

WOODCHUCK CHATTER

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Last Meeting: April 20th, 2022
Hollow form turning, Tom Dunn
Next Meeting: May 18th 2022
Turned torus, Russ Fellows
After that: June 15th ,2022
TBA

Next meeting May 18th 2022. Russ Fellows will show us some of his methods of torus turning. All efforts are being made to make this meeting Hybrid, both in person at Skunk Hollows Studios (26 John Davis Dr., Jericho) and over Zoom. Either way you attend, make sure to bring material for show-and-tell .

Sawdust session at Skunk Hollow Studio on June 1st, 2022. 26 John Davis Dr., Jericho Vermont. More details to follow.

Russ Fellows: A Doughnut by any other name (p6)

Russ tells us a little about the torus forms he will be demonstrating next meeting



Joe Gaines: Shows us what he made from this bowl blank (p7)

A Display worth Stopping for (p8)

A Couple of photos of Rick Hamilton's display in the north bound I-89, Georgia rest stop



Jake Jemas: Five Woodchucks chuck a lot of wood (p9)

Jake writes a few words and shows a few pictures from a recent Woodchuck tree clean up



Russ shows us photos from their tour of the Martin Guitar Factory and Museum in Nazareth, PA (p10-11)



Andy Duling— Homework (p12)

Notes from Last Meeting

Woodchucks Meeting Minutes 20-Apr-2022

Meeting was called to order by President Harvie Porter. Meeting was held 100% virtual. Approximately 26 members were logged on.

Announcements

There will be a LIVE sawdust session at Russ's on Wednesday, May 4. Meeting will start around 5 pm. If you haven't been before, it's very casual, bring something to share, or something to work on, or just questions about just about anything turning related.

Next Woodchucks meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, also at Russ's shop. Meeting is live, but, technology willing, will also be presented virtually.

Featured will be a demonstration by Russ on turning a Toros.

It's strongly suggested that everyone join the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). There is usually a 3 month free trial membership. They are a fantastic resource, and offer a wide variety of classes at reasonable rates for members.

May 7 is a Women in Turning online demo. This one is free. The emphasis is sharing work rather than teaching techniques.

There are a number of upcoming paid demos available as well. Check their website.

Show and Tell

A number of members shared their lidded boxes as part of the month's challenge, along with some of their other recent work:

Dave B shared his 3rd lidded box. He also shared a 9" maple bowl finished with spar varnish with fiber reactive dye inside with a yellow dye transitioning to blue. Dave also showed a poplar piece, and some work with alcohol inks.

Joe G showed a box with a finial as well as a root and vase

Gary W shared his wood/resin hybrid lidded box. He followed Arny's demo to the letter and it worked out perfectly.

Andy D made his first one ever from back at CVU based on the Janet Collins demo. Also showed a newer wavy cherry as well as a bowl from a piece of spalted beech from Russ.

Harvie P showed a cherry bowl that had stains from two nails he pulled out of the wood.

Wes showed a box from before he saw Arny's demo. He also made one from beech that looks like a spice bowl with a chess piece like top.

Chris L showed a variety of bowls: one solid, a bowl from boards, and one from spalted white birch.

Elsa showed her 1st hollow form bowl! Also a bowl from an unknown spalted wood and a big platter.

Feature Presentation

The inimitable Tom Dunne did another great demo on hollow turning. This one he had put together by a videographer (Ken Schoen).

Tom split the presentation into two parts – the first, approximately 30 minutes, focused on turning the outside of the vessel. The second part, about 20 minutes, was on how he hollowed the inside.

Tom typically designs projects like this on paper first to use as a guideline.

Tom talked about different ways of attaching the work:

Faceplate

Wormscrew

One-Way Big Bite Spur Center

Regular spur center

Tom counterbored a 1" hole for the spur center to sit in.

See this month's issue of The Chatter for pictures!

