



OFFICIAL CHAPTER  
**AAW**  
 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
 OF WOODTURNERS

**MEETING LOCATION**

ZOOM meeting only

**MEETING AGENDA**

6:30-7:00 - Log in  
 7:00-7:15 - Business meeting  
 7:45-9:15 - Program

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

**Thursday January 9, 2024 - 6:00PM  
 NEAL BRAND  
 Turning wooden spoons**

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Thanks to our Contributors :  
 Joe Barnard  
 Tim Aley  
 Gary Guenther

My first experience using a lathe was in junior high shop class where I turned a walnut lamp. I was immediately intrigued with woodturning, but it wasn't until 40 years later that I owned a lathe and turned my second project. I am a member of Golden Triangle



Woodturners, Woodturners of North Texas, and the Dallas Area Woodturners as well as the American Association of Woodturners. I grew up on a farm in Northeastern Indiana, and I lived in California, Ohio, and Illinois before coming to Denton Texas in 1983. I am married to Shari and we have two grown daughters and two grandkids.

There are two things I don't liked about how people usually turn spoons. One is that there is no choice in the shape of the hollow part of the spoon, it is always round. The second is that the hollowing process requires mounting the spoon so that the handle dangerously spins around like a propeller. I intend to show an alternate way to make spoons that allows the turner more flexibility in shaping the spoon and eliminates the need for a spinning propeller. I will also talk about how to make jigs required for the process.



## President's Perspective - Joe Barnard

Ah, another Arctic blast has come upon us! Welcome to the EIGHTEENTH year of Montgomery County Woodturners, according to our historian, Gary Guenther. I'm sure he's right, but that does require math and memory...so I'll just trust Gary.

As I write this, we are digging out from the roughly 5 inches of snow we got (so far) in the upper county. I understand it has been heavier and now turning to sleet in Rockville, which, with the continued cold we expect, may make it more difficult to clean up there. We've decided to hold the meeting as Zoom ONLY. Sorry, all you storm-challengers. I know your endurance will be tested in other ways in the future. With me voted in as MCW president for another year, how can you not be tested? Basically, it comes down to this weather being exactly the weather that we set up our January and February meetings to be remote demonstrators, so that inclement weather could be avoided for all when necessary or even just potentially inclement weather. We have the perfect example this week. Snowy, the most in YEARS, and bitter cold. On Thursday night, the current (Tuesday morning) prediction is for temps in the low 20s, and feels-like temps in the 12 to 8 degree range. I wouldn't ask my KIDS to go out in that, let alone grown adults.

Obviously, your Zoom screen will have your name, or your significant other's (I'm often guilty of leaving my wife's name through about half a meeting, but she just has a much better monitor and computer than I do for Zoom).

It is membership renewal time now, so please renew. Membership dues are our primary and continuing source of funds to keep our club operating, followed by demo fees and silent auction payments.

Next month we will have another remote demo, more likely to be available in the classroom at the Woodworkers' Club than this month.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Thursday evening, whether in person or via my wife's monitor.

**Editor's Corner (Mike Colella)**

*Due to last minute changes, No ST&A for tonight*

**January 9, 2025 - 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	Zoom session opens, in person show & tell drop off and social time.	
6:30	President's Remarks and business meeting	Joe Barnard
7:15	Talk followed by Q&A if time permits	Neal Brand

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.

## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOODTURNERS**

### **December 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Montgomery County Woodturners Minutes of December 12, 2024

The meeting of the Montgomery County Woodturners was called to order by President Joe Barnard at 7:08 pm at the WoodWorkers Club, Rockville Maryland. Thirty-one members were present. Two new members (David and Julia) were also present.

The election of club officers took place. By a unanimous vote, the current slate of officers was reelected. They are:

President Joe Barnard

Vice President Joe Stout

Secretary Mary Aronson

Treasurer Tim Aley

Newsletter editor Mike Colella

Webmaster Jeff Struewing

Membership Chair Steve Drake

Program Chair Bill Bell

Warriors in Transition will meet on the first Friday each month at WoodCraft, from 11:30 - 2. For more information contact Joe Stout.

Mentorship for New Members: For members needing help with basic woodturning skills or interested in trying something new, contact President Joe Barnard. He will find someone to assist you. Initially this will be via Zoom, email, text or phone.

Library Displays. Currently there are no public library displays.

Creative Crafts Council has 600 entries from 198 artists. Of these 600, 31 are wood, and MCW's share of these come from six members. Thanks to all who participated. We hope to continue to increase our club's entries again next time.

Membership Policy Proposal.

Membership in MCW by members of the military was considered and voted

on. It was decided that active-duty members of the military may be members of MCW at no cost to them, and their family members will be charged \$10 per family annually. "Military" is defined as active-duty members of the Uniformed Services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, & Space Force. This was agreed to by a majority vote.

