

OHIO VALLEY WOODTURNERS GUILD

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A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners <u>www.woodturner.org</u>



President's Letter



If you weren't able to attend the September monthly meeting, Turnfest 2018, you missed a real treat. There were several very instructive demonstrations to choose from, vendors selling a variety of woodturning tools; an all-you-could-eat lunch; drawings for tools, wood, and other items of interest to turners; a chainsaw safety presentation; and a display of primitive wood working tools and lathes. While these activities were most notable, many people found the socializing with other members to be one of the most enjoyable parts of the meeting. The success of this event was made possible through a lot of planning and hard work by several people on the Board and through the

dedicated contributions of many, many other volunteers - too many to attempt to name here. We owe our thanks to all of them.

If you are a relatively new member this was a great chance for you to get an idea of what the OVWG has to offer. Having said that, I want to take some time here to inform/remind you of some of the benefits that come with membership. As a new member, especially if you are new to turning, we would like to have you take the "Introduction To Woodturning And The OVWG Learning Center (LC)" class before you participate in "Open Shop" or any of the "Turn & Learn" classes. This is a free, 3 hour class that is usually offered 2-3 times per month. Once you have completed this class you can participate in "Open Shop" and/or take the "Turn & Learn" classes. Open Shop Coordinators will advise you on the use of basic tools and the lathe. However, remember that they aren't there to teach a class. On the other hand "Turn & Learn" classes are designed to teach you the basics about specific topics such as spindle turning, turning green wood bowls, dry wood bowl turning, and turning a lidded box.

Once you have gained some proficiency through "Turn & Learn" classes or by help from others, you are ready to consider taking some of the skill building classes or a 1, 2, or 3 day class with one of the professional demonstrators we bring in. No matter how experienced you are you will learn new techniques that will go a long way in helping you to become a better turner. These classes are offered throughout the year and give you an opportunity to learn from some of the best turners in the business. They also help you to get to know fellow OVWG members and learn from them at the same time.

I also want to emphasize the benefits of attending monthly meetings where you will see demonstrations from nationally and internationally recognized professionals. These are the people who have contributed to the body of knowledge that the rest of us use and depend on as we work to improve our skills. Some meetings during the year (called home grown) will expose you to the talents of some of our own members. Don't overlook this great source for knowledge and inspiration. Several of these people also serve as mentors and are happy to work with you on a one-on-one basis. At your request they may come to your shop to advise you on set-up, invite you to their shop to help with turning or to show you their set-up, or meet you at the LC to work on the basics or specialized techniques. And, last but not least, I want to remind you of the value of participating in "Open Shops" at the LC. This is a great opportunity to get some help/advice with most anything you are working on and at the same time get to know other OVWG members.

If you are new to turning you may be just beginning to learn that woodturning, like many other hobbies, can become rather expensive. However, as a member of the OVWG you are able to put off those expenses until you are sure that this is something you really want to get involved in. In the LC we provide tools and lathes that you can use in all of those activities I mentioned above. In fact one of the Guild's goals is to help new members with decisions concerning the purchase of turning tools and lathes. To accomplish that goal we have equipped the LC with different brands and sizes of lathes. If you are in the market for a lathe I suggest that you take some time to try out the various models that we provide. If you are in an Open Shop you will generally use one of the Jet 1221's. However, if you want to test drive one of the others ask your Open Shop Coordinator to help you do so.

Before I close I want to point out one other thing that the Guild is doing this year to make it easier for you to plan your turning year - the addition of an annual class calendar. To find this go to the OVWG website (www.ovwg.org) and click on the Calendars button. From the drop down menu click on 2018 Class Calendar. This will provide you a list of the classes planned for the period September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019. Topics for some of the skill building classes have not yet been determined, but everything else is there. This also makes it easy for you to register by just clicking on the underlined name of the instructor or of the class title - then complete the registration process. This should help you to budget your time and the money that you want to spend on woodturning activities during the year. If you see something you want to take I urge you to register as soon as possible so that we know how to plan with respect to class materials, tools, etc.

Now for those who have gotten past the basics and have begun to develop some turning skills I want to encourage you to consider taking a class with Jason Swanson - our professional demonstrator for October 20, 2018. In addition to his demonstration he is offering a one-day hands-on class on Sunday, October 21, and a three-day class on October 22-24. This is a great chance to make some beautiful segmented pepper mills that will make wonderful holiday gifts.

On behalf of the Board and myself I want to thank you for becoming a member of the OVWG. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings and following your growth as a woodturner.

