

# Catoctin Area Turners

<http://catoctinareeturners.org/>



Next meeting: Thursday, February 10, 2011, 6:30 pm  
Location: Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve,  
Leesburg, VA

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## Now It's Our Turn!

### Helping Banshee Reeks!

Here is a quote for you -- "Givers Gain." That is the slogan of a business networking group of which Tom Boley is a part, but it also applies in so many ways throughout life. In this case, CAT members have been the fortunate recipients of Banshee Reeks' willingness to allow us to have our meetings there as well as our annual summer picnic. It has proven to be an excellent location even though a bit hard to find the first time. We have a chance to give something back to the Nature Preserve. On **February 19**, the third Saturday of the month, Ron Circe', club member

and park manager, would like to have several of us come out to help on a project. The project will consist of erecting eight-foot PVC poles around a 6400 square foot area and attaching deer proof netting. The purpose of the enclosure is to study the effect the deer population has on the surrounding area vegetation as compared to the enclosed area. The plan is to set up two enclosures so two teams of eight volunteers will be required. We should be able to complete the project in about four hours but the more we have, the faster it'll go. We don't need to take tools or equipment as Ron will supply whatever gear we need. Our role is to provide warm bodies ready to work and dressed for whatever the weather is for that day. We'll need sixteen CAT members that day to help. We can talk about it at the February meeting but please come prepared to volunteer as this is something which we can do to really help our host. Givers gain.

**"Now it's our turn"**

### Membership Renewals

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# The President's Page

*George Carrigan*

My wife, Jean and I would like to thank all of you for your condolences on the passing of my mother-in-law. A special thanks to Jeremy Baker, our VP, for filling in on short notice, and to Terry Lund, our Program Director, for picking up the supplies and raffle items at my house. It's great to know there are a bunch of friends out there that care.

A great demo by Bill Autry at the January meeting! This certainly got the year off right for the Catoctin Area Turners. I'm sure there were more than a few people that went home and tried turning inside out over the weekend. I didn't try the twist yet, and I must admit, I'm still a little confused by it. Anyhow, it was really cool, and I hope to try it someday. Thanks Bill for the demo and thanks to Terry Lund, our Program Director, for setting it up.

Terry has been working overtime to set-up demonstrators for the year, and wait until you see what he has in store for us. You can expect some world famous professional turners as well as great local talent. For planning purposes, Ron Cote will keep everyone up-dated in the newsletter with who is scheduled to come and when. This way you can explain to your wife and kids that you really can't take your vacation on those weeks, because so and so will be doing a demo and workshop that week. Good luck with that story. Really looking forward to what Terry has in store for us this year.

In addition to what's planned for the meetings, we'll also have a number of outside club activities for all of us to enjoy. Our first event, although not a turning event, is very important. It is our opportunity to show our appreciation to Ron Circe, the Banshee Reeks operations manager. On February 19th we'll take part in a volunteer project at Banshee Reeks. So please come out and support this effort. CAT will be part of the Wood Working Show at the Dulles Expo Center in April. Tom Boley is organizing our participation along with members of CAW. The Arbor Day celebration at Morven Park in Leesburg is always great fun. This is an outdoor event and weather can be tricky, but there's nothing like the looks in those kids eyes when they see you make something out of a block of wood. We'll have Joshua's Hands celebration in the fall and pen turning for the troops around Labor Day sponsored by our friends at Woodcraft. Ron Cote is currently working on CAT participating in a first ever woodturning event at the Pentagon. We'll probably need to draw straws for this one, since everyone will want to be part of this. Remember you need to be a member of the AAW in order to participate in any turning events. The AAW insurance covers us all in case of an accident. Details to come on all these events so stay tuned and if you want to sign up for any event just let me or any of your officers know.



# Upcoming Demonstrations

By Terry Lund

**February 10:** Aaron Grebeldinger will be our featured demonstrator this month, and Aaron will be demonstrating "boxes and spheres". This promises to be an interesting demonstration with some new ideas and new topics covered. Aaron is an experienced woodturner who often does classes at Woodcraft in Springfield, and he is a member of CAW.

