

Catoctin Area Turners

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Next meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2010, 6:30 pm
Location: Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve,
Leesburg, VA



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Now It's "Our" Turn!

Helping Banshee Reeks!

Here is a quote for you -- "Givers Gain." That is the slogan of a business networking group of which Tom Boley is a part, but it also applies in so many ways throughout life. In this case, CAT



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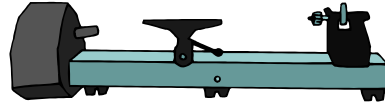
members have been the fortunate recipients of Banshee Reeks' willingness to allow us to have our meetings there as well as our annual summer picnic. It has proven to be an excellent location even though a bit hard to find the first time. We have a chance to give something back to the Nature Preserve. On January 15th, the third Saturday of the month, Ron Circe', club member and park manager, would like to have

project will consist of erecting eight-foot PVC poles around a 6400 square foot area and attaching deer proof netting. The purpose of the enclosure is to study the effect the deer population has on the surrounding area vegetation as compared to the enclosed area. The plan is to set up two enclosures so two teams of eight volunteers will be required. We should be able to complete the project in about four hours but the more we have the faster it'll go. We don't need to take tools or equipment as Ron will supply whatever gear we need. Our role is to provide warm bodies ready to work and dressed for whatever the weather is for that day. We'll need sixteen CAT members that day to help. We can talk about it at the December meeting but please come prepared to volunteer as this is something which we can do to really help our host. Givers gain.

several of us come out to help on a project. The

"Now It's Our Turn"

The Call of the Lathe



by Tom Boley

My personal thanks to those of you who have agreed to be officers and members of the CAT Board of Directors for next year. Our new officers will be George Carrigan, President; Jeremy Baker, VP; David Bell, Secretary; and Terry Lund, Program Director. Those continuing in place for another year are Mark Kaplan, Treasurer; Jeff Greene, Operations Director; and Ron Cote, Newsletter Editor. All of you deserve a big hand for offering to provide continuing leadership for Catoclin Area Turners through 2011.

Please plan ahead for the CAT dinner at Whitestone Farm on the 8th of January. Once again, Mark Duffell, manager of Whitestone Farm and a member of CAT, will host our gathering for a potluck dinner. This will be a celebration of two years in operation as a woodturning club as well as an opportunity for the families to participate and see some of the pieces which we have made. We all see each others' work each month at our meetings but our families only get to see our own stuff. This will be an opportunity to showcase our work to spouses and kids. And we may be able to help our fellow turners in the process. There may be some among us who are wishing for a new lathe. If those spouses see some of the things which can be made, they may be much more in favor of spending the money on a new lathe! So, help out your fellow turners by bringing your family to the celebration as well as something for our Instant Gallery. And food! Last year was a lot of fun and I am sure this year will be even better. Thanks to Mark for hosting us once again.

With cold weather setting in, the old garage can be a bit uncomfortable. There are ways to heat a garage so that you will be able to stay out there long enough to actually complete a bowl without having to keep going back inside to warm up. Another way is to go to a fellow turner's shop where there is an extra lathe and HEAT. In my shop, I use one of those hang-from-the-ceiling propane heaters and it works very well. I have a hundred gallon propane tank outside the shop and my propane company keeps it filled. Since my shop is about the size of a two-car garage, it seems that this system would work well for many. Come check it out if you are interested. Come on a cold day.

This is that time of the year when the Call of the Lathe seems to be more of a clanging gong reminding you that you need to get things made for family and friends. With Christmas parties abounding, the lathe is a great place to whip out a quick hostess gift, too. Just remember to keep track of what you give to whom so that next year you won't find that you gave the same things to the same people again. When I gave an ornament to my aunt one year, she exclaimed, "Oh, Tom, that's so pretty. *It'll go so well with the one you gave me last year.....*" Oops. But plan ahead. The time when things are most dangerous around power tools and spinning wood is when you are in a hurry and may not be focusing on the task but thinking of other things. Give yourself plenty of time to get gifts made so you don't have to rush at the end. Relax and cherish the joy of woodturning.

*Tom Boley, CAT President
CAT President,*

Upcoming Demonstrations

December: Scheduled are Dale Bright and Don Maloney. They will be doing coring tool demonstrations. Dale demonstrate the McNaughton system and Don will demonstrate his One-Way system.

2011: We are hoping to be able to bring in two "known turners" from outside our immediate area during the year and we will try to coordinate doing a workshop at Woodcraft along with the regular monthly meeting. If anybody has suggestions for any demonstrations either from local folks or outside folks, please email Terry Lund with your suggestions. Also, if anybody has ideas for topics for demonstrations, or wants to volunteer to do a demonstration, please let Terry know.

