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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- TOM CRABB
- LAST CHANCE FOR A JET MINI
- CAW SYMPOSIUM DEMONSTRATORS NEEDED

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## Program of the Month— Tom Crabb

Tom Crabb has had a varied career in the visual arts and crafts. He was born in 1941 and raised in Springfield, Missouri where he worked with wood and other crafts since he was a child.



After graduating from Southwest Missouri University in 1970 with a BA in English and minor in sculpture he worked as a photojournalist for the Corpus Christi Caller-Times until 1976.

While in Corpus Christi, Tom became interested in boatbuilding. He and his wife, Angela, moved to Mathews, Virginia where Tom attended the Chesapeake Academy of Boatbuilding and Design. To smooth out the ups and downs of the boatbuilding business Tom began writing how-to articles for publications as diverse as "Creative Crafts" and "Popular Mechanics" Tom has since published two books and over 50 articles on woodworking, woodturning and design. He has published two articles in the American Woodturner.

Mixed with the writing, Tom spent one summer as resident craftsman at Bush Gardens, Williamsburg, Virginia. He also teaches woodworking classes for handicapped adults, when requested by the Richmond City department of Recreation and Parks. Tom recently retired as a project engineer, designing and engineering furniture and fixtures in Richmond, VA. *(continued on page 2)*

## Meeting Information

**Meeting Announcement:**  
**Date: Saturday, November 12th, 2005**  
**Time: 9:00AM - 3:30PM**  
**Place: Bryant Adult Education Ctr. 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria, VA**

From Virginia or Maryland, take I-495/I-95 towards the Wilson Bridge over the Potomac River.

Take Exit 177A (Rt. 1 South) on the Virginia side. Approximately 1.9 miles south of the Beltway, you will pass the Beacon Mall complex with Lowes Home Improvement Warehouse on your right. Drive past the main entrance into Beacon Mall, go 4 more stop lights – about 1/2 mile.

The 4th stop light will be Popkins Lane. Turn Left onto Popkins Lane and go 2 blocks. Bryant Learning Center entry will be on your right. Drive to the East side of the building. Plenty of parking on the side or in the rear of the building.

The entrances to the woodworking shop and meeting rooms are off the back corner of the east side of the Bryant Center.

## DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING:

In 1994 Tom won third in the *Of Thee I Sing* competition at the Wharton Esherick Museum in Philadelphia and was featured in *Woodturning Magazine's* Focus on Hidden Talent November issue. In 1995 Tom won second in the "Soup to Nuts" competition held by the Wharton Esherick Museum, third in the *Treasured Troves* exhibition, 1996, and Best in Show in the 1999 exhibition of wood utensils.

Tom as also been juried into the Three Rivers Arts Festival, the Good Wood Exhibition, Arrowmont Spotlight 98 Exhibition and the Works in Wood Exhibition and Put A Lid On It. Tom has demonstrated at two AAW symposiums and many turning clubs throughout the US. Tom has work on display at Virginia Artisans Center, Waynesboro, VA, Twigs and Leaves Gallery, Waynesville, NC and Noon Whistle Gallery, Stanardsville, VA. Tom's woodturning specialties are Turning on the Bias and Multi-Axis Hollow Forms.



Here are some of Tom's pieces!



## Monthly Program Details for November- \$5.00 Demo Fee

<b>8:30 AM</b>	Help set up for the demonstration. Look over the For Sale items in the equipment room. Help get the coffee bar going or have a cup of coffee and a donut with your fellow turners. Discuss the items in the Show & Tell table. Rent a video. Talk tips and techniques with others.
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Show & Tell
<b>9:30 AM</b>	A normal business meeting. A raffle will be offered. Photos of member items will be taken for the next CAW Newsletter. The tape library will be open. A silent auction table will be available for donated wood and items
<b>10:00 AM</b>	This demonstration will show techniques for hollowing through the bottom to achieve forms not possible with hollowing from the top of a form. This demo will concentrate on turning a hollow form and adding a second axis for the opening after the shape has been completed. The shapes shown above will be typical of the shapes this technique produces.

## SKILL ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP

At Bryant School  
**WED. 11/09/05**  
**9:00AM - 3:00PM**  
**TUESDAY 11/29/05**  
**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**

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**Bob Pezold**

- 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 in insure you receive the newsletter and other items that come to members.**

**ONEWAY ORDER**

CA will be placing a ONEWAY order on Monday 11/14/05. Your order must be to him NLT Sunday 11/13/05.

