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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

MEETING LOCATION

Live at WWC
And Online

Meeting Location

WOODWORKERS CLUB 11910-L
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REMEMBER TO PARK IN BACK

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

Thursday, August 8th, 2024, 6:30 p.m
Mike Sorge
The Trillium box

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We're in for a treat, as the demonstrator for our August 8 meeting will be Mike Sorge. Those with a long memory will recall Mike's previous visits to our club. Mike is a nationally known turner whose work is displayed in top galleries across the country, and I think it's fair to say that his pieces are unlike any others.

Mike will be demonstrating how he creates his Trillium box. (See picture below.) The base of the project is a three fingered (petal) blank that will resemble an undulating trillium flower when complete. The technique to achieve a successful final form involves "turning air" at a high RPM. Mike will show us how he gets it done safely and efficiently.

Mike's uniquely prolific "big air" sculptural creativity specializes in large "winged" turned art forms. The uplifting, positive aesthetic nature throughout Mike's body of work (Blossom Sculptures

and Vessels, Manta Ray Boxes, Spirit Birds, Trillium Floral Boxes, Triple Diamond Pagodas, etc.) is inspired by his ongoing studies of worldwide



cultural wisdom, ancient and contemporary. Mike considers his inspirational studies no less important than his time in the studio, which has led Mike to understand the solution to all of humanity's problems will only be achieved through, if simply stated in two words, "virtuous freedom". The pendulum of individual excellence (virtuous acquisition) keeps the scales of understanding in righteous balance.

Mike has provided professional demonstrations and classes around the country and enjoys encouraging others to explore, experience and evolve their skillful endeavors, to dream more, learn more, do more and become more as woodturning artists. "Learn the rules like a pro so you can break them like an artist." ~ Pablo Picasso. The various art show and exhibition awards Mike has received are nice, but his true delight is in creating inspiring work. "I believe in the illimitable and inimitable positive potential within each of us and enjoy encouraging and inspiring others through my efforts."

Please find more examples of Mike's work at www.mikesorge.com.

President's Perspective - Joe Barnard

Welcome to August in Maryland, heat index will be 101°F today! -still, October is coming, and with it, the Woodcraft Octoberfest.

First up, I have a question for members. Do you ever have trouble getting transportation to the meetings? I received a somewhat wistful email from a member, who hasn't been to any meetings in some time, and it got me to wondering about why we haven't pursued the possibility of letting members know that any number of us who do regularly attend could easily stop by and give others a ride. If you would come more often if a ride were available, send me an email Joseph.Barnard@woodcrafted.com, and I promise you that we will make every effort to get you there. I don't have a mechanism set up yet, which is why I'm asking the question, but those of you who do come, consider how easy it could be to stop by and pick up one of our members who doesn't have the transport available. Feel free to send me an email as well.

In early July we had our 'workshop' with Paul Paukstelis and his Lathe Engraver. There were around 11 members who came, and a good time was had by all. You can see my completed piece here, and I can tell you the process was pretty easy, and did a terrific job. Only one piece was



damaged by an oversight in the process, but with experience that sort of issue should not come up.

A few days later we had our annual club picnic at the Colella's home, which will be described with pictures and commentary by our host elsewhere in The Journal. Suffice it to say we all had a great time. Congratulations to Duane Schmidt, who won the \$50 gift certificate for members who had made and donated bowls for the Beads of Courage project. We will do the BoC event again.

Coming up next week will be our August Meeting, August 8th, with Mike Sorge, the very highly respected and not-quite-local woodturner giving us a really fascinating demonstration of making his trillium box. The base of the project is a three fingered (petal) blank that will resemble an undulating trillium flower when complete. The technique to achieve a successful final form involves "turning air" at a high RPM. Mike will show us how he gets it done safely and efficiently. The demonstration will

take place at the usual place and time (business meeting starting at 6:30; demo starting around 7:00 - 7:15.) Watch your emails for a Zoom link if you can't make the meeting.

Bill Bell, our Program Director, really went to work on getting this organized with 3 local clubs. Not only will Mike demonstrate for us, on our regular night but also at Mid-Maryland Woodturning Club and will be running 2 local workshops hosted by MMWTC and CAT. Our members will be able to participate in one of those 2 workshops over at Denis Delehanty's workshop in the Catoctin area. You should have gotten an email from Bill explaining how to sign up for one of the workshops. In addition, if you cannot make our meeting, you can still see Mike demo at MMWTC the night before. This was not an easy thing to organize, and Bill really did a great job for all 3 groups. I truly doubt this would have happened without Bill's hard work.

