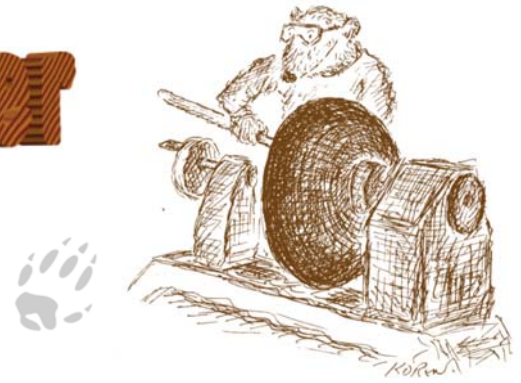


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Our meeting on Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 will be at Wake Robin retirement community Activity Center in Shelburne. To get a chance to tour the woodshop as well as preview 'show and tell' items, come as early as 6:30PM.

Directions to the meeting place: Proceed to Rte. 7 in Shelburne (exit 13 if coming via I-89) and at the light at the SE corner of Shelburne Museum (this is the more southerly of the two traffic lights in the village) and proceed west from the light onto Bostwick Rd. One mile down on the left is Wake Robin Drive. Take that to the 3rd right, Colman Way. The Activity Center is at the end of the street ~ 100 yards. (Note. For GPS,

use 200 Wake Robin Drive. Once on Wake Robin, GPS may not work well). In the Activity Center take the stairs on the left to the basement. An elevator is also available.

The demonstration is our annual round table presentation of an extended 'show and tell'. We invite all members to share anything they may have learned related to woodturning in the past year. This may be your latest bowl, a new tool or technique, a unique piece of wood or an anecdote. Share your knowledge. We can't get enough!

November Meeting—11/15/2017 —Harvie Porter

President Nick Rosato called the meeting to order at 7 PM, at which time he outlined the evenings activities.

The 26 attendees introduced themselves and told where they lived.

The January meeting will be at Wake Robin in Shelburne. The program will be an extended show and tell. Come prepared to share what you learned last year.

The meetings for February through April will be held at CVU in Hinesburg.

Ted Fink asked members to contribute bowls to the Silent Auction for VT Foodbank happening the 3rd week in December. Bowls should be given to Nick by mid-December or contact Ted Fink to make arrange-



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I got a call t'other day from Haviland Smith. Hav was one of the founding members of the Woodchucks and was my introduction to the group.

Hav is moving in the near future, and wants to sell his woodshop. He's a bit older than I am, and just doesn't want to do this any more. See Page 12.. Part of my advice to Hav was, perhaps he can find an independent living community nearby to take some of his tools and give him a tax letter for the donation. That's essentially what I did with my shop. My trick is that my shop was moved downstairs from my new apartment, and I can use it any time I want! They even bought a SawStop for the shop as a safety measure.

Speaking of aging, we need to think about our health and our safety as two items. We're undoubtedly getting weaker as we age. Our reflexes and thought processes slow down, presenting hazards. When will we decide to stop using machinery? When will we stop driving? Some of the other worries are about the evening drink, smoking, annual checkups, outdoors activities, and other things. I believe that by taking care of the details, I

can extend my happy, productive life for many years.

Meanwhile, here are a couple of views of my new shop: Take a look at the dandy piping of the dust collector system!

Arny



About Carving Tools—Dave Buchholz

When I gave my demonstration of carving at the November Woodchuck meeting, the flexible shaft broke. Since I have used this carver for at least 12 years, I can't complain too much. I needed to find a replacement for the inner spring inside the flexible shaft. This provides the mechanical power for either the rotary chuck or the reciprocating carver that fit on the end of the shaft. I thought that Lowes sold flexible shafts for Dremels and indeed they do but these appear to have a permanently attached chuck. For the reciprocating carver you need a flexible shaft where you can change the tool holder at the end. All I needed was the long inner spring and I finally found a source on the web from a Canadian company, Chipping Away. The cost was just under

\$10. For \$140 this company also sells the Wecheer power carver, which I used for the demonstration. This includes the Dremel-like motor plus the flexible shaft and both the reciprocating and rotary handpieces. They also sell the reciprocating handpiece separately at a lower cost. Woodworker's Supply sells a Woodtek carver which looks remarkably like the Wecheer carver that I have. Their sale price is \$113. The carver comes with some carving and grinding tools. I have never used the carving tools since I purchased the much higher quality ones from Flexcut. Another option if you have a Dremel and just want the flexible shaft and reciprocating carver is to look into the option at Highland's. This cost about \$60.

