



# Newsletter

December 2014

We are a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

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## **Club Officers**

*President – Jim Stottlemeyer*

*1st Vice President – Bob Robinson*

*2nd Vice President – Carroll Stottlemeyer*

*Secretary – Bill Caldwell*

*Treasurer – Grant Wheeler*

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*Web Site Liaison – Ruth Niles*

*Photographers – Ruth Niles,  
Carroll Stottlemeyer*

*Newsletter Editor – Bill Caldwell*

*Library Manager – Joe Wertner,  
Ruth Niles*

*Audio Visual – Don Rink, Joe Wertner*

*Raffle – Rod Stabler*

*Win-One Turn-One – Rod Stabler*

*Club Tours – Carroll Stottlemeyer*

*Christmas Toys – Lloyd Benedict*

*Auction – Lester Dice*

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## **November's Club Meeting**

November's Club meeting was held on November 6, 2014. It was an excellent turn out for the meeting. We also had three guests join us for the night, and I know at least one became a member. Officer elections were held, and we are pleased that Rod Stabler joined the team of officers for 2015. He will replace our current treasurer Grant Wheeler. See below for the new officer line-up. The demo for the night was different techniques to finish your turning. This was definitely an informative evening.

## **Announcements**

**Library** – There's a lot of good material in the library for our members. If you would like to donate something to the library, your donation would be appreciated. Something new added, we are now offering members the opportunity to sign out tools from the club. Good chance to try a tool before going out to purchase one.

**Shop Tours** – Currently looking for members to open their shop for a tour. This is a great way for members to see how other folks are set-up, and can lead to ideas for them to improve their process. If interested in opening your shop, contact Carroll Stottlemeyer at [estcar2014@gmail.com](mailto:estcar2014@gmail.com).

**Hats and Shirts** – Hats and shirts are still available. The cost is \$12.00 for a hat, and \$30.00 for a shirt. Both are real nice items to have.

**Committees** – Every good club relies on its members to keep things running smoothly. If everyone contributes, it tends not to over task other members. We are asking members to volunteer as needed to support their club. Please get with Carroll Stottlemeyer to volunteer to be on a committee. Remember, you don't have to be an expert, you just need to be willing to help out.

**Wood Sale** - Members have the opportunity to purchase wood at the club meetings. This way, you can see the wood that you are going to purchase, and maybe get a better price than purchasing it elsewhere. This is a club fundraiser, and a great way for some members to obtain wood.

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*Please don't forget to check-out the club's web site.*

*<http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/>*

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The club's website has a lot of good information for your viewing pleasure. Please take time to check it out. If you have something you would like to post on the site, send your request to Ruth Niles.

ruthniles@gmail.com

If you would like to post an ad on the website, contact Grant Wheeler (304-947-7511). Cost is \$5.00 in classified tab, and \$10.00 to get on the Home Page. Wood or shop related items only.

The library is for your use, please take advantage of it. If you're not sure what we have to offer, you can check our website, or talk to Joe Wertner. If you have some videos, or other material that you would like to loan or donate to the library, that would be appreciated as well.

The newsletter is here for you. If you would like to post something to share with others, please send your information to:  
bmconthego@comcast.net

Christmas Toy Project – If you haven't already given the toys you made to Lloyd Benedict, please bring them to the Christmas Party. Lloyd will collect them there

### **Safety**

Please remember that it isn't how far back you stand, the key is to ensure you are out of the line of fire. Example, an individual was 12 feet away from someone cutting a board on a table saw. The operator had a kick-back, and the board went flying across the room. The board lodged into the chest of the observer who was standing twelve feet away, but was in the line of fire.

Never forget the "What If" rule.

### **Show and Tell**

The challenge for November was to make an ornament.

To see these and other wonderful pieces of art; please [click here](#) to view them.

### **Demo**

The demo for the night was on finishing, presented by Joe Wertner, John Hough, Rod Stabler, and Grant Wheeler.

Joe started by applying a compound to a buffing wheel removing the excess. Then he applied EEE to his project, and buffed it in. Next he used a buffing wheel made of a different cloth for which he also applied compound. Then he applied carnauba wax to his project, and buffed the wax, giving his project a nice finish.

Grant went next using a leather dye on his project. After the dye dried, he applied a liming wax. After the wax dried, he mounted his project on the lathe, and used a paper towel to burn in the wax.

