



## MCW Newsletter

**Montgomery County Woodturners**

<http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org>



Next Meeting	Location	Agenda	
Thursday 10 August 2017	<b>The Kaplan's Residence</b>	6:45 - 7:15	Meet and Greet
7:00 – 9:00		7:15 – 7:30	Business meeting
<b>Note:</b> See Gary Guenther's E-Mail dated July 18 <sup>th</sup> and August 6 <sup>th</sup> for address, and parking information.			

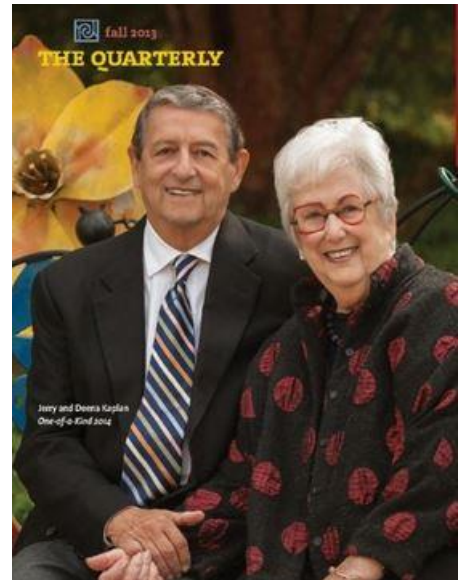
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### Evening Program

We are privileged to be invited to hold our August 10, 2017 meeting at the home of one of our Members, Jerry Kaplan, and his lovely wife, Deena. Jerry and Deena have an incredible collection of wood art (and other fine art and craft art) that is a joy to behold. Touring their collections is the Program for the evening. Spouses, partners, and significant others are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Kaplan's are Patrons of the James Renwick Alliance (JRA), members of the Collectors of Wood Art society, and are very supportive of the arts and crafts. They have donated a number of pieces to the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh. They received the prestigious "One-of-a-Kind Award" for 2014 from the JRA, presented for "significant contributions to the art and craft communities." Their collections have



been featured in "Home & Design" magazine. Jerry and Deena will lead some informal guided tours, and you will also be free to look around on your own. Light refreshments will be served –



coffee and tea, and I remember some killer cookies. Photography is permitted and encouraged. We have done this previously in 2008, 2010, and 2014. Speaking of photography, you can see the albums here: [Album-1](#) , [Album 2](#), and [Album 3](#)

If you haven't been here before, it's simply a MUST. Even if you've been there before, you'll want to come again to open your mind to so many ideas and possibilities. There is so much to see you could spend all your time in one room, and, believe me, they have many more than one! Wood art is certainly a highlight, but other craft forms are well represented, as well. If you're into tea pots, for example, Deena has some beauties. You will also be welcome to tour Jerry's shop, where he has a Robust Sweet Sixteen lathe that you will surely want to take a close look at. There will be refreshments and desserts. As a result, we ask that you RSVP directly to [Gary](#) no later than COB Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup>, so a reasonable count for refreshments is made.

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### **President's Perspective** by Ellen Davis

“Collective consciousness is the set of shared beliefs, ideas and moral attitudes which operate as a unifying force within society.” – Wikipedia

“Do Plants Have Consciousness? Plants are often thought of as inanimate objects, not living beings. In the past, those who have suggested that plants have senses, thoughts, and feelings have been labeled as hippies, tree-huggers, and crazies. Science now reveals that plants are very aware and even have ways of communicating.” - Cassie Stiffl

This month we have an extraordinary opportunity to enhance our own woodturning collective consciousness as well as helping others expand their own at the MoCo Ag Fair. Below are two very interesting YouTube videos discussing how Trees and Plants affect us as a whole.

Plant Neurobiology <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPqI1VHbYI4>

What Plants Talk About (full documentary) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrrSAC-vjG4>

MCW along with MCC (Montgomery County Carvers) take over a large corner space for the MoCo Ag Fair which will be held during the week of August 11<sup>th</sup> – August 19<sup>th</sup>. Let's provide the fair goers an opportunity to gain consciousness of an amazing craft that will ignite their senses. Contact [Tim Aley](#) to sign up for a spot or two and turn for fun and education.

*Ellen*

“What is the meaning of the togetherness of the perceiving mind, in that peculiar modification of perceiving which makes it perceive not a star but a tree, and the tree itself, is a problem for philosophy.” – *Samuel Alexander*





## Editor's Corner by Stephen Price

I have nothing new to report about the production of the newsletter. We still need someone to write a couple of paragraphs about the evening program to go along with the pictures. After way to much traveling I am looking forward to working with Polly on the next issue, but even more than that I am looking forward to some time at home to spend standing in front of my lathe.

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## Meeting Minutes for by Steve Drake

President Ellen Davis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with 29 members in attendance.

