

# Catoctin Area Turners

<http://catoctinareeturners.org/>



Next meeting: Thursday, September 8, 2011, 6:30 pm  
Location: Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve,  
Leesburg, VA

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## Skill Enhancements A Success!

The second “skill enhancement/hands-on” day proved just as much of a success as our first one in July. Certainly, a special thanks has to

go out to Tom Boley for sponsoring our second event of this nature, but probably, and more importantly to his wife, Judi, for hosting our event.

Many appreciative comments

were directed towards Tom, Dale Bright, Don Maloney, and others that helped guide and answer many of the questions posed during the day.

Thanks guys!

So, it would certainly appear that we have an event that many of our members appreciate and support. I guess you could say that we are hitting the target on this issue.

Maybe with a little bit of luck another skill enhancement day could be arranged before the winter sets in.

(see additional skill enhancement photos on page 7)



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# The President's Page

*George Carrigan*

Once again, our hands-on turning session at Tom Boley's house was a great success. The weather was perfect, the food was good, and the company was GREAT. We couldn't have asked for a better day. We had a total of about twenty five people attend and I think everyone had a good time and learned something. For those of you that couldn't make it on Saturday, you missed a demonstration of Tom's duplicating lathe. All I can say is WOW. It probably takes longer to mount the piece between centers than it does to turn a table leg. If you ever get a chance, you need to see this machine in action.

Jeff Greene was the big winner at the Bring Back for August. Terry Lund brought in a wonderful six inch bowl that I'm sure will be put to good use by Jeff as a candy dish or nut bowl. Jeff you're on the clock for September. Maybe something with a finial that you learned how to turn at the August Hands-On?

We still have about twenty additional pen packages that need to be turned for the Woodcraft Turn-for-the-Troops, so if anyone is interested in turning a couple pens in your spare time, please ask Terry Lund or me at the September meeting and we'll get you as many kits as you like. We don't need to turn them into Woodcraft until November so you won't need to rush to get them done.

The September demonstration is going to be about sharpening our tools. Tom Boley and Dale Bright will be our demonstrators and will be showing us what we need to know about sharpening our tools. We'll also have the opportunity to bring in some of our own tools for sharpening so if you have any tools that you just don't seem to be able to get the right edge on, bring them with you. If you have any questions regarding sharpening, whether it be about tools, grinders, grinding wheels, or different tool steels, now will be the time to ask.

One last thing -- I hope all of you and your families survived Irene intact. Although we didn't get it too bad in Western Loudoun, our friends farther east and all up and down the coast got hit pretty hard. Our prayers are with them.

*George Carrigan  
CAT President*

# Upcoming Demonstrations

By Terry Lund

**Sep 8:** Tom Boley & Dale Bright  
**Sharpening Demonstrations**

September's program will be Sharpening Demonstrations by Tom Boley and Dale Bright, and they welcome getting any questions related to sharpening from members in advance of the meeting. They will be showing us different techniques for sharpening various tools and the pros and cons of different approaches.

**Oct:** Frank Stepanski  
Still pending

**Nov:** Alan Lacer  
<http://woodturninglearn.net/>

**Dec:** Dale Bright  
Basic Bowl turning

## Newest Members

Welcome to our new members over the last several months.

Brian Biggs	Lovetsville, Va
Dave Robinson	Round Hill, Va
Doug Felton	Chantilly, VA
Hudson Miller	Sterling, VA
Randy Hamilton	Centerville, VA
Keetara Coleman	Germantown, MD

# Alan Lacer Workshop

By Terry Lund

Alan Lacer - November 9 / \$100

## Workshop:

We are now accepting reservations from CAT members for the Alan Lacer workshop which will be held at Woodcraft on Wednesday, November 9. Alan will focus on "**all you need to know to become proficient with the skew**", and the workshop will be suitable to turners with limited experience as well as more advanced turners. The cost of the workshop is \$100.00,

and to secure a reservation you need to mail a check made payable to Catoctin Area Turners to Terry Lund, 14592 Nina Ct, Waterford VA 20197.

In the event that we receive more than 6 reservations, we will hold the extra checks in case there is any cancellation, but then the checks will be returned for anyone who is not able to attend. As of October 1, we will advertise any remaining openings to AVT and CAW members, so put your check into the mail to Terry right away if you are planning to attend. Alan will have his skews and other products for sale at the workshop and also at the regular CAT meeting on November 10.



