

Catoctin Area Turners

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Next meeting: Thursday 12 September, 2013, 6:30 pm
Location: Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve,
Leesburg, VA



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30 Kids from 6 to 11 No Problem???

Dave Robinson

We've all talked about getting more young people involved in our sport-hobby-obsession, and agree it's a good idea. After people at church found out that I was a woodturner, I was surprised one day when the Vacation Bible School director approached me and asked if I would do a segment on woodturning for the children. I automatically said yes ... but then I found out that she was expecting 30 children between the ages of 6 and 11 and was allocating me a session right before and right after lunch. When I asked some other club members for advice on teaching 30 children 6 to 11 to turn, I got raised eyebrows and, "Let me know how that works out."

The original plan had no chance of success. Not really understanding the process, the director had suggested a schedule that just wouldn't allow time for a quality experience. Then we found two critical factors which contributed to the ultimate success for the project. Charlie Wortman had found a YouTube video on making a whistle that we chose as our project.

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The President's Page

Terry Lund

As I'm writing this letter, we are headed into the Labor Day weekend, which sort of marks the end of summer for some of us in some ways, I guess. I hope everybody has had a great summer. I was not able to attend the open shop session at Pam and David Roseman's shop, but I've heard lots of great feedback about the event. I'm delighted it was well attended. Special thanks to David and Pam for hosting the event. We will try to set up these sessions on a more regular basis. Also, the periodic "East and West" CAT lunches are quite successful, with good participation at each session from what I have seen and heard.

A special thanks to George Carrigan for his donation of wood which was sold at the August meeting. George also brought a few more pieces to my shop for donation to the club. We will have them available at the Sept meeting, and possibly a couple of pieces for the monthly raffle for a couple of months. By the time this newsletter is published, George and his wife will have moved to their new home just south of Buffalo NY to be closer to their family.

The CAT board is considering making a change in the dates of our meetings to use "Thursday before the 3rd Saturday" so that we can more easily coordinate sharing travel expenses for professional turners from outside the Northern VA area with other area clubs. As an example, we are bringing Jimmy Clewes to CAT for November 2014, for a meeting and workshop. That visit is being coordinated across 5 or 6 area clubs due to Jimmy's popularity as a demonstrator. Dave Robinson will be telling us about other plans for 2014 programs. So far, the feedback I've received is fully supporting the change. If the membership approves the change will take effect with our Feb 2014 meeting (since January will be our holiday party on a Saturday evening).

Speaking of being closer to family, Sandy and I have decided that we are going to put our VA home on the market for sale next spring. We will be moving back to Rochester NY to be closer to our family after the home sells. We've been in VA since 2005 and we will certainly miss the many friends we've gotten to know. I will surely miss the active involvement in CAT and two other area clubs. There is a club in Rochester NY, so I am looking forward to meeting those folks, but for sure it won't be the same. With three of our four grown children and six of seven grandchildren in the Rochester area, it's the right time for us to plan the move back to be closer to our extended family. However, who knows how long it will take for us to actually sell the home, so I expect to be around and involved in CAT until we actually reach a moving date.

Terry Lund, CAT President

September Demonstrator

Tom Zepeda

Tom Zepeda likes the challenge of making things and loves the feeling he gets from finishing a successful project. Woodworking took root in him back in high school. At the beginning of 2009 he started a job that added a lot of stress to his life and did not leave him with much free time. It was then that he decided to buy a lathe. He thought back to his high school shop class and the handful of small projects that he made. They were enjoyable to make, and he liked the spontaneous and creative nature of the work. He also had a scheme that he could get his wife in on the wood turning hobby resulting in



her not minding him being in the shop. That is still a work in progress - one of those things that works better on paper, but he has gotten her out in the shop a few times. He started out by purchasing an old Rockwell lathe for \$150 and is currently using his fourth lathe, a Powermatic 3520A, but looking for his dream lathe. He started making bowls because he could not think of anything else that seemed practical. There is nothing like the feel of large wood shavings coming off his gouge while roughing out a bowl on the lathe. He also loves the fact that as a wood turner, he can cut out the middle man and go right to the tree. He can obtain a bowl blank with a chainsaw and a log. He has been able to get most of his wood from trees that have blown down or had to be cut down for one reason or another. Getting his own wood has also been a great learning experience - which woods are the best, what parts of the tree produce the best wood, how to get the best yield and so on. Wood turning has become his passion, just behind God and family. He started selling his work on Etsy in 2011. In 2012 he more than doubled his 2011 sales and looks to do the same in 2013. His goal is to become a full time professional wood turner making bowls and similar items. He looks to Etsy to play a major role in this endeavor. Currently, he works on the lathe 15 to 20 hours a week to bring this to fruition, and he has benefited greatly from Apple Valley Wood Turners which he joined in 2010. He has since been able to give back by demonstrating to his club.