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The Editor's Bench

by Ron Cote

Here we find ourselves at the end of another year. Many of you probably wonder, as I do, how did we get to December so fast? The years seem to be getting shorter and shorter as I get older. The coming year will bring us all new challenges, both personally and professionally, and I can certainly speak to those issues. I'm a bit apprehensive for the coming year. I will be turning 66, and I will be making some choices that I'm not really comfortable with presently. I'm certainly excited about the possibility of retirement, and of devoting much of my spare time to my woodturning and to my "honey do(s)". God has certainly blessed and protected our family as we have lived virtually around the world with our children born on three continents. So why should I now be concerned? I have never found myself without a job and of course without a paycheck, and that is what scares me! I'll just have to take a deep breath and let God take me to the next level of life. But just in case, I better stay good friends with Tom, you never know if he will need someone to sweep up his shop on occasion.

Looking back on my woodturning issues, this past year has been very gratifying. I had been and still consider myself as a beginner woodturner. I hadn't been able to turn at all for a couple of years both for family and professional reasons. Tom Boley inspired me to woodturning a number of years ago and it was great to reconnect with him at the end of last year. So, in appreciation of that, as many of you may know, I asked him how could I be of assistance with the newly established Catoctin Area Turners club. His response, "Sounds good, Ron. How about taking over the newsletter for CAT". Hmmm! It has been time consuming at times, but very rewarding. It certainly has been great getting to know many of you a lot quicker than just showing up once a month. My suggestion to all, just don't be a spectator all of the time, get involved. CAT can only grow and get better if everyone is willing to donate some of their time.

I have been able to upgrade my lathe to a Jet 1642 EVS. I'm very happy with it. I have been able to attend both our Virginia and National Symposiums. I'm currently getting pretty close in completing the installation of a vacuum system for the lathe. I have also been fortunate enough to have sold many of my turned pens this year. That blessing has actually slowed my turning progress down a bit.

With all of the above being said, I look upon this coming year with cautious excitement and hopefully that by next December I shall be able to look back and see a big improvement in my woodturning.

Keep Turning,
Ron Cote, Newsletter Editor

Monthly Meeting

Next meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2010, 6:30 pm

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

This month demonstrator/speaker:

Dale Bright / Don Maloney

November Meeting Minutes

Bob Parson

At our November CAT meeting at Banshee Reeks the nominating committee set forth a slate of officers for 2011. Tom Boley, Dale Bright and Bob Parson have served as President, Vice President and Secretary, respectively, since CAT was created and they asked to be replaced with "new blood" for 2011. Mark agreed to continue as our Treasurer, "money man". The slate of officers presented by the nominating committee consisted of George Carrigan, President; Jeremy Baker, Vice President, and Mark Kaplan, Treasurer. During the meeting, David Bell offered to be added to fill the Secretary position for 2011. This slate of officers was voted in by the club to serve for 2011.

Thanks to all of our past and future volunteers for their service to our club. For our evening program, Jorge Salinas from Capital Area Woodturners provided us with some turning tools and tips. He passed around several of the tools that he has made and demonstrated their use in creating a goblet. Thank you, Jorge, for an enlightening demonstration of techniques and for sharing your toolmaking ideas with CAT.

*Bob Parson
Secretary*

What I've Learned - Month 16

Jeff Greene

Well my workshop is completely under roof and the solar panels are installed. The contractors should be putting the tin awning and siding on this weekend (4/5 Dec). So, we should easily finish up the funded portion of the project before the end of the year. As for the inside, I completed the electrical work for the first level and should have the rough-in inspection completed by the time everyone reads this. If I pass inspection, I should have the 1st floor electrical work completed before our December meeting. Additionally, the final inspection for the solar panels will be on Wednesday, 8 December, and if all goes well we should be producing our own power by that afternoon. We are very excited about reducing our foot print and of course lowering/eliminating our monthly power bill. Regarding lighting, I want to thank everyone that gave me advice about lighting. I sure did get wrapped around that axle for a while. I finally decided to go with all T8s with 5000k bulbs (Daylight bulbs). The shop section of the garage is 13 X 30, with a section along the left side taken up by the stairs, and a closet area, running the remainder of the wall behind the stairs. So the majority of the work area is 9.9 by 20 with only the front section being the full 13ft wide. So, I ended up with 10 - 120watt (2— 60watt bulbs) fixtures in the main shop area for a total of 1200 watts of 5000k lighting on two separate switches. I think that should be enough..