Jerry Warner President



An Opportunity not to be missed

The October meeting and is your chance to see Jasnon Swanson



Learn how to make a salt and pepper mill - take one of his classes

Upcoming/Ongoing Events	
Oct.17, 2018	Turn & Learn 3 - Green Wood Bowl Turning
Oct.20, 2018	Jason Swanson - Professional Demonstrator
Oct 21, 2018	Jason Swanson - Hands On Class
Oct. 22-24, 2018	Jason Swanson - Three Day Class
Oct.25, 2018	Turn & Learn 4 - Dry/Finished Bowl Turning
Oct.27, 2018	Skill Building Class - Pryamid Point Tool
Nov. 17, 2018	Jacques Vesery - Professional Demonstrator
Nov. 10, 2018	Turn & Learn 5 - Lidded Box
Nov. 18-19, 2018	Jacques Vesery—Two Day Class

Things of Note

- OVWG name tags with a magnetic back are available for \$5 from member Chris Barrett. To get a name tag, send Chris an email at artisan022@icloud.com, telling him how you want your name to appear. He will have your name tag at a subsequent meeting.
- The OVWG now has **business cards** printed and available for members to be given out and posted at related wood turning businesses. The cards are available in the Learning Center.
- We continue to have opportunities to do demonstrations in many different locales. We have an "approved demonstrator" list that receives an email with a chance to volunteer for these events. If you would like to become a qualified demonstrator contact John Albachten, Director of Skill Development

September Show and Tell







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September Show and Tell



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September Show and Tell







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January Contest — Make a Candle Holder

Now is the time to start designing and turning your entry

The primary material must be wood

Can be a single holder or up to a 3 piece set

Be able to hold a candle made from any material except oil or other liquid

Tips and Information from the AAW

AAW TIP OF THE WEEK

Plastic Decking for Vacuum Chuck

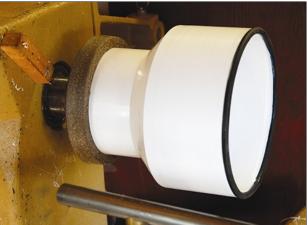
I use threaded plastic decking planks and plastic pipe for my airtight vacuum chucks. Other turners have used MDF and then coated the threads with CA glue and coated the edges and flat surfaces with shellac or varnish in an attempt to achieve an airtight seal, with varying degrees of success. Plastic decking is already airtight and holds threads well, is durable, readily available (scraps at construction sites are usually free), and easily shaped with woodworking tools.

Mark out the blanks about .5" (13mm) oversized, cut them out with a bandsaw, drill a hole in the center, and tap with a wood tap the appropriate size for your lathe. Then screw the blank onto the lathe headstock, turn the blank round, and true up any wobble. Next, measure the inside of the piece of plastic pipe you are using for a chuck and carefully turn a friction fit rabbet on the edge of the blank. Use silicone adhesive sealant to glue the pipe to the blank. After the sealant has cured, true up the pipe on the lathe and glue ethylene plastic foam (used for packing) to the edge with 3M Super 77 spray adhesive. The thickness of the foam doesn't matter. I have used .625"– .25" (2mm–6mm) thick with equal success.

An alternate method is to mount the blanks between centers and turn a tenon for a four-jaw chuck. Mount

into the four-jaw chuck, drill and tap on the lathe, and then screw onto the headstock threads. Proceed as for the first method.









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Meet the Board Turner

Name: Mary Carol Meinken

Occupation: Blissfully retired

Part of town you live in: North College Hill

How many years have you been turning?

I started turning around 2001, but didn't have lots of time to devote until I retired in 2009.

How many years have you been a member of OVWG?

About 17

What is your favorite item(s) to turn?

I like working out processes and turning new items. Taking an idea from thought to finished product is part of the fun.

What is your favorite wood and why?

Whatever I can get free, but maple and cherry are nicest to work with.

Do you have a favorite turning tool?

That would be a toss up between a bowl gouge and a detail spindle gouge – both are frequently out of the rack and on the lathe.

Who/What was your greatest teacher/influence?

My dad. He taught me that dust from a table saw makes a great place to draw, shavings from a plane are wonderful paper doll curls, and wood is about the prettiest substance on earth.



What was your happiest turning moment?

Was when it "clicked" and I was finally able to turn the shape I envisioned instead of turning what the tool wanted to do.

When you look at your turnings, what do you see?

I spend way too much time in the shop!!

In addition to woodturning, what other crafts/hobbies do you enjoy? Ballroom dancing, clog dancing, quilting, spending time with grandkids.

Where do you see the world of woodturning going? As tools get lighter and more user friendly, I see woodturning becoming more of a women's hobby. When you no longer need brute strength, what will then be most important is finesse and an eye for detail. In general, this comes more easily to women.

Something you would not have known about me: The beach is my "heaven on earth" place, and I will do almost anything for good dark chocolate. (Notice I said "almost").

Life and occupational skill areas: I managed a credit union for a good part of my working career. My PHD is from Hard Knock University.



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OVWG Mentors

Do you need help getting started or working out a problem? Call any of the names listed below. As always, there is NO **CHARGE** to members of the Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild. We love to share our woodturning passion. Call us, we want to help you.

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812-689-6545

Gerald Williams

Meetings

Indiana:

Southeast:

Demonstration meetings are generally held the third Saturday of the month (September through June) from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Registration and set up starts at 8:00am. Meeting cost (includes lunch) is \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers for all demonstrators. Attendees who are a member of another woodturning club will pay the OVWG member rate of \$15. First year membership dues of \$45 includes a wooden name badge. Subsequent year's dues are \$40. Use our secure website for all payments.