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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- WHAT TO BRING,
TO THE BALL
- AAW MEMBER-
SHIP DRIVE
- MY EXPERIENCES
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Saturday, December 8th 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 8th, the evening of our regular meeting date. We won't have the regular meeting that morning but will come together as noted. As the lathe calls to you here at the end of the year, you are invited 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. Items placed in the instant gallery for judging must be offered as part of the gift exchange. 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. 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 on the right.

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

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, inspecting of items in the ornament and wood-swap contests, a serenade by the Washington Women's chorus.

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. Voting for your favorite Ornament and wood-swap items.

7:00 and beyond

Voting continues then awards for ornament and wood-swap contest. Social interaction will be the call of the night; everyone's help will be appreciated in cleanup.

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

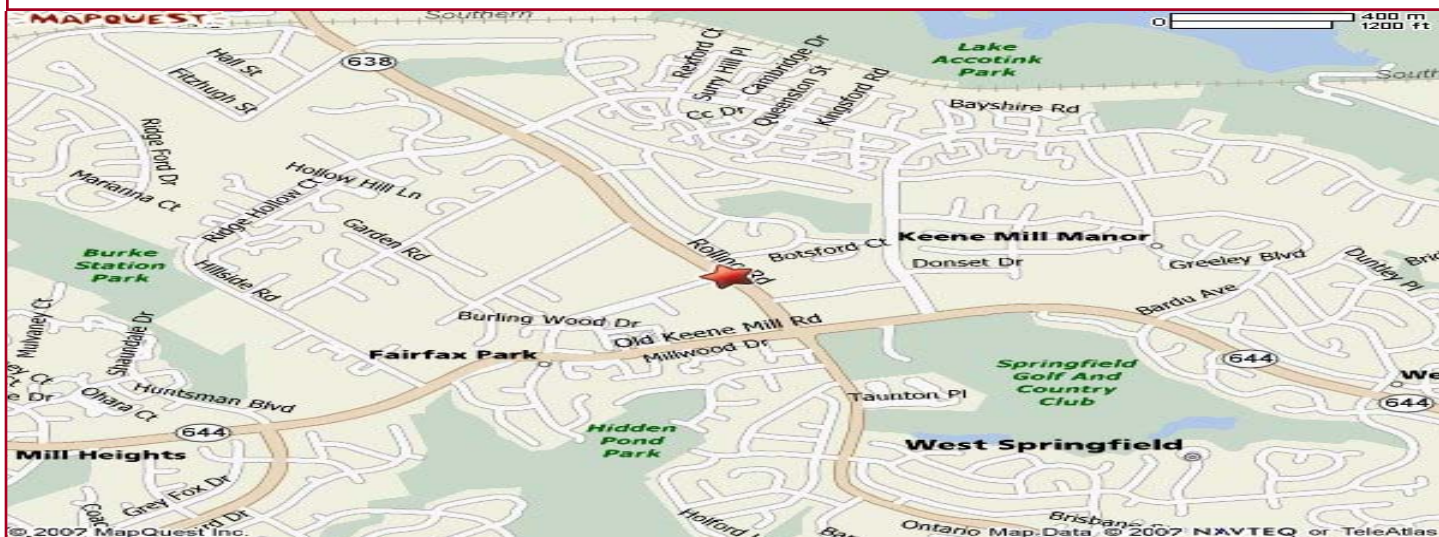
- Bring a cheap serving spoon or other utensil for your dish
- Put your name on your dish to make sorting it all out a little easier.

Please be sure to get your dish before leaving.

WHAT YOU MAY WISH TO BRING

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| A to C | Vegetarian, Ethnic, Salads (green, pasta, Greek, taco or whatever) |
| D to J | Desserts (cookies, pies, cakes or whatever you like at this time of year) |
| K to O | Side dishes (potatoes, vegetables, etc) |
| P to Z | Hors D'oeuvres (appetizers of any sort) |

As the new year approaches, it is a good time to remember that 2008 dues are due soon. As a suggestion, during the January 12th meeting, see Phil Mannino and pay your 2008 dues. Remember the dues are now \$25 for those who get the newsletter electronically and \$40 for those who get it through the US Mail.



Skill Enhancement Workshop

At Bryant School
WED. 12/12/07
9:00AM - 3:00PM
Please note this is the only session in December
 Any special requests contact:

CA Savoy at
cadisavov@cox.net
 Or: Don Johnson at
dripapaw@aol.com
 Or: Al Melanson at
almelanson@msn.com

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

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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

CA places orders throughout the month. Check your catalog or call up the ONEWAY website at www.oneway.on.ca to see what's available and email your order to CA at 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 2nd Wednesday or last Tuesday during the Skill Enhancement workshops, 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--DECEMBER

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

PLUS SHIPPING!!!

Will provide quote upon request.

Happy and Safe Turning!!!

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CAW Symposium - Will You Participate ?

During the April 12th 2008 meeting, we will conduct our fourth annual CAW Mini-symposium. We have turners with various experiences and skills in the club. Everyone can benefit from your experiences and insight if you share them.