Dual Chapter Membership was considered. In addition to MCW, other area clubs include Capitol Area Turners, Mid-Maryland, Chesapeake, Catocin and Baltimore. MCW members wishing to join a second club would have to identify MCW as their "home club" and would then be able to join a secondary club at a reduced rate. If MCW is the secondary club for someone whose home club is one of the other area clubs, that person would be able to join MCW for \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family. This was voted on and agreed to by a majority vote.

#### Show & Tell

Fourteen members participated in Show & Tell. A link to the photo album is <https://photos.app.goo.gl/rPp9ZLbvVacuLwDB8>.

#### Tips and Tricks

Eight members participated in TIPS & TRICKS, including Steven Barnard, Steve Drake, Joe Barnard, Gary Guenther, Jeff Gilbert, Mike Colella, Len Deerkoski and Jeff Struewing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Aronson

Secretary

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOODTURNERS

November 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes (missing from December Issue)

President Joe Barnard called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm with 23 members in attendance including 3 new members who introduced themselves and 2 members online.

### General Announcements:

- Elections will be held next month. None of the current officers are unwilling to serve again but anyone that wants to serve is encouraged to run for an office.
- The December meeting will be the annual Tips and Tricks presentation. About 6 people volunteered to bring in something to show. It is also the annual potluck meal and they are not trying to coordinate food groups since it always seems to work out with good food.
- Joe noted that the CCC Biannual Exhibition submission deadline is 12/10/24. He then explained some of the curating criteria that are used for woodturnings.

### Bring-Back Challenge:

Dick Webster won last month's Bring-Back Challenge and has donated a tight lid box for this month's drawing. Gary Guenther won the drawing and will bring something to next month's drawing.

### AnnMarie Sculpture Garden and Art Center Holiday Ornament Show and Sale:

This is a very exclusive sale. Tim Aley has been accepted into it and is selling his ornaments.

### Volunteers needed:

Volunteers are always needed. Many of the club's functions are being carried forward by a limited number of members and we need to spread out the responsibilities so nobody gets burnt out. Many thanks to Scott Bleakney for joining the AV team.

### Heros in Transition Program:

The November meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 6th. Please check with Joe Stout for more information. Mentors are always needed.

### Public Library exhibit:

The Library program is closed for 2024 but should re-open in early 2025. Joe has the pieces that people have not yet picked up. Also, some pieces have been sold as a result of the displays so this is always an opportunity to advertise yourself.

Turn for the Troops:

Contact Roman Steichen or Chris at WWC to get pen kits. Amy notes that pens can be turned in to the Woodworkers Club through the end of the year. WWC donates them directly to the local offices rather than send them in to the national Woodcraft clearing house.

Woodworker's Club:

Joe mentioned that a couple of the other local clubs are losing their spaces to meet and asked us to support WWC since they are still hosting us.

Issues with the October demonstrator last month:

Joe has received multiple negative comments about the October demonstrator. Joe felt that the demonstrator had thought he was going to have longer for his demonstration and so was rushing to complete it. As a result, he was rude when he was interrupted with questions. A few people commented that he had not been this way at other demonstrations they had seen and felt it was due to being rushed. Joe said he would talk to all future demonstrators beforehand and make sure that they understand the situation.

Show, Tell, and Ask:

There were 5 members showing 10 different pieces.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

--Steve Drake, Backup Secretary



## Future Programs 2025 – Looking Ahead

2024 Programs/Demonstrations [updated as of 1/7/24]		
Date	Demonstrator / topic	Demo type
January 9	Neal Brand Turning wooden spoons	IRD
February 6	Dennis belcher - Making a vase from a bowl	IRD
March 6	TBD	
April 10	Scott Schlosser - Segmented turning	Live
May 8	Dion Frolic Turning and finishing stabilized wood	Live
June 12		WWC
July 20	Picnic At Mike & Sue Colella's yard	Picnic
August 7		Demo
September 11		Live & Online
October 9		
October	WWC Octoberfest	
November 6		
December 11	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.

### December Web Albums Links List

MCW Dec. '24 Gallery: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/73YsPES7CzfLXNm2A>

MCW Dec. '24 Tools, Tips, & Tricks: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZVopGNmLQ5tBYcc7A>

MCW Dec. '24 Extended ST&A: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/rPp9ZLbvVacuLwDB8>



# Show, Tell Annual Critique Gallery December 2024

Tim Aley  
tree  
6" x 3" dia.  
pear, paint



Tim Aley  
plate  
1-1/2" H x 10-1/2" L x 10" D  
apple with graft



William Flint  
UFO bottle opener  
1-1/2" h x 3" dia.  
pine, metal insert



William Flint  
bowl  
3" h x 9" dia.  
paulownia and milk paint



Jeff Struewing  
lanterns  
various woods, metal hangers, electric  
tea lights  
decorated with LatheEngraver