**March 10:** Bill Fowkes "Turning Trees from Trees" -

**April 14:** David Reed Smith

**May 12:** Hands On Turning

**June 9:** Bob Rosand

**July 16:** Annual CAT picnic (Banshee Reeks)

**Aug 11:** Barbara Dill - "Multi Axis Turning"

See additional information for all below.

The rest of the 2011 programs are still being planned, but we are trying to arrange to have Jamie Donaldson (<http://www.jamiedonaldsonwoodturner.com/>), Keith Holt (<http://www.kholtartwork.com/>) and Alan Lacer (<http://www.alanlacer.com/>)

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**March** - Bill Fowkes "Turning Trees from Trees" - Bill has a unique and interesting item that he turns that combines turning and carving to produce amazing and elegant tree designs, and he will be showing us how he has developed this form.

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**April** - David Reed Smith " - David is a prolific writer of articles in several well known publications, including Woodturning. His web site at <http://www.davidreedsmith.com/> has a listing of published and unpublished articles. There are several topics that David can demo for CAT so please let Terry know before March 1 if you have any specific interests from reviewing David's work. Two topics we are considering are "Blue Bowl Reversing" ([http://www.davidreedsmith.com/Articles/BlueBowlReversing/blue\\_bowl\\_reversing.htm](http://www.davidreedsmith.com/Articles/BlueBowlReversing/blue_bowl_reversing.htm)) and "Shear Scaper" (<http://www.davidreedsmith.com/Articles/ShearScaper/ShearScaper.htm>), but there are many others including many project items.

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# Upcoming Demonstrations

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**May** - Hands On Turning Session - if there is enough interest from CAT members at Feb and March meetings, we will organize our first hands-on session for the May meeting. We will bring in several lathes and everyone present will have an opportunity to make some item such as a tool handle or a pen, or a top, etc. Please let Terry know your interest in this format between now and the March meeting, and if you would like to have this format more than once during the year.

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**June** - Bob Rosand demonstration and workshop (description on page 5). Bob is a nationally known turner who specializes in various kinds of ornaments. His web site at <http://www.rrosand.com> describes his work, and we will finalize the contents of his demonstration before the March meeting.

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**August** - Barbara Dill - "Multi Axis Turning" - Barbara is a well known VA turner from near Richmond and she will be providing a CAT demo and associated workshop for 6 participants. Her work is described on her web site at <http://www.barbaradill.com/>. Please let Terry know if there are specific areas of her work you would like to have Barbara demonstrate at our meeting and/or incorporate into the workshop.

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**In case anyone needs a reminder.**

**Valentine's Day is Monday,**

**14 February.**





# Upcoming Workshops

By Terry Lund

Depending on the response of the membership the following workshops are possible with the following turners and the approximate cost per member.

Bob Rosand - June / \$70  
Barbara Dill - August / \$85  
Jamie Donaldson - TBD / \$85  
Keith Holt - TBD / TBD  
Alan Lacer - November / \$100

## **Next Workshop:**

Bob Rosand will present our first workshop for 2011. It will be held on Friday June 10 at Woodcraft. Bob is an engaging and dynamic presenter, and this should be a great demonstration and workshop combination. You can read more about Bob Rosand at his web site <http://www.rrosand.com/>.

The cost of the workshop will be \$70, which will be limited to 6 participants. You can reserve a spot by sending a check (made out to Catoctin Area Turners) to Terry Lund, 14592 Nina Ct Waterford, VA or you can give Terry a check at any meeting. Terry will hold the checks until the June workshop, and you will get a full refund if your place at the workshop is filled by another person. Please see the section "Planning for Future Workshops" for more information about reservations for our workshops.