### General Announcements:

- Silent auction has a set of shed deer antlers if someone wants to use them for pens or some other project.
- Guests – there were no guests.
- Newsletter – the August newsletter is on a tight schedule so please try to get your articles in early. Send any photos to Tim Aley.
- Bob Anderson stated that the cherry tree in Frederick will be taken down next week and to contact him if you want some wood from it.
- The next meeting is on August 10, 2017 and will be at the home of Jerry and Deena Kaplan. They are opening their home to allow us to see their collection of wood art. Further information will be coming from Gary Guenther by email and RSVP is requested.

### Bring-Back Challenge and prize raffle:

Steve Haddix won last month's Bring-Back Challenge and has donated an arrow pierced apple for this month's drawing. Mike Colella won the drawing and will bring something to next month's drawing.

### Beads of Courage:

Steve Haddix, program director, said that he will teach the technique for making the arrow pierced apple to anyone that donates a lidded bowl to the Beads of Courage program. If we get 10 people donating, he will teach it to everyone at a meeting. He also said that, for the national program, the bowls should be at least 5" in diameter, have polyurethane or oil finish, and should have at least a month to dry before they are donated to the kids. They must also have a fairly loose lid and be reasonably thick so they can take being dropped or knocked about. Since we deal directly with Johns Hopkins Medical Center rather than through the national program, they may not be a picky about finishes and size so he will check on it and get back to us at the next meeting. One member said that he donated a small 3" lidded bowl and it was exactly what a parent had been looking for so size was not always a major factor. You can contact the new director, Steve Haddix at [sthaddix@gmail.com](mailto:sthaddix@gmail.com)

Volunteers needed: Ellen discussed the need for volunteers to fill several vacant positions.

### Turning Works:

The Lolly's Locks ([www.lollyslocks.org](http://www.lollyslocks.org)) auctioned two bowls and raised \$550 for their programs. Bob Browning is looking for other organizations that could profit by this program. He still has a



number of bowls but he could use some more. 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, July 28th 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 August Skills Enhancement session will be Thursday, August 10th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm 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 August session.

#### Public Library exhibit:

Our traveling exhibit is at the Davis Public Library. Joe Barnard has taken over the program from Phil Brown and can be reached at [barnards@wood-crafted.com](mailto:barnards@wood-crafted.com)

#### Rebecca Meyerson is leaving for Graduate School:

Rebecca thanked everyone for their help and mentoring over the last few years. She will be leaving the area to attend Graduate School but hopes to be able to pick up the woodturning again after she graduates.

#### AAW Symposium in Kansas City:

Several members discussed their experiences at the symposium and will each be writing a paragraph or two for the newsletter about the things they enjoyed or learned the most.

#### Activities and Opportunities:

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair: August 11-19, 2017 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg. Tim Aley ([taley16922@aol.com](mailto:taley16922@aol.com)) is coordinating the volunteers who will be manning the booth and passed around a signup sheet.

#### Gallery Photography:

Thank you to Mike Colella 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





Cold ice cream for a hot July night.



Quite a spread.



So many toppings!



Matt explains what happened to Jim's vessel.



items ready to be photographed.



Dick and Dave enjoy ice cream and conversation.



Joe and Bill look over the show and tell table.



the ice cream is going fast.



Ellen and Stan talk before the meeting.



Bob handing out Bring Back tickets.



Sometimes you have to cut a bowl to see how you are doing.



Time to pick the Bring Back winner.

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## Last Month's Program

Last month's program was tools and tips from the members.



Gary Gunther talked about a negative rake scraper. Here he shows the scraping angle.



Here Gary shows what a negative rake looks like.



Usually one scrapes at this angle but it can get grabby.





With a negative rake you can cut above the center line and if it catches it goes into empty space.



you can add a negative rake to all your scrapers.



this is used to shape the foot of a hollow form safely so that pressure is not placed on the sides or top of the hollow form.



How do you sand the bottom of the hollow form Gary's homemade sander with a cork of course!



John Laffan shows his bucket of tools travel storage option



He uses pvc pipes with caps on the end and cushions inside each. He has multiple sizes and Velcro to hold them all together.



Steve Drake made these holders for



He inserted a cheap router bearing to



Steve Haddix talked about something



supporting the ends of finials as you turn them. He turned a holder with MT to fit into his tail stock.

support the finial without putting pressure on it.

about the parting tool and then showed his gouge guide that shows how to adjust the tool holder and the arm.



Tim Aley figures out which way to use Re-Grip a new item at the Woodworkers Club.



just insert it over your handle and...



...and just pull! As the plastic comes out it allows the grip to conform to the handle.