On August 7th and 8th we will have the opportunity to submit our work for display at the Montgomery County Fair (in the Arts and Crafts section), with a chance of winning some money, easily enough money to buy a candy bar or a soda. If you are already going to take part in our demonstrations at the Montgomery County Fair August 9-17th, you might as well come in a day before and submit some work for display. The display area is right beside our big canopy we share with the Montgomery County Carvers during the fair, so you will have free time between turning periods to see how you did and how everyone else did on awards. Believe me, we all will get some sort of ribbons. Here is the catalog so you can have some idea as to what categories your work will fit into.

<https://mcagfair.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-Arts-Crafts.pdf>

Starting on August 9, our stint at the fair begins with a couple of hours of setting up the turning area along with the

pole lathe and the carvers beside us. We have morning and afternoon turning slots each day, and you can sign up on Tim's worksheet <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/197r900QakjAtAw->



[ob9dZpI6Y0CrGaoIISRqJ_wKAX4A/edit?usp=sharing](https://www.google.com/search?q=ob9dZpI6Y0CrGaoIISRqJ_wKAX4A/edit?usp=sharing)

Signing up helps Tim to make sure he has enough tickets for everyone, and the tickets are likely to be available at the meeting Thursday, so if you have yet to pick a session, sign up anyway, so that there's a ticket for you. You can figure out when is best to come later, but not too much later.

Coming in September, will be everyone's favorite, the MCW critique. Soon Gary will be asking people to sign up for a slot to be critiqued, and I highly recommend taking part. The 3 panel members will examine our work, and give honest, valuable critiques of what we've done. It is also interesting, and an opportunity to show some work you may be experimenting on, something you think is outstanding, and in addition, they will answer whatever question you may have that you might be unsure about. If you have no question, don't worry, just bring a piece in anyway. There will be some valuable learning going on regardless.

We did submit our application to Glen Echo for an exhibition in collaboration with both Mid-Maryland Wood Turners Club and Friendship Star Quilters for some time next year. They will / have NOT let us know our status yet, so maybe by the meeting on the 8th we will know.

Editor’s Corner (Mike Colella)

*For Show, Tell & Ask, please have your pieces here by 6:20
I will shut down the photo booth at that time.*



August 8, 2024 - Live & Remote Meeting Information

Our IRD meeting will be conducted over ZOOM and we will meet in person at WWC. You will receive the ZOOM meeting information at least 24 hours before the meeting via email from **Bill Bell** The **ZOOM** meeting will be active at 6:00 for system testing, chat with friends, and fellowship! Sign in, mute your microphone unless speaking, and get comfortable!

Agenda:

- 6:00 Doors & Zoom session opens, in person show & tell drop off and social time.
- 6:30 President’s Remarks and business meeting Joe Barnard
- 6:50 Show Tell and Ask
- 7:15 Talk followed by Q&A if time permits Mike Sorge

Meeting Notes: Get involved, ask, share, and chat!

Please mute your microphone unless you are speaking

Test your Zoom settings before the meeting at <https://zoom.us/test?zcid=1231>
Zoom Support Center: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>

To help defray the cost of the demonstration, you are encouraged to chip in using our secure PayPal link on the MCW website.

\$10.00 charge for tonights demo.

MCW July 2024 Meeting Notes

Since there was no official meeting in July at the picnic we have no minutes.

Although suffice it to say we had 26 in attendance at the picnic and I feel confident in saying, despite the oppressive heat Mother Nature blessed us with, we all had a good time. With much food, drink and camaraderie, all was good. More photos from the picnic can be found here, thanks to our roaming photographer, Gary.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/VdTFtJ17N8RJkbie7>





Sun was hot, but it was nice in the shade.