Upcoming Demonstrations

By Dave Robinson

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| Sep 12: | Tom Zepeda “burned and dyed natural edge bowls” |
| Oct 10: | Scott Schlosser “Segmented turning for beginners” |
| Nov 14: | Mike Chandler On Lidded Boxes meeting demo plus workshop. |
| Dec 12: | To Be Determined |

30 Kids - No Problem??

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1. We recruited a great team that could handle four children at once ... and four lathes to work on. We used my Delta Midi, Tom Boley's older Delta Midi, the club's Delta, and Charlie Wortman's Jet Mini. Our core team included Charlie and Rose Marie Wortman, Doug, Kathy and Tori Bird, and I, Dave Robinson. A few more parent volunteers rounded out the team and we had surprisingly little chaos.



2. Thanks to Jenn Maulfair, the director's flexibility, we were able to adopt a "pull out" program, so that there was always a child on each lathe with the next one watching. When a whistle was completed on the lathe, that child moved to the finishing station and a runner went and pulled out the next student from wherever they were to start the next cycle. The process ran all day long and our last whistle was finishing up as the parents arrived to collect their children.

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30 Kids - No Problem

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By Dave Robinson

Other ingredients that contributed to the success of the project:

We "practiced" on the director's own daughters ... and found that by making a few changes, we could get the main part of the turning done in a little over 30 minutes. The work done by the children included roughing the square down to round, beads and coves on a prepared blank, as well as grooving with a grooving tool and wire burning. Finish was simple walnut oil and a lanyard was attached thru a pre-drilled hole.



We had a fair amount of preliminary work done on the blanks ... including the making and testing of the reeds to make sure that all the whistle would actually blow. If you decide to do this project, don't skip this step. Some of the whistles that looked identical just didn't make a sound without further adjustments. We didn't want to deal with non-whistling whistles when under pressure.



Results? All comments have been positive. The woodturning was reported to be the highlight of the weeklong camp and several adults and children expressed interest and want to do more. I've invited them to show up at our Joshua's Hands booth and the next Turning for the Troops event as well as our next club meeting. Please greet them ... You'll recognize them by the whistles around their neck.



Dave Robinson, Charlie Wortman, Rosemarie Wortman

Odds and Ends

Upcoming Events

Anchorseal: Just a reminder that Terry Lund does have anchorseal for \$10 a gallon.
Please see Terry Lund at the meeting.

Colorwood: If anyone needs any colorwood, please either give Ron Cote a call or send him an email and he will bring some to the meeting.

**North Carolina Woodturning Symposium
Biennial Regional Symposium
November 1-3, Greensboro, NC
<http://www.northcarolinawoodturning.com/>**

You Gotta Eat

Last Tuesdays

Time: 1200

Place: Wegmans / Sterling

Last Thursdays

Time: 1200

Place: Anthony's / Prucellville

Upcoming Club Events

And a word from Our Operations Director
Charlie Wortman

Down The Road:

Turning at Woodcraft, 7 October 2013

Joshua's Hands, 12 October 2013

Turning For The Troops, November 2013

Editor's Bench

By Ron Cote

The first thing that comes to mind while editing and reviewing Terry Lund's article for this month is "ouch". CAT has had three presidents since it's beginnings and now Terry has announced that he will be putting his house on the market this spring. So let's review this. Tom Boley is poised to go to Manhattan, Kansas as soon his house sells. George Carrigan moved up to Buffalo, NY a few weeks ago, and now Terry Lund will be moving to the Rochester, NY area next year. Hmm, what does this mean for our next CAT president? Oh, by the way, Jeremy Baker, our previous vice-president prior to Juan Gil, will be leaving the area in a couple of weeks also. Jeremy has sold his home and is looking to secure a job in either Johnson City, TN or Phoenix, AZ. I certainly hate to see any of these guys leave. They have all contributed their valuable time to CAT over the last five years and wish them all the success in their new chapter of life.