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Alan Lacer has been involved in the turning field for over 35 years as a turner, teacher, writer, exhibition coordinator, expert witness, demonstrator, and past president of the American Association of Woodturners. His work has appeared in a number of regional and national exhibitions. Alan has been a regular instructor and demonstrator of the craft--having worked in all 50 states as well as 5 foreign countries. He has published over 140 articles, columns and tips, covering technical aspects of woodturning, many specific projects, stories related to both contemporary and historical woodturning and the turning traditions of Japan and Germany. He has also produced five videos on his own, with three of them winning a total of five national awards. In 1999 the American Association of Woodturners awarded him their Lifetime Honorary Member Award for his contributions to the field. <http://woodturninglearn.net/>

# Upcoming Workshops

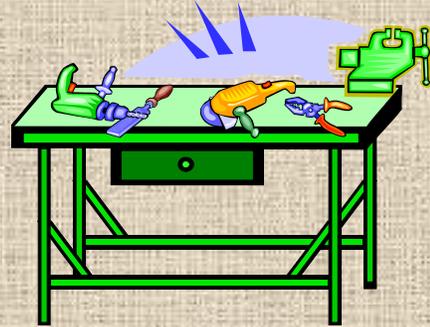
By Terry Lund

## Workshops:

Alan Lacer / 9 November (see page 4)

## Planning for Future Workshops:

When future demonstrators can provide a full day hands-on workshop, it will most likely be restricted to 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 you have a month to send Terry a check made out to Ca-

tactin Area Turners for the amount of the workshop fee 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 your check will be returned to you if your place at the workshop is filled by another person.

We have structured the workshop fees so that CAT does not subsidize the costs of the workshop, so that's why we need to confirm we have 6 participants paid at least 30 days in advance for each workshop.

## 42nd Bluemont Fair

17—18 September 2011

If you all have time to spare, check out the excellent craft fair in Bluemont, VA on 17 / 18.

Last year, CAT was represented by George Carrigan, Walt Bennett, and Graham Taylor.

<http://www.bluemontfair.com/>

# The Editor's Bench

By Ron Cote

This has been a very busy month for many of us, as summer vacations are being taken, and the beginning of the school year for many of our children and grandchildren is upon us.



This has been a good woodturning month for me. I was finally able to spend a couple of instructional days with Bob Rosand at his Bloomsburg, PA home. Although I have been taking lessons from Bob for almost a couple of years now on my own accord, this trip was paid for by our club, as I had been the grand prize winner at our annual CAT birthday party bash this past February. I just can't tell you how much information and experience that I get each time I visit with Bob. Should anyone want to increase their skill level, regardless of how little or long you have been turning, Bob can certainly improve both your knowledge and skill. Bob's specialty is objects that can be turned from scraps. Checkout his web site at <http://www.rrosand.com/>.

The skill enhancement / hands-on day at Tom Boley's place was just as great as the previous skill enhancement day that we had in June at Terry Lund's place. Again, thanks to both Terry, Tom, and their wives for sponsoring these events. We had about 25 folks attending each of the events. Considering who came to the first event and who came to the second event, approximately 35 members have attended either one or both of the events. Let's hope we have started something here that we can do as many three or four times a year.

Besides the obvious woodturning skill enhancement portion of the day, I particularly enjoy getting to know our members personally better. The inter-action between everyone that I witness at both these events was just great. The time to socialize at the monthly meeting is rather limited, as most of our monthly meetings need to move rather quickly in order to get on with the evening's demonstration and club raffle. **Keep Turning!**

*Ron Cote*  
*Newsletter Editor*

# Skill Enhancement Photos



# Symposium

2011 North Carolina Woodturning Symposium

November 4—6, 2011

Greensboro Coliseum

Greensboro, NC

## **Notable Turners**

Richard Raffan (Australia)

Mike Mahoney (U.S.)

Emmet Kane (Ireland)

Marilyn Campbell (Canada)

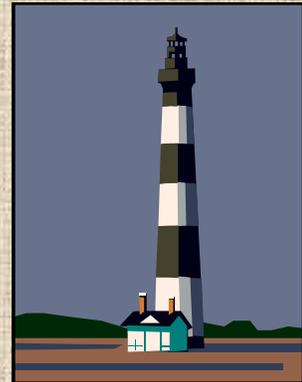
Pascal Oudet (France)

Les Thorne (U.K.)

Mark St. Leger (U.S.)

Plus Others

[www.northcarolinawoodturning.com](http://www.northcarolinawoodturning.com)



# Membership Renewals

Membership dues 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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- Lending Library
- Mentors / rep to VWI
- Silent Auction
- Raffle Tickets
- Equipment listing
- Web site/Gallery Photos
- Gallery Photos
- Bulk Purchases
- Arborist Extraordinaire
- Newsletter Proofreader / rep to VWI

# Monthly Meeting

Next meeting: **Thursday**, September 8, 2010, 6:30 pm

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

**The August demonstrators/speakers:**

**Tom Boley**

**Dale Bright**

## Volunteers Needed

**Audio Visual:** Mark Kaplan needs someone to step up and help with the A/V duties at our monthly meetings.. He particularly needs someone for the Alan Lacer November demo as Mark will not be able to attend.

