



CAW Newsletter

MAY 2007

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- ANNUAL PICNIC

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Program of the Month— CAW Annual Picnic

Directions to the Picnic - US Coast Guard Station - **BRING ID TO ENTER**

On Saturday, May 12th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the CAW will sponsor the 8th annual potluck Summer Picnic and Turning Social at the Anchorage Club, at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Recreation Center on Telegraph Road (Route 611) just north of Fort Belvoir in Virginia. The Anchorage Club will have an indoor meeting room for us in case of bad weather, an outdoor deck area for eating and setting up our lathes. Please bring lawn chairs, your mini lathes if you have them, any tools you like to use, and some wood for making shavings. This will be a potluck lunch similar to our December Holiday party - the best eating of the year!!!

From No. VA, go south on Interstate 95 from the I-495 beltway. Get off at Exit 166A, the Newington, Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100) exit going east. Within 1 mile, turn left onto Route 611, Telegraph Road heading North. The Coast Guard Station will be on your right a few blocks past Hayfield Elementary and High Schools. On the ADC map book of Northern Virginia, the Coast Guard Station is on map page 29 at blocks 1E&F. From Maryland, after crossing the Wilson Bridge on I-495, you can get off at Exit #2 onto Telegraph Road (Route 611) and follow it for about 8 miles. The Coast Guard Recreation Center will be on your left.

Please don't bring beverages. We are required to purchase our drinks from the Anchorage Club Bar as it helps support their facility. Besides, at \$.60 per soda, it is as cheap as if you had bought them in a grocery store. DO NOT wear a hat inside the Anchorage Club - you will have to buy the bar a round of drinks for the house.

Please bring a dish to share according to the following list: Bring enough of a dish to feed about 8 people. No heating or cooking facilities are available. What your last name starts with indicates what dish you are asked to bring:

- A - C: Appetizers (finger food to snack on while we turn and socialize)
- D - K: Salad (Tossed Green; 3-bean; Greek; Taco)
- L - O: Dessert (Whatever satisfies your sweet tooth)
- P - Z: Side Dish (Potato salad, beans, vegetables, fruit)

Bring a disposable serving spoon for your dish, and put your name on your serving pans and platters.

The CAW will provide the meat dishes (pulled BBQ pork, chicken, fried chicken, all paper products and plastic ware.

Please join us for food, fun, turning, and camaraderie!! Remember - you need photo ID, driver's license, to enter the facilities.

Call of the Lathe by Tom Boley

That mini-symposium was great. I don't remember who had the idea in the first place but think that it may have been our then-president, Bob Pezold, [it was CA Savoy, ed.]. It has really turned out (so to speak) to be a big draw for members and an especially good opportunity for those new to woodturning to learn more about the craft through multiple demonstrations by multiple turners in one day. Since all our demonstrators are members of the club, it allows CAW the chance to showcase the kind of work some of our members are able to do in addition to our monthly Show and Tell sessions. Well, New Members, if you think that the mini-symposium was good, try the AAW Symposium! The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) presents an annual woodturning symposium in different parts of the country each summer. The event is a three day extravaganza of woodturning, with demonstrations, vendors, a massive instant gallery, and constant opportunities to interact with other turners from all over the country as well as from a few foreign countries. This year it will be in Portland, OR, and next year in Richmond, VA. I will be going to Portland and hope that at least a few of our members will also attend. When the AAW Symposium ends, the Call of the Lathe will be screaming at you all the way home and you will hardly be able to wait to try out some of the new ideas and techniques you learned. It's a long way out there, but well worth it. See you there.

Secretary's Notes

The April CAW meeting was held on April 14. The following are the meeting highlights:

- ⇒ The CAW annual symposium, with lunch provided by CAW, was held during the April meeting.
- ⇒ A request was made to members for newsletter articles about their woodturning experiences and projects.
- ⇒ C.A. Savoy's provided an update on the cane project, which is providing turned/carved cane to wounded war heroes at Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed Medical center. Scheduling issues have precluded timely presentations of the finished canes.
- ⇒ Frank Stepanski requested CAW members to volunteer as instructors for the proposed youth outreach woodturning program. The potential locations included Bryant School, Caesar Chavez Charter School DC, 4H Club at Frying Pan Park in VA, and Covenant House in DC. He reported that the CAW committee to address the project has completed an acceptable CAW Youth Turning Safety Policy. Frank also requested recommendations from CAW members on how CAW should insure youth turning instructors were qualified to teach youth.

