



OFFICIAL CHAPTER
AAW
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF WOODTURNERS

MEETING LOCATION

Woodworkers Club
Parklawn Lane
Rockville, MD

MEETING AGENDA

7 - Arrive, social time
7:15 - Business meeting
7:15-7:45 - Show, Tell & Ask
7:45-9:00 - Socialize

Notice to all, submissions for TJ must be in by 25th of the month.

Tuesday December 14, 2021 7PM

Social time - extended Show Tell & Ask only – no program

Bring your stuff to show

Zoom broadcast to homes will be tested.

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Thanks to our Contributors :

Gary Guenther

Imelda Rocha

VACCINATION REQUIRED; BOOSTER PREFERRED. MASKS WILL BE WORN

We are following through with our plans to have an in-person get-together at the Woodworkers Club on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. For this first time back, please plan to arrive at 7:00 p.m., not at 6:30 p.m. as in the past. We will have two hours to play and schmooze. The Business Meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m. and will include the annual election of Officers for 2022. That will be followed by an extended *Show Tell & Ask* period and then socializing until 9:00 p.m. **There will be no food and no demonstration program.** This will also be a practice session for our a/v people to test the ability to send the proceedings into your homes via Zoom. Important: Please plan to participate by bringing

some of your work from the past two years to show and share with your friends. You are the Program.

We planned this meeting before Omicron, and we hope to go ahead with it if things don't get crazy in the coming week. For attendance, it is required that you be fully vaccinated, and boosters are preferred. Masks must be worn. No exceptions or alternatives will be accepted.

We understand that some will want to come, and some will not. If you choose not to, please plan to attend by Zoom. We plan to make it interactive and participatory, so if you wish to attend from home, you can still hold up your works for ST&A in front of your cameras if you have good light. Please do not use fake, electronic backgrounds – that doesn't work for showing things. Mike will send out a Zoom link for the meeting a few days ahead of time. We hope to “see” you, one way or another. Let the fun begin! Onward!