Mike Colella  
potpourri box with laser-cut top  
3" h x 3" dia.  
cherry, acrylic paint, pyro



Mike Colella  
castle ornament  
3" h x 1-1/2" dia.  
maple, metal chain and  
eye, acrylic paint



Mike Colella  
ornament  
maple globe, walnut finial and  
icicle, metal eye





Gary Guenther  
bowl box with finial lid  
7" h x 5" dia.  
sycamore, cherry, holly, turquoise,  
TransTint dyes



Joe Barnard  
chopstick sets with rests  
9" L x 1" W  
cocobolo, bleached wenge



Joe Barnard  
critter box  
4-1/2" h x 4-1/2" dia.  
cherry, bleached wenge, holly root



Eliot Feldman  
4-leg winged box  
2" H x 6" L x 4" W  
walnut, cherry



Jeff Gilbert  
bowl  
2" x 6" dia.  
curly Norway maple



Jeff Gilbert  
bowl  
spalted maple, color



Bob Browning  
20 slimline pens in gold for Turn for  
Troops  
various woods



Dick Ratcliff  
bark-edge bowl  
9" x 11" dia.  
walnut





Rob Pondell  
owl  
4" h  
purpleheart



Steven Barnard  
snowman icicle  
9" h  
maple, paint, metal eye



David Loeffler  
matching pair of angled bowls  
curly maple and unknown



Dori Reissman  
bowl  
10" dia.  
sassafras



**Treasury report - January 2025** (Tim Aley)

Begining Balance	\$6,403.05		
December Income 2024		December Expenses 2024	
Membership 2025	\$1,021.15	Membership Paypal fee	\$22.65
Future Membership	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lifetime Membership	\$0.00	Tech	\$1,237.33
Dontation	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	Dinner for Demonstrator	\$0.00
Silent Auction	\$5.00	WWC Room Fee	\$75.00
Name Badge	\$15.00	Name Badge	\$15.00
Demo Fee	<u>\$0.00</u>	Paypal fee Donation	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,041.15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,349.98</b>
Ending Balance	\$6,094.22		



## Members in the news

William Flint	I also sell on Etsy. My shop name is UFOKing, the direct link is <a href="https://www.etsy.com/shop/UFOKing">https://www.etsy.com/shop/UFOKing</a>
Tim Aley Joe Barnard	Items in Timber at Annmarie Sculpture Garden <a href="https://www.annmariegarden.org/annmarie2/current_gallery_shows">https://www.annmariegarden.org/annmarie2/current_gallery_shows</a>
Tim Aley	Artists On Market: 305 Market St., Kentlands, and the Arts Barn in Gaithersburg

“We were not able to hold a November class for the Warriors In Transition, however, the December 6<sup>th</sup> class we had 6 warriors! Everyone had a great time and we will next meet on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Here’s a photo of the December class’s work:

For the January 10<sup>th</sup> class, I will need someone to step up to assist me with watching the warriors as they turn. If anyone wants to lend a hand, the time is 11:30 – 2:00pm. Please let me know at [jrstoutcpa@verizon.net](mailto:jrstoutcpa@verizon.net). “

Joe – Please put on your itinerary for next weeks meeting to ask for a volunteer.

Thanks,  
Joe





# June 12-15, 2025 St. Paul MN

Registration opens November 18 2024 The AAW International Woodturning Symposium is the biggest woodturning event in the world and has something for everyone, no matter your experience level.

- **Internationally Renowned Demonstrators** – Top woodturners from around the world will be demonstrating for woodturners of all skill levels.
- **Woodturning & Woodworking Trade Show** – Many of your favorite woodturning and woodworking vendors will be in one place giving you a hands-on look at the latest and greatest products.
- **A Sense of Community** – Connect with a welcoming community of woodturning hobbyists, professionals, artists, collectors, and vendors.
- **Gallery, Exhibitions and Auctions** – The largest and most unique display of awe-inspiring wood art from around the world
- **Two Ways to Attend** – Register for full access to all the demonstrations, presentations, gallery, auctions and trade show, or attend just the trade show and gallery for free.

# Women in Turning (WIT)

## Summer Newsletter

WIT  EXCHANGE

VIRTUAL 2023

Presentation of Projects

April 29, 2023

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Simply Superior  
*Niles*  
Bottle Stoppers

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](mailto: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

Updated 1-8-2024

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

Warriors In Transition Program Director	Joe Stout
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
Women In Turning	Dori Reissman

## 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, 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

### EXOTIC LUMBER

#### 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.

#### 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.



Frederick Lumber Company's new warehouse and showroom. 3 times as large as the previous property. Worth the drive, AND the discount.



## Joe Barnard

Critter box  
4-1/2" h x 4-1/2" dia.  
cherry, bleached wenge, holly root