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## Tidewater Turners Welcomes Member Jerry Whitehurst

I began turning wood as a hobby in 1995, but my interest in wood began much earlier when I built my own home in the woods, with my wife Andrea. I like to tell friends and acquaintances that I had my hands on every board in our house—and many boards there are, for this handmade house is made with seven different kinds of wood! So it seemed natural that a hobby would develop into a second career when I retired from telephone work in 1996. There's a new excitement every time I find new pieces of wood (especially burls) and discover their hidden beauties unveiled as I turn. I can honestly say that after all these years, I have finally found something I love doing!

You will most often find me in my shop in Pungo

working with wood from all over the world. I am always eager to open up a piece of wood and discover the hidden beauty inside.

I have taught woodturning classes for the Tidewater Turners, John C. Campbell Folk School, and give private lessons in my shop. I have demonstrated at the Virginia Woodturning Symposium, the North Carolina Woodturning Symposium, the New York Woodturning Symposium, as well as, woodturning clubs in North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Michigan, and Maryland.



Check out Jerry's work at:  
<http://www.revolutionsinwood.com/>



## President's Note



**Debbie Glaze, President**

**Hello fellow turners,**

**T**hank you to Tom Crabb for an awesome demo! He is an amazing artist and a fantastic turner. I hope all of those you who were able to make the meeting enjoyed it as much as I did.

Wow! Where does the time go? It is time for nominations of officers at the September meeting for voting will be at the October meeting. Remember, if you cannot make the meeting in October to call an officer with your vote for the offices. Also, in October the nominations for 2 board positions will be open and that voting will be in November.

Connie will have a sign up sheet for the volunteers that will be needed for the AAW Symposium next year in Richmond. Cliff and Chuck may have more information for us at the September meeting.

The Chrysler Museum has contacted me regarding the city taking down the permission tree at the Myers Moses House in October. I shall meet with Jeanne in a couple of weeks to get the more detailed information. They are wanting us to turn pieces from the wood to put

for sale in the gift shop. Any and all members are able to participate in this activity. I shall keep you informed as I get the details.

Thank you for all who showed up at the Chesapeake Civil War Show. We have gotten information on the Newport News Fall Festival and John Payton will be handling this.

If anyone has small pieces of wood you would like to offload, please let me know. I have some blocks of wood I will be bringing to the meeting that would be suitable for pen blanks. They are cut into approximately 2 x 1 x 4 pieces.

Jerry Whitehurst has volunteered to handle the ordering bulk sandpaper, so get in touch with him if you would like to make an order

*Debbie*



### In other news...

#### **Several Items of interest from our President:**

The AAW Members Only section is now up and running on the AAW Web site.

<http://woodturner.org/member/MemberLogOn.asp>

Everything is clearly explained in the FAQ section below the login area. I have had no problem with it myself and it seems to work very well. Take it for a test drive and see for yourself what you can do there. Please pass this information on to

your chapter members. Thank you.

**Sean Troy: AAW Chapters and Membership committee.**

*(I set up my login to this area and their automatic email didn't come in because I use cox.net as my provider. (This is noted in their FAQ.) A simple phone call to the AAW office and they gave me the information over the phone.*

**Ray Kallman**

#### **Sycamore tree at Moses Myers House**

"Debbie, we have finally set a time for the first tree removal. The sycamore tree will be removed by the City in October. They have agreed to give your group the wood and have asked that a representative from the group be present during cutting and to make arrangements for hauling. I will give you a more specific date about 2 weeks away. Also, I'd like to get a commitment from the group as far as demonstrations and making items for our gift shop."

*(The Turners board will coordinate and Debbie will have details in the next newsletter.)*

#### **Purchase of Sanding Discs**

Jerry Whitehurst will be placing an order for 2 and 3 inch velco-backed sanding discs and holders this week. The discs come in packages of 25. We get them at a discount when we buy in quantity. If you're interested give Jerry a call at 426-2238.



## August Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order by, Debbie Glaze, President. She welcomed the visitors and new members.

Debbie gave an update of coming demonstrations and shows. Connie, Secretary announced Bill with WoodCraft is having an open house on Nov. 3 & 4 and would like turners to demonstrate for 1/2 hour time frames. Let Bill or Connie know if you can help out. Also the AAW Symposium is in Richmond, VA next June, and they need lots of volunteers, so think about helping out in Richmond if you can. More information will be coming at a later date.

The demonstrator for this meeting is Tom Crabb, from Richmond, VA. Tom did an outstanding job on making a Spiked Hollow Vessel. As Tom was turning he showed some of his specialty Hi-Tech and very pricey imported gages and tools he uses. Thanks, Tom for a very informative demo and please come again.

Show and Tell: Larry Shiera, Al Gustave, Nancy Hill, Bob Deml, Cliff Guard, Jerry Whitehurst, Sherman

McLaughlin, Brett Glaze and Ed Singer.

Door Prize winners were Nancy Hill and David Timm.

The meeting was closed until Sept. 24, 2007.

**Connie**

## Mentoring Program

Interested in improving your wood-turning skills or maybe learn a new technique?



How about leaning to use a new tool. Contact Ray Kallman at (757) 467-7958 or rkallman1@cox.net and we'll connect you up with a mentor.

It doesn't matter if you are a new turner or an experienced turner. In our mentor program, we connect turners who'd like to work together to improve their skills.