## Show, Tell and Ask



Steve Haddix arrow through apple [walnut, poplar]



Richard Webster 11 x 2 platter with basket edge maple



Richard Webster 11 x 2 platter with basket edge maple



Richard Webster 11 x 2 platter with



Richard Webster 11 x 2 platter with



Gary Guenther 7 x 3 1/2 hybrid rim





basket edge maple



Gary Guenther 4 x 2 5/8 hollow form box elder



Bob Grudberg 8 x 4 1/2 hollow form walnut



Bob Grudberg 7 1/2 x 4 1/2 hollow form walnut



Bob Grudberg 11 x 6 1/2 Beads of Courage Box walnut

basket edge maple



Tim Aley 6 1/4 x 4 bowl oak



Bob Grudberg 8 x 4 1/2 hollow form walnut



Bob Grudberg 7 1/2 x 4 1/2 hollow form walnut



Bob Grudberg 11 x 6 1/2 Beads of Courage Box walnut

bowl spalted red oak



Tim Aley 3 1/2 x 1/2 bowl oak



Bob Grudberg 7 1/2 x 4 1/2 hollow form walnut



Bob Grudberg 11 x 6 1/2 Beads of Courage Box walnut



Bob Grudberg 11 x 6 1/2 Beads of Courage Box walnut



Jeff Struewing 9 x 2 1/2 bowl hickory



Mike Colella 6 x 1 1/2 bowl resin colored maple



Mike Colella 6 x 1 1/2 bowl resin colored maple



Steve Haddix arrow through apple walnut poplar



Steve Haddix 5 1/2 x 3 three sided bowl maple



Steve Haddix 6" x 2" four sided bowl winged bowl tealight [walnut]



Steve Haddix 6" x 2" four sided bowl winged bowl tealight [walnut]



Steve Haddix 7 1/2 x 5 Beads of Courage box cherry



Steve Haddix 7 1/2 x 5 Beads of Courage box cherry



Steve Haddix 7 1/2 x 5 Beads of Courage box cherry



Steve Haddix 7 1/2 x 5 Beads of Courage box cherry



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Jim Allison 9 x 7 1/2 hollow form  
Yoshino Cherry



Bill Long 11 1/2 x 6 1/4 natural edge  
bowl black cherry



Bill Long 11 1/2 x 6 1/4 natural edge  
bowl black cherry



Steve Haddix 7 1/2 x 5 Beads of  
Courage box cherry



Steve Haddix 7 1/2 x 5 Beads of  
Courage box cherry



Bill Long & Jeff Tate 10 x 4 bowl black  
poplar burl



Bill Long & Jeff Tate 10 x 4 bowl black  
poplar burl

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## Member News by Phil Brown

Joe Barnard is planning to have a booth at the Mt Airy Fall Festival on October 7<sup>th</sup>.  
<http://www.mtairylions.com/festivals.htm>

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## **SYMPOSIUM UPDATE**

**Registered symposium attendees:** 1,121

**Non-Paid/Public Attendees:** More than 550

**Instant Gallery:** Nearly 1,000 pieces

**Empty Bowls:** \$2,770 was raised for Variety the Children's Charity of Greater Kansas City.

**Beads of Courage:** 148 boxes were donated for seriously ill children.

## **MCW Member's Symposium Stories**

### **Where's the Remote? Demos by Long Distance – By Stan Wellborn**

One of the intriguing discussions at the Kansas City symposium focused on the possibility of providing demonstrations to chapter meetings via broadband connection.

In a well-attended session to explore the topic, Alan and Lauren Zenreich showed how demonstrators – in the comfortable surroundings of their own shops – can deliver an informative session to clubs hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

Using split screens and extreme close-ups, the Zenreichs alternated between lathe work by Alan and decorative designs by Lauren to afford the audience an information-packed and fast-paced demonstration. Two-way audio and video gave club members the opportunity to ask questions or make comments during the session.

The benefits of such an arrangement include cost savings in travel and demo fees, which could be a boon for smaller chapters or those in hard-to-reach locations. It could also facilitate attracting big-name woodturners who are hard to book because of busy schedules.

Of course, there are certainly drawbacks to remote demos. They lack the hands-on, chips-flying aspects of a personal appearance, and demonstrators can't pass around tools or turnings to the group. And, clubs need to have good Internet connections with plenty of bandwidth to ensure quality transmission.

Program directors encouraged the AAW to work with chapters to test the idea of remote demos. They also noted that such sessions could be recorded for chapter archives.

### **Do I stay or do I go now? – By Jeff Gilbert**

I debated with myself for a long time before going to Kansas City. I haven't been turning all that long and I wasn't sure it would be worth it. I went anyway and had a fantastic time going to different lectures. Some things I plan to try, some I will never do, but even those gave me ideas and techniques that will help my turning. I also learned basic things; such as how to properly mount a bowl on a chuck. Would I go again? I am already making plans for Portland next year.





## Treasurer's Report by Phil Brown

March Income			March Expenses:	
Memberships	\$25.00		Demonstrator Expense	\$0
Silent Auction	\$30.00		CCC 2017 dues	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,514.33</b>		<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Total funds available:     \$5,514.33**

## 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

Date	Program/ Demonstrator	Notes
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry & Deena Kaplan	Collection of wood art
August 11 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	MoCo Ag Fair	Contact Tim Aley
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bias lidded convex box/ Mark St Leger	You don't want to miss this!

## 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 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 August 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:30pm

Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 12:30pm

Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:30pm

Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 12:30pm

Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> 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	Joe Bernard, Phil Brown, Russ Iler, Mary Beardsley
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, Tim Aley
Candid Photography	Tim Aley
Web Albums	Tim Aley, 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:** 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 50 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.





Steve Haddix - Arrow through apple [walnut, poplar]