MCW Throwback - January 2016


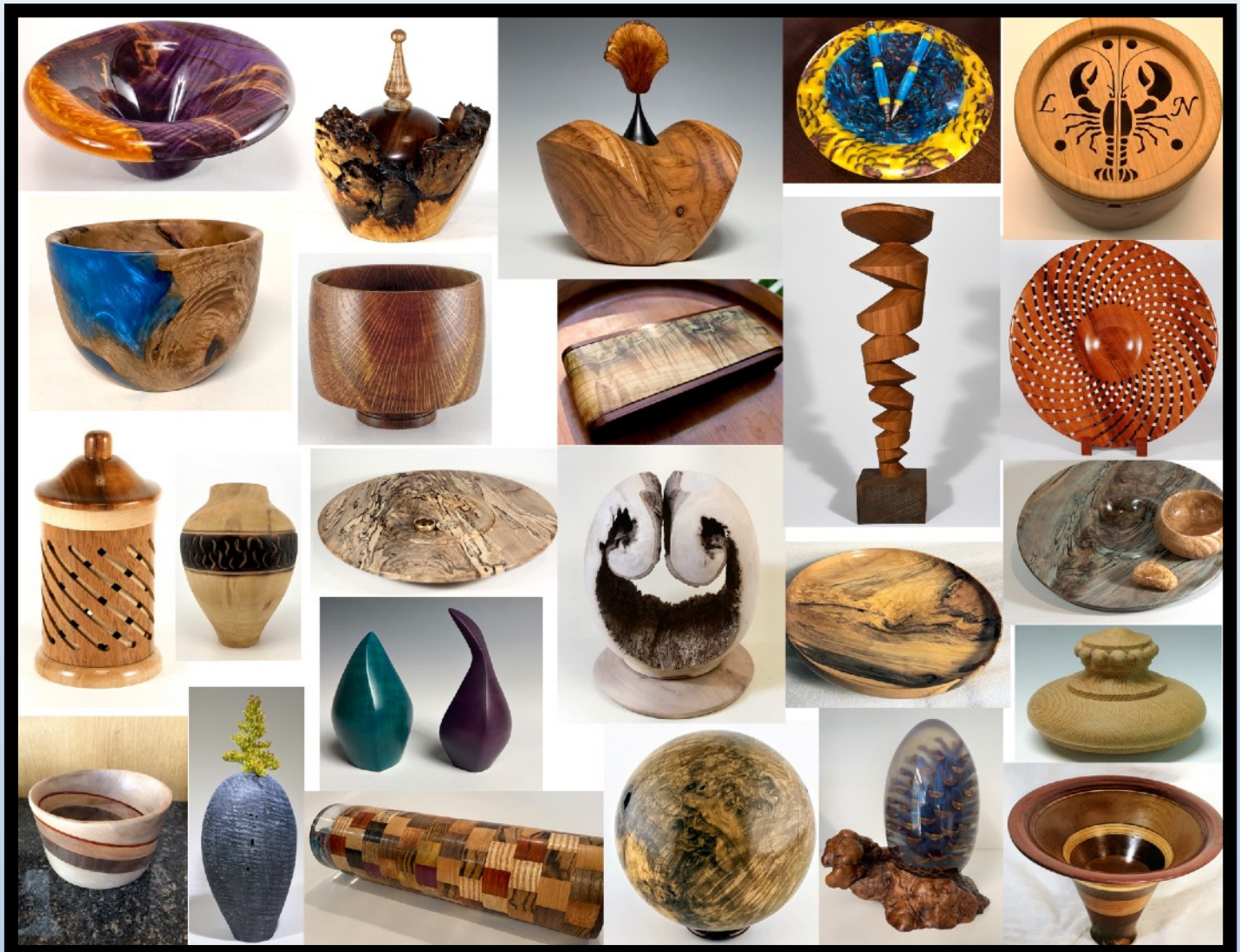


Editor's Corner (Mike Colella)

As the year comes to an end, I like to look at pictures of the items I have made through the year and take note of what I have done, a kind of self evaluation. Have I gotten any better, how many new techniques have I tried, what excited me in the world of wood turning. And the list goes on. Hopefully my quality and techniques have both advanced. Too often we can get complacent in our skills and creativity. Keep it fresh, change, try something new, if it fails, try it again. I personally have learned many new techniques this year from some of our demonstrators as well as our own members. The work coming out of our club continues to amaze me. "How did he do that" is always on my mind and the best part of being part of a club, This Club, MCW, is you can always ask your fellow member how DID they do that!

Keep up the great work, and please keep on showing it. That's the way we ALL learn.

And here's looking forward to more In-Person meetings in the near future.

**MCW 2021**

President's Perspective - Bob Anderson

Back to the Woodworkers Club In-Person on December 14 and December meeting means board elections

I hope you are enjoying the holiday season. In all of the excitement of the season, please remember that dues for 2022 are due. You can pay them online, mail a check to Tim, or pay in person at our December 14 meeting at the Woodworkers Club.

As the world attempts to get back to some semblance of normalcy, we have been working to coordinate our return to in-person meetings. The first is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, at the Woodworkers Club. The time will be from 7 to 9 PM, and the meeting will consist of show, tell, and ask, so bring some of your current work. We will also be streaming the meeting out to members who are not able to come to the WWC, and our A/V group (Mike Colella, Joe Barnard, Joe Stout, Tim Aley and myself) will be meeting at the WWC to prepare the new arrangement of cameras and streaming equipment.

Your board has continued to focus on health and safety for everyone during this pandemic, so we are requesting that folks who come to the meeting are vaccinated and wear masks during their time at WWC. No one will be checking vaccination cards; the honesty and integrity of our members is all the proof we need.

