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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- WOODTURNERS BALL
- 2007 CHANGES
- CAW RECEIVES \$1000 DONATION

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## 8th Annual Woodturner's Ball

**Saturday, December 9th 5:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Rd, Springfield, VA 22152**

Our last hurrah for the year is rapidly approaching. That is the Woodturners Ball, a potluck dinner to celebrate the end of another successful year of CAW. With an ornament contest and a turned wood gift exchange contest, this is a highlight of the year. It will be December 9th, the evening of our regular meeting date. We won't have the regular meeting that morning but will come together as noted elsewhere in this newsletter late afternoon in Springfield, VA. As the lathe calls to you here at the end of the year, I invite you to respond to that call by making an ornament or some other gift to exchange and come to the Ball. Bringing something for either of these contests is wholly voluntary, but please at least come, and bring food. Let the Call of the Lathe ring in your ear as the sounds of the Christmas season are heard. Remember, all the Christmas gifts you could want to give are right there in that wood pile just waiting for you to coax them out of the wood. See you at the Ball.

The Ball will be held from 5:00pm until everyone cleans up and leaves at Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152. If you do not know where the church is from previous Woodturners Balls, here are directions from the area where the Woodcraft store is located.

From Maryland by way of Wilson Bridge:

Take Beltway toward Springfield, keeping to the RIGHT at the Springfield Interchange in order to take the exit toward Springfield and then Rt 644 West (Old Keene Mill Rd) about three miles to Rolling Road, then north a block and a half past the McDonald's, car wash, and then the church driveway.

From Maryland from the American Legion Bridge:

Take Beltway south toward Springfield, but exit on Braddock Rd to the west. Left on Burke Lake Rd, which is just past King's Park, then left again at the light at Rolling Rd. A couple miles south on Rolling, watch for the fire station on the right, then a post office, and make the next LEFT across from Bauer Street, which is to the right

From the northwest, (Chantilly) VA:

Take the Fairfax County Parkway from US 66 (or from farther north, if you like) about 11 miles and then left on Old Keene Mill Rd. Go east about three miles and then left on Rolling Rd, which is north. A block and a half north, turn right into the church parking lot just past the Citgo Gas, McDonald's, and car wash.

**SEE PAGE TWO FOR SUGGESIONS ON WHAT DISH TO BRING TO SHARE**

## Woodturners Ball Information

### Program for the evening

**Please arrive early, any time from 3:30 PM on to help in the setup of the room.**

#### *5:00 Social Hour*

Fun, camaraderie, hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and inspecting the items entered in the ornament contest and grab-bag participation.

#### *6:00 Dinner*

Really great food prepared by others, woodturner or not, it will all be good. As always, the meat dishes, drinks and eating utensils will be provided by CAW. CAW will provide honey-baked ham, buckets of fried chicken and lasagna casseroles. Also provided will be all paper products, decorations and all non-alcoholic beverages. If you would like to have something else, please plan on bringing it. No alcohol please.

#### *7:00 and beyond*

There will be a "best" ornament contest that everyone will participate in the judging. Social interaction will be the call of the night, no doubt it will all end too soon.

Please bring a dish to share with at least eight (8) other people. Also, it is suggested that you:

- Bring a cheap serving spoon or other utensil for your dish
- Put your name on your dish to make sorting it all out a little easier.

Please be sure to get your dish before leaving.

WHAT YOU MAY WISH TO BRING
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<b>A to C</b>	Vegetarian, Ethnic, Salads (green, pasta, Greek, taco or whatever)
<b>D to J</b>	Hors D'oeuvres (appetizers of any sort)
<b>K to O</b>	Side dishes (potatoes, vegetables, etc)
<b>P to Z</b>	Desserts (cookies, pies, cakes or what ever you like at this time of year)

## Call of the Lathe by Tom Boley

Ah, the skew. Much has been written about the skew. Some love it. Most hate it. The cat on my lap nudging my hands as I write this probably doesn't have an opinion one way or the other. I have had to learn how to operate this finicky piece of gear in order to do the work I do. Making sloped and square shoulders between the square ends and the round part of balusters and newels has forced me to figure out how to use it. Now that I have had enough time with it, I have found that it still gets away from me from time to time but is a pretty darn good tool to have in the tool bucket. I do most assuredly recommend that you spend some time with it as you will find it to be a most useful instrument. Check out Alan Lacer's video on the skew from the CAW library.