John Hough used shellac for his finish. See attachment "Finishing with Shellac" for more details. After applying the shellac, he used a paste wax for the top coat.

Rod Stabler displayed some of the finishes he uses. Some examples are preserve oil (made from exotic nuts), super gloss (great for pins), salad bowl finish, EEE ultra (Dr Kurk's works just as well, and a little cheaper in price), and a walnut oil microcrystal paste wax. He also had a tip for end grain problems, and that was to apply lacquer thinned down, let dry, then turn again.

Great job done by all in enhancing our knowledge in finishing our projects. "Big Thanks" to all.

## **Grizzly Tool Trip**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of November we had eight folks and two vehicles take a trip to the Grizzly store in Muncy PA. The store has a lot of industrial items on display, and thousands of items in the warehouse. If you have never been before, it's worth the trip to just look at the equipment. They have a good selection of turning tools and a lot of odds and ends in the store as well.

Jim Stottlemeyer and Bob Robinson were filling up shopping carts. I guess they were stocking up for the winter. Rumor has it, that Jim was going to buy a 1400 dollar piece of equipment, however they didn't have the item he was looking for, so he spent it on his wish list. (I hope Nancy doesn't read this!)

It was a long way to travel, however the time went by pretty quickly. I believe everyone enjoyed the trip, and came home with a few additional items for their shop.

## **Club Officer Election**

During November's club meeting, these were the officers elected for 2015.

President: Bob Robinson

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Jim Stottlemeyer

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Carroll Stottlemeyer

Secretary: Bill Caldwell

Treasurer: Rod Stabler

## **Club membership Dues**

It's that time of the year. Club dues are due now for 2015. The fee for a single membership is \$40.00, and a family membership will be \$50.00. Please see Grant Wheeler or Ron Stabler to pay your dues for 2015.

## **Christmas Party**

The Christmas Party will soon be here. Please let Larry and Nancy Miller know if you plan to attend. This has been a wonderful event in the past, and I'm sure this year will be no different. The party will be on December 4, 2014. Please arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. Their address is 1391 Cove Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17202-9200.

Larry and Nancy can be contacted at:

Phone: 1-717-264-6474

Email: [landnmiller@comcast.net](mailto:landnmiller@comcast.net)

Larry and Nancy will provide the main dish, and this year we are doing a potluck with the sides, and dessert. What this means, you cook-up a side dish or a dessert, and bring it along.

Don't forget to bring toys for Lloyd Benedict (if you haven't done so already) so he can take them to the school that will distribute them to the needy children.

The Christmas challenge to be judged this year will be an ornament. The winner will receive a \$50.00 gift card. Please remember that the ornament you bring will be used as a door prize after the judging.

Please don't forget to let Larry and Nancy know as soon as you can if you plan to attend, so they know how many to plan for.

Expect an enjoyable evening, and a lot of good food.

## **Officer's Meeting**

The next officer's meeting will be December 22, 2014 at 1200. The location will be at Brother's Pizza in Greencastle PA. All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

## **Date Change for January 2015.**

Due to the first Thursday falling on the 1<sup>st</sup>, (New Years Day) our meeting date for January will be on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Hardwood Sources**

Attached is a list of hardwood sources in the mid-Atlantic region,

## **Next Meeting**

- December 4, 2014.
- Challenge is to turn an ornament. (Note: Your ornament will be judged)
- Remember, the ornament that you bring will be given out as a door prize.
- Christmas Party, bring a dish to share for the potluck.
- Feel free to pay your membership dues at the party.

### Finishing with Shellac

Shellac comes in several forms

- Pre-mixed brush-on
- Pre-mixed spray-on
- Flake form (mix it yourself)
  - o There are many kinds
  - o Flake types reflect the level of refinement from Seedlac to Super-Blond
- Tonight we're using
  - o De-waxed orange shellac mixed to about a 1 pound cut
  - o Qualasole – a type of shellac used like French polish

Why use shellac?

