

# Catoctin Area Turners



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Location: Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve,  
Leesburg, VA



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## Happy Anniversary!

What a great time was had by all at our first anniversary party. Approximately 55 CAT members, their spouses and families enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and a potluck dinner to die for. Whether it was the appetizers, salads, side dishes, the farm beef or the deserts, everything was outstanding. There are

certainly many people to thank in making this day such a splendid event.

Thank you all, but a special thanks must go out to our most gracious host, George Lemm of Whitestone Farm and our own CAT member, Mark Duffell, the managing director of the farm. What a great place this was to hold our event.

The call by our president in asking members to display some of their turnings was just

super. The display table was chock-full of great turnings. It certainly provided many great conversations between our members and their guest.



So, some of you may be asking, who won the Jet mini lathe? It was none other than Dave Brown. Congratulations Dave!

Some of the additional drawing prizes included a bowl gouge, a diamond parting tool, a set of KC wire burners, a Norfolk Island Pine log and a couple of bottles of selected wines. The woodturning prizes really didn't need much introduction to most of us but the specifics on the wines did. George Lemm and one other gentleman gave us a great tutorial on how these wines are best served and, too, what foods that they complement. Thank you, gentlemen, and bon appétit!



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# The Call of the Lathe



by Tom Boley

A woodturning club potluck dinner just doesn't get any better than the one we had at White-stone Farm last month. With the farm manager, Mark Duffell, a member of CAT, hosting the dinner and the owner of the farm, George Lemm, in attendance as well, the fifty five of us who showed up had a marvelous time. The food was terrific, the display of turned wood vastly exceeded my expectations, and when it was pretty much over, most folks stayed around for awhile just to enjoy the atmosphere and each others' company. Mark cooked some of that great Black Angus beef as well as a bunch of vegetables with it and everyone there brought a ton of delicious food and drink for all to share. Seriously, I can't recall ever having attended a potluck dinner which I enjoyed as much as that one. Special thanks to Mark Duffell for hosting this event.

The raffle also went exceedingly well, especially for the winner of the Jet mini-lathe. George Lemm donated two bottles of exquisite wine from his collection of some 15,000 bottles and described the wine very well for those of us who think Ripple was a fine sipping wine. Many thanks to George for his generous donation of those two bottles and for allowing us use of their facility for our dinner.

And you should have seen the turned items which folks brought! Wow. I have been encouraging you to bring a couple pieces, even if you have already brought them to a regular meeting, as I really wanted to showcase our woodturning to our family members. They see what gets made at home but rarely get the chance to see some of the other things which our members make. You can tell that we have some really skilled woodturners in the club but remember,

every one of those skilled turners started out from scratch, trying to figure out how to keep from ending up with a toothpick. Thank you very much, all of you, for bringing your work to show. That has always been the best part of the club meeting for me, seeing what you do, and you really showed it off to our family members that night. Thanks to all of you for your contributions of food, drink, turnings, and presence, all of which combined made such a success of our first anniversary party.

Oh, the mini-lathe? Sure, I'll tell you. After raffling off a bunch of other stuff, all the previously winning raffle tickets went back in the jug so that everyone had a chance to win that Jet mini. Dave Brown, the maker of those outstanding segmented pieces, won the lathe. Congratulations, Dave, for your win.

Well, so much for the Call of the Lathe this month, huh? It was more like the Call of the Snow. All of my turning time went into snow shoveling and snow blowing. Now, I like snow and have since I became a skier in 1993. However, this was just a bit too much, even for me, so you might say I am sated on snow for this year. However, having looked over all the turnings at the dinner, I must say that it did get me excited about turning some artistic stuff again so I am looking for the chance to do just that.

*Tom Boley*

# The Editor's Bench

by Ron Cote

I haven't had much of a chance to turn this past month between the snow and a business trip to Alabama. I am sure that I probably speak for most of you when I say, "Enough of the snow and cold weather. Let spring



begin." The temperatures have been around 10 degrees below our normal averages and that has certainly curtailed my turning in my shop/garage, not to mention shoveling 33 or so inches of snow. My ceiling and walls are well insulated and my garage doors are somewhat insulated, but the temperatures have been a little too cold for my propane heater to overcome in a timely manner. So, I can foresee an investment in a good ceiling heater before the start of our next fall season.

I would like to thank the membership in your vote of confidence in selecting me as your CAT newsletter editor. I really didn't look to see how many votes I got at the party, but Tom assures me that it was a real squeaker.