You know, we are all supposed to be careful around the shop. The first thing any woodturning instructor talks about before anyone touches a lathe is safety. We know we are not supposed to wear loose clothing, long hair hanging down near the spinning lathe, and so forth. And I suspect that we are all pretty darn careful. We have to be or we'll get hurt. I had something happen a few days ago which reminded me that I have to be careful all the time, not just next to the lathe. I was sharpening a tool (probably that darned skew) and got my left sleeve too close to the left-hand wheel when the wheel grabbed my sleeve and pulled it down between the wheel and that flat plate which I keep on the left side. I quickly jerked back but the damage was done – a huge tear in the sleeve, of course, my best denim shirt. Duh! I'll try to remember to bring it to the next meeting for show and tell. Anyway, be careful. You just can't be too much so when the Call of the Lathe is so loud that you are distracted from the basics.

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**Ed Parelhoff**

- CAW Clothes

**Annie Simpson**

- Mentor Program

**All committee****volunteers**

- Set-up, clean-up, coffee bar, etc.

**If your address, phone, or email changes, notify Patrick O'Brien. This is essential to insure you receive the newsletter and other items that come to members.**

**ONEWAY ORDER by CA Savoy**

I place orders throughout the month. Check your catalog or call up the ONEWAY website at

[www.oneway.on.ca](http://www.oneway.on.ca) to see what's available and email your order to CA at [cadjsavoy@cox.net](mailto:cadjsavoy@cox.net).

If you need something any time during the month, send him an email and he will order and have it to you within a week. Also check the ONEWAY website for the new turning tools .

Items can be picked up at Bryant School on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday or last Tuesday Skill Enhancement workshops, or at the monthly meetings, or by special arrangements, or orders can be shipped to you. You pay when you receive your order.

**CAW -- ONEWAY SALE OF THE MONTH FOR December**

**20% OFF!!! MOST ONEWAY PRODUCTS EXCEPT LATHES!!!!!!**

**ORDERS MUST BE TO CA PRIOR TO DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

**Will provide quote prior to you placing order.**

**CA SAVOY:::HAPPY AND SAFE TURNING!!**

**Other Issues and 2007 Changes**

For 2007 meetings, please remember to bring items for the Silent Auction. Items can be turning stock, cut offs and scrap, wood magazines, tools, finishes, etc.

**DUES, DUES, DUES**

Dues are being collected by Patrick O'Brien now. They are due in January but you can get a jump start on them by getting them out of the way. Dues can be mailed to Patrick at 200 N. Pickett St, #1108 Alexandria VA 22304-2118.

**Please note this change!** Starting with the January 2007 newsletter edition and with the 2007 membership renewal, those members wishing to receive the newsletter by US Postal Service (in the mail), will be charged an additional \$ 5.00 for a total of \$ 25. Those members receiving the newsletter via email will pay the prior year's amount of \$ 20. This increase, voted on by the Board, is necessary to cover the paper and mailing costs.

## The President's Message - Frank Stepanski

Happy Holidays..

I hope everyone enjoyed Trent's demonstration. The illusion vessel is a very innovative concept he developed. Hopefully we will have members take this idea and run. I thought the afternoon bowl demonstration very informative. Trent did an exceptional job covering essential basic bowl turning techniques as well presenting some great enhancement ideas. We have such skill diversity amongst our membership. Addressing the core woodturning skills proves extremely valuable to our beginning woodturners and proves as a good review for all.