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)

CA places orders throughout the month, so if you need a ONEWAY product, email him by the Sat. preceding the monthly meeting and he will have your order for you at the meeting.

If you need something any other 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>. Wed. or last Tues. monthly workshops or at the monthly meetings or by special arrangements or can be shipped to you. You pay when you receive your order.

CA Savoy::: HAPPY AND SAFE TURNING!!!!!!

**2005 Plans**

- Nov 12 Tom Crabb - Offset mini hollow forms
- Dec 10 Annual Woodturners Ball

**2006 Plans**

- Jan 14
- Feb 11
- Mar 11 CAW Symposium
- Apr 08 Don Derry - Coloring hollow forms
- May 13 Michael Mocho - Texturing Hollow forms
- Jun 10 CAW Annual Picnic
- Jul 08
- Aug 12
- Sept 09 Johannes Michaelson - Turning full-size hats
- Oct 14
- Nov 11
- Dec 09 Annual Woodturners Ball

**Information on Future Workshops by Frank Stepanski**

Workshops are conducted by professional woodturners. We have been fortunate with coordinating workshops in conjunction with all our visiting demonstrators. Additionally on occasion we have professional turners who are in our local area and will offer a one-day workshop.

Workshops are conducted at the Bryant Learning Center, normal times are 08:30 – 3:30 lunch usually goes 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.

**Workshop signups.** Class size is usually based on the complexity of the workshop. The more complex topics have a lower number of workshop attendees. Frank places your name on workshop list the day he receives payment. He 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, make checks payable to CAW. If you cannot attend a workshop you have paid for, please send Frank notification so a standby can be selected and notified to fill your position.

**CAW Symposium - Share Your Skills**

During the March 11th meeting CAW will conduct our third annual CAW Mini-Symposium. One of the benefits within CAW is our vast knowledge base. We have woodturners of various skill levels who have skills, techniques, tidbits of information others could benefit from. The CAW Symposium is a fantastic opportunity to pass these things on before you pass on. This is a call/request/opportunity for you to share your skills. Demonstration timeslots will be 90 minutes. Impress your friends, impress your fellow members, impress yourself. If you are interested please contact any board member. Slots will be assigned first-come/first-served. HURRY!

## Call of the Lathe by Tom Boley

This month is special. Of course, when you get to be my age, every month is special, but November has particular significance to CAW. Now that we have incorporated, we are required to have an Annual Meeting, and that will be this month. Our main business for this meeting is always the election of officers. Once again, if you are interested in being a part of the Board of Directors of this outstanding organization, then please let Bob Pezold know right away. You can reach Bob at 703-799-1034 or at [rpezold@cox.net](mailto:rpezold@cox.net). He is our Nominating Committee once again this year and will be preparing ballots for voting at the meeting.

I know this will be a surprise to all of you, but as of this writing, I still don't have the new business up and running. Running? Heck, it isn't even crawling yet! But there is progress. The electricity is in, the ceiling is sheet-rocked but not painted yet. And there are no lights in the place. Once the ceiling is painted within the next couple of days, I hope to get the lights hung and that will give me a huge boost. Thanks for all of you hanging in there with me on this project. I have had many comments, questions, and words of encouragement from you and I appreciate it very much. I have been working with Don Maloney quite a bit, too, in learning the ropes and meeting the customers. I think this is going to be a lot of fun, especially interacting with the customers. Not only will I be able to spend my days turning wood, I will be able to go out to see others who are also in the woodworking business. There are two things which I love to do, introducing people to the joys of woodturning and talking to people about woodturning in general. I think my quality of life is rising.

This year is about to end. With the election of officers in November at our Annual Meeting, we will nearly close out 2005 for CAW. The only event left will be the annual Woodturners Ball in December. Start thinking about that, please, as it is a lot of fun. Of course, what could be more fun for a bunch of woodturners than having great food and being able to talk about woodturning? For you new members, this is a potluck dinner held at a church in Springfield. There is an ornament contest and a gift exchange. The gift exchange involves bringing in a turned item to give away. All who participate get a number and then take home something which someone else has made. Both the ornament contest and the gift exchange are judged by all present and the top three pieces in each category win gift certificates to Woodcraft. Start preparing now!

Have you noticed that the days are getting shorter? It is harder and harder to work in the yard after supper but that gives us more time to respond to The Call of the Lathe. "Honey, it's too dark to rake leaves now, I guess I had better work in the shop for awhile." See you at the meeting.