For next year, our friends at the Woodworkers Club have been able to schedule our meetings at the traditional time, the Thursday before the second Saturday of the month. Since we will now be charged \$75 per meeting night for room rental in their new space, we have chosen to schedule eight in-person meetings at WWC for 2022. Put these dates on your calendars for our in-person meetings:

January 6

March 10

May 12

June 9

September 8

October 6

November 10

December 8

February, April, and August will be Zoom meetings with IRDs; specific dates and times will depend on the availability and location of the demonstrators.

Why were these dates chosen? February is a month that traditionally has the most fickle weather, July is our now-annual ice cream social, August is a month many folks are away and also the month we participate at the Montgomery County Fair, and April is just April (?). Our meeting months also give us some of our traditional flexibility to work with other area clubs to share costs for national demonstrators who may be traveling again. As this is written, though, information on the spread of the new COVID variant, omicron, continues, with the scientific and medical communities unsure of its virulence. Montgomery County has re-instituted its indoor mask mandate, and a number of countries are limiting travel and taking other restrictive measures. As with the rest of the world, we will continue to be vigilant and assess and re-assess our meetings on an ongoing basis. If there are changes, we will let you know immediately, but our current plan is to get back together safely, in-person.

Have a great holiday season. I hope to see you at our December 14 meeting.

Bob



Montgomery County Woodturners Meeting Minutes November, 2021

The monthly meeting of Montgomery County Woodturners (MCW) was called to order by club President Bob Anderson at 1 PM on Saturday, November 7, 2021 via Zoom. There were 17 present and no guests or new members. If you know of individuals with an interest in woodturning, please invite them to attend a meeting. We are continually looking for new members and developing new talent.

Time for **annual dues payment** is near. They have been increased to \$35 per individual and \$45 per family. These increases are a result of added costs to the club such as the need to purchase new equipment for streaming meetings, the \$75 per meeting room use costs imposed by the Wood Workers Club (WWC) and professional demonstrators' fees. Members may send their dues payment by check to club treasurer Tim Aley (taley16922@aol.com) or pay via credit card or Paypal at the MCW website. Those who have not paid by mid-April will be deleted from our membership rolls and lose club privileges. However, anyone having financial difficulty or knowing of someone with such difficulties should contact membership chair Steve Drake (steve.drake@NIH.gov) and full membership will be renewed, no questions asked.

Along with payment of dues, it is also time for the **annual election of club officers**. All positions are open and anyone interested in taking a more active role in the club – either by running for office or offering their time as a volunteer -- should let President Anderson know.

For the first time in a year and a half, our **meetings** are going live. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 7-9 PM at the newly renovated WWC at Woodcraft. Masks and vaccinations will be required. For those not interested in attending in person, Zoom will still be available. The evening will be devoted to an extended Show and Tell. There will not be a demonstration. And starting next year, we will once again be meeting on our usual night: the Thursday before the second Saturday of each month. So mark your calendars.

We are still looking for someone to **represent the club at Women in Turning (WIT)**. Please let us know if you are interested.

If you are planning on **displaying and selling** your work at an up coming event, please let Mike Colella (michael.j.colella@gmail.com) know so that he can highlight it

in the monthly *Turning Journal*. That way members can come out and support you and spread the word to their friends and neighbors.

Our **Public Library displays** are again picking up. According to Joe Barnard we have a display at the Davis Library at 6400 Democracy Blvd. in Bethesda.

The October 30 **Wounded Warriors** was a success, according to Don Van Ryk. There were four attendees in the morning and six in the afternoon. Many thanks go to Joe Stout, Leland Deck and Matt Radke who co-hosted the sessions, Chris Johnstone for providing the blanks and WWC for the venue. The next session is tentatively scheduled for November 12. But stay tuned.

Show, Tell and Ask had six presenters: Gary Guenther, river birch box; Jeff Struewing, off-center turned and intensely colored tear drops (which received a lot of praise and calls for him to demonstrate his technique to the club!); Joe Barnard, Christmas ornament and ice cream scoop made from she-oaks; Paul Paukstelis, applewood bowl; Tim Aley- ornament and butternut bowl; Bob Browning, pens for the Troops.