I want to welcome our new Board member Mr. Secretary - Al Melanson. I'm extremely fortunate in that we have such an extraordinary Board to work with. My job is so easy. Ya'll should try it some time. Holding the title of President to one of AAWs largest clubs, it's really a hoot, and people think you're somebody. What a great moral booster, I've grown two hat sizes.....

It's that time of year, when the jolly ol' man in the red suit will be visiting our workshops. No, I'm not referring to having Don Riggs show up at your door dressed in a red CAW turning smock for private lessons. I'm talking about that gift giver from the North Pole. Speaking of gifts, we will have several very nice prize packages for give-away during our 9 December CAW Ball. These will include; but not be limited to;

- ⇒ 3 chance tickets to win Stubby lathe, a mini-lathe,
- ⇒ \$75.00 in gift certificates from Craft Supplies,
- ⇒ and a few others you'll just have to wait to see.

Of course we will have great food, camaraderie, woodturning stories on the hollow form that wasn't, the gigantic cherry burl, the beautifully figured maple crotch and, well you get the idea...

CAW has been the recipient of a generous \$1000 donation by a CAW member who wishes to remain anonymous. At the request of the donor, the donation is to be applied to the purchase of a Powermatic 3520B lathe. CAW will take possession of our new lathe on January 10th, the first Skill Enhancement day in 2007.

You may wish to take a look at a new website for the Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners. This is another of the woodturning clubs in Virginia. Their website is at <http://web.mac.com/peppersvny/iWeb/SML%20Woodturners/SMLW%20Home%20Page.html>

Safe travels and turning over the holidays.

## Skill Enhancement Workshop

**At Bryant School**  
**WED. 12/13/06**  
**9:00AM - 3:00PM**  
**NO SECOND S.E.W THIS**  
**MONTH**  
 Any special requests contact:

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PLEASE NOTE::: There is a shop charge of \$5.00. If you use any tool, i.e., band saw, lathe, drill press etc. the charge will apply. If you come to visit and just watch, then - no charge.

***YOU MUST ALSO BE A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS IF YOU WANT TO USE ANY OF THE TOOLS***

## About Our Members by Phil Brown

A curly and spalted red maple vessel by **Phil Brown** was juried into *Craft Forms 2006*, on display December 1, 2006 to January 24, 2007 at the Wayne Arts Center in Wayne, PA. Phil donated a similar red maple vessel to *VisArts* at Rockville for their fund raiser benefit, Off The Wall, held November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Artisans United gallery in Annandale, VA is a potential place to sell your turned work. Since CAW is a guild member, you as a CAW member are eligible to be juried into Artisans United. Talk to **Ed Karch**, 703-631-3263 (our alternate CAW representative to Artisans United Council and CAW representative on the gallery jury) about how to submit for the next selection cycle in February 2007.

Last year **John Noffsinger** was included in the book *Best of Virginia Artists & Artisans 2005*. You will also see a former demonstrator to CAW, Bruce Hoover, receive first place in woodturning, in the same publication. Since John is a member of the Artisans Center of Virginia, you can see three of his pieces at: [www.artisanscenterofvirginia.org/artist\\_detail/0131.shtml](http://www.artisanscenterofvirginia.org/artist_detail/0131.shtml)

**Patrick O'Brien's** article on "The John C. Campbell Folk School" is on pages 24-27 of *Woodturning Design* magazine, Winter 2007. Also see [www.folkschool.org/](http://www.folkschool.org/).

**Doug Pearson's** "African Beer Basket" is featured on the cover of *Woodturning Design* magazine, Winter 2007, issue 12. See more of Doug's work at: [www.turningsbydoug.com](http://www.turningsbydoug.com).