## **Planning for Future Workshops:**

As you can see from the program plans described earlier, we've lined up some pretty well known demonstrators who will also offer a full day hands-on workshop for 6 participants at Woodcraft in Leesburg. The cost of the workshop is covered by the fee charged to the participants, and we can only hold the workshop if we can confirm that we have 6 paid participants at least 30 days ahead of the workshop.

We will open registration for each workshop for CAT members 3 months before the actual workshop and they have a month to send Terry a check made out to Catoctin Area Turners for the amount of the workshop fees to secure a place at the workshop. If we do not have at least 6 participants from CAT signed up 2 months before the workshop date, we will open up the registration to members of Apple Valley Turners (AVT) in Winchester, and Capital Area Woodturners (CAW) in Alexandria.

We will accept names (with a check) for a waiting list for each demonstration. Your check will be held until the day of the workshop, and you can get a full refund (the check will be returned to you) if your place at the workshop is filled by another person.

# The Woodworking Show

(by Tom Boley)

As many of you may have heard, I will be coordinating participation this year in The Woodworking Shows presentation at Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of March. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to CA Savoy who has been doing this for many years, but he has asked to be relieved this year. I have offered to take up the reins of coordination with the proviso that we can do it as a joint venture between Capital Area Woodturners (CAW) and Catocin Area Turners (CAT). Both the CAW Board and the CAT Board and membership have agreed that a joint effort would enhance both clubs' membership potential.

In order to fill the schedule, I will just keep one schedule at home and ask that anyone who would like to participate please e-mail me with the time(s) and position(s) you would like to fill and I'll write it in. I'll keep the schedule in pencil until we get pretty close and then will turn it into a computer document which we can send out as both a reminder as well as an indication of any vacant times which we still need to fill. Listed below are the dates and times. Please let me know when you would like to work the show -- [tboley@erols.com](mailto:tboley@erols.com). I will need three members to do woodturning demos for two hour periods and two to stand out front and work the crowd for those same two-hour periods. Demos should be something which you can do in about 15 minutes such as tops, ring holders, small quick bowls, pens, and so forth. You'll need to bring your own wood and tools. Here's the schedule:

## Friday, 11 March

0800 Set-up booth with lathes and display shelves

12 - 2                                      2 - 4                                      4 - 6

## Saturday, 12 March (Note: this is the March CAW meeting day)

10 - 12                                      12 - 2                                      2 - 4                                      4 - 6

## Sunday, 13 March

10 - 12                                      12 - 2                                      2 - 4

1600 Break down display

I think this will be a great joint venture for our two clubs and look forward to working with everyone on it. If you would like to participate, please let me know when.



# Membership Renewals

It's that time of the year again. Renewals for 2011 are due and will be accepted at our next meeting. Should you not be able to attend, you are certainly encouraged to make your checks out to Catoctin Area Turners and mail them to our treasurer,

Individuals: \$30                      Family: \$45

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Tom Boley - Newsletter Proofreader / rep to VWI



Dulles Expo Center  
Chantilly, VA  
11—12—13 March, 2011

# The Editor's Bench

by Ron Cote

I don't know about all of the January meeting, but for me, presentation on Inside/Out turning was just great in a sense that I got a lot more than I particularly bargained for. Well, first of all, I will honestly confess, I didn't really have much of a clue what inside/out turning was about. Bill's explanation and demonstration of the process was just great. The most important lesson that I learned on this evening was not the actual steps in creating an inside/out turning, but it was to support a demonstrator in order to enhance my knowledge of what is possible. I would encourage everyone to support our demonstrators as much as possible because you will never know what interesting door will open for you. I know that inside/out turning will be tried on my lathe a lot sooner than I would have ever attempted, only because of Bill's demonstration.



members that came to our January-Bill Autry's demonstration and turning was just great. It was more out of this demonstration for. What's that you say?

My surgery of 28 January appears to be a success, although my normal enthusiasm in getting things done are just not back yet. So, with that, I will keep my comments short this month.