I know that I will be bringing some changes to the newsletter eventually, but hopefully it will be change that we can all live with (LOL). I certainly hope that you enjoyed the anniversary party as much as my wife and I did. My wife really did enjoy seeing

turnings other than the ones that I produce. She was especially fascinated with the Norfolk Island Pine turning by George Carrigan.

*Ron*



## Anniversary Pictures

A special thank you to Chet Olson. All of the wood turning pictures that you see throughout our newsletter were taken at the Anniversary Party by Chet.



# What I've Learned — Month Seven

Jeff Greene

**W**ith the weather-enforced house arrest, February was an outstanding month for turning in the Greene home. To make things better, one of my friends lost a Bradford pear tree in the storm and, being the good friend that I am, I was all too happy to cut it up and remove it for him ( I'll bring a couple of pieces for the next auction). So I've been roughing out bowls whenever possible. As you know from my past articles, Bradford Pear is one of my favorites. It turns great and has a wonderful caramel color. I turned the first piece the day the tree fell. The wood was so wet it was like turning a pineapple. What fun!

I finally talked the wife into letting me buy a real band saw this month. I purchased the Jet floor model from Woodcraft. It's a beautiful 14inch Jet with a 6-inch riser and I don't know how I ever survived without it! My wife got a new couch for the living room in exchange but it was a small price to pay for my

new baby. I also purchased the Beall buffing system. I like it as it's easy to use and the results are great. The system produces a high gloss finish that is smooth to the touch and finger print resistant as advertised. I give both purchases two thumbs up! My problem now is space. I think my next project will be to build a separate shop out back. Does anyone have any design recommendations?

Well, that's all for me this month. See ya at the meeting.

Jeff G....



Distressed Vessel, Elm  
Dale Bright



Segmented Urn, 7 x 14  
Chet Olson



Stein, Maple, 10 x 7, Antler Handle  
Chance Hustin



Kaleidoscope, Maple & Purple Heart  
Ray Wills



Bowl, Willow w Worm Holes, 10 x 7  
Don Maloney

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# Mentoring Program

by Terry Lund

We are establishing 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 March 11. 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 a Beginner, Intermediate, or Experienced when requesting a mentor.

## 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



Dulles Expo Center  
Chantilly, VA  
Apr 9 –11



Ambrosia Maple  
Tom Boley



Segm. Bowl Ash & Mahog. 11 x 9  
Dave Brown



Cedar Natural Edge Bowl  
Harriet Maloney

### **But I didn't inhale...**

Few people talk about the hazards of using super glue beyond the danger of getting stuck when you don't want to. But, they are significant and should not be overlooked, especially when using the accelerator and within an enclosed work area. Continuous or prolonged inhalation of even a minimum of fumes produced by super glue—including cutting through a hardened glue joint—can cause wildly irregular heartbeat, dizziness, extreme irritability, even lethargy. Ventilate your work area and don't sniff the smoke!

**Safety First and Turn Safely**

# Upcoming Demonstrations

**March:** On March 11 our demonstrator will be our own Walt Bennett. Walt will be doing several start up projects for apprentice and journeyman turners. Walt is a professional instructor. He also gives talks and demonstrations on his turning techniques, including oval turning. He has also been the President of the Mid-Maryland Woodturners club.

**April:** TBD

**May:** Patrick O'Brian.

**June:** TBD

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# February Meeting Minutes

by Bob Parson

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, CAT held its first anniversary party. Although originally planned for January, and after record snowfalls in the Washington, DC area caused us to postpone the anniversary party twice, we finally were able to dig out and have our anniversary celebration. As the planning for our party unfolded, it also became apparent, again because of the record snowfalls in the area, that we would not be able to have our club meeting in the month of February. Banshee Reeks was hopelessly snowed in. Vice President Dale Bright suggested that we combine our delayed anniversary party with a business meeting and accomplish having a February meeting after all. That is exactly what we did on February 20.

Our party/meeting was a smashing success. We gathered around 4:00 PM, everyone bringing a dish for our potluck dinner. Our get together was hosted by Whitestone Farms in Aldie, Virginia. Whitestone's manager, Mark Duffel, a member of our club, arranged for us to meet at Whitestone Farm. We were also

fortunate that George Lemm, owner of Whitestone Farm was not only generous in hosting our party location, but also attended our party,



donated a few bottles of fine wine from his collection for our raffle, provided the main course of Angus beef for our dinner, and won a turning tool in the raffle to boot!

During our business meeting the club officially elected Ron Cote as newsletter editor. We had three new guest families attend our get together and had a total attendance of approximately 55 people. One of the main attractions at our meeting was the special raffle, which included a Jet JML-1014 mini lathe. The lucky winner of the lathe was club member Dave Brown. Everyone had a great time, a great dinner, and a great time to rest those snow shoveling muscles.