- Relatively cheap
- Easy to apply
- Very flexible if you mix yourself
  - o Mix in any concentration (pound cut)
  - o Tinted with dyes or furniture powders
  - o Mix as little or as much as you need
- Easy to repair if damaged
- Dries very quickly
  - o Turned items are nearly ready for use right off the lathe
  - o No dust nibs to worry about
- Food safe finish (shellac is a food additive)

Cons of shellac use

- Won't resist alcohol
- Can develop rings if used on table surfaces
- Relatively short shelf life once mixed with alcohol (6 months)

Shellac references

- <http://www.shellac.net>
- Google "shellac finishing" – there are 100s of hits

Using shellac for turnings

- Use a 1lb cut or less
- You can brush or "pad" on shellac
  - o Brushing or spraying a base coat allows you to build a finish faster
  - o Wear a glove – the stuff stains your skin
  - o Be careful about skin/alcohol exposure
- Finish sand to at least 180 (220 in these examples)
- Burnish with shavings
- Apply shellac in as many coats as necessary to get results you want
  - o More coats builds a deeper, shinier finish
  - o You can overdo it – heavy coats appear "ropey" or can look "plastic"
- Using Qualasole
  - o Pre-mixed so no-fuss
  - o Prep same as shellac
  - o Use a "pad" made of cotton and linen (although other outer materials work too)
  - o Don't soak the pad – should feel cool but not wet
  - o Wipe in strokes or if you have a variable speed control lathe, go at slowest setting

Top coat finished project with paste wax

Any paste wax will do – I use Johnson's paste floor wax

## Hardwood Sources Near Washington

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Web Page/Email</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Exotic Lumber Inc.	19324 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20879	240-632-0385 1-888-262-7338	<a href="http://www.exoticlumberinc.com">www.exoticlumberinc.com</a>	Excellent selection of both domestic and exotic hardwoods
Hicksville Planing Mill	14464 Hicksville Rd, Clear Spring, MD 21722	301-842-3474	None	Excellent selection with great prices
Freestate Timbers	Timonium Commerce Park 9572 Deereco Rd., Timonium, MD 21093	410-561-9444	<a href="http://www.freestatetimbers.com">www.freestatetimbers.com</a>	Wide selection of domestic and exotic hardwoods; good selection of unique timbers
Hearne Hardwoods	200 Whiteside Dr., Oxford, PA	888-814-0007	<a href="http://www.hearnehardwoods.com">www.hearnehardwoods.com</a>	Over 100 species of domestic and exotic woods; bookmatched lumber, burls, natural edged flitches, highly-figured boards
Irion Lumber Co.	P.O. Box 954/980 Calkins Rd. Wellsboro, PA 16901-0954	(570) 724-1895	<a href="http://www.irionlumber.com">www.irionlumber.com</a> <a href="mailto:info@irionlumber.com">info@irionlumber.com</a>	Carry a large inventory in different widths and thicknesses of just a few species, mainly cherry, tiger maple, walnut, butternut and mahogany
Alderfer Lumber Co.	5532 Flint Valley Road Mount Pleasant Mills PA 17853	877-829-6247 570-539-2063	<a href="http://www.alderferlumber.com">http://www.alderferlumber.com</a>	Domestic hardwoods in good range of sizes. Select figured boards.
Talarico Hardwoods	22 Hardwood Lane, Mohnton, PA 19540	610-775-0400	<a href="http://www.talaricohardwoods.com">www.talaricohardwoods.com</a>	High quality wood, great figure, home of 'Wood Porn'
Vienna Hardwoods	241 Mills St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180	703-255-9663 800-571-9663	<a href="http://www.viennahardwood.com/">www.viennahardwood.com/</a>	Wide variety of domestic and foreign hardwood and plywood
King's Arrow Antique Lumber	11175 Tattersall Trail, Oakton, VA	703-407-5912	None; <a href="mailto:kingsarrow@cox.net">kingsarrow@cox.net</a>	Hard pine, Douglas fir, chestnut, resawn antique oak, hand hewn beams in hard pine; can also saw logs at Nokesville location
Northland Forest Products	9300 Litho Lane, Manassas, VA 20110	703-393-7500	<a href="http://www.northlandforest.com/manassas.shtml">www.northlandforest.com/manassas.shtml</a>	Good selection of mostly domestic hardwood; list available online
Colonial Hardwoods	7953 Cameron Brown Ct., Springfield, VA 22153	703-451-9217	<a href="http://www.colonialhardwoods.com">www.colonialhardwoods.com</a>	Over 120 foreign and domestic species of hardwood
Dunlap Woodcrafts	14600F Flint Lee Rd. Chantilly, VA 20151	703-631-5147	<a href="http://dunlapwoodcrafts.com">dunlapwoodcrafts.com</a> <a href="mailto:wayne@dunlapwoodcrafts.com">wayne@dunlapwoodcrafts.com</a>	
Woodcraft	Leesburg and Springfield, VA	Leesburg: 703-737-7880 Springfield: 703-727-9668	<a href="http://www.woodcraft.com">www.woodcraft.com</a>  Use store locator to find specific store	Good selection of domestic and imported hardwoods and veneers
McFarland's Mill & Rockler Store	587 Round Hill Rd. Winchester, VA 22602	(540) 667-2272	<a href="http://www.mcfarlandsmill.com">www.mcfarlandsmill.com</a> <a href="mailto:mcfarlandsmill@comcast.net">mcfarlandsmill@comcast.net</a>  Contact: Stephanie See	Hardwood selection, Jet and Powermatic tool dealer, full-service Rockler woodworking/woodturning store
Local Wood	40 Kimble Road, Berryville, VA 22611	540-955-9522	<a href="mailto:charlie@carpenterbeach.com">charlie@carpenterbeach.com</a>	Cherry, walnut, white and red oak, maple, ash, cedar, reclaimed chestnut and heart pine. We will also dry your lumber in our state of the art kiln.

