



# MCW Newsletter

**Montgomery County Woodturners**

<http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org>



Next Meeting	Location	Agenda	
Thursday May 11, 2017	<b>Woodworkers Club</b>	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 – 7:20	Business meeting
	Rockville, MD 20852	7:20 – 7:50	Show, Tell & Ask
	(301) 984-9033	7:50 – 9:20	Program
		9:20 - 9:45	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

### Turning a Mesquite bowl –George Taylor

NO Demo Fee

George Taylor is coming to us from Texas and will turn a bowl from a mesquite log he brought with him. He will turn a natural edge bowl and talk about a

wood we don't see here on the east coast. He will share his insight on turning a great natural edge bowl.



George Taylor has been turning wood as a hobby for



about 13 years and working with wood for almost 20 years. He retired from AT&T in 2015 after 40 years with company



overseeing both wireline and wireless networks in geographic areas ranging from the West Texas plains to the lakes in Minnesota. His final of eight company relocations landed him and his wife Barb in South Texas just west of San Antonio. Barb is the founder and Program Director of a therapeutic horseback-riding program “Upward Transitions for Therapeutic Riding” that provides services for the mentally & physically challenged (including a wounded warrior program).



George is a past President of the Hill Country Turners club and currently is the chairman of the annual Texas Furniture Makers show. His primary interest in woodturning is open forms (bowls) and small spindle items. George is a self-proclaimed “workshop junkie” traveling to various woodturning schools over the last 10 years.

### President's Perspective by Ellen Davis

January 2016 my President's Perspective focused on MCW's need for additional volunteers. And a year and a half later I am asking for more. At the beginning of 2017 a few of our members became active volunteers.

Stephen Price stepped in and became our Newsletter Editor and has worked to integrate hyperlinks, photos and interesting content for our members.

Roman Steichen took Turn For Troops program and within the first four months MCW's members have already turned 250 pens to be donated, WOW!

Jeff Struewing learned how to use website building programs and took our old, out dated site and created an innovative, user friendly, vibrant web site.

We have immediate volunteer openings and I am asking our members (old and new) to not only come to a monthly meeting to socialize and see some great demos but to be a part of making MCW a great club.

Openings include:

- Program Chair - contact [Tim Aley](#)
- Beads of Courage Program Director – Thank You [Steve Haddix](#) for volunteering!
- Library Program Director – contact [Phil Brown](#)
- Backup Newsletter Editor – contact [Stephen Price](#)
- Backup Secretary – contact [Steve Drake](#)
- Gallery, Meeting & Candid Photography – contact [Mike Colella](#)





Don't just consider being a volunteer, ACT and become a volunteer. Thank you

*Ellen*

"I'm planting a tree to teach me to gather strength from my deepest roots."

— Andrea Koehle Jones, The Wish Trees

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### **Editor's Corner** by Stephen Price

Again we have a new, slightly different, format for Show, Tell & Ask in this month's newsletter. My goal is to include lots and lots of pictures without driving the editor (me) completely crazy. I have found a tool that will build tables of pictures inside the word document seriously reducing the level of effort there. I wrote a little routine that will capture the "info" from the Gallery Albums, making it much easier to add the description as a caption for each picture. This month the descriptions were not there when I pulled the photos so the automatic part will have to wait until next month.

I am in desperate need of someone to write up some notes on the evening programs. No commitment required, try it, you will like it. Two or three paragraphs is plenty. While it is nice to have the demonstrator's notes so we can try it at home, that is not required of the note taker. Out of courtesy to the demonstrator we should recognize what they have shared with us. A couple of paragraphs from a couple of folks would be enough for me to put together something. I was not at the April meeting so I can't contribute more than including the pictures this month.

Stephen

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### **Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2017 Meeting** by Steve Drake

President Ellen Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, welcoming approximately 40 members. She reminded everyone to wear their nametags and that they could get a nametag order form from Phil Brown.

#### **General Announcements:**

- Silent auction has some nice pieces for sale tonight.
- Guests –Richard Ellery, Jerry Simpson and Carlos Prada were guests at the meeting. Tom Huber from CAW was also visiting.
- New members – Attending as new members were Bill Marcus, Bill Pavan, Paul Sandler, Mike Morse, and Bridget Zemlo.
- The next meeting is on May 11, 2017.