**Ray Kallman**

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## Connie's Notes



Our Den Mother & Secretary,  
Connie Shiera

**Dues are:**  
One Year: \$25.00  
Two Years: \$45.00

**Sign up** for demonstrations or to teach classes, contact Debbie Glaze, 757-535-0754.

**Keep your information updated with me.** Address, phone numbers, & emails. Don't forget to sign up for the demonstrations & workshops.

**Connie**

## 2008 Annual Woodturners Symposium in Richmond Next Year



*It's not too early to start  
planning on attending in  
Richmond next year!*

June 20 - 22

### Annual Symposium General Info

The Annual AAW symposium is the highlight of the woodturning year. We meet in a different location each year, rotating throughout the regions of the continental United States. The symposium has become the most attended woodturning event in the world.

Each symposium features three days of woodturning demonstrations and meetings. These are lead by numerous talented experts:

- internationally known woodturners
- the highest quality woodturning instructors
- and knowledgeable local talent

Multiple rotations are held simultaneously so the attendee has many different types and styles of woodturning demonstrations available. Many of the demonstrations are held multiple times so the attendee has the opportunity to attend sessions they may have missed.

Each symposium has had a unique flavor, but most of them have had the following features:

- A Fine Rotation Schedule of the World's Best Woodturning Demonstrators.
- An Instant Gallery like no other on Earth. This gallery includes pieces brought to the event by the attendees.
- A Banquet in the Middle of the Weekend.
- An Auction of Tools, Wood, and Fine Woodturnings. Funds from the Auction Fund Scholarships for Woodturning Education.
- The Largest Woodturning Trade Show Anywhere. This Includes Tool and Lathe Manufacturers or Their Representatives as Well as Vendors of Wood and Other Materials and Supplies Related to Woodturning.

For more information on the Richmond Symposium check:  
[www.woodturner.org/sym/all\\_symposia.cfm](http://www.woodturner.org/sym/all_symposia.cfm)

### Upcoming Meetings

*(Demonstrators needed)*

**September** - Jerry Whitehurst  
(Demonstrator)

**October** - Jim Vogel  
(Demonstrator)

**November** - Dave Hout (Clinton, Ohio) Turning: Metal Spinning

**December** - Holiday Party

**March '08** - Tom Shottle  
(Demonstrator)

### Upcoming Events

*(Demonstrators needed)*

October 6/7  
**Newport News Fall Festival**  
Newport News, VA

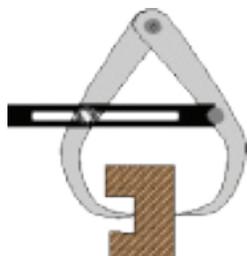
November 3/4  
**Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival**  
Chesapeake, VA

December 1-30  
**Tidewater Turners Members Show**  
Portsmouth, VA

## Beginners' Corner

### Calliper Modification

**M**odify a pair of callipers so that you can measure the thickness of a wall when you have to open the callipers to get them off the article. Fix a pin to one arm and tap a hole for a clamp screw on the other. The slotted bar has a notch filed in one end.



Peninsula Woodturners Guild Inc.  
Victoria, Australia  
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~pwguild/>

## Christmas Ornaments

**I**t's not too soon to start turning out Christmas ornaments. Expect that ornaments will be collected as early as late September for one of the galleries we support. An additional collection will be made in late October.

*Tom Fisher*



## Next Turn-A-Thon Scheduled for January Meeting

**L**ooking for turners that are interested in showing use of a particular tool, perhaps a favorite gouge or type of cut. The next Members Turn-A-Thon is scheduled for the January meeting. The Demonstrations will be done on specific cuts and/or tool as chosen by the member.

There is still room for members to volunteer as demonstrators. Ideals for consideration are: Roughing gouge, Hook, Pyramid, Spindle gouge, Termite, Ring, Texturing, Skew's, Beading, Radius/Shear Scraper, Etc.... You get the ideal I'm sure. Demonstrate something and let others try if they are interested in learning.

This will take the whole meeting and there is no Show and Tell or Raffle. Nothing but turning and learning!! If you are interested in participating please call me at 757-469-0077. Be sure to leave a message if for some reason I do not answer. You will need to bring all tools, chucks and wood.

Thanks in advance for making this a successful event again!!

*Al Kiebert*



## Product Review - Wolverine Dressing Attachment

There is no question that without good tool sharpening procedures, wood turning is not much fun. Nothing beats the feel of a sharp tool while turning and one very important component in keeping tools sharp is a properly dressed grinding wheel. There are several types of grinding wheel dressers that work to clean the stone and level the surface of the wheel with the most popular being a diamond stone dresser. Most grinding wheel dressers are hand held and are moved back and fourth on the wheel to do their work. This process has a few drawbacks in that it's hard to get a truly level wheel and they don't do a good job at keeping the grinding wheel perfectly round. These two issues can cause your grinding jig

to unevenly sharpen as the turning tool is moved across the face of the wheel. We have all felt the effects of a wheel that is out of round with extra vibration and "bouncing" of the tool on the grinding wheel. Oneway manufacturers a product that can help eliminate these two issues. The Wolverine Dressing Attachment is a jig used in conjunction with their Wolverine Grinding System to dress the surface of your grinding wheel while at the same time keeping the wheel round. This attachment is used in the tool rest base of the Wolverine system and has a diamond tipped arm that swings in an arc across the surface of the grinding stone so that the face is perfectly flat and since it swings on a pivot and does not ride on the stone, the wheel remains round and true.

## Sorby Rep. to Visit Woodcraft

A representative from Sorby tool company will be at Woodcraft on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 10AM to Noon and 1-4PM for informal demo's and to help with turning questions on Sorby tools.



### Bill Callet