Dave Buchholz

Balance forward

\$3170.32

Income

Dues 2018 \$175.00

Raffle 34.00

Anchorseal 34.00

Wood sales 33.00

Total Income \$251.00

Expenses

checks for new account \$11.83

Balance ending \$3434.49

Karen Drennen/Treasurer

Reminder: Unless you have paid your annual dues by April 1st your name must be removed from the discount list.

Dues January 2018

The Board of Directors of The Woodchuck

Turners of Northern Vermont gratefully acknowledges the payment of dues from the following members for 2018:

Ted Beebe, Bradford Blaisdell, Michael Deweese, Karen Drennen, Ted Fink, Joe Fortin, Eddie Krasnow, Adam Wagner (8) (Scott Bennett, Russ Fellows, Dick Montague, Michael Mode, Hav Smith and Al Stirt are Honorary Lifetime members, (6)

If you have paid your dues for the year but do not see your name listed here please contact me to correct that error of omission.

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Please note: The following privileges are only available to dues-paying members.

Video library use, mentoring program, Klingspor and Hartville Tool discount lists, (to remain on the discount lists dues must be paid by April 1st each year.), and bulk purchase discounts.

In addition, the following member offers a 10% product discount to all WTNV members: Ted Fink

Some Sidenotes:**2017 Vermont Foodbank Auction**

With the benefit of 11 bowls contributed by WTNV members the December fund raising auction bettered their previous 2016 record by about \$2000 dollars garnering a total of \$10,600. Thank you all who contributed a bowl for this event. Be assured your efforts will make significant difference to many destitute Vermont families this winter.

Ted Fink

I have liked and joined two different Facebook group pages that are of interest to wood turners.

The first is "**Wood Turning**" which has over 26,000 members from around the world. Lots of good project suggestions and hints and tips for turners. Lots of newbies, as well as those getting started, that need assistance.

The other is a British site called "**Grit and Sheen**" that highlights several finishing products and techniques available in England.

I also want to extend an invitation to all woodturners to the "Grand Isle Art Works Meet The Artist Night" - also known as "The Groundhog Day Gala". It will be Saturday, January 27th from 5:30 to whenever. There will be food, artists and friends in every room. Several Woodchuck turners will be there as well as many other artists across many other media. Please consider stepping away from the TV on what will probably be a cold winter's night. Confront your winter doldrums head-on, and take a trip to the Champlain Islands. The Grand Isle Art Works gallery is located at 259 US Route 2 in Grand Isle. Register for the event at [www.http://grandisleartworks.com/meet-the-artist-night/](http://grandisleartworks.com/meet-the-artist-night/)

Jim Holzschuh [Grand Isle Art Works](http://GrandIsleArtWorks.com) 259 US rte 2 Grand Isle, VT 05458 802-378-4591

Spring offerings at Access CVU below. I am apprentice/helper instructor. All 205 classes can be found at Access.cvuh.org -Eddie

Wooden Bowl Turning- Saturday!

Saturday 10:00-3:30 1 week Starts February 3

Join Nick Rosato, a professional wood turner, to make your first hardwood bowl or continue your learning in this new Access offering on Saturday! Each participant will have their own lathe to use the whole time in class. Through demonstration and lots of hands-on learning, all will leave with a finished bowl. Safe practice, proper tool use, and properties of wood will be covered. Leave with new skills, appreciation of the art, and possibly a life passion. All materials included in fee. Nick works professionally and is the president of the Woodchuck Wood Turners of Northern Vermont, a non-profit dedicated to sharing the craft of woodturning. Bring your own lunch. For more information about his work visit www.rosatowoodturning.com.

