

# The CAW Newsletter

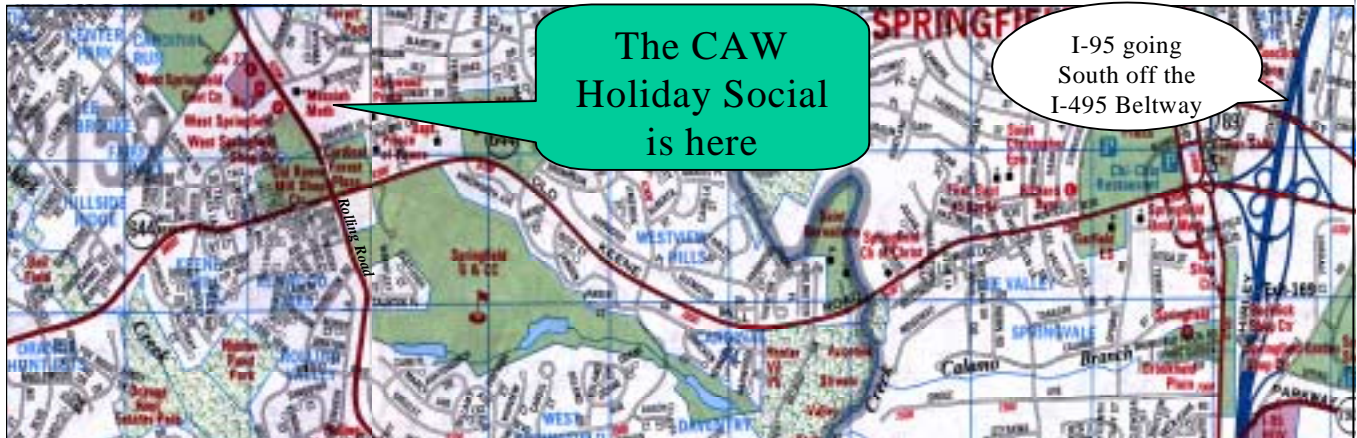
The CAW Newsletter is the official publication of the Capital Area Woodturners Chapter of the AAW, and is published for the information of its members. Membership in the CAW Chapter is open to anyone interested in the art and craft of woodturning.

## Event Announcement:

**Date:** Sun., Dec 9, 2001  
**Time:** 5:00 PM — ~ 9:00 PM  
**Place:** Messiah United Methodist Church Hall  
 6125 Rolling Road  
 Springfield, VA 22152

## Sharing Holiday Cheer !!!

We hope you are planning to join your fellow members of the Capital Area Woodturners for the 3<sup>RD</sup> annual Woodturners Ball on Sunday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup>, in the church hall of the Messiah United Methodist Church on Rolling Road in Springfield, VA. Our goal is simple: Let's all get together during this holiday season to share some holiday cheer with the members, families, and friends of the CAW; eat a hearty meal of whatever dishes walk through the door; vote for the best holiday ornament from the members' entries; and exchange a turned object for those participating in the grab-bag exchange.



The CAW  
 Holiday Social  
 is here

I-95 going  
 South off the  
 I-495 Beltway



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***Please RSVP to Jim or Elaine Marstall, 703-644-6797, not later than Dec 6th, so we can get a head count. Tell us what dish you will be bringing.***

***See Page 4 for suggestions about what dish to bring and share based on the First Initial of your last name***

Please support those companies that support the CAW

## The Woodworking Shop

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 Springfield, VA 22150

**Notices for All*****In Memoriam***

**It is with deep regret that we inform the CAW of the loss of two special friends of the woodturning family.**

On Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, woodturning lost a great friend. Rudy Osolnik passed away after many months in and out of the hospital. He was, and always will be, one of the greatest craftsman and teacher of woodturning of all times. He was the consummate professional of elegant, simple-lined turnings.

His family had a private ceremony and asked that, instead of sending flowers, if you wish, please donate to the Rude and Daphne Osolnik fund at Arrowmont. More information will be published in the AAW Journal.

Rude, when you look down upon us as we are turning, no matter how many years we have been practicing the craft, we can always use a little help. Keep a watchful eye on us all.