The business meeting ended at 1:31 PM with 19 present. It was followed by a demonstration by Registered Professional Woodturner from Great Britain, by Philip Greenwood. He created two natural edge pots, one end grain and side grain. To see more of his work, visit greenwoodcrafts.co.uk

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Aronson

Secretary

MCW 2022 FUTURE REMOTE PROGRAMS (Gary Guenther)

January 6, 2022

This has gotten complicated.

The original plan was to have the traditional January Show Tell & Ask Panel Critique – the 13th Annual. First it was going to be LIVE. Then Omicron happened, and we decided to change it to Remote. Then Joe Barnard had the great idea (thanks Joe!) to keep the Panel Critique LIVE by delaying it to a safer time. Bingo. Done. Future date TBD.

So the January 6, 2022 MCW Meeting and ST&A and Program will now be Remote, with a quality, interactive, remote woodturning demonstration by a TBD turner. Stay tuned, and we'll let you know who it is as soon as we hire one! Whatever it is, it will be fun and conducted by a talented, experienced, thoughtful, and high-quality demonstrator, as always.

The January 6 MCW Meeting is “on” and will be remote and brought to your homes via Zoom.

The 13th-annual Show Tell & Ask Panel Critique is postponed until later in 2022, when it can be held live and in-person for the enjoyment of both the members and the panelists.

February through December 2022

For 2022, our meeting schedule will be returning to the traditional “*Thursday before the second Saturday*” of each month, with rare exception. Current plans beyond January call for seven live meetings at WWC, three Zoom IRDs, and our traditional July weekend Picnic. For your calendars, **Zoom IRDs will be February 10, April 7, and August 11.**

As this is written, the emergence of the new COVID variant, Omicron, will require our vigilance, and it may or may not cause us to have to rethink this schedule. Stay tuned.

DIRECT LINKS TO ONLINE PHOTOS - (For your viewing pleasure)

Note: All photo albums are captioned. Every photo has a caption. Depending on your platform, to see the captions look in the upper right. You should click or tap the circled "i" (which stands for "information") or the three vertical dots and then select "information" from that menu. Enjoy.

MCW Nov. '21 Remote Gallery: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/L2yazpXWbpCgNJBQ9>

MCW Nov. '21 Program – Philip Greenwood: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/bQCtTnTq3idfFDqKA>

MCW Nov. '21 Davis Public Library Display: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/oEHKrijGm8U8sEW98>

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Treasury report - November 2021 (Tim Aley)

Beginning Balance	\$3,326.56		
November income 2021		November Expenses 2021	
Membership 2022	\$264.59	Membership Paypal fee	\$11.83
Future Membership	\$0.00	July Picnic	\$204.69
Lifetime Membership	\$0.00	Demonstrator	\$211.03
Membership 2021	\$25.74	AV for demos	\$660.38
Demo Fee	<u>\$158.00</u>	Paypal fee Demo	<u>\$11.12</u>
Total	\$448.33	Total	\$1,099.05
Ending Balance	\$2,675.84		

CLICK IT – Web Site of the Month (Gary Guenther)

A recommendation of a link I believe to be worth your time:

Ex-skews-me! This month's *Click It* and *Video View* articles are both dedicated to a sharp edge. The simplest sharp edge is a straight line. The associated tool is called a "skew chisel" (among other, more colorful things). If you truly understand how this tool works, you understand all tools.

I recently watched an IRD, sponsored by Chesapeake Woodturners, by Jim Echter, who makes Rochester, NY his home, and the Finger Lakes Woodturners his game. Jim has written about skews for AAW, and I'm highlighting his excellent article here for everyone as a "must read". <https://tcturning.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Sensational-Skew-Article-April-2019.pdf>

THE
SENSATIONAL
Jim Echter

Believe it or not, everything you need to know to use a skew chisel you learned in kindergarten. It is not a difficult



VIDEO VIEW – Videos of the Month (Gary Guenther)

Online woodturning action for your viewing pleasure

Colwin Way is a delightful, UK Registered Professional Turner who likes to make, among other things, German-oriented projects, such as these German smokers

Part 1 (57:51) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1HuudSuB6E>

Part 2 (58:29) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2fsF1Rez0>

This project is a tour de force for using every turning tool and holding technique in your arsenal, and some you may not even be aware of. This is a great project for all levels for learning and practicing your skills and ending up with a fun toy.