#### **Bring-Back Challenge and prize raffle:**

Michael Morse won last month's Bring-Back Challenge and has donated a set of files with turned handles and a base for this month's drawing. Bob Grudberg won the drawing and will bring something to next month's drawing.



#### Membership dues:

Ellen Davis reminded people that it is time to renew your MCW membership. AAW is also having a special \$30/ year dues rate for new members.

#### Discount issues:

Steve Drake reminded people that the list of members eligible for the 15% discounts at Hartville Tool would be sent to the company. An opt-in email has been sent out and anyone that is not in the list at the bottom of the email needs to reply to him to get on the list.

#### Volunteers needed:

Ellen discussed the need for a number of volunteer positions to be filled.

#### Turning for the Troops:

Roman Steichen stated that we are already at 229 pens toward a goal of 500 by November. Please contact Roman at [roman@goodtimescasinos.com](mailto:roman@goodtimescasinos.com) for blanks and kits to turn.

#### Beads of Courage:

Jeff Tate is still collecting bowls to take to John's Hopkins Pediatric Oncology unit in September 2017 but he will need to pass this program on to someone else as he is moving. Contact Jeff at [jbhunter@hotmail.com](mailto:jbhunter@hotmail.com).

#### Turning Works:

Bob Browning is continuing to develop this program with the eye of delivering an organization 2-4 bowls that they can auction off to raise money. The most recent organization to receive some bowls was Capital Area Food Bank. He has a number of bowls in stock now and is looking for organizations that could profit by this program. Contact Bob directly at [suznbob@verizon.net](mailto:suznbob@verizon.net) if you have any ideas for other organizations that could use some of the bowls.

#### Wounded Warrior Program:

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 21st at 12:30 at the Woodworker's Club. Please check the web site or contact Don Van Ryk at [DVANRYK@NIAID.NIH.GOV](mailto:DVANRYK@NIAID.NIH.GOV) for more information. Mentors are always needed.

#### Skill Enhancement:

The May Skills Enhancement session will be Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm with the last 30 minutes reserved for lathe maintenance. Contacting Matt Radtke at [mattradtke@gmail.com](mailto:mattradtke@gmail.com) to reserve a space at the May 11<sup>th</sup> session.

#### Public Library exhibit:

Our next exhibit is in May at the Germantown Public Library. Phil Brown has been doing this for several years and is looking for someone to take over from him for 2018. Contact Phil directly at [philfbrown@comcast.net](mailto:philfbrown@comcast.net).



#### Facebook page:

The MCW Facebook is very active with frequent postings and discussions. Check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/194941367515051>. Over 50 MCW members are involved in the Facebook pages.

#### **Activities and Opportunities:**

Sugarloaf Craft Festival: April 21-23 in Gaithersburg, MD – lots of various crafts and demonstrations. <http://sugarloaforcrafts.com/festivals/spring-tour/gaithersburg/>

The Makers of Maryland's Panel Discussion: Materials for Making: A discussion by a woodturner, a blacksmith, a furniture maker, a glass blower, and a textile maker will discuss their craft and medium as well as how we can incorporate them into our projects. Ellen Davis will be the panelist representing woodturning and the event is being held on May 6, 2017.

CCC Exhibit Opportunity in 2017 - The CCC Exhibit Opportunity in 2017 is its juried, biennial exhibition at Strathmore Mansion from April 8 to May 21, 2017. Congratulations to the 5 MCW members for getting their works accepted into this juried exhibit.

The 5th Annual A-RTS at Rockville Town Square Fine Art Festival: May 6 – 7, 2017. Saturday 11am – 6pm, Sunday 11am – 5pm. See the website for more information - <http://a-rts.org/> for more information.

Jean Hirons – A Pastel Retrospective! Paintings from the 1990's to 2016: March 29 – May 30, 2017: Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville. [www.jeanhirons.com](http://www.jeanhirons.com) Jean was a member of our Panel Critique in January.