Additionally, William Bresler, son of Fleur and Charles Bresler, brother of Ed Bresler died of cancer November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Ed is a CAW member, and Fleur and Charles Bresler have been major supporters of the international and local woodturning communities for many decades.

Our sincere condolences and best wishes go out to the Breslers. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Feedback From Bryant Education Center**

C.A. Savoy went to the Bryant Center and met with Larry Johnson and got some input from him about our 1st meeting there. Larry was greatly pleased and complimented the CAW on a very professionally run meeting. That word was passed to Jan McKee the high school principle. Larry advised Jan that the place was left better than the CAW found it. I guess we did a pretty good clean up job.

C.A. discussed with Larry about holding all day workshops there in the wood shop. Larry said he saw no problem with that at all. So C.A. is planning on holding workshops next year on the 2nd Wed. and last Tue. of each month. Also, CAW can store all of our stuff at the Center: coffee, tv stand, vac, compressor, stubby, etc. that is a significant benefit for us. Larry gave C.A. a rolling table that C.A. is going to convert into a rolling coffee center.

As C.A. says: "I hope all of you all are as pleased with Bryant as I am. Larry is a very generous host. Let me hear some feedback from you about Bryant – good and bad."

**Message From The President**

Another year with the CAW is rapidly coming to an end. I would like to personally thank all of you for your support in what has "turned" out to be a very successful year. Our membership has grown, and we had a very successful collaborative project in which a great many members participated. Our skill enhancement has been so successful, that next year we are expanding to twice a month. All of this is only possible with the help of a great number of volunteers. I would like to thank all of the CAW Officers for all of your hard work and dedication.

I believe that our new home at the Bryant Center is going to be terrific. It is great place to hold meetings and demonstrations, and our hosts could not be more hospitable. So come and join us. I look forward to seeing and working with everyone in 2002. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday season.

Please support our parent organization the American Association of Woodturners by becoming a member. Keep the Chips flying!

Bob

***CAW 2001 Officer Roster***

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## About Our Members

by Phil Brown

Four CAW members were scheduled to teach at WoodCraft in November. **Bill Hardy** taught beginning bowl turning on the 14<sup>th</sup>, **C.A. Savoy** on turning holiday ornaments on the 16<sup>th</sup>, **Richard Allen** provided an introduction to the lathe on the 25<sup>th</sup>, and **Don Johnson** taught turning a small lidded box on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

In December, **Bill Hardy** will teach his Intermediate/Advanced *Bowl Turning* course on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. **Richard Allen** will teach *Turning a Dot Plate* on Wed. & Thurs., December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> as well as a course on *Turning A Stave Canister* on Wed. – Fri., in January 2 – 4, 2002. Rod Montgomery of the WoodCraft staff will also teach two Pen & Pencil turning courses on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**George Skorupski** is benefiting from his membership in The Art League by being included in *The Washington Square Sculpture Show* running from November 5, 2001 to February 2, 2002. See the show in the Washington Square first and second floor lobbies at 1050 Connecticut Avenue NW (at L St), Washington DC.

Popularity of turned wood is obvious at WASHINGTON WOOD 2001, with sales of 11 pieces by these six CAW members: **Alan Becker, Jeff Bridges, Phil Brown, Don Johnson, John Noffsinger, and Scott Wallis**. Awards judge Redmond Manierre (Landmark Logworks from The Plains, VA) loved the turned wood and recognized the combined work by **John Noffsinger** as Best in Show, and recognized **Don Johnson** for Design on his square and chip-carved butternut bowl, and **Phil Brown** for Craftsmanship of an 18" paulownia vessel. (More details in report below)

Tell others about yourself in the CAW Newsletter by sending information, before the end of the month, to Phil Brown, 7807 Hamilton Spring Road, Bethesda, MD 20817-4547. Phone and fax: 301-767-9863. E-mail: philfbrown@greenbelt.com

### **Member Support Requested**

At the November meeting, president Bob Pezold announced the plan developed by the CAW officers to meet the funding request for support of ***Branching Out: Contemporary Wood Turning 2002*** at The Ellipse Art Center next March-May 2002. CAW will match individual member contributions, with a goal of providing the \$1,050 needed by the The Ellipse to cover the honorarium for David Ellsworth to speak and to select work from slides, the public reception, and selected postage and miscellaneous expenses. Please make your pledge or send or give your contribution to Mike McInerney, CAW Treasurer. We hope to complete this fund raiser in December. See your November Newsletter for more information about The Ellipse Arts Center, this invitation exhibit, and the historical turned wood exhibit coming to the Renwick Gallery next March.