Wrap Up/Other Business

No other new business

Reminder to pay your dues:

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Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

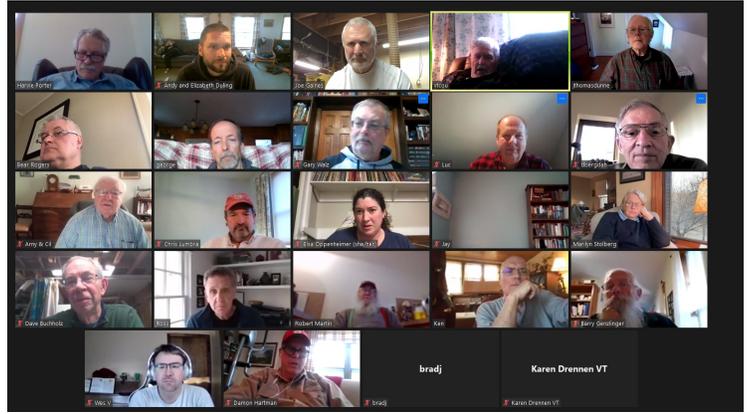
Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Walz, Secretary

Photos from Last Meeting



Walnut box with Spar Varnish finish
 2 1/4" diameter
 2 3/4" high
 Dave Buchholz



Some of the gang that attended Tom Dunn's presentation.



9" Maple Platter with spar varnish
 Rim Treatment
 white spray paint
 Alcohol Inks blown around with air brush



9" Poplar Bowl with spar varnish

Inside bowl
 Air brushed dyes
 Fiber reactive dye
 Red to yellow



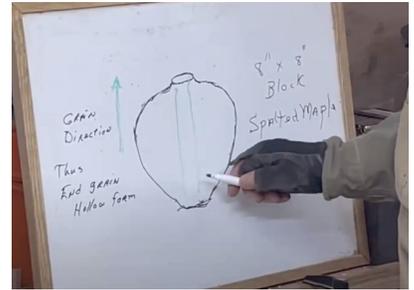
Outside Bowl
 Spray silver shimmer paint in band



Photos from Show-and-Tell

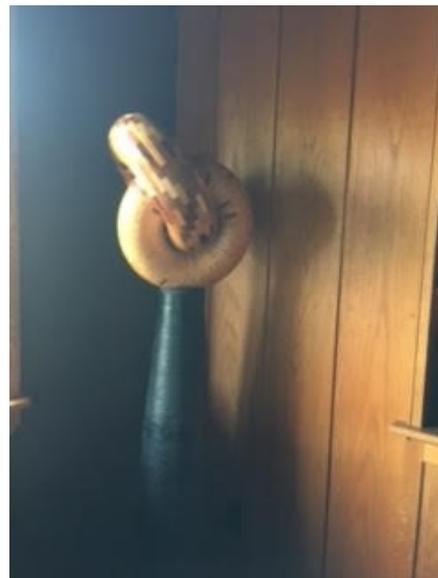


Hollow Forms by Tom Dunn
From 4/20/22 meeting



Preview of June meeting demo
By Russ Fellows

The four pieces depicted below are all toruses (tori?). I always just called them rings or donuts, but when I found a few YouTube videos about them, they were all called a torus. In my demo on the 18th I will talk about them and make a double torus, which is the curly-q one, shown in this video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_eWpwpXhX4



Maple Burl By Joe Gaines

This one was a nail biter right up to the end.

The before and after of a piece of maple burl. It broke into 3 pieces, more like exploded, when I was about halfway through turning it at 1000 rpm. Fortunately, they were clean breaks and I was able to put it back together and finish it. You can't tell where the breaks happened. One of the more difficult pieces I've made, but definitely worth the effort.



At the May Sawdust Session Rick Hamilton mentioned to me that he had a display in the I-89 north bound Georgia rest stop. I stopped by and took some photos.



If a tree falls in the woods; does it make a sound?

