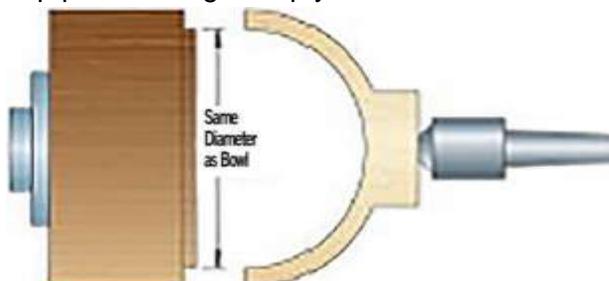
Exhibits curated by Barrett Ripin – FOLBartexhibits@gmail.com

AAW - Items of Interest

SHOP TIP - Better Success with Jam-Chucking

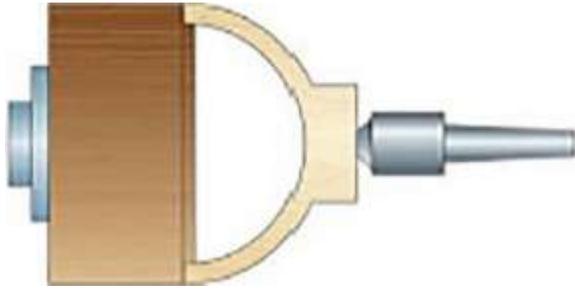


I've helped a few woodworkers who have had problems when turning with a jam chuck. This three-step process might help you be more successful.

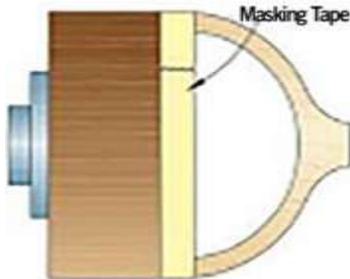




Step 1: Turn a jam chuck with a small tenon that fits inside the bowl. Turn the outside diameter of the jam chuck so the diameter matches the outside diameter of the bowl.



Step 2: Fit the bowl over the tenon and apply pressure with the tailstock. For added security and anti-slip protection, wrap the joint between the bowl and jam chuck with masking tape.



Step 3: With the foot turned, leave the masking tape in place but back off the tailstock. Slow the lathe speed and turn away the nub. When removing the nub, use light cuts that apply pressure toward the center of the form and toward the headstock. Then sand the bottom.

Find more tips like this one on the AAW website in the tips library at <http://www.woodturner.org/default.asp?page=Tips>

This tip was contributed by Chris Wright, Los Angeles, California

Treasurer's Report by Phil Brown

January Income		January Expenses:	
Memberships	300.00	Demonstrator	130.00
Silent Auction	21.00	MCW lathe repair	121.52
Name tags	9.00	Name tag	9
Library Rental			
Bank Reward credit			
Total Income	330.00	Total expenses	260.52

Total funds available: \$5,516.43



MCW Calendars

Activity calendars are provided as best information available at the time of publication. Please confirm the published dates as we get closer to the date of the activity.

Future Meetings Schedule

Date	Program/ Demonstrator	Notes
February 9, 2017	Matt Radtke	Bowl coring and turning
March 9, 2017		

Skills Enhancement Schedule Matt Radtke

Skills Enhancement Dates (subject to change). You must contact Matt Radtke at matt.radtke@gmail.com to reserve your spot for Skills Enhancements.

- Thur February 9 from 2pm - 5pm
- Thur March 9 from 2pm - 5pm
- Sun April 16 from 10am - 1pm
- Thur May 11 from 2pm - 5pm
- Thur June 8 from 2pm - 5pm
- Sun July 16 from 10am - 1pm
- Thur August 13 from 2pm - 5pm
- Thur September 14 from 2pm - 5pm
- Sun October 12 from 10am - 1pm
- Thur November 9 from 2pm - 5pm
- Thur December 14 from 2pm - 5pm

Wounded Warrior Program Schedule Don Van Ryk

Wounded Warriors program dates (subject to change). Please contact Don van Ryk at dvanryk@niaid.nih.gov to let him know if you will be there to assist.

- Friday March 10 starting at 12:30pm
- Friday April 21 starting at 12:30pm
- Friday May 12 starting at 12:30pm
- Friday June 16 starting at 12:30pm
- Friday July 14 starting at 12:30pm



Chapter Contacts

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Wounded Warrior Support Program Director	Don Van Ryk
Skills Enhancement Program Director	Matt Radtke, Eliot Feldman assistant
Public Library Exhibit Committee	Phil Brown, Russ Iler, Mary Beardsley, Jeff Tate
Beads of Courage Program Director	Jeff Tate
Turning Works Program Director	open
Montgomery County Ag Fair Program Director	open
Turn for Troops Project Leader	Roman Steichen
Backup Secretary	open
Backup Newsletter Editor	open
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Videography	Joe Stout, Joe Barnard, Bert Bleckwenn
Gallery Photography and recording	Mike Colella, Jeff Tate, Tim Aley
Candid Photography	Tim Aley, Jeff Tate
Web Albums	Tim Aley, Jeff Tate, Mike Colella
Show Tell & Ask Leaders	Mike Colella, Matt Radtke, Clif Poodry
Show Tell & Ask Recording and Trucking	Richard Webster and Jim Allison
Demo Fee Collection	Bob Grudberg
Setup Committee	Jim Allison, Margaret Follas
Clean-Up Committee	Paul Simon
Discount Deacon	Steve Drake
Brochure Boss	Phil Brown