To take it a step further, here's a video by Colwin with the first (7:15) devoted to showing how to make a table leg using a German-style skew that is now one of his "signature" tools made by the respected Crown steel and tool company. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-Ekxg6bW-o> I had my eye on this traditional German skew design when I was watching Thomas Häckel use it on in his "Sounds of Silence" videos. More recently, Jim Echter (above) mentioned Colwin Way's version in his IRD on skews for Chesapeake Woodturners. I have to admit this finally pushed me over the "edge". I just bought one a few days ago. I got the middle-sized, 19-mm (3/4") version, and I really look forward to using it. It is light and balanced and feels great in the hand. Mine came ground with a 40-degree included angle, and that is fine for many applications, but Jim Echter recommends a smaller angle, so I'm going to re-sharpen this one down to about 33 degrees (which is achieved, simply, with a bevel-to-thickness ratio of 1.8). This tool is available from



both The Woodturning Store and Klingspor's Woodworking Shop. Do your research and take your pick. I received mine from Klingspor in a couple days. The link was actually a bit hard to find, so, for that reason only, I'll include it here FYI: <https://www.woodworkingshop.com/Product/CN52470/YMMV>.



LIBRARY PIECES NEEDED and OLD ONES RETURNING

Coming right up at our December *in vivo* meeting (Live! At the Woodworkers Club!) I will be bringing back ancient artifacts from the depths of the ancient culture that was Marysland in the before times.

That's right! Well Done! Library loans of y'all's turned work from 2019 are coming home to their fam.

Curiously, there were pieces from 15 club members ONLY back then, to be returned. As we are embarking on a return to civilization, many, many, perhaps most or all of us, have spent nearly 2 years hidden away in our locked and barred up nests, with positive pressure ventilation to blow away viruses, and wood dust, and particles; wearing gas masks and compulsively washing our hands, demanding to see PROOF OF VACCINATION before talking to telemarketers over the phone or spouses in person. Accordingly, as I type away at my desk, glaring at the raven who refuses to leave my space "...nevermore...", I realize that we ALL have a once in a hundred years opportunity to let everyone in Montgomery County, nay, THE WORLD, see some of the fruits of that precious, precious time locked away, safe from prying eyes and creeping viruses. So, I am asking, nay, demanding that you each look in your heart and your finished work pile for a piece or two or three that show how you spent your summer vacation, er, your time free of the obligations of society. Obv, I am talking about turned wood pieces, not dried apple dolls, or quilts, or super detailing you did on your car. Turned wood, that's all we can put into the libraries. Libraries, by the way, who are eager to display this work.

We will have a form up on the website you can download for you to fill out, in a quaint reminder of the old days, print, and bring with your pieces to one of the upcoming meetings. Even this meeting in December I am willing to accept pieces. This is a critical part of our outreach to the community, and we do on occasion get new members from the library exhibits. Just last month someone asked the librarians at Davis for contact info, which was, of course, in the exhibit already.

The library exhibits will also include information about the upcoming meeting, both for the current and the next month. In addition, starting in 2020 (remember those good old days?), I began including announcements of upcoming exhibitions in which our members have pieces. For example, when BlackRock has an exhibition of 3D art of a Turned Wood exhibition, or Glen Echo's Labor Day Art show, or the Creative Crafts Council's Strathmore Exhibit, or other exhibitions at the Strathmore, those will be listed, along with the member's name who has pieces there. Remember, the library exhibits are not just for the edification and enjoyment of library patrons, they are for you, the members of the group.

Here is the link to the form to fill out for library submissions.

