



# Capital Area Woodturners

## Newsletter



[www.capwoodturners.org](http://www.capwoodturners.org)



## Christmas Holiday Party

Saturday, December 4th 5:00 - 9:00 PM  
Messiah United Methodist Church  
6215 Rolling Rd.  
Springfield, VA 22152

Trees are an important part of our daily lives. Often called nature's air conditioners, trees provide shade and relief from the sun's heat and harmful rays. They also absorb carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas), and in turn, replenish the atmosphere with oxygen for us to breathe. In addition, trees make our environment more beautiful with their different colors, flowers and shapes. They give us a sense of peace and invite us to relax. All in all, trees give us a lot and ask for very little in return. These are some of the reasons why trees are valuable to our society.

We all need to do our part to replenish our trees. There are a number of ways you can contribute:

- make a donation
- plant trees in memory or celebration of life events
- plant trees in our national forests
- volunteer where you live
- become a corporate partner

To find out more information on trees, please go to the Arbor Day Foundation website:

<http://www.arborday.org/trees/index.cfm>

Our last gathering of the year is rapidly approaching. It is our annual holiday party, a potluck dinner to celebrate the end of another wonderful year of fellowship in CAW. Unlike our regular meeting day, this event will be on the **first Saturday** of the month. Here is the program for the evening:

5:00 - 6:00 Social Hour  
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner  
7:00 - 9:00 More Social Time

As with any potluck, we would like you to bring in a dish. We will be supplying ham, chicken, lasagna, and drinks. We will also cover the plates, napkins, and cutlery. There is a kitchen available to keep food warm before serving. We will be in a church, so no alcoholic drinks will be allowed. You should bring in a dish with at least eight servings. Here are suggestions based on the first letter of your last name:

A to C Side dishes (potatoes, vegetables, etc)  
D to J Appetizers of any sort  
K to O Vegetarian, ethnic foods, salads  
P to Z Desserts (cookies, pies, cakes, etc)

Please bring a cheap serving spoon or other utensil for your dish. Label your dish with your name and be sure to get it before you leave. Help with setup and clean up is appreciated. We will be setting up tables at 4:30 pm and cleaning up before we leave.

This year we will have a turning contest and gift exchange. The turning contest will be a judging by popular vote on the most attractive or imaginative Christmas turning. The Christmas turning can be an ornament, bowl, platter or any other turning that shows a distinct holiday design. The design can be in the turning, material, or embellishment of the item. Each guest will get a ballot. There will be four place prizes for the top turnings displayed.

Turning Contest Prizes (Top 4 Winners' Choice)

Prize: One workshop at Bob Rosand's (2 days instruction at his house including room/board)  
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Prize: A set of Thompson Turning Tools (1/2" V-bowl gouge, 3/8" spindle gouge, and 1 handle)  
Prize: ONEWAY diamond tip wheel dressing jig

Bring in a turning or other woodturning gift. You'll be registered for the exchange to receive someone else's gift. Gifts should be one of your own turnings or tools/supplies/accessories in new condition. Gifts can be gift wrapped or unwrapped (to show off your turning). Once entered into the exchange, it is considered bad form to pull it back, so don't bring in objects just for show and tell. Both the turning contest and the gift exchange are optional and members can enter one or both events.

Come on out and have a great time!



## CAW President's Message (Gerry Headley)

A lot of you were able to come out in November – and what a demonstration we had. You know it's a good demonstration when CA Savoy opens his eyes wide and says, "Well, that was worth the price of admission!" Such was the show put on by Bob Rosand. He had a great number of tips and techniques that kept us interested the whole day. In addition, he was very generous. He not only demonstrated for us, he also provided prizes for the Holiday party next month. A couple of lucky winners will get to spend a couple of days at a workshop with Bob and that will be worth the price of admission indeed!

The December meeting will be the Holiday Party on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be having it at Messiah United Methodist Church in Springfield, VA. We are working hard to make this one of our best parties. We will have a Christmas Holiday Turning contest. This contest will be like those in years past, except participants can bring in an ornament or any other turning with a Christmas theme. We will have Christmas music, this time by stereo. We will also have a gift exchange. Just as in years past, please bring in a turning or other gift to exchange with others. It can be a turning, or it can also be a tool or other accessory in new condition. We won't judge them for a place. You can either bring it wrapped or unwrapped to show and tell before the exchange. The exchange will be done by lottery. Maybe, we'll even get Santa to pull the numbers! Santa will also be giving out door prizes. This year the prizes won't be just woodturning gear. We will also be adding gifts that our spouses should have an interest in. I encourage you all to come out and have fun. It will be as much fun as we can have without beer or woodchips. - Gerry

## From The Program Director (Mike Kinney)

### Tips 'n Tricks

After the holiday gatherings and meals, it's time to think of your turning tips and tricks for your fellow woodturners. I've always been amazed and pleased that woodturners share so much information amongst themselves. Well this January, we continue with the holiday spirit and share some of our own techniques that make our craft a bit easier. You don't need to give a full demonstration, just an overview and example of the technique, tools or whatever you want to share! Just contact me (see below) and I'll create the order of appearance.