Instructor: Nick Rosato and Eddie Krasnow Fee: \$145 Limit: 8

Wooden Bowl Turning

Wednesday 6:00-8:30 2 weeks Starts March 7

Join Nick Rosato, a professional wood turner, to make your first hardwood bowl. If you have taken this class before and want to turn again, let us know so Nick can plan for you. Each participant will have their own lathe to use the whole time in class. See above description for more details of this class.

Instructor: Nick Rosato and Eddie Krasnow Fee: \$145 Limit: 8

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ments for pick-up.

Sixteen attendees participated in the raffle.

Show and Tell: Dave Ferris showed a segmented bowl he made under Russ Fellows' tutelage. Tom Dunn showed a spalted maple bowl and a Norfolk pine hollow form and a live edge dogwood bowl with carved feet. Dave Buchholtz showed a carved platter and carved bowl with dyed rims as well as a beech endgrain bowl stained with india ink. He also showed several bowls with carvings and dyeing and some Christmas ornaments. Russ Fellows showed a platter made using the optical carving. Ted Fink showed one of the leaf bowls he was designing for a customer and a wooden skewer model. Nick Rosato shared a peppermill and a baby rattle he had received for his newborn son.

The meeting then adjourned for the evenings presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvie Porter, Secretary



A section of a spalted branch, hung as an ornament.



Russ & his multi-axis bowl.



Tom Dunn & Norfolk Pine vase.



Dave & one of several decorated bowls. Dave is constantly looking at different ways of decorating his work.



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Russ demonstrates thin, offset turning on a goblet.



Nick roughs out a bowl blank.



Ted & Joe Fortin work on skew techniques.



Ted shows the planning cut with the skew.

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Using a power carver on painted wood.



Karen tries some deep hollowing under E. Smith's tutelage.



Here, you try it.



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Ted shows how a properly shaped skew should look.



Kaaren works on hollowing a bowl.



Harvie planes a spindle.



Dave Ferris's segmented bowl.

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Gifford Elder Community bought a SawStop table saw for the woodshop, to go with the tools I donated. It came unassembled on a pallet weighing almost 500 pounds. This is the 1.75 HP Professional cabinet saw with 52" table, costing almost \$3,000 FOB.

It came with most of the tools needed for assembly and operation. To assemble, some metric wrenches and a level were also needed. The various parts are heavy and having an assistant would have made the job very easy. As it was, the only step I used help with, was standing the cabinet up. Putting the tables and the fence rail on, I used a stand to steady the ends I was not holding while bolting the parts together. Changing blades and stop cartridges is incredibly easy.



Wrenches are supplied for the blade nut. No other tools are needed to undo the table insert or the cartridge. An alignment tool to set the cartridge spacing is supplied. The table insert is self-locking and no screws hold it down. The fence is easily adjustable and was perfectly square with the blade as delivered. I found that the motor was quite powerful. Use of both the fence and the miter gauge were accurate and moved easily. Blade height and angle are adjusted with large, friction-lockable wheels.

The stop cartridge is single-use and costs \$70-\$90, so I did not test it. Safety of the tool seems excellent, as the on-off switch is controlled electronically.

SawStop table saws range from \$1,300 up. They are all heavy duty and very safe.

Army

Want Wood? I've Got It! __ Randy Ramsden

Turns out that I am a bigger wood hoarder than I ever imagined - go figure. I cleaned up a back corner of my shop that has not been disturbed for over 5+ years and I have a large number of wood blocks that I'm willing to part with. They include a mix of Maple, Cherry, Elm, Ash, Butternut, Apple, Walnut, Hickory and possibly a few others. They range in size from 2" x 2" up to 6" x 6" with most 10" - 16" in length. Most have dates when I "put them away" and my shop is heated in winter and dehumidified in summer so moisture content should be good for air dried wood.

I also have a number of roughed out bowl blanks in various woods. Most are small to medium in size.

If anyone is interested in these please let me know. Sale, barter, or trade but no not looking for more wood.

Randy



Greetings Fellow Woodchucks.....with a capital "W"!

My first communique from my southern base, I will not taunt you with reports of endless balmy weather and sunshine. Yes, it is all relative, but this time the entire nation has been experiencing something nasty from mother nature that we have not seen for a few years. The snow line from the last system crept to within 50 miles of my home in west central Florida! Let's hope the worst is over!!