MCW Resources

MCW Hands-on Mentoring Program: Hands-on mentoring is one of the most effective ways of learning turning techniques, tool use, and safety. We all have unique knowledge and ideas to impart. We encourage all Members to sign up to share a few hours of their time and knowledge at the lathe with each other, on a peer-to-peer basis, either in their homes or at Skills Enhancement sessions. We particularly encourage our new Members and beginners to use this opportunity to learn techniques and safety. Please let Ellen Davis know if you would like to participate.

Skills Enhancement: Once a month, we have an open lathe session at WWC, alternating on the Fridays and Sundays after the Meetings, under the guidance of Matt Radtke and Eliot Feldman. Please check the Newsletter and Web Site Calendars for monthly dates and reserve a limited slot in advance with Matt at mattradtke@gmail.com. Everyone shares skills and information, and it's lots of fun.

MCW Facebook Group: Ellen Davis has created a Facebook Group just for MCW Members. The idea behind this is to allow you to post pictures of your work, ask questions, and provide another venue for our members to get to know each other better. For our MCW Facebook Group, please click the following link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/194941367515051/> and request to be added to the group. If you do not have a Facebook account and want one, please contact Ellen. We have over 45 Members involved.

MCW Lending Library: Now Free! Books and DVDs are available for borrowing. We have a good selection of video demonstrations and instructional materials from many top professional turners. If you missed a Meeting and would like to see the Program, you can check out the DVD. Please sign the form to check them out from John Laffan. If you have titles out, please return them promptly. There is no charge for this service.

Silent Auction: Not everyone has access to a chainsaw or a band saw, which makes it nice to have access to reasonably-priced, properly-sized turning blanks. Thanks to the generosity of Phil Brown and other Members, our Silent Auction provides this benefit at every Meeting. Please bring your 'road kill' to share with other Members.

Discounts: Steve Drake has assembled a selection of retailers who provide MCW Members with monetary discounts. First and foremost, of course, is the Woodworkers Club, but we have a number of others too. Please check out the list of participating merchants on the Web Site or at the end of each Newsletter.

Web Site: <http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org> Thanks to Webmaster Ellen Davis, we will have an outstanding Web Site soon.

Newsletters: Thanks to new Newsletter Editor Stephen Price, all Members receive the 2016 AAW *Best Chapter Newsletter* www.woodturner.org/?page=ChapterWinners by email every month. Further, the MCW Newsletter Archive, accessible from the Web Site tab, is a tremendous resource, containing the complete history of all MCW programs and activities from day one, as seen on a monthly basis through the years. All past issues back to Volume 1, Issue 1 in 2007 are available at <http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org/Newsletters.html>

Our Hosts: Our most important resource is our space. We are deeply indebted to our hosts, the Woodworkers Club, for their continuing support in sharing their facility with us as we move into our



tenth year. Please give Amy, Chris, Matt, and Ralph your individual expressions of appreciation, both verbally and with your wallets. If you need something, they will get it for you, either off the shelves or from the catalog – with no shipping charge.

Member Discounts

Woodworkers Club Rockville, Maryland (www.woodworkersclub.com). The Woodworkers Club, a Woodcraft affiliate, offers MCW Members a 10% rebate on all regularly priced items. After reaching certain plateaus of spending, you will become eligible for a rebate which you will receive by email and is good for 3 months. Non-qualifying items are power tools, items already on sale, gift cards, and items from companies that prohibit discounting (Festool, SawStop, Leigh, and a couple others). Our relationship with Woodworkers Club is very synergistic and important to us, and I encourage you to make your woodturning and woodworking purchases from them. If they don't have something in the store that's in the Woodcraft catalog or on their web site, they will get it for you, and you can save on shipping by picking it up at the store.



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 with membership badge. We have warehouse locations in Frederick and Annapolis, where you are welcome to select from our extensive selection of turning blocks.



Craft Supplies USA (www.woodturnerscatalog.com) is a family-owned and operated business serving the woodturning community.

Individual MCW Members can save 10% on all finishes & disc abrasives -- just mention "Montgomery County Woodturners" and save, all year long.

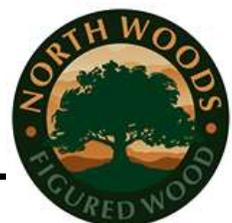


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North Woods Figured Wood (www.nwfiguredwoods.com) North Woods is a multi-generational family-owned supplier of wood and wood blanks specifically selected with the woodturner in mind. They specialize in Pacific Coast native species of trees and have sizes from single pen blanks up to 1,500 lb. whole burls. With 20+





species in stock, there is something for everyone. Members get a 15% discount by mentioning their MCW membership during a phone order or by entering "WOODTURNERS" as a coupon code during online ordering.

Tailstock