<https://montgomerycountywoodturners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Library-member-loan-Inf-Form2022.pdf>

Joe

Show, Tell & Ask Remote Gallery - November 2021



Gary Guenther
box with natural bark and
insets
"Flapper II"
4-1/2"h x (2-1/2" - 4-1/4")w
river birch and walnut
birch finish: Watco Danish
diluted with mineral spirits
walnut finish: Watco Danish
and RenWax





Bob Browning
Pens for Turn For The Troops





Jeff Struewing
3- faceted sculptures
a la Eric Lofstrom,
2x2x3.5 (wxdxh)
Pear, with Dr. Ph
Martin's India ink,
Teal, Blue, Green
Finished with Spray
Lacquer.





Jeff Struewing
2x2x4 (wxdxh)
Pear, with Dr. Ph
Martin's India ink, Red
Violet, Blue, Violet,
Finished with Spray
Lacquer.



Joe Barnard
Resin handled Ice cream
scoop.



Joe Barnard
Demo attempt , multi
pieced ornament



Paul Paukstelis
Maple bowl with blue resin fill.



Paul Paukstelis
3 D printed housing to hold resin for casting voids in
bowl



Tim Aley
Cast resin bottle
toppers



Tim Aley
Ornament, oak



Tim Aley
Walnut bowl



Members in the News

Paul Sandler	I also have some utility items for sale at the Something Earthy Pottery Studio at 24410 Hipsley Mill Road, Laytonsville, MD 20882, and I have submitted to the Black Rock show, but haven't heard back as yet.
William Flint	I also sell on Etsy. My shop name is UFOKing, the direct link is https://www.etsy.com/shop/UFOKing
Tim Aley & Paul Sandler	Tim Aley And Paul Sandler are members of the Gaithersburg Artist Collective. We are a co-op of artists in many mediums. Our current show is at a pop-up gallery at 26-A Grand Corner Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.
Jeff Strueing	Saturday, Dec 4, 10am - 4pm Takoma Park 15th Holiday Art Sale Saturday & Sunday, Dec 11-12, 2021, 10am - 4pm Quailhill's 29th Art & Craft Fair (contact jeff@struewing.us for location details)
Bob Anderson	Bob Anderson has seven pieces in Form and Fabric X: Artistic Gifts of the Season. It will be held from November 18 through January 3 at the Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis. The the opening reception is November 21 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. He is participating as a member of the Chesapeake Woodturners.

The county is starting an "Urban Wood Sale" at their Green Farm Maintenance facility in Gaithersburg. It is every Saturday & Sunday starting Nov 13 & 14. This might be of interest to MCW folks. A news letter item? The link below is to the MoCo Parks website. This is all I know about it.

I will be sending an email with the link to the group list when I get to a real computer

<https://www.montgomeryparks.org/events/montgomery-parks-urban-wood-sale/#.YXrzbTVdrLg.gmail>

Leland Deck



AAW Annual International Woodturning Symposium

Chattanooga, Tennessee
June 23 - 26, 2022

Together again!

Whether you're a NEW TURNER or a PROFESSIONAL...

Reunite and connect with other turners who share your interests. You'll find demonstrations targeted to your skill level. Over 3½ days, you'll have 100 compelling presentations to choose from to help you enrich your woodturning experience, including:

- Bowls & Platters
- Embellishment, Carving & Finishing
- Segmented Work
- Hollow Forms & Boxes
- Pens
- Inspiration and Creativity
- Spindles, Finials, Multiaxis
- Tool Making and Tool Handling
- Small Treasures



2021 WIT Virtual EXCHANGE

Women in Turning (WIT)

Women in Turning

Cindy Drozda demonstrated online live at the Holiday Vendor Showcase.

On November 26 - 28, 2021, eight hundred participants from all skill levels attended the online live demonstration Holiday Vendor Showcase. The number of participants was extraordinary.