Tim pulling BOC winning ticket

Future Programs 2024 – Looking Ahead (to be updated next month)

2024 Programs/Demonstrations [updated as of 1/7/24]		
July 14	Picnic At Mike & Sue Colella’s yard	Picnic
August 8	Mike Sorge	
September 12	Annual Panel Critique	Live & Online
October 10	Club meeting	
October 12	Woodworkers Club Octoberfest - Saturday	
November 10		
December 12	Pot Luck dinner	live/potluck

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 June and July '24 Web Albums Links List

MCW June '24 Bethesda (Connie Morella) Public Library Exhibit:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/FsrXEdcjxDJUmWxx9>

MCW June '24 Live Gallery: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/fFCWP61en1NoavGR6>

MCW June '24 Live hybrid Meeting with ST&A: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/AzM7pa3wBvxxUozE6>

MCW June '24 Live hybrid Program: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/EstVN9Xn5tkJ4bp17>

MCW July 11 '24 Paul Paukstelis BYOB Pewa Workshop: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Tqqn9M8uz9PcEJBL6>

MCW July '24 Picnic VI and Ice Cream 8: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/VdTFtJ17N8RJkbie7>



Treasury report - August 2024 (Tim Aley)

Beginning Balance	\$7,187.84		
July Income 2024		July Expenses 2024	
Membership 2024	\$35.00	Membership Paypal fee	\$1.50
Future Membership	\$0.00	Plcnic	\$0.00
Lifetime Membership	\$0.00	Tech	\$0.00
Dontation	\$0.00	Tech Storage	\$129.26
Ken Lobo Tool Sale	\$0.00	Pizza for demo	\$45.00
Silent Auction	\$0.00	WWC Room Fee/ Paul Demo	\$75.00
Name Badge	\$0.00	Beads of courage	\$50.00
Demo Fee	<u>\$0.00</u>	Paypal fee Donation	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$35.00	Total	\$300.76
Ending Balance	\$6,922.08		



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

Woodturning Fundamentals Learning Portal

Welcome to the world of woodturning!

New turners — this site is for you.

The world of woodturning is large, complex, and continually growing. In order to enter that world safely and confidently, you need to learn a few basics: How to sharpen your tools, how use the different tools properly, and above all how to work safely. This site is designed to point you to helpful articles and videos by some of the world's most talented and successful woodturners.

The menu buttons will take you to important areas of woodturning. Click on any button for a rundown of resources chosen with beginning turners in mind.

You may also want to go read the Learning Outcomes curriculum. It details the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to become a successful turner.

Also, like the larger world of woodturning, this site is continually growing, with new articles and videos added regularly. Come back often to see what's new.



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AAW and DID YOU KNOW...

Some good reasons you should belong to the AAW



AAW Explore! and VideoSource have been combined into one quick and easy search tool!

- **Locate woodturning articles, information, projects, and tips from AAW's complete archive of publications dating back to 1986.**
- **Search a wide selection of curated woodturning videos that have been pre-screened for quality content and safety.**

Shop Tips

AAW members have shared their favorite shop tips with us since 1986. To help members work faster and smarter in their own shops, AAW has an expanding collection of popular and useful tips. View our complete Tips collection (members only).

Membership has it's privileges!

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/>

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.

Chapter Officers

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President	Joe Barnard
Vice President	Joe Stout
Treasurer	Tim Aley
Newsletter Editor	Mike Colella
Membership Chair	Steve Drake
Program Chair	Bill Bell
Secretary	Mary Aronson
Webmaster	Jeff Struewing

Volunteers

Wounded Warrior Support Program Director	Don Van Ryk
Public Library Exhibit Committee	Joe Barnard, Joe Stout assistant
Beads of Courage Program Director	Jeff Gilbert
Montgomery County Ag Fair Program Director	Tim Aley, Paul Sandler (assistant)
Turn for Troops Project Leader	Roman Steichen
Videography	Joe Stout, Joe Barnard, Mike Colella
Gallery Photography	Mike Colella
Candid Photography and Web Albums	Gary Guenther, Tim Aley
Show Tell & Ask Leader	Mike Colella
Show Tell & Ask Recording	Richard Webster
Activities Arranger	Tim Aley
Backup Secretary	Steve Drake

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 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.

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 <https://www.exoticlumber.com/>

With over 130 species in stock, Exotic Lumber has one of the widest selections available on the East Coast. They offer a 10% discount to MCW Members with a membership badge. They are located in Annapolis where you are welcome to select from their extensive selection of turning blocks.

EXOTIC LUMBER

Frederick Lumber Company, Frederick, Maryland <https://www.fredericklumber.com/>

Frederick Lumber Company offers over 130 species of domestic and exotic hardwoods, with a showroom full of small boards and turning stock. They offer a 10% discount to MCW Members with a membership badge. They are located in downtown Frederick, where you are welcome to browse and select your own boards.



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.





*Montgomery County Woodturners
Annual Picnic
July 2024*

See you here next year!