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To see **Jeffrey Schnell's photographs** online, go to this website: <http://jschnell1203.posterous.com/>

**Woodturning In Germany, 1926** - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-z\\_Ph6nZfGE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-z_Ph6nZfGE)

Here is a 10 minute video of a woodturner in 1926. Its pretty amazing that our craft essentially remains unchanged. (submitted by Frank Stepanski)



## About Our Members — (Phil Brown)

For some great woodturning project ideas, check out this site: [http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning\\_projects.html](http://www.woodturningonline.com/Turning/Turning_projects.html). There are over 100 different projects listed here.

Jonathan Hess, Frank Jessup, Manny Fernandez, and Adam Beissner will be demonstrating wood turning at the Renwick Gallery in December. Demonstrators during November were Bob Horowitz, Mark Supik, and Frank Stepanski. More backup turners are needed in reserve to cover cancellations by those scheduled, which occasionally occur. If interested in being a backup turner, please inform Phil Brown. So far, everyone who has demonstrated enjoyed the experience. And the Renwick staff are very pleased with the demonstrations and the large public attendance.

Bill Hardy is doing the house show in Great Falls on December 3-5<sup>th</sup> at the home of Laura Nichols, 438 Riverbend Road (1 and 1/4 miles north of Georgetown Pike and down a long gravel drive). It's a fun weekend for the artists and for the shoppers and browsers too. There is a big country kitchen full of food, about 12 artists with different stuff and informal entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout the day in a beautiful old and big farmhouse. Bill also had a booth at the Virginia Tech YMCA craft fair in Blacksburg, VA on November 12- 14<sup>th</sup>.

Phil Brown will display about 20 pieces in wall cases at the Congregation Har Sholom art gallery at 11510 Falls Rd in Potomac, MD from December 23<sup>rd</sup> to February 19, 2011. An opening reception occurs January 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 -3 PM.

Aaron Grebeldinger teaches *Woodturning 2* at the Bryant Center beginning March 9, 2011. Building on basic skills in six 3 hour classes, projects include a bowl, a covered box, and a tray. Aaron also has a one session *Pen Workshop* on April 4, 2011. Registration information at: <https://aceclasses.fcps.edu/SubjectListing.aspx?categoryID=10104&ProgramID=182&ProgCatgName=Fine+Crafts&IsCourse>

Aaron Grebeldinger will teach *Bowl Turning* on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>, January 8<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, and March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 - 5 PM at WOODCRAFT in Springfield, VA. Call the store at 703-912-6727 to register, or see [www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=327&nav=classes](http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=327&nav=classes).

Tom Boley teaches *Bowl Turning* on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and March 19<sup>th</sup>, and *Turning Natural Edge Bowls* on December 4<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> at Woodcraft of Leesburg, VA. Call 703-737-7880 or see: <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=575&nav=classes>

Mark Supik's workshops in Baltimore are on:

Saturday, Dec 11: Bowl Turning      Sunday, Dec 12: The Right Start  
Sunday, January 2: Spindle Turning With Your Child      Saturday, January 22nd The Right Start  
Sunday, January 23rd Bowl Turning      Saturday, Feb 12, Bowl Turning  
Sunday, Feb 13th The Right Start

Details are at: [www.marksupikco.com](http://www.marksupikco.com), or call 410-732-8414.

There is always a 20% discount for woodturning club members.

Depending upon the interest of participants who register in advance, Bob Stern and Aaron Grebeldinger teach either an introductory lathe class for turning pens or a bowl turning class on the third Saturday of every month at the Wood Shop on Gunston road at Fort Belvoir.