- Tom

## Group Buy by Bob Holtje

The Colorwood group buy will be available for pickup during the meeting as will the sandpaper orders. George Salinas will handle this in my absence. The Australian burl has been ordered by Alan Becker. Delivery dates have not been confirmed. Any questions, contact me at [bob@holtje.com](mailto:bob@holtje.com).

**About Our Members by Phil Brown***(continued on page 7)*

**Scott Harley** attended the *Totally Turning* symposium in Albany, NY on October 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>.

CAW has awarded educational grants of \$500 each to **Phil Mannino** and **George Salinas**. Phil plans to take either David Ellsworth's or Bob Rosand's class. George plans to take David's class.

As an active exhibitor with the Art League in the Torpedo Factory, **John Noffsinger** has had three or more pieces juried into membership shows this year, and is therefore entitled to have pieces continuously on display in their "bin gallery". Currently John has a Rosewood platter with a beached and patterned rim on display.

**Don Riggs** provided a demonstration on "Turning for Woodworkers" at the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Washington Woodworkers Guild at the Bryant Center.

*Woodturnings* by **George Salinas** were seen at the Bethesda Artist Market on September 11<sup>th</sup> and also last July.

**Steve Schwartz** obtained some 135 year-old white oak boards, with brown and black colors, from a civil war era dam in the Rappahannock River that had been preserved by low acid under- water conditions. Steve enlisted **George Salinas, Yimin Zhuang, Al Melanson, Bill Bearden** and **Don Johnson** to help him provide bowls for a Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR) fund raiser for river clean ups and trails. Organizers were very pleased with the results. Bowls by Steve and George in the live auction brought \$175 and \$125 each. In the silent auction, the Asian design by Yimin brought \$150, \$80 for a black piece by Al, and \$150 for Bill's brown bowl. Don's piece will be posted as a sales item on the FOR web site, which is: [www.riverfriends.org](http://www.riverfriends.org).

Members taking Marilyn Campbell's workshop about using the West System epoxy on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Bryant Center included **Phil Brown, Gerry Headley, Bob Holtje, Don Johnson, Ed Karch, Dale Lone, Phil Mannino, Amy Rothberg, George Salinas,** and **Dean Swagert**.

At WOODCRAFT in Springfield, VA, **Richard Allen** will again teach Introduction To The Lathe on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 5pm. **Aaron Grebeldinger** will teach Bowl Turning on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 9:30pm. Call the 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)

Don't be shy! Tell others about your woodturning activities in the CAW Newsletter. Send your information by the third week of the month to Phil Brown, 7807 Hamilton Spring Road, Bethesda, MD 20817-4547. Phone and fax: 301 - 767 9863. Email: [philfbrown@comcast.net](mailto:philfbrown@comcast.net)

### **Exhibit & Educational Opportunities**

1. "*Step Up to the Plate*" is the theme of the AAW's next juried and invitational exhibit, which will premiere at the 20th Annual AAW Symposium in Louisville, Kentucky, in June 2006. AAW members are invited to become a part of this exhibition with pieces that reflect: commitment, America's favorite pas-time, or other work this title inspires. The show will open on June 21 in conjunction with the symposium and will run through September 4 at the Louisville Slugger Museum. Afterwards, the exhibition will be on display at other venues.

An application form is available on the AAW web site, [woodturner.org/sym/sym2006/exhibition/](http://woodturner.org/sym/sym2006/exhibition/), from the menu on the left margin. A completed digital application form with CD digital images (preferred format), and

## Change to the Newsletter Takes Effect This Month

In order to deal with the ever increasing size of the newsletter, I need to revise the conversion process that creates the document you read, (a .pdf file). The reason that I am telling you this is because it might necessitate that you download a newer version of Adobe Reader in order to have access to all the features of the document and possibly to even read the newsletter. Again the software is free. You will need to know what version of Windows you are running. This information is available when you first boot up the computer. The new software needs to be downloaded and installed.

The download site for **all Windows versions** is: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

If you are running Windows XP or 2000, download Version 7.0. If you have Windows ME, 98, 98SE or NT, you will see on the left hand side of the screen the option to "Choose a Different Version". Select that link. Choose the correct version of Windows and pick version 6.0.1. Do not select version 5.0! You can either save to disk and install later or open the file and have it install automatically. You can also use <http://www.download.com/3000-2378-10000062.html> for Windows XP or 2000 download.