By Jake

This question is beyond the scope of chatter, however, when a tree falls in Chittenden County the Woodchucks will be there with the sound of happy chatter, roaring chainsaws, and a few ugly grunts. It was a moist, warm early summer morning smack dab in between a sawdust session and our first formal meeting of the year when Five woodchucks set out to rescue a casualty of late spring snow, a fallen maple branch. The harvesters found themselves in a beautiful backyard blanketed in flowers and in two hours time cleared hundreds of pounds of gorgeous maple from the property and ate muffins and coffee (thanks Bob and Russ)



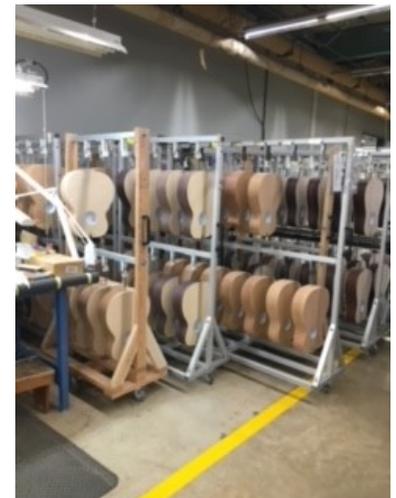
Russ & Bob Tour Guitars

Greetings again fellow Woodchucks, and this piece comes from neither Vermont, nor Florida, but rather, part way in between.....namely, Nazareth, Pennsylvania. In making our way back north last week, we tried to stay off the big highways and wander the roads less traveled, but infinitely more interesting and scenic! In looking at a map to plot our way through that very lengthy state I realized we would be going very near Nazareth, which, since its founding in 1833, has been the home of Martin guitars. As most are aware, it has been the big name in guitars for a long time, and when you enter their in-house museum, you're immediately made aware of the many famous musicians who have owned them.



We lucked out and got the last two places on the tour for the morning. While there were NO lathes to be seen, it is a fascinating tour for any woodchuck. Our tour leader was a 35 year employee of the company, and knew the manufacturing process well. In the modern era, there is a lot of automation, as can be seen the pix showing the CNC router cutting the neck grooves, and ditto for the HUGE buffing wheels in the final finishing department. How quickly that would polish up a bowl, if you could hang on to it! One department that particularly interested me was the repair division, which is a big part of their business. The pic below shows a guy carefully and completely disassembling one with a heat gun. They have been using Titebond glue for many

years and the heat will soften even that! There is one operation that is still completely done by hand and that is inlaying the mother-of-pearl in the necks of the custom orders. A very delicate CNC router will cut the design, but the inlay part is laboriously done by the guy in the photo. (continued P10)



The tour was one hour in length, but I could have spent much more time there! For obvious reasons we were not supposed to speak to any of the workers, but I did sneak in a couple questions when the tour guide was out of sight! If you are ever in Eastern Central Pennsylvania, I strongly recommend a stop. You must book the tours online, and very likely they are very busy in the travel season. We lucked out in late April!

Cheers, hope to see many of you on the 18th. Look for a sneak preview elsewhere in "Chatter", of what I'll be doing then.



Notes from Ya boy
Andy Duling

Everyone appeared to have a great time at this month's Sawdust Session. Because I was having such a good time catching up with people, I forgot to take any photos while I was there. The same thing happened when we were cleaning up the big maple branch in Burlington, but luckily Jake had taken some photos. When I saw him taking the photos, I asked him to email me them and also gave him a small writing assignment (see above). In the future you may want to avoid me at Sawdust Sessions or other club activities or you'll end up with a photography and writing assignment. Thank you to Jake, and a future thanks to all those who get assigned to write Chatter articles.



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Treasurer's Report

May 2022 Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance forward
4922.63

INCOME
Dues 50.00

EXPENSES
None

Bank Balance ending 4947.63
Cash on Hand 25.00

Brad Jackson/Treasurer

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If you have paid your dues for the 2022 year but do not see your name listed above, please contact me at BradJackson234@gmail.com to correct that error of omission. Dues for 2022 are \$25. Checks should be made out to "WTNV" and sent to: Brad Jackson, 14 Rustic Drive, Essex, VT 05452

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Reminder: As previously advertised, unless you have paid your annual dues by April 1st your name must be removed from the discount list.

Classifieds

I'm moving: Oneida 3 hp (215v.) 3HP Dust Gorilla Collector. Free standing. 35-gallon drum. 8 years old. Needs replacement remote. You disassemble, load & haul. (Bring help!) Lots of duct work as free bonus. \$750 (cash). Mike Deweese (mdeweese1@icloud.com) (802.238.7710). Bakersfield.

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