Keep Turning,  
*Ron Cote*  
*Newsletter Editor*



Tom Boley receiving the CAT appreciation plaque from our current VP, Jeremy Baker at the 2nd Annual CAT birthday party.



Bill Autry's Inside/Out Demonstration



# Monthly Meeting

Next meeting: **Thursday**, February 10, 2010, 6:30 pm

**Location: Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve,  
Leesburg, VA**

## **This month demonstrator/speaker:**

Aaron Grebeldinger is a member of CAW and an instructor at Woodcraft in Springfield. Aaron's topic will be "spheres and boxes".

# Volunteers Needed



The club is looking for two volunteers to help out at our monthly meetings.

Someone who will take on the responsibility of our monthly raffle tickets and another to for our silent action. Please see George Carrigan or any other of our elected officers.



# Secretary's Desk

By David Bell

Monthly Meeting 13 January 2011

The monthly meeting was held at Banshee Reeks on Thursday, 13 January, 2011. Twenty-five attended.

## Old Business

### *Dues*

Members are reminded that the beginning of the year means it's time to pay their annual dues, \$30 per individual and \$40 per family. Checks are preferred, payable to CAT. Checks can be mailed to Mark Kaplan, 12013 Canter Lane, Reston VA 20191 or handed to him at a meeting.

### *Banshee Reeks Cleanup*

Part of the bargain for our use of the Banshee Reeks facility is volunteer assistance. The next opportunity comes on 19 February. Several deer fences need to be constructed as well as usual maintenance.

## New Business

### *Woodworking Show*

Tom Boley raised the topic of the woodworking show scheduled for 11-13 March. CA Savoy, who has organized the woodturning demonstrations for many years, is stepping down. Tom raised the question of whether CAT wanted to co-sponsor the woodturning booth with the Capital Area Woodturners (CAW). He offered to be the coordinator. (See information on page 6)

### *Turning for the Troops*

Terry Lund suggested that CAT sponsor additional Turning for the Troops sessions in addition to the annual turning at Woodcraft, Leesburg. Woodcraft has agreed to donate materials for additional sessions. Ron Cote also suggested the possibility of a session at the Pentagon.

### **Second Harvest's "Empty Bowls" Fund Raising**

David Bell solicited contributions to Second Harvest's "Empty Bowls" fund raising event on 27 April. Second Harvest is a food bank warehouse that supplies local food banks with food for the hungry. David invited anyone interested in contributing a piece to bring it to the meeting in February or March. Please see David at the next meeting for more information.

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# Secretary's Desk

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## Officers' Reports.

Jeremy thanked everyone for their participation in the annual birthday party.

Terry Lund summarized the state of coming events. In June, Bob Rosand will run an all-day workshop at the Leesburg Woodcraft. (please see workshop information on page 5)

Demonstration, Bill Autry

His demonstration focused on two such production methods: inside-out turning and turning twists.

Inside-out Turning

The general idea is to turn the stave three times, using the same slant between the headstock and the tailstock but moving the points attached to the headstock and tailstock. See the attachment.

Bill showed finished products that used left- and right- twist components in the middle of a pair of candlesticks.

Twisting

The idea here is turning eccentrically to make a piece that has twisting sides. This is realized by marking each end of a stave with a centerpoint, a circle well in from the edges (so that a 4-drive still has room to grip the end), and three drive points equally divided around the circle.

If anyone would like the specific details for either the "Inside-out Turning" or "Twisting" give either David Bell or Ron Cote a call. Their email addresses and home numbers are located on the CAT Officers page 7.



Bill Autry's demonstrating his method of Inside/Out and spiral turnings.



# What I've Learned - Month 18

Jeff Greene

**J**anuary has been a very productive month as my workshop is finally finished. I roughed out 5 bowls, finished a salt & pepper set and another martini shaker just this past Saturday. It's sooo nice having room and a full size lathe! I'm really enjoying my new Powermatic, although it did scare me a little. I had it dancing around the shop while turning a deceptively lopsided piece of cherry. I was surprise to see this 700lbs plus machine moving so much. Oh well, no harm done, and you know what; I needed to paint the floor under it anyway ;-). The real question; is who's going to help me move it back after I paint the floor?