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Dale Lumber Co.	10 Cardinal Park Dr. SE, Leesburg, VA 20175	703-669-9000	<a href="http://www.drlumber.com/home.nxg">www.drlumber.com/home.nxg</a>	Domestic hardwoods, alder, Honduras mahogany
Herbine Hardwoods	42270 Lucketts Rd. (off Rt. 15 N), Leesburg, VA 20176	703-771-3067	<a href="http://www.herbinehardwood.com">www.herbinehardwood.com</a> <a href="mailto:rick@herbinehardwood.com">rick@herbinehardwood.com</a>	Wide selection of hardwoods including quartersawn, flitches, crotch lumber; by appointment
Loudon Lumber	121 N. Bailey Lane., Purcellville, VA 20132	540-338-1840	<a href="http://www.loudonlumber.com/">www.loudonlumber.com/</a>	Hardwood and rough cut lumber
Heritage Hardwoods	4227 Whiting Rd., Marshall, VA 20115	540-364-4321 800-222-3512	<a href="http://www.awood.net/Maps/heritage.htm">www.awood.net/Maps/heritage.htm</a>	Hardwood plywood; maple, oak, walnut, poplar, cherry boards
C.P. Johnson Lumber	21457 Business Court, off Route 29, Elkwood, VA 22718	540-825-1006 540-937-3059 cell	<a href="http://www.cpjlumber.com/">http://www.cpjlumber.com/</a>	Clear red cherry, red and white quartersawn oak, hard maple, sycamore; matched sets, figured, curly maple a specialty. Call ahead.
Blue Ridge Lumber Co.	183 Mule Academy Road Fishersville, Va. 22939	(540) 885-5055	<a href="http://www.blueridgelumber.net">www.blueridgelumber.net</a>	Specialize in Red and White Oak, Poplar, Ash, Hard and Soft Maple, Hickory, Cherry and Walnut
Neff Lumber Mills, Inc.	Broadway, VA 22815	540-896-7031	<a href="http://www.nefflumber.com">www.nefflumber.com</a> <a href="mailto:Nefflum@aol.com">Nefflum@aol.com</a>	Prime Appalachian hardwoods from the Shenandoah Valley
Willow Run Custom Lumber	2225 Fort Lynne Rd., Harrisonburg, VA 22802	540-433-0317 540-435-9307 cell	<a href="http://www.willowrunlumber.com/">http://www.willowrunlumber.com/</a> <a href="mailto:willowrunlumber@aol.com">willowrunlumber@aol.com</a>	Most domestic woods; can special order; starting to carry crotch veneers (1/4")
Augusta Lumber Co.	Waynesboro, VA	540-946-9150	<a href="http://www.augustalumber.com/">www.augustalumber.com/</a>	Appalachian hardwoods
McDaniel Hardwoods	112 Industrial Blvd, Kearneysville, WV 25432	800-662-9958	<a href="http://www.mcdanielhrdws.com">www.mcdanielhrdws.com</a>	Modest selection of hardwoods.