The Center for Art in Wood: Small Favors: Think Inside the Box Exhibition March 3 – May 27, 2017 in Philadelphia, PA. <http://centerforartinwood.org/event/small-favors-think-inside-box/>

AAW 2017 Symposium: June 22-25, 2017 in Kansas City, MO. Registration is now open and Information is at <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2017KC>

Mid-Atlantic Woodturners Symposium: October 27-29, 2017 at the Lancaster Marriot Hotel. Registrations for the Symposium will open in early April. Please watch for updates at <https://www.facebook.com/MAwoodturners>.

#### Gallery Photography:

Thank you to Jeff Tate for taking the pictures of the Show and Tell items and to everyone for helping him by moving the pieces. Thanks also to Joe Stout for handling the video displays and recording.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm. --Steve Drake, Secretary





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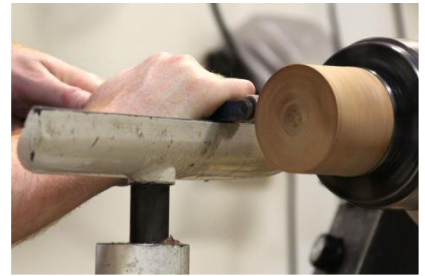
## Last Month's Program

Platter turning and decoration – Jeff Chelf

Jeff demonstrated tool control to create the platter you had planned. He then demonstrated several forms of texturing and finishing making your platter stand out in a crowd.

See more on a [YouTube video of Jeff](#) and at his website [Jeff Chelf Woodworking homepage](#)









## Display, Tell and Ask



Richard Webster, Platter, 12x2, Beech



Bob Grudberg, Bowl, 4x4, Dogwood



Bob Grudberg, Bowl, 13x5, Walnut



Bob Grudberg, Try sq, 10x8, Walnut



Jeff Tate, Triangular Box, 6x6x8.5,



Jeff Tate, Triangular Bowl, 5x5x3,  
Paduck





Eliot Feldman, Hollow form, 5x7, Box Elder



Jeff Tate, Pens



Jeff Tate, Triangular Bowl, 5x5x3, Paduck



Michael Morse, Jewelers file set, 3x4, Oak, Black Walnut, Poplar



Joe Barnard, Failed manta ray bowl, 5x2, Maple



Joe Barnard, heart live edge bowl, 8x2, Maple



Anna Sattah & Steve Haddix, Fish bowl, 7.5x2 and , Fish river, 11.5x8, Cherry, resin, acrylic



William Flint, Red Bowl, 6x2, Maple

Bill Paven, Nat edge bowl, 6x4, Orange Osage





Tim Jackson, Bowl, 7.25x2



Joe Barnard, pens



Steve Haddix, Manta Ray Bowl,  
5.5x2.25, Maple



Steve Haddix, Bowl with burned rim,  
9.75x4, Sycamore



Steve Haddix, Carved Bowl, 9.5x3,



Steve Haddix



Paul Sandle



Paul Sandle, Bowl with piercing, 10, Fl mahogany



Paul Sandler, Hollow form on stand, 6, Lacewood



Paul Wodiska, Attempt Celtic Knot, 5, Cherry



Paul Wodiska, Attempt Celtic Knot, 5, Cherry







## Member News by Phil Brown

Tim Aley, Joe Barnard, Phil Brown, Tina Chisena, Jeff Tate and Dick Webster, together have nine wood pieces in the Creative Crafts Council exhibition at Strathmore Mansion, which continues through May 21st. Tina also has a colorful enamel piece in the exhibit for which she received an Honorable Mention award in that media. Patrick O'Brien, CAW member and former demonstrator at a MCW meeting, received the Excellence in Wood award, funded by CAW and MCW, at the opening reception April 13th. The first and second place wood category winners, awarded by the CCC, were not members of an AAW chapter, even though one is a local turner. Work in seven media categories is shown on the first and second floors of the Mansion, and is well worth visiting. Strathmore Mansion is at 10701 Rockville Pike North Bethesda, MD, next to the Music Center. Hours are Tue, Fri & Sat: 10am - 4pm; Sun 12 - 4pm; and Wed, 10am - 9pm.