I've been experimenting with different finishes this month. My mahogany peppermill was finished with two coats of polygel as a base; followed with two coats of amber shellac; and finally buffed using the Beall buffing system. The amber shellac really works well on dark woods, and is especially nice on mahogany. I was worried the shellac wouldn't work over the Polygel, because I read you shouldn't put polyGel over shellac. However, after not being able to find anything saying you shouldn't put shellac over polyGel, I decided to give it a shot, and it seemed to work just fine. I'm not sure it's any better than just multiple coats of shellac, but my theory was that the polygel would fill in the pores of the open grain mahogany better.

As a follow up to my last posting, the lighting I selected for the shop (10 fixtures with 2 60w 5000k bulbs) wasn't over kill at all. However, I will tell you that after working in the shop for a while the navigation back to the house in the dark gives you a new appreciation for the blind. Wow its dark in Philomont!

Well, I find I'm being distracted by the AFC Championship, so I think that will be it for me this month.

*Jeff Greene*  
**Operations Director**



# A Cat's Tale

By Chet Olson

So how does this cat relate to "CAT" as in wood turning? We decided to do an interview.



Q: So, Pishy, how did you get such a name as Pishy?

A: That's what I ask. "Pishy is a Farsi word. Do I look Iranian or Persian to you?"



Q: Umm, I see you eat from a wooden dish

A: Duuuuhh! I eat out of Osage orange, period. Food is better that way. I don't do metal or plastic. The human made it for me or else I wouldn't eat.

Q: Well why Osage, Pishy?

A: Weight. It stays put. And, since it has a hemispherical bottom, it doesn't have any hard to reach corners. By the way, it used to be bright YELLOW. It took 6 months of strong light exposure to get to this beautiful dark brown.

OH! And do you see the mouse in the bottom?

A: uh, yeah?

Well that's my human's idea of a reward for finishing my food. I'm not impressed. I wore the bowl out one time. I made my human refinish it with 5 more coats of non-toxic salad bowl oil.

Q: So why not Tung oil?

A: GAG ME WITH A SPOON!!!!  
with 5 more coats of non-toxic salad bowl oil.



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## A Cat's Tail



Q: I see that you DO have a stainless steel water dish?

A: I Don't drink out of the tin thing.

Q : Then what do you drink?

A: Let me tactfully explain things to you. My human is unaware of some things.





# January Show & Tell

Photos by Jeter Benbow



Harriett Maloney—Box Elder Bowls



Harriett Maloney—Bird House & Natural Edge Bowl



Six inch Walnut



Ten inch Ambrosia Maple  
Peppermills by Ron Cote



Twelve inch Cherry

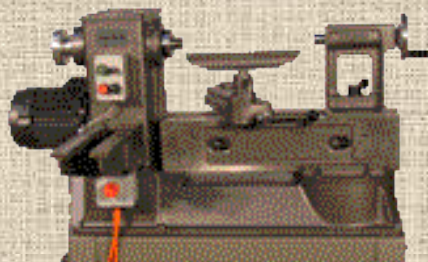
## Lathe & Equipment Listings

Terry Lund

Terry Lund maintains a listing of what lathes members own, which can be used by other members who might be considering a purchase of a new (or additional) lathe. Terry is interested in adding some additional information to this listing to also include some specialized tooling or other items that might be of interest to other members, such as the following items:

1. Hollowing system(s)
2. Coring system(s)
3. Favorite turning tool
4. Favorite homemade tool
5. What model bandsaw
6. What model(s) chainsaw
7. Favorite web site related to woodturning

There will be a copy of the current listing of member lathes at the February meeting, and Terry will have some sign-up sheets to submit this additional information, or you can contact Terry via email at [terry.lund@gmail.com](mailto:terry.lund@gmail.com) (his information is also listed on the Contact page on CAT web site to get a copy of the form if you are not able to attend the meeting).