The download site for **Apple OS X or later** is [http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/internet\\_utilities/adobereader.html](http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/internet_utilities/adobereader.html)

If anyone is still using Windows 95, this will not work for you so you will need to advise Patrick that you would like the newsletter mailed to you beginning in November. As always, everyone can access the newsletter on our website with or without this change. If you have any questions, please email your newsletter editor at [rcsher1@comcast.net](mailto:rcsher1@comcast.net).

## Want a Jet Mini Lathe ?

This is your chance to win the Jet Mini lathe during this month's raffle. As always, all you need to do is purchase a \$1 ticket or if you want more chances to win, you can get 6 tickets for \$5. We will also have other items to raffle of course but you will want to make sure you are at the November meeting to be sure you have a chance to win this great prize.



## HELP NEEDED NO LONGER

Because of Tom's relocation to the hinterlands we asked for some assistance from a club member. Prior to the relocation, Tom would have 25 copies of the newsletter printed and drop them by the Woodcraft store in Springfield. With the relocation, he could not do this and we needed someone to do this for the club. Our thanks to new member Brian Woodward for volunteering to take on this important task.

## Share Your Knowledge With The Club Members

If you have come across a website, article or piece of information, let your newsletter editor know for inclusion in future editions of the newsletter. These can be on any subject of interest to the members, including good sites for the purchase of wood, tools and how-to instructions.

## About Our Members by Phil Brown (continued from page 5)

\$25 nonrefundable jury fee must be postmarked by February 15, 2006. A paper application is acceptable, but images need to be digital.

2. See turned pieces and sculpture by nine CAW members in *Washington Wood 2005* at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mt Vernon Avenue in Alexandria, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends only from November 5 to 27,

## Display Window Volunteer

This appeared in last month's call of the lathe but we received no volunteer. Here it is again with another request. Let me call on the membership of CAW to respond to a need for a volunteer or two. Each time I have done so, you have responded very positively, and I appreciate it. This time, I would like to ask for someone to take on the task of managing the display windows where we have our turnings displayed at Bryant School. It looks great the way it is now, but it has looked that way for at least a couple years and needs to be updated. I would like for someone to take that project on and update the displays about four times a year. That would take soliciting the membership for pieces to put in the windows and then arranging it to be attractive. This is our only permanent display of the work of CAW specifically and of woodturning in general. A lot of folks have the opportunity to see it, but won't even look once they see it doesn't change. If you would like to take this on, please talk to me at the meeting in October. I would like to have a couple of people work together on this.

## Newbee's Notes by Ed Karch

There comes a time in a young man's life when he feels like he has maxed the mini. The mini is great until after one learns which end of the gouge is to poke at the wood and wants to make something really BIG. I like the Jet 1642 we have at Bryant and was going to buy one but the big boys insisted I buy a Powermatic 3520a. I checked out [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and found it on sale with free delivery right into my garage. It took two days to rearrange the shop for the big one. The 700 lb weight meant disassembly to horse it into the shop. I had to get help from a neighbor to lift the head up onto the base.

A meeting with CA's mobile turning emporium resulted in a bargain for a stronghold chuck to hold monsters. If you want to turn a biggy you need to realize that the gouge can be hanging way over the tool rest to reach the bottom of some turnings. If you get a catch which would be a minor annoyance on the mini it can grab the gouge and give you a two horse power whack, but I do love that power in spite of the bruises. Just be sure to ride the bevel and take small bites and you will avoid being kicked by two horses.

Newbee gets a lift

No I wasn't hitchhiking, I just had problems wrestling big logs for the big lathe onto the back of my pickup. Discussions on the turning forum at wood central mentioned a lift for \$200 at Harbor Freight item 47591-5VGA. Yep I got one. This thing fits into the towing receiver and uses a 12 volt electric winch to power a lift from the ground to the tail gate. It will handle up to 500 lbs. Now if the weather would just cool a bit it is time for some serious log hauling. It did cool and I logged like a beaver at a friend's place to beat the developer. The score was a truck load of Pecan/Cherry, one of Polonia/Cherry, and two of Black Walnut. The lift worked like a champ and provided a nice platform to paint on the sealer before off loading. Next up is a coring device to cut down on the mountains of wood spaghetti produced by big lathes.

## October Show and Tell—Photos by Don Kelly

**Due to Don being unable to attend the October meeting, there are no photos of Show and Tell.**

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### ***New CAW Members for August***

*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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