

Catoctin Area Turners

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July Program

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Greetings!

Well the CAT Picnic was a resounding success! Thank you AJ for all of the work you put in. It was a great day.

This month, our original program of having Joe Flannigan teaching us the proper usage of the Termite Tool has been postponed. Instead, Tom Boley will be filling in by showing us bowl turning on a bias. Thanks Tom for once again, stepping into the breach!



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Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve!

One of the great things about woodturning which I have found to be universally true is that woodturners love to share their skills with others, either through demonstrations at club meetings, demonstrations at public events like the Arbor Day celebration at Oatlands which we did, or individually by teaching friends how to turn. Whenever I have asked a question of a fellow woodturner, I have never been met with any comment like “sorry, that’s a trade secret,” but with great enthusiasm about explaining just how to do something. Isn’t it super to be a part of something like this! I love woodturning and very much enjoy being a part of Catoctin Area Turners. Thank you all for making it such fun.

One of the things which make it so much fun is the social interaction among fellow woodturners and sometimes their families. The picnic which we had at Banshee Reeks last month was outstanding. AJ Lewis planned, coordinated, and executed a flawless event for us. Sure, a lot of folks pitched in, such as Mark Duffell by providing those delicious Black Angus burgers from his

farm and grilling them for us on the spot, but AJ carried the ball and everyone had a fun time. Thanks, AJ, Mark, and all the rest of you who came out to be a part of it. And thanks for bringing your families with you. The kids enjoyed the games and the high society columns all reported that “a good time was had by all.”

In the past month or so, I have run into several folks who have interest in woodturning but didn’t know about the club or how to get instruction in the craft. Of course, I told them about CAT, classes at Woodcraft, and invited them to my shop. Some wanted help in selecting a lathe, tools, and a sharpening system.

Others just had a question or two. As you are going about your daily business, talk to your friends and co-workers about woodturning. You never know when you might strike a spark which will grow into a mighty passion for the craft. Better keep a couple CAT brochures handy.

This is summer, but Fall craft show opportunities will be here before you know it. This is the time to start building your inventory for sale. For

me, the most enjoyable part of craft shows is talking to other folks who are interested in woodturning. It’s a great opportunity to talk about CAT and enlist new folks in something which we all so enthusiastically enjoy. In September, I’ll talk about doing craft shows but if you want to get into them this Fall, you may have to start the process earlier in order to be juried in.

Finally, let me welcome Jeff Greene to the position of Operations Director. He has agreed to take the position and the Board has enthusiastically approved his appointment for the remainder of the year. Jeff is a brand new woodturner but he has jumped into it with a ton of enthusiasm and excitement. He’ll be a real asset to your Board of Directors. Jeff has clearly heard The Call of the Lathe, but when he hears it, he comes to my shop to turn since he has no lathe, no tools, no sharpening system, and so far, no wood. I know that will change for him and may we all find the time and resources to pursue this hobby whenever we hear The Call.

Well, the picnic was a resounding success!

The weather was terrific, the food was great and the company couldn't be beat. I nominate AJ as our permanent Picnic Planner. Not only did she plan the big stuff, she also handled the small stuff! The ring toss game she brought was used almost consistently the entire afternoon.

And thanks go to Mark Duffell for providing AND cooking some of the best hamburgers I have ever had. I guess there IS something to Black Angus Beef! You can see Mark at the meetings hawking our raffle tickets. So remember to thank him as you pass him a \$20 bill.

There is no Show and Tell in this month's issue, but will be taking pictures of the art

everyone brings in on the 9th and publishing it next month.

Don't forget to check out this month's sale at Woodcraft. If you are able to get there, please remember to thank the staff for their support.

As usual, please make sure you wear AND USE the proper equipment while turning.

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Upcoming Meeting Programs

July Meeting Program

This month's demo will feature Tom Boley filling in for Joe Flannigan. Tom Will be demonstrating how to turn a bowl on a bias and promises to have an actual lathe this month!

Here is the latest list of programs for our meetings through the rest of the year. They are subject to change or updating but wanted to let you all know what we have planned:

- August- Piercing/Carving (Debra Breton)
- September- Craft Show Preparation (Tom Boley)
- October- Christmas Ornaments, Fast! (Harriet Maloney)
- November- Tool Selection/Making a specialty tool (Don Maloney)
- December- Pen Turning (Joe Flanagan)

I also want to take a minute to thank all of the people who have done a program at one of our meetings and for those who have volunteered to present at a future meeting. Having said this, we still need programs for future meetings and frankly, I could really use some help to get some more volunteers lined up. It may look like we have the list set but we'd really like to have a

few more topics set to go, especially if there are some things we could do on short notice if plans change or presenters have something come up at the last session. Remember, this is our club and we'd really like to see some additional involvement from our members, please talk with me if you need some help moving from an idea to a presentation, I might be able to find you some help from others as well.

Here's the list of future topics that have been suggested, if you can help make one of these or another presentation/demo happen, please talk with me at a meeting or via phone/email!

- Texturing Techniques- chattering, etc.
 - Chucks, various types and advantages/pros and cons of each type
 - Turning green wood/translucent turnings
 - Birdhouses
 - Turning screw threads
 - Turning a box with a friction fitted lid
 - Turning using laminations
 - Finishing techniques using CA and other methods
- Thanks again, see you on Thursday night.
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Meeting Information

Remember, all Catocin Area Turner meetings will be at the Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve. Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month and start at 6:30 at the Education Annex across from the visitor center within the Preserve.

From Leesburg, BRNP can be reached by going south on US15 towards Warrenton *only about a quarter mile from the Leesburg Bypass and then *make a left on Evergreen Mills Rd. (Route 621) and travel south *about 5.3 miles*. After passing the entrance to the Loudoun County Landfill on the right, take the next right, Woods Road and travel about a mile to the entrance to the park on the left. Woods Road is gravel but passable for all types of vehicles. *Once in the Preserve,* stay on the paved road until reaching the parking for the visitor center and annex on the left. The Education Annex is the white building to the right of the large stone Visitor Center. The Annex entrance is on the back side of the building. Look forward to

seeing you there.

Directions from other locations are found at the link below.

From Gilbert's Corner, drive north on Rt 15 for 4.3 miles and turn right on Oatlands Mill Road. Go straight across Gleedsville Road and watch for the park entrance on the right.

From the southeast, take Rt 50 west to Evergreen Mill Road and turn right. Follow Evergreen Mill Road about 8 miles to The Woods Road and turn left. The park entrance will be about a mile along on the left.

Banshee Reeks Nature Reserve is located at:
21085 The Woods Road
Leesburg, VA 20175
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You can find out more information about the Preserve at the following links:
<http://www.loudoun.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=884>
<http://www.bansheereeks.org/>

Reminder!

We still have not decided on a logo for our group! Get those creative juices flowing and help us create an identity. In order for us to be able to reproduce the logo, it needs to be clean, clear and with minimal colors. If the logo has too many colors, or is too intricate, we may have problems embroidering the shirts we all want to wear!

If you have not paid your dues yet, please do. It will help keep the organization operating.

Don't forget to bring a little (or a LOT!) cash for the Silent Auction and Raffle!

PICNIC PHOTOS!