# Mentoring Program

by Terry Lund

**W**e have established a mentoring program for CAT members, so Terry Lund is looking for volunteers to be mentors as well as requests from any of our members who would like to be paired up with a mentor in one of the following areas of interest for turning skills, or for general mentoring activity. Terry will have sign-up forms for those who want to be a mentor as well as for those who would like to be matched up with an assigned mentor at the next meeting on February 10. If you are interested in either opportunity but will not be at the meeting, please contact him via email at [terry.lund@gmail.com](mailto:terry.lund@gmail.com) or call him on his cell phone 585-455-2517. Please include your name, address, phone number, email address, and indicate your level of experience as Beginner, Intermediate, or Experienced when requesting a mentor.

We will try to match interested individuals with a mentor who lives “reasonably close” whenever possible, and if we get enough mentors to sign up, we will also try to match based on one of the following areas of interest, or feel free to mention another area of interest.

## **Areas of interest for mentoring**

Functional turning	Ornaments and small items
Artistic turning	Pens and Pencils
Bowls	Lidded Boxes
Natural Edge Bowls	Segmented turning
Square Bowls	Spindle turning
Hollow forms	Turning/Chasing Threads

## Member Discounts

# Woodcraft of Leesburg



Leesburg Plaza

512 E. Market

Leesburg, VA 20176

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[Leesburg@woodcraft.com](mailto:Leesburg@woodcraft.com)

**Store Hours:** Sun: 9 AM— 5 PM Thr: 9 AM— 9 PM  
Mon: 9 AM—9 PM Fri: 9 AM— 9 PM  
Tue: 9 AM— 9 PM Sat: 9 AM-- 6 PM  
Wed: 9 AM— 9 PM

Show your CAT membership card and get a 10% DISCOUNT! Valid Thursday thru Sunday of each monthly meeting week.

## Dunlap Woodcrafts

Located near the Dulles Expo Center at  
14600F Flint Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151  
Tel (703) 631-5147 Fax. (703) 631-7103

**Discounts are available to CAT members**

Purchase \$100 and receive a 10% discount  
Purchase \$250 and receive a 15% discount  
Purchase \$500 and receive a 20% discount

I would suggest that you give them a call prior to making the trip to ensure that they are open.



# Turning Classes

Tom Boley Woodturning Workshops (Leesburg / Woodcraft)

## Winter 2011 Schedule

**Natural Edge Bowls:** 19 Feb

**Basic Bowl Turning:** 19 Mar

**Natural Edge Bowls:** 16 Apr

Mark Supik Woodturning Workshops (Baltimore, MD)

## Winter 2011 Schedule

**The Right Start, Spindle Turning:** \$150/day (20% discount for club members)

8:30 to 5:00 PM. All materials and lunch provided.

Saturday January 22, Sunday, February 13, Saturday, March 26, or Sunday, April 10

**Bowl Turning:** \$150/day (20% discount for club members)

8:30 to 5:00 PM. All materials and lunch provided.

Sunday, Jan 23, Saturday, February 12, Sunday, March 27, Saturday, or April 9

Small class sizes, all levels welcome. Advanced turners, please let us know the specific skills you'd like to work on so that we can have the materials ready for you.

More info at: [www.marksupikco.com](http://www.marksupikco.com)

Guest Turner, Jerry Kermode ([www.jerrykermode.com](http://www.jerrykermode.com))

Jerry Kermode will offer two all day, hands-on classes in Mark's shop on February 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Call or e-mail Nancy Supik for more information. 410-732-8414 or Nancy

@marksupikco.com

# Symposium

**2011 AAW Symposium  
June 24—26  
St. Paul Minnesota  
At the St. Paul River Center**



Additional information on this symposium can found in the AAW site.

[http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2011/recent\\_info.htm](http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2011/recent_info.htm)

**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day**  
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14 February 2011

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