Demonstrators are needed for the symposium if it is going to be interesting and a success as it has been in prior years. This year's symposium is an ideal opportunity for you to share your skills, to gain additional experience from being the demonstrator and to show your fellow turners what you have done before and what you have overcome.

Demonstration slots will be 90 minutes in duration. If you are interested, or if someone can talk you into making the plunge, please contact Mark Wollschlager, our new Program Director, or any board member to express your interest and your demonstration topic.

Upcoming Schedule

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| Jan 2008 | Hands on Bowl Turning | Feb 2008 | Dean Swagert |
| April 2008 | CAW Symposium | May 2008 | Nick Cook |
| June 2008 | CAW Picnic | July 2008 | Stewart Batty |
| August 2008 | Judy Ditmer | | |

The President's Message - Frank Stepanski

I would like to open with congratulations to our two new CAW board members; Phil Mannino - Treasurer and Mark Wollschlager - Program Director. I would also like to thank Mike Kinney and Doug Pearson for placing their names in the hat as board members. I believe having a mixed diversity of personalities on the board provides the best possible support for our members. Bill Grumbine <http://www.enter.net/~ultradad/index.html> provided an excellent mixture of great woodturning techniques mixed with his unique style of humor. Bill's demonstration also provided us with an unintentional impromptu lesson in lathe safety. During his "Banana bowl" demonstration, a piece of maple, held between centers, came dislodged hitting the chalkboard. We were VERY fortunate that no one was seriously injured. At the beginning of his demonstration, Bill acknowledged our placement of tables directly in front of the lathe as a positive safety measure. We should use the lesson gained during Bill's demonstration and extend this safety zone during known high-risk demonstrations.

In December we will have our Woodturners Ball. We will have a special occurrence this year's; the **Washington Women's Chorus** will entertain us with a variety of Holiday melodies. Earlier this year several CAW members provided the Chorus with woodturnings they offered for auction at their annual charity event, this is our reward. You can read more about the CAW ball on page 1. The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) <http://www.woodturner.org> is the CAW parent organization. Were it not for AAW, CAW and many other woodturning clubs may not exist today. Though club or individual membership is not mandatory, we highly encourage all CAW members to join the AAW. In doing so you are provided with many services, the most important of which is insurance coverage. If you wish to turn at any CAW event, including Skill Enhancement sessions, you must be an AAW member. AAW is currently conducting a membership drive. Any AAW member who signs up 5 new members by Dec. 31, 2007 will receive a free registration to the AAW Symposium (appx. \$250.00 value) in Richmond VA, June 20 – 22, 2008. All new members signing up in 2007 will receive all four 2007 issues of *American Woodturner* journal. You may also elect to have membership begin in Jan. 2008. <https://www.woodturner.org/Member/MemberSignup.asp> is the web site for easy signup. We would like to use this offer to our advantage by providing a single CAW point of contact for all new AAW members. If you joined AAW in November or plan to join in December please contact me. All passes to the AAW symposium received will be placed in our monthly raffle pool.

See everyone at the Holiday Ball.. Happy turnin'. Frank

Secretary's Notes by Al Melanson

The November CAW meeting was held on November 10. The following are the meeting highlights:

- The annual CAW Board elections were held and 2 new members were elected. **Phil Mannino** was elected unopposed as Treasurer. **Mike Kinney**, **Doug Pearson** and **Mark Wollschlager** ran for Program Director and the winner by one vote was **Mark Wollschlager**. Phil and Mark will assume their duties beginning in January.
- Gerry announced a new bottle stopper buy and requested orders be submitted to him at www.gerryh3333@aol.com as soon as possible.
- C.A. announced that all Oneway costs would go up by 10% on Nov 12.
- Frank announced that AAW will be providing a ticket to the 2008 AAW Symposium, Richmond, VA for every 5 AAW new memberships from the club. Frank will collect the names of new CAW members and submit them in groups of 5 for a ticket, see his remarks above. The Symposium tickets will be collected and raffled off among CAW members at a meeting.

About Our Members by Phil Brown

BEST OF AMERICA: POTTERY AND WOODWORKING ARTISTS & ARTISANS, Volume 1, by Kennedy Publishing, has two pictures of **Phil Brown's** work on pages 65 and 66. See www.bestofartists.com/best-of-artists-books-preview/.

Bill Hardy demonstrated his approach to turning platters to Chesapeake Woodturners on November 17th. Bill is again doing the house show in Great Falls on November 30 through December 2 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 us and for shoppers and browsers also. 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 big old farmhouse.

Last month you saw a photo of **Ed Karsh's** piece of wood and glass. More pictures of his Texas trip to the South West Association of Turners Symposium at Wichita Falls, and classes taken at Canyon Studios can be seen at www.karch.com/road.htm

John Noffsinger received an Honorable Mention Award at the Art League November 2007 Small Works Show for Grasshouse #407. A picture of Grasshouse #360 and caption explaining inspiration of Grasshouse series appeared in American Woodturner (AAW Journal), Summer 2007 edition on bottom left of page 3.