**Don't Be Shy! Promote yourself. Tell us about your woodturning activities in the CAW Newsletter. Send your information to us by the second weekend of the previous month. Deadlines tend to be early in the month. Send to: Phil Brown, [phillf-](mailto:phillf@cawturners.com)**

## Upcoming Meeting & Event Information (Mike Kinney)

Demonstrator / Information	Meeting Date	Workshop Date	Workshop Title	Workshop Cost	Workshop Open or Full
CAW Holiday Party	December 4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tips N Tricks	January 8	NA	NA	NA	NA

### CAW Woodturning Workshop Information

Workshops are conducted by professional woodturners. We have been fortunate with coordinating workshops in conjunction with all our visiting demonstrators. On occasion we have professional turners who are in our local area and will offer a one-day workshop. Workshops are held on Friday, the day before the monthly meeting, unless another specific date is given. Workshops are conducted at the Bryant Learning Center, normal times are 8:30 – 3:30. Lunch typically starts around 11:30. Fees charged for the workshops vary and will be announced with the workshop information. We conduct workshops on days the Bryant workshop is available. Class size is usually based on the complexity of the workshop. The more complex topics have a lower number of workshop attendees. Workshops are filled on a first come, first served basis. You must be a member of the CAW and the AAW to participate in workshops. Your name will be placed on the workshop list the day payment is received. The Club will hold your payment until the day of the workshop. Once the workshop is filled, a standby list is started. If you're paying by check, please make out one check per workshop and make the checks payable to CAW. Please do not send one check for several workshops. If you cannot attend a workshop you have paid for, please send me notification as soon as possible so a standby can be notified to fill your position.

Contact **Mike Kinney** to sign up for workshops. [mkinney578@aol.com](mailto:mkinney578@aol.com) (304) 279-9476

## A Funny Submitted by Steve Schwartz



## Meet The Turner - Christine Zender

**How long have you been actively turning?** I started in October 2007. I saw a man making things on a mini lathe at a craft fair in Clifton, VA. I was amazed at the things he was making and talked to him for about 2 hours. He told me about the CAW and that there were classes to be taken. I went home that afternoon and got online and its been downhill ever since.

**How much time do you spend in the shop turning?** I try to get in there every day. There is so much to do, that I doubt I'll get bored. Aside from the actual turning, there is sanding, finishing, buffing, prepping, etc. Always something to do.

**What do you typically like to work on?** I enjoy natural edge bowls, ice cream scoopers, bottle stoppers and tops.

**What is your most memorable moment in woodturning?** Cutting my thumb on a carving tool while removing the nub on a finished bowl. I had to have a friend take me to the emergency room to get 6 stitches. Also, all the times things have flown off my lathe and hit the wall.

**If you had to choose a favorite piece you've made, what would it be, and why?** I would have to say it's the cherry burl natural edge bowl I made. I am pleased with how it turned out and have had many offers by friends to buy it. I'll never sell that piece as I like it too much. It is the bowl featured in this segment.

**What are the largest and smallest pieces you have made?** The largest, is an ambrosia maple natural edge bowl that is 12 x 6". The smallest are the tops I've made.

**Have you entered any competitions, shows or exhibits?** I entered the Miriam's Kitchen event the first year with 2 of my bowls. It was nice to see my work on display and know that someone valued it enough to bid on it.

**What is your favorite wood to work with?** For some reason I really like wormy, rotten red oak. Not the easiest to work with, but the colors, grains and effects from that type of wood are amazing. I also like the fruit woods.  
**Least favorite? Why?** Birch and holly. They seem very boring to me and I really don't like the way they cut.

**For someone that is considering woodturning as a hobby, what advice would you give them?** Take the classes offered by the FCPS Adult Ed at Bryant HS. **Aaron Grebeldinger and Drew Mitchum** were my instructors for 3 classes I took there. The classes helped tremendously and will keep you from getting discouraged. Drew and Aaron are merciless in their teasing, but just know that that is how they show you how much they care. Also, save your money because once you get hooked, you'll go broke buying all the stuff out there for woodturning.

**Is there anything you've never tried to turn?** Segmented items and off-centered turning. I don't really have an interest in those at the moment.





## Meet The Turner (Continued) - Christine Zender

**What lathe are you using in your shop? Can you tell us your likes/dislikes about your lathe?** I have the Jet 1642. It's a very nice lathe and very versatile. However, the 16" swing on the Jet can sometimes be limiting when doing large bowls.

**Tell us about your workshop.** Its half of my utility room in my townhouse basement. I've separated the area with a large piece of plastic (very "Dexter-like") stapled to the floor joists and duct taped to the floor and wall. I have everything crammed into a 10 x 6 foot space, but actually don't seem to need much more room. I have most everything I need in that space.