I have talked in the past about how in this land (meaning Florida) of seemingly nothing for trees but pine and palm, we actually have quite an abundance of hardwood species. The hurricane that delivered a glancing blow to us here did bring down a lot of trees, and we have been getting weekly loads of logs from arborists and utility companies with whom we have a relationship. Below is a sampling of our recent bounty.



club guru, Franck Johannesen(<http://www.franckswoodturning.com/>). The red splotches are branches. The horns allude to his Norwegian heritage in some way that he hasn't fully explained!



Photo # 0233 This shows a pallet of blanks destined for our Food Shelf (<https://www.allfaithsfoodbank.org/>) fundraiser next Fall. Every Tuesday for the last six weeks we have gathered to cut these blanks.....over 2 hundred and



Photo # 0240: All that remains of a huge cache of Florida rosewood. This is our premium species. I turns nicely and finishes beautifully. Because it is so oily you can buff it without any added finish.

Photo # 0237: Norfolk Island pine. We get a lot of this. Not a pine at all actually, it turns nicely and spalts beautifully.

Photo # 0232 shows a vessel made by our



Photo # 0234 All that remains of a large cherry laurel tree. The orange color goes away when turned. It cuts very cleanly and finishes beautifully, white with reddish grain lines. It cracks easily when drying, so mostly we once-turn pieces from this.

Photo # 0231 A lovely flame alder vessel. We don't get this often, but it is spectacular when we do!



counting!.... for our members to make bowls to give to them which they then give to anyone donating \$25 or more. This is a huge operation here! Last year they gave out over 9,000,000 pounds of food to needy Floridians!!

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Other species we get: Sycamore, jacaranda, eucalyptus, live oak, maple, chinaberry, camphor, bishopwood, java plum, lacewood, monkey pod, silky oak. I will talk about some of these in future column.



0233



Peter Andres & Huge Bowl. Cut & paste the reference into your browser for more pics.



Wanna turn BIG?????? Check out this German guy. I found this one day surfing around the net. He currently holds the world's record for the largest turned (and segmented) bowl.

<http://www.peter-andres.com/galerien-guinness-weltrekord.htm>

And speaking of big bowls.....remember that New Hampshire turner, Dustin Coates? (<http://www.toddsmithphotography.com/2008/09/05/dustin-coates-master-woodturner/>). We were browsing some art galleries here in Sarasota and found one of his big burl pieces. Photo # 3222 shows the bowl.....large! Photo # 3223 shows the price....even larger! \$28,500!!!!!!! We know larger pieces bring more \$\$\$, but that's incredible!



Photo of Dustin Coates by Tod Smith. You may recognize his dad talking to Dustin.



Cheers for now!

Russ Fellows
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Haviland (Hav) Smith is one of our original members. Nearing 90, he has decided to close down his woodturning shop and offer its contents to the Woodchucks membership.

To that end, he is putting up for sale his lathe, drill press, band saw, dust collector, table saw, grinder/buffer, bowl blanks and all his turning tools. He has priced them by asking 50% of the current selling price of the items on the internet.

In addition, he is offering approximately 300 green wood bowls that have gone through their first turning and then been thoroughly dried in paper bags to avoid checking. They only need a final turning, sanding and finishing. He would be happy to give some them, along with some of the turning tools, gratis, to whoever purchases his lathe.

WOOD LATHE Woodfast Model M910 2,250



BAND SAW Grizzly Model G1019Z 14" \$125



DRILL PRESS Grizzly Model G7946 Floor Model \$250



TABLE SAW Dewalt Model DW774 Type 1 \$250



GRINDER/BUFFER BALDOR \$155



DUST COLLECTOR Oneida Air Systems \$330



TURNING TOOLS Various manufacturers \$10-\$20



GREEN BOWL BLANKS A\various sizes and woods \$10-20

Interested buyers should call Hav at 802-879-2066 and are welcome to come to his shop in Williston to inspect the items for sale.