**David Reel** hosted Trent Bosch during his time with us last month.

**Steve Schwartz** will be exhibiting 6 turnings at the Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts at 813 Sophia Street, Fredericksburg, VA from 11/21/06 - 1/24/07, in the juried exhibit *Patterns of Life*. There will be a public reception on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00PM with wine and hors d'oeuvres. Of additional interest is that all the other galleries in Fredericksburg are also open until 8:00 with receptions of their own, which makes for a fun stroll in a small area.

**Bob Stern** and **Aaron Grebeldinger** teach an introductory lathe class for turning pens on the third Saturday of every month at the Wood Shop on Gunston Road at Fort Belvoir.

Four CAW members continue teaching classes at WOODCRAFT in Springfield, VA.

**Richard Allen** has Introduction To The Lathe on Sundays December 3, 2006; January 7, 2007; and February 11, from 10am to 5pm.

**Don Riggs** conducts two sessions of Advanced Woodturning on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 pm on December 19 and 20, 2006, and January 16 and 17, 2007. Then at the same time on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Don has a session on the Natural Edge Bowl.

**Aaron Grebeldinger** will teach Bowl Turning on Thursdays December 14, 2006, January 11, 2007; February 8<sup>th</sup>; and March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9:30pm.

Introduction To Hollow Turning with **John Noffsinger** on Mondays, December 11 & 18, 2006; January 15 & 22, 2007; February 12 & 19, and March 12 & 19 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm.

Ornamental Turning (holiday ornaments) with **Don Riggs** on Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 to 9:30pm.

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## About Our Members (continued from page 5)

Call the Springfield WOODCRAFT store at 703-912-6727 for details on any of these classes and 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** will teach these classes at the Leesburg WOODCRAFT store:

Bowl Turning on Saturdays December 30, 2006; January 27, 2007; and March 24<sup>th</sup>, 10pm to 5pm.

Natural Edge Bowl on Saturday, February 24, 2007 from 10am to 5pm

To register, call 703-737-7880 or email them at: See the class schedule at: [/www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=575&nav=classes](http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=575&nav=classes).

Don't be shy! Tell us about your woodturning activities in the CAW Newsletter. Best to send your information by the second weekend of the previous month to Phil Brown, 7807 Hamilton Spring Road, Bethesda, MD 20817-4547. Phone and fax (call first): 301-767-9863. Email: [phill-brown@comcast.net](mailto:phill-brown@comcast.net).

## What Else is Going On by Phil Brown

Call for Entries: Touchstone Gallery, 9th Annual All Media Exhibition, February 7 – March 3, 2007. JUROR: Jack Rasmussen, Director and Curator of the American University Museum, Washington, DC. Images due by December 13, 2006. Download a prospectus from: [www.touchstonegallery.com/](http://www.touchstonegallery.com/), or call 202-347-2787.

*River of Destiny : The Life & Art of Binh Pho* is at the Long Beach (CA) Museum of Art ([www.lbma.org/](http://www.lbma.org/)), December 8, 2006 – March 4, 2007. “This exhibit explores the autobiographical nature of Binh Pho’s highly original works, which combine painting and turned wood sculpture. The exhibition and accompanying publication by exhibition curator Kevin Wallace, explore how Pho’s rich life – from his childhood in Vietnam, attempted escapes following the fall of Saigon, time spent in a Communist prison camp and eventual escape to the United States – contribute to the philosophies he embraces and processes he employs in creating his stunning works of art.”

When the current retrospective by William Hunter (described in the Nov CAW Newsletter) comes to Philadelphia in October 2007, a special day of tours to the Wood Turning Center and to local private collections is being planned for those from out-of-town. Next summer when details are known, we will check with you about your interest in participating, and include transportation options.

*Turning Wood into Art: A Gift from Arthur and Jane Mason* to the Gelman Library continues on be on view through December 23, 2006 in the 2nd floor cases of the Luther W Brady Art Gallery, George Washington University, 805 21st Street, NW, Washington DC. Near the Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro Station.