### **Report on WASHINGTON WOOD 2001**

November is proving to be a great month for the Washington Woodworkers Guild (WWG) to hold their biannual exhibit at Rock Creek Gallery in Washington DC. After three weeks, and with one week yet to go, 19 (36%) of the 53 displayed pieces had sold. Ten of the 20 exhibitors experienced sales, with seven of them being woodturners. Compared to WWG exhibits of past years, there are more boxes and bowls, with 34 pieces displayed on pedestals and tables. Many visitors and exhibitors commented on how well the exhibit looks to them.

Both timing and price probably contributed to the \$6,690 in sales so far from an exhibit exceeding \$33,000 in retail value. The average price of sold items is \$352 with the remaining unsold work averaging \$800 per item. The most expensive is a pair of floor lamps at \$2,800. While lower prices for many turned pieces contributed to the lower average for sold items, the highest priced sale, \$1,200, was John Noffsinger's hollow maple burl vessel with turquoise chips in several place.

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- **Turn a Holiday Ornament for the annual ornament competition**
- **Turn an item for the member grab-bag. Those members that bring a turning for entry get to take a number and take the corresponding item home!**

### ***Suggestions For your Participation In the CAW Woodturners Ball***

- **Bring a dish to share to serve 8 people**
- **Bring a cheap serving spoon for your dish**

***Last name starts with brings:*** (Sample dishes)

- **A - E: Dessert** (Cookies, Pies, So many goodies to suggest)
- **F - J: Main Course** (Ham, Chicken, Lasagna, Turkey)  
Don't let this get too expensive
- **K - O: Hors D'oeuvres** (Appetizers, Social Hour finger-food)
- **P - T: Salad** (Green; 3-bean; Greek; Taco)
- **U - Z: Side Dish** (Potatoes, Vegetables, Fruit)

- **The club will provide:**
- **Soft Drinks** (No alcohol in the church please)
- **Paper plates, napkins, utensils, cups & ice**

## Group Buy Program

by Cal Frantz

Clocks! Lots of clocks, 127 to be exact, were ordered by members at the November meeting. The order was placed with Innovation Specialties, Inc., a supplier that was found by Don Riggs some time ago. They give us an extra discount over their catalog price because we are a club, so the cost for the clocks was \$2.75. A pretty good deal!

We also got enough orders for CA glue at the November meeting to qualify for a 10% discount from CPH International, a Los Angeles, CA, supplier. So those members who first placed their orders back in September will finally see results.

I expect delivery on both these orders the week of 26 November. I will try to arrange for pick up on the clock orders as soon as possible, as I know some members would like to make Christmas presents with these items. And I will bring the glue orders to the Christmas party so members won't have to wait until the January meeting to take delivery.

The Craft Supplies USA order fizzled back in September, but I will try again to start this order at the January meeting. Bob Pezold brought a whole box of new catalogs to the November meeting, so January should be a good time to start putting together a new group buy order.

If you have any questions about the group buy program, you can reach me by fax at 703 360 6639, or by email at calfrantz@aol.com. My address is: CFE; P.O. Box 7295; Alexandria, VA 22307.

### **Why we sign our work:** **The Story of An 1857 Wood County,** **Virginia Blanket Chest**

I recently had the pleasure of meeting a couple from Wood County, Virginia (present day Wood County, West Virginia). There was nothing extraordinary about this couple, except for the fact that they probably left this earth a hundred years ago. I think Lyla and Sam Hannah were farmers in Wood County. I know Sam was a furniture maker.

A friend of mine phoned and asked if I would come over and critique her latest auction purchase. Being a lover of antique furniture and sawdust, I was knocking on her front door before her phone was seated on its cradle.