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We are also looking for someone who can typically arrive a few minutes early for each meeting **to set up the coffee pot and supplies** and to make sure things are cleaned up and put away at the end of the meeting. Having someone available to handle this task (or a couple of people can trade off different months) will help make our setup and clean up activities easier and faster.

# Show and Tell



Box Elder—Bee's wax  
By Dale Bright



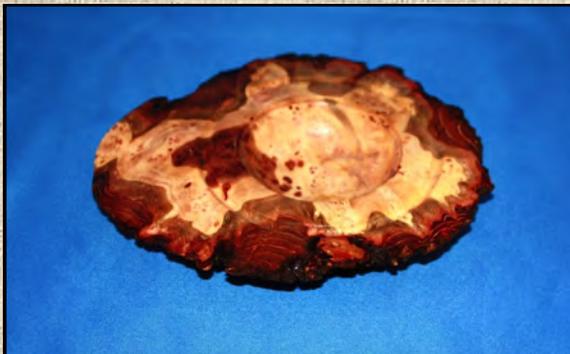
Camphor—Hollow form/Oil finish wet  
to finish by Dale Bright



Norfolk Is Pine—Laquered  
Won Best in Show/Allentown Art  
By George Carrigan



Natural Edge Bowl in progress  
By Terry Lund



Siberian Elm burl—Oil & Wax  
Ring Dish



Red Heart, Ash, Blackwood—Oil & wax  
By Harriet / Don Maloney Magic wands

# Show and Tell

(continued)

The following three items are by Harriet Maloney

Right: Vase—Indian Rosewood / Oil & wax

Bottom left: Three wing bowl—Indian Rosewood  
Oil & wax

Bottom right: Door knocker—Hard Maple / Oil



Vase—East Indian Rosewood  
By George Paxton



Baluster with embedded “bullet”  
By Tom Boley

# Show and Tell

(continued)



Salad bowl—Pecan / Salad bowl finish  
By Terry Lund  
This was Terry's "Bring Back Item"



Vase—Amboyna / Oil & wax  
By Harriet Maloney

# Bring Back Raffle

Donated by Roy Aber  
May 2011



Won by Ralph Redmond

Donated by Ralph Redmond  
June 2011



Won by Terry Lund

Donated by Terry Lund  
August 2011



Won by Jeff Greene

**Don't forget to get your raffle ticket for this month "Bring Back Raffle" as you come through the door. It's FREE!**



# 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 **September 8**. 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

**We are still looking for a volunteer to replace Terry as the Mentor coordinator**

## Lathe & Equipment Listings

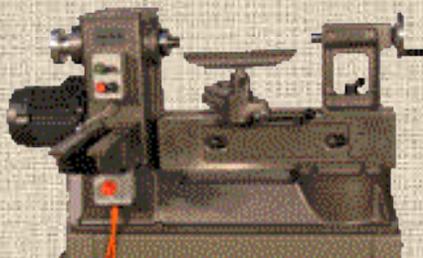
Terry Lund

Juan Gil is now maintaining 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. Juan 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 September meeting, and Juan will have some sign-up sheets to submit this additional information, or you can now contact Juan Gil via email at [juangil@att.net](mailto:juangil@att.net) (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).

**NOTICE \* Equipment Manager**  
**Juan Gil**



## Member Discounts

# Woodcraft of Leesburg



Leesburg Plaza

512 E. Market

Leesburg, VA 20176

Phone: 703-737-7880

Fax: 703-737-6166

[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

## Leesburg Woodcraft Woodturning Workshops 2011 Schedule

### September

13-14 Intro to the Lathe

16 Pen turning

### October

12 Kid's yo-yo turning

14 Turn a Ball

16 Intro to the Lathe

21 Pen turning

22 Natural edge bowl turning (leaving the bark on the edge)

### November

4 Beginning Pen Turning

10 Pen Turning for Kids

15 Intro to the Lathe

20 Turning a Christmas Ornaments

## Mark Supik Woodturning Workshops (Baltimore, MD)

### 2011 Schedule

All day woodturning classes for beginners and more experienced turners, class size: 6. Fee: \$150/day, includes lunch, materials and donuts. 20% discount for all woodturning club members.

September 24th: The Right Start, Beginning Woodturning. Basic skills in the morning and complete a project in the afternoon (make your own beer tap handle, wood mallet, muddler, fiber arts tools and more!).

September 25th: Bowl Turning. Turn bowls from green wood. No experience necessary. All materials and tools provided.

October 22: Bowl Turning      October 23: The Right Start      November 12: The Right Start

November 13: Bowl Turning      December 10: Bowl Turning      December 11: The Right Start

# August Demonstration

Barbara Dill

