

Catoctin Area Turners

<http://catoctinareeturners.org/>



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



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Banshee Reeks & Feb Demo

February was a very good and busy month for many of our members. Our Banshee Reeks outing and repair crew was ably lead by

Dave Brown, David Bell, Terry Lund and Ron Cote.

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Ron Circe. It was a great time to get to meet and fellowship with members that we don't usually get a chance to speak with as often as we would like to at our meetings. So thanks to the following members who were able to support this effort: George Carrigan, Mark Zalewski, Ray Wills,

Our monthly demonstration was well attended by approximately 30 members and guest. A great thank you to Aaron Grebeldinger for providing us with a very informative presentation.



Membership Renewals

See details on page 7



The President's Page

George Carrigan

I want to thank Aaron Grebeldinger for the great demo in February. Box making has always been intriguing to me, because I always seem to have small cut-offs lying around the shop, and I can't figure out what to do with them. I hate throwing anything away, and making a box out of a 2x2 piece of wood is a lot better than burning them or adding them to my collection of cut-offs. I also mentioned to Aaron about him coming back to do a hands on sharpening demo, and he was all for it. We'll need to bring in a few extra grinders and everyone can bring in their own tools for hands on sharpening training. If you think this is something you would like to do, please let Terry or me know, and we'll try to put it on the schedule for later in the year.

While we're on the subject of demos, in order to get a better feel for what everyone thinks about the monthly demo's or what you would like to see in our monthly demo, Terry Lund has designed a Program Evaluation sheet for the members to fill out at the end of each meeting. It's just a few lines, but we think it'll really help in deciding what type demos we do in the future. So look for them by the door either on the way in or after the demo.

We'll also have a new form for your show and tell items. That way we can ensure that you get proper credit and recognition for your work. This also allows our webmaster, photographer, and newsletter editor to work more efficiently. Besides, we certainly don't want to mistakenly give Don Maloney credit for any of Harriet Maloney's beautiful bowls.

A special thanks goes out to all those who showed up at Banshee Reeks on Feb 19th. The January snow and gale force winds damaged the previously built environmental deer enclosures. Ron Circe, BRNP manager, decided that we would take down the old structures and try to salvage whatever we could. After piling in a pick-up and collecting some equipment, we went to the first site and everyone went to work. Within an hour and a half we salvaged as many poles as possible and rolled up 160 feet of netting that can be reused at a later date. After a short break, we went to the second site and did the same thing. Great working with you guys. Thanks.

This is the month we'll start the "**Bring Back**" feature in the club. I'll be starting this off with a Norway Maple Burl that I turned about a year ago. I got the burl from a tree that was taken down in Purcellville because it had overgrown its location. The burl was only about 2 inches high and 5x5, so it was basically destined to be a small shallow bowl. There's nothing wrong with that but I wanted to be able to look at the burl, and if I made a small bowl out of it, I'd just fill it with candy. So instead, I hollowed it from the bottom, and put it on a small pedestal. It's finished with about ten coats of Tung oil and Beal buffed. I hope this month's winner enjoys looking at it as much as I do (did).

George Carrigan, CAT President

Upcoming Demonstrations

By Terry Lund

March 10: Bill Fowkes "Turning Trees from Trees" - Bill has a unique and interesting item that he turns. He combines turning and carving to produce amazing and elegant tree designs. He will be showing us how he has developed this form.

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/>)

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. Two topics we are considering are "Blue Bowl Reversing" (http://www.davidreedsmith.com/Articles/BlueBowlReversing/blue_bowl_reversing.htm) and "Shear Scraper" (<http://www.davidreedsmith.com/Articles/ShearScraper/ShearScraper.htm>), but there are many others including many project items.

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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Upcoming Demonstrations

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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.

July - Our annual CAT picnic will be held on Sat July 16 at Banshee Reeks, and it will replace the regularly scheduled meeting for this month. During the picnic we will have an opportunity for another hands on turning session to turn pens as part of the Woodcraft "Turning for Troops" program. Details will be provided in future newsletters.

August - Barbara Dill - "Multi Axis Turning" - Barbara is a well known VA turner from near Richmond. 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. We expect her workshop to cost \$85 and we will finalize the details before the June meeting.



Florida Wood - For Sale

In early February, Tom Boley made a trip to Florida with his wife, Judi, to visit one of Judi's childhood friends. Thinking ahead, they drove the F150 in order to bring back some of that great Florida wood. Dropping Judi off at her friend's home near Jacksonville, Tom drove on to St. Petersburg the following day and bought a truck load of wood, mostly East Indian rosewood but some camphor, mimosa, red gum eucalyptus, Australian cypress, and Cuban mahogany. Tom will bring some of this wood to the March CAT meeting for sale to club members and guests. Prices range from about \$20 to \$100. If you may be interested, you might want to bring some \$\$\$ or your checkbook.

Upcoming Workshops

By Terry Lund

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/>. We will have additional details about the workshop plans in the April newsletter.

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 Catocin Area Turners) to Terry Lund at 14592 Nina Ct Waterford, VA, or you can give Terry a check at any meeting. CAT members have until April 1 to register for the workshop, and at that time, if we still have openings, we will open up registration to CAW and AVT members. 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 Catocin 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.

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.

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. 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).