I hope that you all enjoyed the Labor day weekend as much as I did. Juan, Ute Gil and I drove up to Bloomsburg, PA to see Bob and Susan Rosand. We had a great time and an unexpected surprise. While Juan and I were taking turns trying to use a beading tool on some colorwood, Ute had expressed some interest in what we were doing. Bob, not letting an opportunity go, hustled Ute over to his One Way 1018 for a few quick lessons. Then the next thing we knew, he had her turning her first pen, then her second, and finally her third. I believe the pens were to go their daughter, son and to Ute herself. I think Juan has to do his own.

So, for those of us who were at the last meeting we now know that Ute may have been secretly bidding on those pieces of wood for herself.



Could a Oneway, Robust or Powermatic be in Juan's future??



Woodcraft Turning Competition

September 23 - 27

Time to get turning!



Get your entry ready for our Woodturning Competition this September. Bring your entry in between Monday, Sept. 23 and Friday, Sept. 27 to be put on display and plan to come by Saturday, Sept. 28 for judging and awarding of prizes.

Eligible classes are Youth, Novice (less than a year), and Experienced. Categories are Faceplate (bowls, hollow forms, lidded boxes), Spindles (pens, candlesticks, etc.), and Creative (free form, carved turning, etc.). You can enter up to one item in each category if you like but only one prize will be awarded per person.

Download an entry form on the Leesburg Woodcraft site or stop by the store to pick one up.



Show and Tell

By Jeter Benbow



Maple Vase
By Dave Robinson



Pens / Spalted Tamarid / Mango burl / Elm burl Resin
By Charlie Wortman



Ambrosia Maple Bowl
and
Alligator Jaw Bone in Acrylic
By RoseMarie Wortman



Show and Tell



Bring back items
Pepper Mill & Oil Light
By Juan Gil



3 Urns / Red Box Elder / Ambrosia Maple
By Don Maloney



Wine Stoppers, bottle
openers, & ice cream
scoop / various woods
By Scott Synnott



Hidden Dancer
Walnut/Purple Heart/
Osage
By Jeff Greene

Show and Tell



Natural Edge Dogwood
"wing" bowls
By Bill Hardy



Natural Edge Bowl
English Walnut



Mushroom
Norfolk Island Pine

All four
By Harriet Maloney



Spalted Maple Bowl



Ambrosia Maple Bowl

Monthly Meeting

Next meeting: **Thursday**, 12 September 2013, 6:30 pm

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

**The September demonstrators/speakers:
Tom Zepeda**
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Thursday, 12 September



Membership Renewals

Membership dues for 2013 will be accepted at any 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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- Gallery Photos
- Bulk Purchases
- Arborist Extraordinaire
- Newsletter Proofreader
- Mentor Monitor

Group Buy Report

(by Juan Gil)

Group Buy status update for Aug 2013

We completed another successful group buy from Woodcraft for pizza cutters, bottle openers, and ice cream scoops. Items will be delivered at the September meeting.

After a great demonstration of the Ruth Niles Joyner off-Center jig by Ron Cote, we collected enough demand to issue a group buy. The jigs will be delivered at the September meeting.

As always, we have in inventory Ruth Niles bottle stoppers at \$5 ea, CA glue at \$6 per bottle and accelerator at \$7 per can.

Happy Turning
Juan



Thanks Juan!

Lathe & Equipment Listings

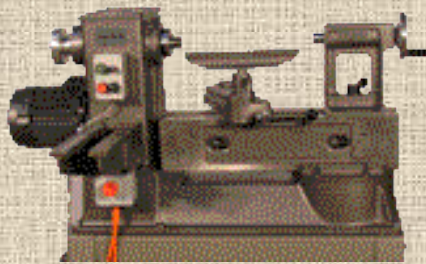
Juan Gil

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 8 meeting, and Juan will have some sign-up sheets to submit this additional information, or you can now contact Juan Gil via email at juanggil@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



Mentoring Program

We have established a mentoring program for CAT members, so Dale Bright 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. Dale 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 frog21@comcast.net or call him at home at 540-751-9121. 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

And the New Mentor coordinator is
Dale Bright

Member Discounts

Woodcraft of Leesburg



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Leesburg, VA 20176

Phone: 703-737-7880

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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 2013 Schedule

Sep 13	Beginning Pen Turning
Sep 20	Turning a Ball
Sep 21	Bowl Turning
Oct 6	Intro to the Lathe
Oct 18	Beginning Pen Turning
Oct 19	Turning Natural Edge Bowls
Oct 20	Turning a Christmas Ornaments