Skill Enhancement Workshop

At Bryant School
WED. 05/09/07
9:00AM - 3:00PM
TUESDAY 05/29/07
9:00AM - 3:00PM
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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

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Group Buy

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 En-

hancement 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—MAY

20% OFF!!! ONEWAY EASY-CORE SYSTEM, BOWL STEADY, SPINDLE STEADY, ALL ONEWAY AND HAL-LAMSHIRE TURNING TOOLS!!!!

PLUS SHIPPING!!!

Will provide quote upon request.

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The Yankee Woodturning Symposium

The Yankee Woodturning Symposium will be held June 1st through 3rd at Wesleyan College in Middletown, CT. This time is coming up fast so you'll want to be finalizing your plans to attend. The symposium has lined up ten featured demonstrators with national and international reputations as well as some very good local talent. The featured demonstrators include; Jimmy Clewes from England, Graeme Priddle from New Zealand, Jean-Francois Escoulen from France, and from the U.S., Johannes Michelsen, Mark St. Leger, Michael Hosaluk, Mark Sfirri, Angelo Iafrate, Beth Ireland, and Bob Rosand.

Register early as the fee increases from \$135 to \$150 on May 1st and will be \$165 at the door. For details see our website www.yankeewoodturningsymposium.org; email garybashian@hotmail.com or call (401) 829-8293.

Viewing Opportunity

Selected turned pieces from the Mason collection and by invited turners will be on display in wall cases at the Bethesda Public Library, May 1 through May 30, 2007. Included will be pieces by local turners, Phil Brown, David Fry, Joe Dickey (Davidsonville/Annapolis), Margaret Lospinuso (Laurel) and probably several MCW members. The Library is at 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, and is open until 9 PM Monday - Thursday, and till 5 PM Friday - Sunday

The President's Message - Frank Stepanski

I hope you all enjoyed the Symposium as much as I did. What better way to spend a Saturday than with an extremely talented group of turners. We are fortunate to have such a wide range of turning experience within CAW. I would like to thank **Phil Brown, Neil Kagen, Richard Allen, Jorge Salinas** and **Tom Boley** for taking the time to prepare and putting together their demonstrations. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to participate in our CAW collaborative project. After Richard's demonstration, I'm hoping our June and July instant galleries mimic a spring day with all types of flowers. Maybe we could arrange a Skill Enhancement session, which pushes the "Flower Power" theme. (See the photos later in the newsletter.)

See everyone at our Picnic in May!

Happy turnin'

Youth Woodturning Program Update by Frank Stepanski

The Board has reviewed and commented on the CAW safety document submitted by our Youth Woodturning Committee. We believe this is an excellent document, which addresses general turning safety. We will make this a living document, meaning as we find improvements we will update the document. The Safety Policy is posted on the CAW web site for those interested in reading / reviewing / providing comments. If you do not have web access please contact a member of the Youth Woodturning Committee or the CAW board. We are anxiously waiting for our Youth Woodturning Committee to produce our Program Plan. We have provided our Safety Policy to staff members of Covenant House and 4H Frying Pan Park for review and acceptance. Our next step is a program plan.

4H Frying Pan Park update: I had a very productive visit (almost two hours) with Yvonne Johnson, Frying Pan Park events Director/Coordinator. She must have taken 3 or 4 pages of notes, and was very interested in getting a woodturning program started. She had some very good questions, some of which I answered, others I informed her would be worked out as this effort goes forward.

What is our target age? They set up classes in groups, i.e. under 8, 9 to 13 and 13 to adult. Our initial discussions / assessment / thoughts were that we would target the nine to thirteen year age bracket, but we will leave this to the Youth Woodturning Committee.

A Special Thanks to Members

This month's edition of the CAW Newsletter contains two nice articles written by members **Steve Schwartz** and **Harry Curley**. Our thanks to Steve and Harry for taking the time to write the articles and for sharing their experiences with the rest of the Club. Please feel free to submit your articles for future editions and share your experiences, successes and "room for improvements". If you do so, everyone in the club will benefit. Again, thanks Harry and Steve.