So, with the workshop taking most of my free time, I really don't have much on the turning front. I encourage everyone to check out the gallery in Round Hill where our own Tom Boley , Harriet and Don Maloney have some very nice pieces on sale for the Christmas season. The gallery for those that don't know is located across from the Stoneleigh golf course on Route 7. Also, don't forget to take advantage of the \$10 off on purchases of \$25 or more coupon at Woodcraft! The final bargain I want to mention is the Powermatic sale (which my lovely wife allowed me to take advantage of) -- \$600 off and free shipping: <http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/store/>

[Lathes Full Size Lathes Powermatic 3520B Lathe powermatic 3520b? Partnerid=e197](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/store/Lathes_Full_Size_Lathes_Powermatic_3520B_Lathe_powermatic_3520b?Partnerid=e197)

*Jeff Greene
Operations Director*

Advice from The Arborist

Jeremy Baker

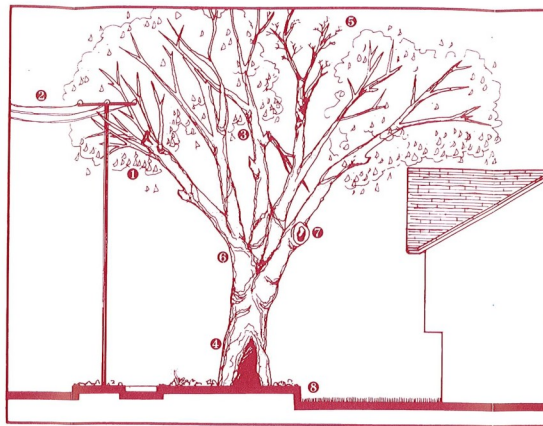
Winter is here! Now that the leaves have fallen off of the trees in your yards and/or places of business, it is a good time to examine the structure and safety of your trees. Please use the following information as a guide to ensure that you do not have a hazard that could cause harm to you or your belongings. I welcome ideas for future articles or questions regarding this one.



Tree Hazard Checklist

Consider these questions:

- Are there large dead branches in the tree?
- Are there detached branches hanging in the tree?
- Does the tree have cavities or rotten wood along the trunk or in major branches?
- Are mushrooms present at the base of the tree?
- Are there cracks or splits in the trunk or where branches are attached?
- Have any branches fallen from the tree?
- Have adjacent trees fallen over or died?
- Has the trunk developed a strong lean?
- Do many of the major branches arise from one point on the trunk?
- Have the roots been broken off, injured, or damaged by lowering the soil level, installing pavement, repairing sidewalks, or digging trenches?
- Has the site recently been changed by construction, raising the soil level, or installing lawns?
- Have the leaves prematurely developed an unusual color or size?
- Have trees in adjacent wooded areas been removed?
- Has the tree been topped or otherwise heavily pruned?



Defects in Urban Trees

The following are defects or signs of possible defects in urban trees (see figure):

1. regrowth from topping, line clearance, or other pruning
2. electrical line adjacent to tree
3. broken or partially attached branch
4. open cavity in trunk or branch
5. dead or dying branches
6. branches arising from a single point on the trunk
7. decay and rot present in old wounds
8. recent change in grade or soil level, or other construction



Defects in Rural Trees

The following are defects or signs of possible defects in rural trees (see figure):

1. recent site construction, grading and tree removal, clearing of forests for development
2. previous tree failures in the local area
3. tree leaning near a target
4. forked trunk; branches and stems equal in size
5. wet areas with shallow soil

Remember to always use the appropriate safety equipment – protective safety glasses, gloves, hard hat if you are cutting above chest height, and ear plugs, boots and chaps if you are using a chainsaw. Safety equipment is replaceable – you are not!

Jeremy W. Baker, Arborist

AAW Tidbits

Terry Lund

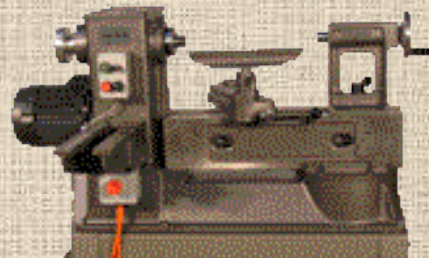
Are you a member of the AAW yet? Well if you aren't, then you may have missed out on the big end of year drawing. Some lucky member will win a new Powermatic 3520b lathe. Additionally, a local chapter, named by the winner of the Powermatic, will win either a JET 1642 or five (5) JET mini lathes, donated by [Walter Meier Powermatic/JET](#). Included with all lathes is free shipping in the continental USA.. Lathe winners will be announced on the December AAW web site. Best of luck to all of our members.



Lathe & Equipment Listings

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 December 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).

Show and Tell

Sorry for not having a show and tell this month. We had a technical issue with the camera. Hope to return next month.



Happy Holiday Greetings to all and

May we all have a very Blessed and Merry Christmas .



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 December 9. 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

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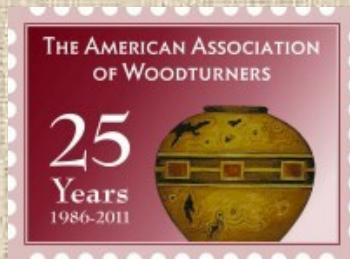
Discounts are available to CAT members

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.

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