They enjoyed three evenings of wood turning demonstration by vendors Cindy Drozda, Steve Worcester, Joe Fleming, John Jordan, Lyle Jamieson, and Tod Raines. In addition, these masters offered tools showcase, vendor specials, raffle prizes, and helpful advice.

Participants commented on the online festive and warm camaraderie of the wood turning masters.

It is noteworthy that there was a woman among the master wood turner presenters.

Vendor Cindy Drozda provide a flawless wood turning demonstration with clear camera focus, detailed tools explanation, step-by-step wood turning, and lessons learned free advice. She is a great motivational and inspiring presenter!

Ms. Drozda's woodwork interest started at age 7. While growing up, she worked full time around wood masters. After 30 years of woodworking, she has evolved into a well-respected and well know wood turning artist producing museum quality wood pieces. Her specialties are lidded finial vessels, Urns, and gilding. She resides in Colorado. Nonetheless, she travels all over the U.S. to offer wood turning demonstrations at the club level, national level like the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) symposium, and online, with attendees from all over the world. Ms. Drozda's is committed to sharing her knowledge and inspiring others, especially women to become expert wood turners. For more information on her art and accomplishments, please visit her website www.cindydrozda.com and email cindy@cindydrozda.com, where she also provides information on hands-on workshops, tools that she sells, step-by-step handouts, technical papers, YouTube videos, and calendar for live remote demonstrations.



Reporting for the MCW, Imelda Rocha

WIT Representative for MCW Has Been Filled.

Welcome Imelda Rocha. She has been a member for a while and we are please to have her as the new WIT liaison.

World Connections - Links and other noteworthy places.

This page will be dedicated to useful and noteworthy links, Feel free to email me with suggestions: michaeljcolella@gmail.com

AAW: <https://www.woodturner.org/>

Arrowmont: <https://www.arrowmont.org/>

Women In Turning: <https://www.woodturner.org/?page=WIT>

The Woodworkers Club: [The Woodworkers Club](#)

MCW Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/194941367515051>

AAW Photo Gallery: <http://www.aawforum.org/community/index.php?media/>

Worth checking out to see some amazing work.

Mark Supik: <https://www.marksupikco.com/>

Conkers Live: <https://chestnutproducts.co.uk/conkers-live/>

Talking Turning: <https://www.awgb.co.uk/talking-turning-zoom-sessions/>

Wood Symphony Artists: <https://www.woodsymphony.com/wood-artists>

To Be Continued.....

Note:

As we all continue to find interesting demonstrators around the world, PLEASE let me know so I can post them here for everyone else to benefit.

Be sure to check out the links Gary has provided below, which I will continue to post as long as they are still active.

Remote Connections (Gary Guenther)

One positive that has come in response to the loss of in-person camaraderie caused by the pandemic is the proliferation of new venues of free online woodturning content. A number of woodturners feeling the lack of customary togetherness are creating and participating in online venues to try to keep the community connected via interactive demonstrations, interviews, and discussion sessions. In two cases these are being assisted by corporate sponsorship. Here are five excellent examples for your selection.

Conkers Live

This is a regularly-scheduled series of free, interactive woodturning demonstrations, sponsored by Chestnut Products (which produces a variety of finishes, dyes, etc.). There is no overt advertising. The purpose is to support demonstrators and keep turners together during the lockdown. All the demonstrations are free to watch and can be accessed from this web link: <https://chestnutproducts.co.uk/conkers-live/>. It is based out of the UK and hosted by Terry Smart. It is distributed directly from their website and requires no Zoom or registration -- just tune in as you would with YouTube. Each show is a different demonstrator. They are produced in the evening UK time, which is early afternoon EST. You can subscribe to their bulletins to get updates about events and demonstrators. Future dates are Dec.14, Jan.11, Feb.4, Feb.24, March19, April12, and May 12.