Clif Poodry teaches Introduction to the Lathe on and May 8 & 9, June 12 & 13, July 10 & 11, Aug. 14 & 15, Sept. 11 & 12, Oct. 2 & 3, and Nov. 13 & 14 at the Woodworkers Club.

Matt Radtke teaches Beginning Bowl Turning during the evenings of May 15 & 16, June 19 & 20, July 24 & 25, Aug. 21 & 22, Sept. 20 & 21, Oct. 16 & 17, and Nov. 29 & 30. A minimum of three students are required to conduct a class. To register, call 301-984-9033, or go to [woodworkersclub.com/classes/](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 \$165/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](mailto:nancy@marksupikco.com)

The Right Start: Introduction to the lathe, use of three basic tools used in spindle turning, great projects on Saturday, May 20th or Sunday, June 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, May 21st or Saturday, June 10th.

Open Studio (for returning students) is \$30 per open period of 9 AM to 12PM and 1PM to 4 PM, Sat, April 22nd and May 27th or June 24th

Not sure which class is right for you? Give Mark a call (410-732-8414) or send him an email: <mailto:mark@marksupiko.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, <mailto:philfbrown@comcast.net>

## Craft Forms 2017

The 23rd International Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Craft will be up December 1, 2017 through January 27, 2018 at the Wayne Art Center in Wayne, PA. The entry deadline is September 12th. Nora Atkinson, Curator of Craft at the Renwick Gallery, is the juror. This is a first class exhibition that any professional wood turner should want to be in. See: [www.craftforms.org/](http://www.craftforms.org/) for more information and the prospectus.



## Wood Sculpture at the Katzen Museum

Quite large sculptures by Foon Sham are on view in the court yard and inside the Katzen Museum at American University at Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenues, NW, DC. Images of AEscape@ are at [www.american.edu/cas/museum/2017/escape.cfm](http://www.american.edu/cas/museum/2017/escape.cfm) , and [www.foonsham.com/portfolio.php?folder=6](http://www.foonsham.com/portfolio.php?folder=6)

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## New MCW Website

By Jeff Struewing

As I hope most of you are aware, MCW has a new website as of March 9, 2017. In late January, I contacted Ellen to offer help in transitioning the website from our current host to a new one. The decision had been made to move our domain, [montgomerycountywoodturners.org](http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org), to a new host (InMotion.com) with a 4-year plan that saves the club significant money. The decision had also been made to use WordPress as the content management system (CMS) for the new site.

WordPress is a website builder that is touted as the best for beginners, which is a good thing, since I had no experience in website design or maintenance. Despite being "easy" to get up and running, it is very powerful and popular, with an estimated 32% of all websites built on it, far outpacing the next most commonly used CMS. After initial discussions with Ellen, I set out to build a new site using our temporary domain, with the old site still live but not actively updated for a month or two. We both were attracted to the idea of a leaner and cleaner design that would take advantage of some newer features of website design. After wasting a weekend or more previewing WordPress "templates", an incredible array of basic setups that have varying color and design features, we settled on the "Vega" theme. I do not know or understand all (or even a small fraction of) the ins and outs of CMS design and features, but the Vega theme had 2 features that it seems many modern websites have – responsive and single page. Responsive refers to the feature of a website being "responsive" to the size of the screen being used, from a large monitor to a smartphone and everything in between. It is not perfect, but the site is viewable on a smartphone or iPad size screen without things being off screen and no good way to view them. Single page refers to websites that are fully loaded when you first go to them, with on demand replacement of new zones as you scroll through, making the experience more continuous and fluid for the user.

Once the theme was chosen, it took a few weeks of somewhat tedious work to get the content transferred over to the new site. We decided to concentrate on the most important things first, namely the meeting, gallery and program photo albums, the newsletters, and the outreach programs. Much of the content involves hyperlinks to google web albums, some of which had gotten messed up when Picassa was phased out, as far as I understand the history. Clearly there has been a tremendous amount of work that has gone into creating and maintaining these albums by many people over the years. Several people have helped in resurrecting albums and fixing broken hyperlinks, coordinated by Gary Guenther.