- 1) Lathrop Maple Supply, Hewitt Rd, Bristol, Vermont, 802-453-2897. With a newly expanded inventory area, Tom has a fantastic supply of local and imported wood. His new division, "Exclusively Vermont, LLC, specializes in high quality Vermont lumber and mill products and FSC stock is available.
- 2) Hayley Wood Products in Colchester. (<http://www.hayleywoodproducts.com/>).
- 3) Sutherland Welles Ltd., No. Hyde Park, VT, 800-322-1245. (www.sutherlandwelles.com). Right here in our own backyard, they make the best Tung oil products in the U S. Call with an order and it goes out the same day!
- 4) Bad Dogs Burl Source, (www.burlsource.com) They are down in Belchertown, MA and have an incredible inventory of Australian and North American burls. 413-213-0248
- 5) Johnson Lumber, Route 116 in Bristol, VT. 802-453-4884. Another good "local" source for hardwood lumber of all kinds.
- 6) www.exoticwoodsusa.com. They offer a 15% discount to any member of an AAW chapter. Type in 'exoticwoodsusaaaw' in the coupon code box.
- 7) Griffin Exotic Woods These folks came up in a search for something else, and I ended up buying a couple things from them. Their prices were fair and the service was good. <http://www.exoticwood.biz/>
- 8) Sinclair Mill Works in North Danville VT <http://www.sinclairmillworks.com/home.htm>. 802-748-0948. He specializes in figure Vermont species. His prices are very reasonable.
- 9) Woodturning Videos and eBooks by Steven D. Russell <http://www.woodturningvideosplus.com/>. This website is full of tips & instructions for turners.
- 10) Mike Jackofsky—hollowing tools. www.mikejackofsky.com. Also sells thru Craft Supply.
- 11) Business cards and other printed goods: Vistaprint.com
- 12) Laser engraving—Maple Land Mark Woodcraft. 800-421-4223 They are in Middlebury. www.maplelandmark.com
- 13) Les Dougherty & Susan Curington Owners, North Woods Figured Wood North Woods, LLC PO Box 808 Forest Grove OR 97116 [800-556-3106](tel:800-556-3106), [503-357-9953](tel:503-357-9953) www.nwfiguredwoods.com offers lifetime 15% discount on any website wood purchase. Use "WOODTURNERS" coupon code at checkout. www.nwfiguredwoods.com
- 14) Paw Prints Printing WWW.paw-prints.com 802 865 2872 Gregory Drive South Burlington, VT 05403
- 15) Your NEW colored plywood source. trethaway@comcast.net. Has scraps of colored plywood for resale. Listed on eBay as scratch101012.
- 16) The Tree House, hardwoods & mill shop. Native woods, priced from \$5.00. 1891 Williston Rd., 802-497-3530. www.treehousehardwoods.com
- 17) Suffolk Saw of New England, Jeff & Danielle Mellott; 33 Gaudet Dr., Belmont, NH, 03220 877-550-7297

In House

Demos:

All demos and dates are tentative until they appear on Page 1 of the newsletter.

Jan. 17th: Annual show-and-tell at Wake Robin

Feb. 21st: Group activity - Spindle turning

Mar. 21st: Texturing and decorating stations

Apr. 11th: Board Meeting

Apr. 18th: Janet Collins - Topic TBA

Classified Ads

Free To Members

Free for the taking at the January 'Chucks meeting - metal adjustable organizer. Suitable for storing sandpaper or ...

Contact me if interested at weltradler@gmail.com. If more than one person expresses an interest, I'll have the club offer it in a silent auction. Harvie Porter



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These Woodchucks are able and willing to help other Woodchucks wanting some hands-on instruction.

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General turning

WTNV Liability Insurance

Liability Insurance Policy

As of April 2013 we are covered by a liability policy with the following limits:

Each occurrence: 2M; Damage to rented premises: 1M; Med expenses: 10K;

Personal injury: 2M; General aggregate: 4M; Products aggregate: 4M.

The Hartford; Agent; Michael George: (317) 735 4072; mgeorge@amj_ins.com

This policy covers all members at all

WTNV events.

If you are demonstrating, this policy will not cover any claim if you are being compensated either by commission or sale of your turnings. In other words, this does not serve as an individual business policy.

If you need a copy on the insurance face sheet, contact Ted Fink at TJFTurnings@gmail.com