Woodturning Live

This regularly-scheduled series of free, interactive woodturning demonstrations, held via the Zoom platform, is sponsored by Record Power, a respected equipment maker. There is no advertising. It is hosted by Mike Davies from New Zealand with Aussie turner Theo Haralampou as the demonstrator. They are transmitted in the morning from NZ/Oz, which puts them in early evening EST. I find Theo's demonstrations to be interesting, informative, varied, and excellent. To join these educational and entertaining live sessions simply email miked@recordpower.co.uk with RSVP in the subject line, and you will immediately receive your log-in code by return email.

Meet the Woodturner

This regularly-scheduled series of live interviews is based in UK and hosted by Pat Carroll from Ireland. Each episode highlights the woodturning life of a well-known turner in an interactive Q&A session with questions also taken from viewers. To sign up for these Zoom sessions, email meetthewoodturner@gmail.com and you will receive invitations.

Behind the Scenes

This "occasional" show is periodically sponsored by Trent Bosch Studios and also highlights the woodturning life of a famous turner in each episode. <https://virtualwoodturningdemos.com/> These are on Zoom, and free, but registration (for \$0.00) is required. These freebies are held in conjunction with other paid IRDs sponsored by Trent. You can get on a mailing list to receive the announcements of future programs.

Talking Turning

This is a regularly-scheduled series of shows sponsored by the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain (AWGB) -- their version of the AAW. The focus here is a live Zoom forum for talking about various preselected turning subjects and having Q&A during the sessions, with an hour of open-mike discussion with attendees participating. You can go here for more info: <https://www.awgb.co.uk/talking-turning-zoom-sessions/> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Register in advance to ensure you receive the email with meeting details. The meetings are at 2:30pm EST every Tuesday and Friday afternoon.



Chapter Positions Contacts

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Skills Enhancement Program Director	Steve Haddix, Duane Schmidt assistant
Public Library Exhibit Committee	Joe Barnard, Mary Beardsley assistant
Beads of Courage Program Director	Stephen Price
Turning Works Program Director	Ellen Davis
Montgomery County Ag Fair Program Director	Tim Aley, Paul Sandler (assistant)
Turn for Troops Project Leader	Roman Steichen
Pen Skills Enhancement Program Director	Roman Steichen
Lending Librarian	John Laffan
Videography	Joe Stout, Joe Barnard, Joe Mosli
Gallery Photography	Mike Colella
Candid Photography and Web Albums	Tim Aley, Gary Guenther, Mike Colella
Show Tell & Ask Leader	Mike Colella
Show Tell & Ask Recording and Trucking	Richard Webster and Paul Sandler
Demo Fee Collection	Bob Grudberg
Setup Committee	Paul Sandler, Jeff Struewing
Clean-Up Committee	Paul Simon, Paul Sandler
Discount Deacon	Steve Drake
Bring Back Challenge Ticket Giver	Bob Grudberg
Activities Arranger	Tim Aley
Backup Treasurer	Ellen Davis
Backup Webmaster	Stephen Price
Backup Newsletter Editor	Mike Gerech
Backup Secretary	Steve Drake
Women In Turning Representative	Imelda Rocha

MCW Resources

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. 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. Please help support them.

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 at Ellen@TwistedTreeDesign.com know if you would like to participate.

Skills Enhancement: Once a month, we have an open lathe session at WWC, either on Thursday's before the meeting or on the Sundays after the Meetings, under the guidance of Steve Haddix. Please check the Newsletter and Web Site Calendars for monthly dates and reserve a limited slot in advance with Steve Haddix. Everyone shares skills and information, and its lots of fun.

MCW Facebook Group: MCW has a private Facebook Group. Use it to post pictures of your work, ask questions, check out upcoming events, and it provides another venue for our members to get to know each other better. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/194941367515051/> and request to be added to the group.

MCW Lending Library: Books and DVDs are available for borrowing. We have a great 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. 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: 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/>



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 (<http://www.exoticlumber.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.



Hartville Tool (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) 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.





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2x2x4 (wxdxh)
Pear, with Dr. Ph Martin's India ink, Red Violet,
Blue, Violet, Finished with Spray Lacquer.