**What are your favorite turning tools? Why?** The Ellsworth and Packard bowl gouges and the 1/2 spindle gouge. I bought the Thompson turning tools, but don't really like them. I keep going back to the Ellsworth and Packard.

**Where are you from originally? Where do you currently live?** I am originally from Harrison, Michigan (a couple hours from the Canadian border so I know what real winters are like.) I currently live in Fairfax, Virginia since 1991.

**What else do you like to do aside from woodturning?** I enjoy running, flea markets, junk stores, yoga, genealogy, major league baseball (go Nats!), civil war buff, visiting with friends, and drinking really good coffee.

**What is your occupation / past occupation?** I've been doing computer work since 1991. I was a contractor for many years in the Pentagon and with the FAA before coming to work for my current employer Fairfax County Public Schools in their IT department. I look forward to retirement and woodturning every day!

**Tell us something we don't know about you?** I was in the USAF for 4 years as a Crew Chief (aircraft mechanic) on KC-135Q's and traveled all over the world; I collect PEZ dispensers and have about 500 of them decorating the walls in my basement.

**Is there anything else you would like to add?** Support the CAW by attending the meetings and becoming involved. It's the only way to keep our club going. Also, send ideas, suggestions and articles you write to the next Newsletter Editor to be included in future newsletters.



## CAW Mentoring Program

Do you want help with a specific project or improve your general woodturning skills? Then the CAW mentoring program is for you. You can contact Annie Simpson, at [simpson.annie@gmail.com](mailto:simpson.annie@gmail.com) for an explanation of the process or assistance in finding a mentor in your area.

## CAW New Members!

Welcome! We are happy you've chosen to contribute your talents to our club. We look forward to the contributions you will make and the pieces you will bring in to Show & Tell. Your participation will add to our mutual love of woodturning and to our collective knowledge and skill. Membership in the CAW Chapter is open to anyone interested in the art and craft of woodturning.

Lester Scheuermann, Mount Rainer, MD	Milly Higgins, Spring Grove, VA

Become A Member Of CAW Today!  
CAW Application

<http://www.capwoodturners.org/application.html>

## A Woodturners Poem



*Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
I love you as much as  
my gouge  
And my skew.*



## Vendors



C.A. Savoy places orders throughout the month. Check your catalog or ONEWAY website at [www.oneway.on.ca](http://www.oneway.on.ca). Email your order to **CA** at [cadjsavoy@cox.net](mailto:cadjsavoy@cox.net). CA makes every attempt to have your order within one week. Items can be picked up at Bryant Center on the 2nd Wednesday or last Tuesday during the Skill Enhancement workshop, at the monthly meetings or by special arrangement, CA can also ship your order directly to you. Payment is due upon receipt of your order.

CAW Oneway Sale! Merry Christmas from CA! Orders must be in NLT December 10 to qualify.

25% discount on most products except lathes, plus shipping. Free shipping on orders over \$1000.00.

Will provide quote upon request.



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I want to thank the CAW for allowing me to be their newsletter editor for the past 2 years. I've enjoyed getting to know all the members and be a part of the board. Its been fun turning out the newsletter and thinking up ways to make it interesting. As Editor, I've come to know most of you and have felt welcomed and appreciated. Please continue to support the CAW and its various events and functions. Rick Allen will be your next Newsletter Editor and I'm sure he'll do an outstanding job. Get off that couch and get going. You won't regret it and will meet some great people along the way. Stay safe in the shop, Christine Zender







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**Dates To Remember - Saturday, December 4— Holiday party.**

**December 8 — Skill Enhancement Workshop** At Bryant HS (9-3 pm; \$5 fee if using any tools (Lathe, band saw, drill press, etc. ) Must be AAW member to use any tools. Watching is free.

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**Meeting Schedule for December**

**No Saturday meeting for December.**

**Monthly Meeting Information - Bryant Adult Education Center**

**2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria, VA**

**Map with driving directions here: [www.fcps.edu/maps/bryant.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/maps/bryant.htm)**

**Directions:** From VA or MD, take I-495/I-95 towards the Wilson Bridge over the Potomac River. Take Exit 177A (Rt. 1 South) on the VA side. Approximately 1.9 miles south, you will pass the Beacon mall complex with Lowe's on your right. Drive past the main entrance to Beacon mall, go 4 more stop lights (about 1/2 mile.) The 4th stop light is Popkins Lane. Turn left and go two blocks. Bryant Center entry is on the right. Drive to the East side of the building. Parking is on the side or in the rear of the building. The entrance to the wood working shop and meeting rooms is off the back corner of the east side of Bryant Center.



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