Wooden face plates, by Steve Schwartz

I had an epiphany the other day. I looked at a problem I had been thinking about for a long time and sudden realized "why didn't I think of that before"! I didn't have a faceplate to fit my newest lathe and wanted to turn on the outboard side of the lathe. I had a Stonghold chuck which I could screw on left handed but wouldn't have a tailstock for support to turn between centers. What I did was make my own wooden faceplate out of scraps. It cost me next to nothing (best part) and later I can reuse it or trash it. Here is what I did to make my faceplates;

- 1) cut a scrap of 3/4" or thicker hardwood 3" x 3" (this will vary according the jaws on your chuck)
- 2) Drill at least 5 pilot holes.
- 3) Screw this to the bowl blank face so you can turn a tenon.
- 4) Clamp the bowl blank into the chuck with the corners sticking out between the jaws.

Taking that further I had a natural edge bowl blank which needed a larger faceplate for more stability. So I made a two part faceplate and screwed this to natural edge side into wood that would later be cut away.

- 1) cut a scrap of 3/4" hardwood 3" x 3".
- 2) cut another scrap depending on your blank size to about 6X6 or 8X8.
- 3) glue and screw the two pieces on center. I used 5 screws and drilled pilot holes.
- 4) Lock this assembly into the 4 jaw chuck.
- 5) True up the larger square.
- 6) Drill lots of pilot holes.



NOVA Woodworking Show



The NOVA Woodworking Show was held on March 16 thru 18, 2007 in Chantilly Va. Forty-five CAW members participated in the show either demonstrating woodturning or manning the booth. Fun was had by all and we put on one great show. As a result we recruited several new members. We were commended by the Woodworking Show CEO and on site manager for our display and demonstrations.

Thanks to all participants for your efforts in making this show such a success for CAW.

What I've Learned by Harry Curley

Two years ago I decided I wanted to turn wood on a lathe. Fortunately my initial investment was small since my nephew had an old lathe and also some tools to go with it. Little did I know at the time where this free lathe and tools would lead? After chewing up several piece of wood on this small lathe I was able to turn some square shaped wood to something round or near round with several gouges and scars along the way. I also researched information on the internet at a newsgroup site called "rec.craft.woodturning." This newsgroup was made of various wood turners from all over the world, who would answer any questions posted and give several suggestions of technique, equipment and "How To". Of course, as I gained experience with the lathe and with my expanding search for more knowledge I purchasing video tapes. Richard Raffin's tape was great but he went so fast that even trying to slow down the taped didn't help. The one thing I did learn from books, videos and the newsgroup was the mantra every wood turners uses "rub the bevel." Armed with this new knowledge "rub the bevel," I decided my slow progress was do to the lack of a good lathe and what I needed was a better lathe which could do so many different things, I had to become a better turner. I purchased a Jet lathe which I should have renamed-addiction." What I found with the new lathe was I could ruin more wood faster. I then discovered my mistake - not only did I need a new lathe but I didn't have the right tools. Of course now with all these new tools, I needed a sharpening system to keep my new tools sharp. A new lathe and new tools (second addiction) how could I fail to improve.

In my continuing search for improvement I turned to joining wood turning clubs where all the experts gathered and shared their knowledge with other turners. One of my first exposures to a club was The Capital Area Woodturners as a guest of Don Hart. Every year the club had a symposium where different turners would share how they did such things as turning bowls, boxes hollowing and how to prepare and select wood for turning. The first class I attended was how to make a natural edge bowls conducted by Don Riggs. I no sooner walked into the classroom and I watched a bowl fly off the lathe hit the over hanging lights shattering glass over the classroom, I wondered if I was in the right place. I watched other novices gouge and cut through the bottom of wooden boxes. I tried to make the popping sound of lidded boxes as demonstrated by an instructor called Don but by the time I kept cutting back the lids to fit the bottom all I had was a box that could only be called a snuff box. Seeing other novices in these classes and how they turned I realized I may some day have a chance to finally turn something worth while?

I discovered CAW gave me the opportunity to meet great turners who displayed and share their great work each month in show and tell. Getting up before dawn and driving some two and half hours and traveling some 130 miles from New Jersey I was never disappointed after leaving a regular meeting or demonstration by a professional or a club member. After almost two years now of attending meetings I never left a meeting that I did not learn something or come away with a new idea or technique or a useful tip I learned from information shared by all the members. My only regret, I just wish I could win the door prize just once.

I wish I could tell you I am a better turner since I joined the club but you know most of my gouging of wood has been reduced. I can make a box but I still can't make it pop like Don but I know like all wood turners I need that one special tool that will make it easier and better. After several new tools, chucks, sandpaper, wax, books. DVD and finishing materials I found one the best way to learn and improve with wood turning, I need to remain a member of CAW and of course "rub the bevel".

Symposium Photos by Don Kelley



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New CAW Members for April

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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