The list is getting filled up, but we could still probably use additional help. So, if you have some additional time over the weekend, please let me know tboley@erols.com. Listed below are the dates and times. -- 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

Currently full

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

2 - 4

4 - 6

Sunday, 13 March

Currently full

I think this will be a great joint venture for our two clubs and look forward to working with everyone on it.



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

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

The Editor's Bench

by Ron Cote



I'll keep my portion of the newsletter fairly brief this month. I do encourage everyone to look carefully through this month's newsletter as there are some important announcements here and there.

I'm certainly looking forward to the coming weekend's "Woodworking Show" out at the Dulles Expo Center. I'll be turning and giving away either tops or pens for whoever has got the patience to watch me.



I've included some additional pictures below of both the Banshee Reeks work project and Aaron Grebeldinger's demonstration.



Monthly Meeting

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

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

This month demonstrator/speaker:

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

Volunteers Needed

Terry Lund would like to have a member take over the coordination of our **Mentor Program**, and our **Equipment Listing** information. One person could do both task, or two folks can get involved to help the club. Each of these tasks takes a small amount of time in any given month. Speak to Terry at any of the meetings or contact him with the information listed on the officers page.

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.

New Members

By Marc Kaplan

We have had a number of new CAT members that registered with us since the beginning of the year. We would certainly like to welcome them all to our organization. They are as follows:

Herschell Doss - Round Hill

Alex Moore - Catharpin

Joseph Geraci - Leesburg

Juan Gil - Sterling

Arbor Day

24 April 2011
Middleburg, VA



This year's Arbor Day will be held at the Hill School in Middleburg. This is a beautiful 120 acre site on the south side of Middleburg. There is excellent infrastructure (barns, power, lighting, tables, shelters, etc.). To get to the "hub" area that will be used, turn south on The Plains Road from the west end of Middleburg (Route 50). Go ½ mile and turn left into site at Arbor Day sign. Hope to see many of you there.



What I've Learned - Month 19

Jeff Greene

As the seductively sweet tendrils of spring begin to pull us from the grasps of Old Man Winter, the drive to be outdoors is almost overwhelming. As I sit here in the Atlanta airport, I'm thinking I may have a flare up of anal glaucoma this Friday. "You know boss, I just can't see my butt working today ;-)"



This time of the year the call of the **golf course** and the call of the **lathe** are battling for my limited free time. The wife did let me attend the segmented turning class at Woodcraft, which I really enjoyed and recommend. Mike Fraser, yes the same guy



that did the segmented turning demo for CAT last year, did a great job in explaining the math of segmented turning, even in a way that permeated my thick skull. If I can remember, I'll bring in the finished project. I was completely shocked, as I believe it turned out fairly nice. One thing this class did do for me was to force me to get up close and personal with my table saw. As I suspected, and can now without any doubt confirm, it's a total POS. So, I've been trying to apply the techniques I learn in the class, but the saw is limiting the precision of my seams. I would certainly appreciate any table saw recommendation tips.

I also had a chance to visit Dunlap Woodcrafts <http://www.dunlapwoodcrafts.com/> in Chantilly. Wow can you say "kid in a candy store?" Certainly worth the trip, tons of great burl, and the prices are very reasonable.

Well, they just started boarding my flight, so that will be it for me this month, see you at the meeting.



Jeff Greene
Operations Director

February Show & Tell

Photos by Jeter Benbow



Texas Ebony Vase
George Carrigan



Harriett Maloney - Oak Burl Bowl & Square Bowl



Bob Parson - Mirror and Cherry Bowls



Ray Wills - Hickory Bowl



Ralph Redmond - Maple Vase



Roy Aber - Open Segmented bowl
And Bottle Stopper

February Show & Tell

Photos by Jeter Benbow

I believe that I have listed the correct pictures and names to the right pieces. If I have missed a few I apologize. - Ron



Terry Lund - Tops



Harriett Maloney

Bring It Back

(Club Participation)

By George Carrigan

Here is a picture of the piece that I'll donate to start the "Bring Back" feature for our monthly meetings. It's Norway maple with the top hollowed from the bottom and an Ebony pedestal.



Here is my idea of how the "Bring Back" works. All those willing to participate will be given a raffle ticket at the beginning of the meeting. A drawing will be held to pick one ticket and the holder of that ticket will be awarded the piece for their own collection. The obligation of the winner will be to "Bring Back" a piece of their own making the following month for the next months raffle. Monthly winners will not be eligible for the remainder of the fiscal year. In case the monthly winner is unable to attend the following month's meeting or their piece is not ready, the next months raffle will still be held and the winners should make arrangements for presentations at a later date.

Mentoring Program

by Terry Lund

We 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 March 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 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 looking for a volunteer to replace Terry as the Mentor coordinator

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 March 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 (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

We are looking for a volunteer to replace Terry as the Equipment coordinator



Member Discounts

Woodcraft of Leesburg



Leesburg Plaza

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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

Tom Boley Woodturning Workshops (Leesburg / Woodcraft)

Winter 2011 Schedule

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, 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.

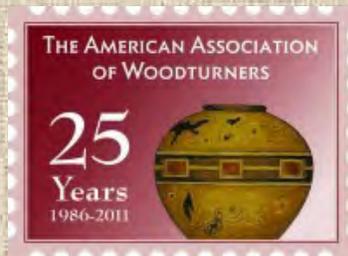
Sunday, March 27, Saturday, or April 9

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

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



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