Incomplete and with a few remaining broken links, our domain was officially transferred to InMotion on March 9th, after which the old site was gone forever and the new one was live. I have continued



to plug holes and fix content over the past month, but I think it is relatively stable now and I hope you have had a chance to go to the new site.

With the move to the new domain host, we could transfer the usernames but not the passwords. All paid members should have received an email entitled "Welcome to Montgomery County Woodturners". If you are a paid member and did not receive this email, please contact Jeff at [jeff@struewing.us](mailto:jeff@struewing.us)- it might have gone to your spam folder or I might have sent it to the wrong email address. There is a Members Only section where you can update your information and see a list of members. If I have included a picture of you somewhere on the site and you would like to replace or remove it, let me know. There is a page listing personal websites, so if you have one, please let me know and I will add it.

Please let me know if you notice any errors or want to suggest fixes or changes to the content or layout. I will need to take a little breather from this work but am open to any ideas and suggestions – I am a relatively new member and this is your website!



## Turning Works

[Capital Area Food Bank](#) was the recipient of MCW's revamped Turning Works program. [Bob Browning](#) gave them 2 bowls for their silent auction at their Gala. Both bowls were bought and raised \$225. That night Capital Area Food Bank raised over \$100,000 and we were a part of it.

Capital Area Food Bank is the largest organization in the Washington Metro Area working to solve hunger and its companion problems: chronic undernutrition, heart disease, and obesity.

In May [Lolly's Locks](#) will be receiving 2 bowls for their silent auction being held at their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual DC Night of Fashion on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at The Watergate Hotel. Lolly's Locks connects high-quality wigs to economically disadvantaged cancer patients suffering hair loss as a side-effect of chemotherapy.



## Turn for Troops

We have turned 263 Pens and it looks like we've got a shot at 500!

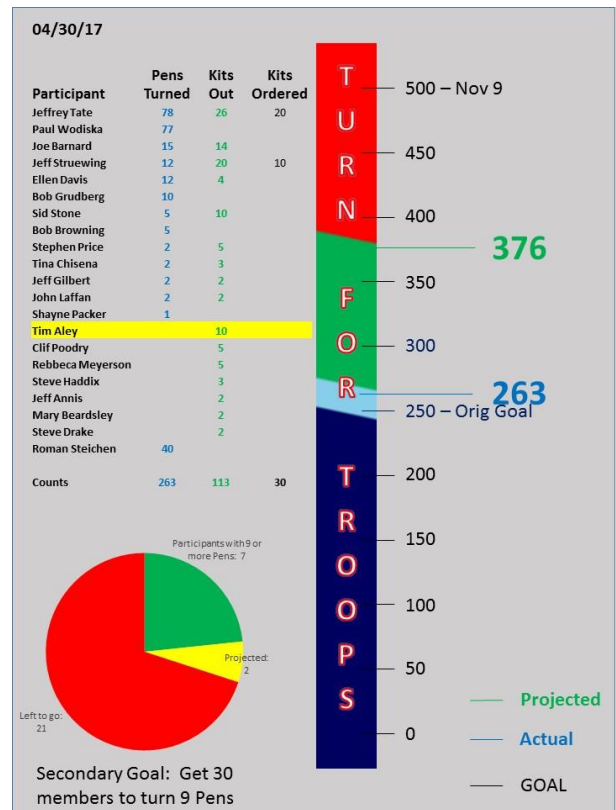
Our next goal is to have 30 members with 9 or more pens turns. Last month Tim Aley joined the mix and took home 10 kits.

We have a TFTs turning session set up for Saturday May, 13th 10:00am – 1:00pm. If you haven't had a chance to join in this is an opportunity to do so. If you are already participating, this is a good time to come out and see what/how others turn their pens. Maybe you don't want to turn but you'd like to participate, you can come out and help prep blanks.

To request pen kits outside of our meetings, or WWC turning sessions contact Roman via one of the following:

Post on [MCW's Facebook page](#), Email at: [Roman@GoodTimesCasinos.com](mailto:Roman@GoodTimesCasinos.com) or give him a call at 301-792-6836

If you haven't had the opportunity to participate, please consider doing so. If you have some spare time and you'd like to help prepare pen blanks please let Roman know.