Patrick O'Brien will soon be moving his turning studio to a 14' x 16' space at the Lorton Workhouse Art Center, which will open to the public next spring. A picture window on the hall side of the room will give the public a view of him turning without the public being in the room. The same building will have a retail gallery, charging 30 percent on sales. For details on the site see: www.lortonarts.org While relocating his studio from rented space in Alexandria, Patrick is continuing his membership in the Artists' Undertaking Gallery in Occoquan. In October, Patrick demonstrated to the Chattahoochee Woodturners in Gainesville, GA. The demo took place in the late Willard Baxter's wood shop, who had introduced Patrick to woodturning in 2001.

Jorge Salinas had a booth with his turned work at the Fine Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, November 17th at the Sunset Hills Montessori School in Reston, VA.

Bob Stroman recently enjoyed a 5-day workshop with Mike Mahoney and Kirk DeHeer at Craft Supplies in Provo Utah. See detailed report elsewhere in the newsletter.

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. You must register in advance at the shop.

Clif Poodry will teach Advanced Bowl Turning, a follow-up to the introductory class, on December 15th and 16th at The Woodworkers Club in Rockville, MD. See www.woodworkersclub.com/practice%20class1.htm

Aaron Grebeldinger will teach Bowl Turning on December 6th, January 10th, and February 7th from 6 - 9:30PM, at WOODCRAFT in Springfield, VA. Introduction To Hollow Turning with John Noffsinger is on Mondays December 10th and 17th from 6:30pm - 9:30pm. Call the store at 703-912-6727 to register, or see www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=327&nav=classes

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About Our Members (continued)

Tom Boley will be teaching the Natural Edge Bowl, on Saturday December 1st, Bowl Turning, Saturday January 5th, and Turning A Three-Legged Stool February 2nd. All classes are from 10pm - 5pm at the Leesburg WOODCRAFT store. To register, call 703-737-7880 or email them at: Leesburg@Woodcraft.com. See the class schedule at: <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=575&nav=classes>.

Aaron Grebeldinger and **Drew Mitchum** have four bowl and pen classes coming up this winter and spring in the Bryant Center wood shop. For descriptions and registration see: www.aceclasses.org/ubjectListing.aspx?CategoryID=10104&ProgramID=26&ProgCatgName=Fine+Crafts&IsCourse=1&SubjectID=10207&AreaName=Woodworking+and+Cabinetmaking

Don't be shy! Promote yourself. Tell us about your woodturning activities in the CAW Newsletter. Best to send your information by the second weekend of the previous month (since newsletter deadline may be early in the month) to Phil Brown, phillfbrown@comcast.net, or call 301-767-9863.

Workshop Experience in Utah by Bob Stroman

I recently completed a 5-day workshop with Mike Mahoney and Kirk DeHeer at Craft Supplies in Provo Utah, and want to tell you about it. With two full time instructors in the classroom, all eleven students got plenty of attention. The routine was to watch Mike's demo, grab a blank, turn your best copy, and repeat this process. The projects were as follows: basic green bowl, Calabash bowl, McNaughton coring, bowl set, hollow form, box, and platter along with lots of sharpening. Mike is a free hand sharpener, and Kirk is a jig sharpener for the benefit of students. I have become much quicker at the grinder, and now sharpen more often.

Craft Supplies runs over 30 classes a year, and the classroom Dale Nish created runs like a well oiled lathe. Turning blanks were plentiful and perfectly round. I was surprised to find 4 men running a large wood blank operation with 3 huge band saws to support the classroom and catalog sales. The hollow form, box, and platter blanks were seasoned. I also finished the turning on a roughed out cherry bowl that I had taken to the workshop. I took all my bowl gouges so that they would come home with the classroom grinds. The class was a bowl turner's paradise. A tour of Mike Mahoney's orchard, garden, kitchen, drying room, shipping room, and workshop was an added bonus.

Merchandise For Sale

Grizzly G0584 Lathe, excellent condition has extra faceplates (2, 3 and 6 inch), 4-jaw chuck, homemade sanding disc. 2 years old. \$350 or best offer. This is a good lathe for a beginner! Link to Grizzly: <http://www.grizzly.com/products/g0584>

Contact John Abt (410) 519-9855 (after 5:30 pm)



Show and Tell for November 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. Our thanks to Stuart Glickman for filling in for Don during his absence in October.



Tom Boley, 2 full-size hats of red oak



Gene Crosby, 13" segmented bowl of various woods



Scott Hurley, 9" natural edge walnut bowl
And 8" hollow Bradford Pear & Tulipwood



Bob Horowitz, 13" x 5 1/2" cherry salad bowl

Show and Tell for October (continued)



Don Johnson, 13" tiger plate and 11" fluted bowl



CA Savoy, snowman collection



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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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| Herbert | Coquelin | Alexandria | VA |
| Nate | Johnson | Dale City | VA |
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