## Group Buy by Bob Holtje and Drew Mitchum

We are doing another sandpaper order which will be delivered at the January meeting. 2" disks regular \$5.25 per pack of 25 - \$4.00 and 3" disks regular \$7.35 - \$5.30. Grits of 80 to 600 available in each size. 2" mandrels - \$4 and 3" mandrels \$ 5.30. Contact Bob at [Bob@Holtje.com](mailto:Bob@Holtje.com) or call 703-242-7944 **before December 15th** to order sandpaper

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### Tasmanian Wood Group Buy

As mentioned at the November meeting, we have an opportunity to buy some wood from Tasmania at wholesale prices. Actually Robert MacMillan is giving our club a price that is below his current price because this conversation with him started a while ago. This is conditional on us getting our order placed by the end of January as Hearne Hardwoods in Pennsylvania has agreed to allow us to place our turning wood order into their shipping container and get it through customs for 15 percent of our total order amount, plus a proportional portion of the shipping fee they incur. Brian Hearne will be traveling to Tasmania in January to select logs that he will be shipping back to the States. If our order is not ready to go when his shipment is ready to leave we lose out. We need to get a total order of at least one cubic meter of wood, which will range from 1,100 to 1,650 pounds depending on how many burl caps are in the mix, more burl caps means lighter. There will also be included a small number of spindle blanks in the mix which can be used for many things including, peppermills, tool handles, and boxes.

- ⇒ Waxed Burl Blocks (\$ 3.35 per pound)  
A variety of Eucalyptus Species, Myrtle, and Sassafras
- ⇒ Figured (\$2.75per pound)  
Blackwood, Musk, Red Hearted Leatherwood, Black Hearted Sassafras, Native Olive, Native Pear, Eucalyptus, and Myrtle
- ⇒ Straight Grain (\$2.75 per pound)  
She Oak, Banksia, and Tasmanian Huon
- ⇒ Burl Caps (\$2.45 per pound)  
Variety similar to Burl Blocks

Note: Prices reflect a \$0.25 per pound markup which will be given to the club.

After talking to several people it has been decided to handle the order this way. A random selection of wood will be purchased. If you would like to buy some of the wood you will provide payment for the amount of money you want to spend, either by check or credit card no later than the January meeting. Credit cards will be accepted through PayPal and your payment will need to include a surcharge to cover the PayPal fees. Contact information is shown below.

The wood will be delved out in a draft approach, people will get the same pick each round until they run out of their prepaid amount of money, your number in the picking queue will be dependent on the order in which your payment is received. We will go in rounds to prevent those slowest to pay from getting stuck with the dregs. Priority picks will be given to those persons that assist in getting the wood from Hearne Hardwoods to the hands of the club members. Thus if 5 people assist they will get picks 1 to 5 in each round. Contact Drew Mitchum at [lotsofsplinters@yahoo.com](mailto:lotsofsplinters@yahoo.com) with questions.

## Show and Tell for September by Don Kelley

This is a reminder that in order for your piece to appear in this section of the newsletter, at some point during the monthly meeting, you will need to bring your piece to Don so it can be photographed.

Eliot Feldman, Maple  
Hollow form 8 x 13



Aaron Grebeldinger, Maple Winged Bowl 14" x 9"



Bob Grudberg,  
Open Segmented  
Bowl, 6" x 22"  
of Walnut, Maple  
and Cherry



Scott Hurley, 9" Walnut bowl

David Jacobowitz,  
spiral form 5" x 9"  
of birch



Bob Marshall, Cherry bowl with carved lip 7" x 3"





Patrick O'Brien, Cherry natural edge bowls 10" x 14" and 6" x 5"



Patrick O'Brien, footed natural edge cherry bowl 14" x 5"



Jorge Salinas, maple vase



Jorge Salinas, maple hollow form



GA Whipple, 12" x 5" cherry bowl



GA Whipple, 3" x 1 1/2" birdhouse



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

*Welcome! We are glad you have 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.*

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