## Turning Tips/Rules

- The thickness of a rough-turned bowl should be 10% of the diameter.
- The final base width should be 1/3 of the diameter of the bowl.
- The diameter of the base of a plate should be 2/3 the diameter. That makes it very stable but still works for looks.

Angle for tools:

- |                 |    |                  |    |                           |    |
|-----------------|----|------------------|----|---------------------------|----|
| ○ Parting tools | 25 | ○ Spindle gouges | 35 | ○ Spindle Roughing gouges | 45 |
| ○ Bowl gouges   | 55 | ○ Scrapers       | 80 |                           |    |

## Member Discounts

# Woodcraft of Leesburg



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

### **Breaking News** Dues Deadline Looming **Breaking News**

**W**e have worked hard to include anyone we could find who is interested in woodturning in the e-mail list for woodturning information as well as for the Catoctin Area Turners newsletter. If you have not joined CAT by the 15th of March, we will delete your e-address from the e-mailing list. But we want you to join and

participate in our meetings and other activities. If you have not yet joined the club, please come to our March meeting and sign up. We'd love to have you as a member of the finest woodturning club in all of Loudoun County! If you are unable go do so, you can keep abreast of club activities through the web site at [www.catoctinareturners.org](http://www.catoctinareturners.org).

# New Members

Bill Milbourn	Hamilton, VA
Thomas Graham	Round Hill, VA
Chance Austin	Aldie, VA
Ray Wills	Aldie, VA
David Crowder	Centerville, VA
Mark Zalewski	Bluemont
John Wells	Round Hill, VA
Sharon Wells	Round Hill, VA
Bruce Bucklin	Leesburg, VA

Welcome to the Catoctin Area Turners and we certainly hope to see you at our next meeting.

# Upcoming Symposiums

**2010 American Association of Woodturners (AAW):** June 18 - 20

Hartford, CT

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2010/>

**2010 Virginia Woodturners:** October 23 - 24

Augusta Exposition and Entertainment Center

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# Odds and Ends

## **Bull Sale at Whitestone Farm**

At the CAT anniversary party, Mark Duffell invited us all to come to the bull sale there at the farm on 15 March. It is open to the public, but more than that, it would help Mark out if we have a lot of folks there. He is hoping for a good turn-out of serious bull buyers but just having a large crowd will hopefully encourage those buyers to bid higher out of concern that there may be others in that big crowd who will want to outbid them. Since Mark was so kind to host the CAT dinner, perhaps we can pay him back by showing up in force to swell the crowd. Maybe that will bring good luck to the farm by increasing the prices they get for their young bulls. Besides, if you come at about 6:00, you can have dinner, too. Mark will have Black Angus burgers and chili for all who attend. If free food won't draw a crowd, I don't know what will. Let's turn out in force.

## **Farewell to Lurkers**

This is the month in which we will delete the e-addresses of those who have not joined Catoctin Area Turners. We have put everyone we could find who has expressed interest in woodturning on our e-mailing list and you have all been getting the newsletter each month as well as any additional mailings about woodturning information. I encourage all of you who have not joined CAT to come to our meetings and do so. The more members we have, the more funds we will have to be able to bring in outside demonstrators to show us their stuff. A large club can do things which a small club can't. Please don't let this be farewell forever. Please be encouraged to come to our meetings and meet your fellow turners. You will find a great bunch of folks who love wood and woodturning who are overwhelmingly willing to share their knowledge and skills with others. Come on aboard and join us.

## **New Newsletter Editor**

Ron Cote was mighty surprised when he was invited to be the new newsletter editor, but he agreed to the task and did a splendid job on his first one. Since the CAT anniversary dinner turned out to be our February meeting, the membership present voted to accept Ron as the newsletter editor and, as such, a member of the Board of Directors for CAT. Ron, welcome aboard and thanks for taking on this huge task. We all appreciate it.

[www.catoctinareeturners.org](http://www.catoctinareeturners.org)

Chet Olson has been working mighty hard to put together a great web site for us. He has drawn in a lot of information and photographs of our activities and is keeping it very current. We hope to have it so current that you will be able to check the web site to see if the meeting is a go or no-go because of snow or other calamity. He'll have coming activities listed, too, so you can see what is on the horizon for us. Many thanks to Chet for his untiring work in managing this project. He may have to move to Florida so we will need a new photographer for Show and Tell stuff at meetings.

# Have Fun Turning