I was greeted by my friend and a poplar blanket chest. The chest was of one-board construction. When this chest was

Created, there were huge Poplars in our area. The 20-inch wide front and sideboards were dovetailed together. It stood on a Chippendale style skirt that was also dovetailed on the corners. These were not just dovetails; they were works of art. The maker of this chest knew how to cut dovetails. The pins and sockets fit like the handshake of your best friend. There were no gaps or even air spaces anywhere.

The top was a single poplar board that had breadboard ends and it was as straight and flat as 3/4" cabinet-grade plywood. The chest was grain-painted to mimic expensive mahogany. The grain painting not only mimicked mahogany, it rivaled it.

By this time, I was ready to offer my friend most of my worldly possessions for these pieces of wood, paint, iron, and glue. Then I looked at the panel in the back of the chest, which was also a single poplar board. This board was chamfered to fit into grooves in the sides, top, and bottom stringers. The chamfering job was also first rate. Then I saw it. Lightly burnt into the back were these words:



That's when I met Sam. I pictured him and his backsaw, planes, chisels, and graining tools. I saw the pride and love that he was putting into this practical and useful piece of furniture. Sam is a good person. I saw the look on Lyla's face when Sam gave her the chest. She is also a good person. Any person that is loved as much as Lyla is loved is a good person. At that point, I knew that my worldly possessions were not enough to buy this chest. I did not need to own it; I had seen it and met Sam and Lyla.

Having just witnessed greatness, I felt good as I went home. I quietly slipped into my house, so as not to wake my wife, Penny. I grabbed one of my carpenter's pencils, pulled the drawer out of the pine corner cupboard that I had made for Penny several years ago, and signed the bottom of the drawer.

Be proud of what you build or do. Sign your work and maybe years from now, someone will meet you by reading your name on a piece of wood, metal, or paper.

**Note: D.M. of Palestine, West Virginia submitted this story. It was featured on the WoodCraft Web Site**



Left: Don Johnson – The laser guided, stabilized, long boring bar that Don built to fit his mini-lathe



Right: Don Hart -A small Hawthorne bowl; and a 6" miniature ornament tree



John Trant –  
Left: A segmented bowl of Walnut, Red Heart, and Maple.



Right: Another segmented bowl of Maple and Redheart



Left: Bob Lancaster - a 7"W Wormy Apple bowl and a 6" Black Walnut bowl.  
Right: Don Riggs - a 3"W Peach bowl; a 4"WQ Dogwood bowl; two natural edged items of Dogwood (5"W) and Maple (6"W); and a 10" platter of Black Walnut from Illinois





Left: Alan Becker - 24"H  
Ambrosia Maple vase with  
a walnut accent ring.

Right: Chris Light - A  
purple-dyed Pine Hollow  
form



Photos taken by Jim Marstall



Left: Miles Lehman - Two 8"W bowls. One of Holly and one Apple Natural Edge his mini-lathe

Right: John Trant - 10"W Cherry bowl



Left: Don Riggs - 13"W Ambrosia Maple bowl, a 5" W cherry bowl; and a 6" W Maple bowl

Right: John Overman - 5"H end-grain lidded box and a 3" Maple bowl



Left: Steve Bishop - 5"h and 6"W Big Leaf Maple

Right: Frank Stepanski - 4"W Madrone bowl; and \*W Maple and a 9" Coolibah



Left: Chris Light - an end-grain turned Norfolk Pine hollow form

Right: Don Riggs - two Maple pedestal bowls.





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## CAW Newsletter — December 2001

### **New CAW Members for November 2001**

*Welcome all! We are glad you have chosen to add 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.*

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>ST</u>
John	Trant	Jessup	MD
Edward	Alexander	Falls Church	VA
Michael	Busse	Hamilton	VA
Ross	Horton	Nokesville	VA
Seth	Hurlbert	Linden	VA
Dave	Leader	Fairfax	VA
Bob	Maxwell	Washington	DC
Joe	Neiswander	Woodbridge	VA
Patrick	O'Brien	Alexandria	VA
Mike	Scholand	Falls Church	VA