## Library Exhibits

Joe Barnard and Phil Brown set up the MCW exhibit at the Germantown Library on May 3rd, and it will continue up until May 31st. Members with work on view are Tim Aley, Joseph Barnard, Phil Brown, Bob Browning, Mike Colella, Tina Chisena, Ellen Davis, Richard Foa, Bob Grudberg, Paul Mazzi, and Richard Webster.





## Shop Tip

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### AAW VIDEO SOURCE: FLICK OF THE WEEK

[The Anatomy of a Wood Lathe with Lauren Zenreich](#) (TRT 5:59)

Lauren provides new turners an overall tour of the wood lathe, complete with parts, functions, and a few useful tips.

### AAW Explore: Dream Machines - Upgrade Your Lathe by Kurt Bird

Woodturners are fortunate because for the past fifteen years, lathe manufacturers have listened to our suggestions for redesign and have subsequently produced a wonderful array of machines. New ideas are showing up on a regular basis, allowing turners and artists to design and produce lathe-turned objects with few limitations.

Buying a high-end machine today is all about choices. No longer is it a case of one-machine-fits-all. Now you have the option of selecting a lathe that fits your style of turning with all of the capabilities you require.



To narrow our review, we chose to include lathes from two categories: dual purpose lathes that can handle spindles and bowls, and dedicated bowl lathes. The lathes that are included are 20" (50cm) swing and larger. (The Robust Sweet 16 was included because it can turn up to 32" [80cm] inboard.) All of the lathes reviewed have common features you would expect to see in machines of this price: beefy construction, higher horsepower (HP) ratings, reverse drive, variable speed, heavy-duty bearings, and torsional rigidity. In addition, the list of options is extensive throughout the study

Find the rest of the article at

[http://aawcontentsource.org/aaw\\_cs1\\_pdf/AW2404p21-24.pdf](http://aawcontentsource.org/aaw_cs1_pdf/AW2404p21-24.pdf)

### **Treasurer's Report** by Phil Brown

<b>Income Items</b>			<b>Expense Items:</b>	
Memberships	295.00		Demonstrator Expense	520.00
Demo Fees	320.00		CCC Wood Award	50.00
Silent Auction	52.00			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>657.00</b>		<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>570.00</b>

**Total funds available:     \$5,549.33**

### **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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Program/ Demonstrator</b>	<b>Notes</b>
June 8, 2017	-open-	



## Skills Enhancement Schedule Matt Radtke

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

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](mailto:dvanryk@niaid.nih.gov) to let him know if you will be there to assist.

Friday June 16 starting at 12:30pm  
Friday July 14 starting at 12:30pm

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## Chapter Contacts

### Officers

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## Volunteers

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	Steve Haddix
Turning Works Program Director	Bob Browning
Montgomery County Ag Fair Program Director	Tim Aley
Turn for Troops Project Leader	Roman Steichen
Backup Secretary	open
Backup Newsletter Editor	open
Lending Librarian	John Laffan, Joe Barnard backup
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 [mattradtk@gmail.com](mailto:mattradtk@gmail.com). Everyone shares skills and information, and its 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 Jeff Struewing we have an outstanding Web Site.

**Newsletters:** Thanks to new Newsletter Editor Stephen Price, all Members receive the AAW's 2016 *Best Chapter Newsletter* by email every month. Further, the MCW Newsletter Archive, accessible on the website, 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/>

**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.

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## Member Discounts

**Woodworkers Club Rockville, Maryland** ([www.woodworkersclub.com](http://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](http://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](http://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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**Hartville Tool** ([www.hartvilletool.com](http://www.hartvilletool.com)) is a nationwide retailer of general and specialized tools for woodworking and home improvement. They offer free shipping to all. If you have accepted the MCW offer to "opt in" to be a member of the Hartville Tool Club, you will get a 15% discount on all tools (excluding sale items, gift cards, special orders, and Festool Products)



**North Woods Figured Wood** ([www.nwfiguredwoods.com](http://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.





**Richard Webster, Platter, 12x2, Beech**