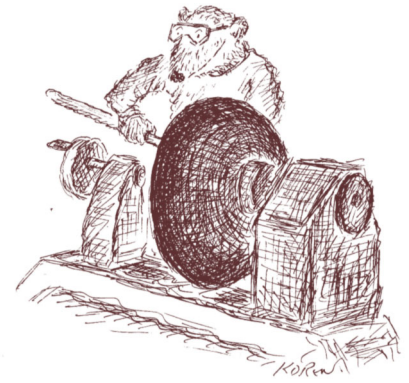


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Directions to CVU: From the NW, exit I-89 at Exit 14 (Burlington) and head east on Williston Rd. (Rte. 2) for 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Hinesburg Rd (Rte. 116). Proceed 9.7 miles to CVU Rd., turn left at the light and CVU will be on you left at 0.4 miles. From the East: Exit I-89 at exit 12 (Williston/Essex) Turn left onto Rte. 2A (St George Rd.) and proceed 5.0 miles. Turn left onto Rte. 116 and proceed 2.1 miles to CVU Rd. Turn left, school is 0.4 miles on left.

After turning onto driveway, take immediate left. Drive around the left side of the building to a parking lot with large garage door and exterior

dust collection system. There is a door beside the garage door to enter the woodshop. This meeting is going to be devoted to Making Peppermills with Brad Dinwiddie demonstrating. Bring your latest projects for Show & Tell. And what have you for the monthly raffle? Some interesting wood? A good tool you don't use much?

NOTE: Anchorseal will be available on request. Harvie can be contacted at 802-728-465 or weltradler@gmail.com before the meeting date to let him know to bring the Anchorseal to the meeting.

Thanks, Harvie

January 15th Meeting at CVU—Bob Martin

Woodchuck meeting January 15th at CVU

Jay called the meeting to order at 6:55. Eddie Krasnow spoke about getting more members from the CVU evening classes. One concept he mentioned was to offer them 6 months free - essentially a half-price first year membership. There were 27 members attending. The members introduced themselves. Chris Bishop mentioned he would like to see a side demo for beginning members. There was a discussion of what we would like to see at future meetings. Two of the responses were deep hollowing and turning burls. Jim Holzschuh said they were having a Ground Hog Day event at their studio. Feb. 1st at North Hero.



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Perhaps it's because I depend so much on my computer, but I've been the target of lots of scams. I defeat most of them by ignoring them. They can be difficult to recognize.

A few times, my email address has been lifted off a Woodchuck website. I got an email from someone posing the first time as Nick Rosato. Later, I got one from Jay. Both wanted me to contact them and get them gift cards. The emails looked genuine—except the return email address of each was NOT what I had for either Nick or Jay.

So, lesson #1: Check where the email came from. If it isn't familiar, ignore the email. Don't answer it or you may get trapped into another string of scams.

Another type of scam is disguised as a company you deal with. My latest trap was from Amazon. The email had the Amazon trademark slash, and was set up looking very genuine and important. Essentially, it told me that there was something wrong with my account and I needed to follow the link in the email to set things straight.

The wisdom from several sources is to NOT use that link. If the email does raise your concerns, use your own, stored link to the company and make sure your info is correct.

I was surprised to get a phone call from someone pretending to represent Amazon. They said that there was a charge of \$77.75 on my Visa card and I should contact them if I did not know about the charge. They gave me an area-coded phone number. First, I do not have an active Visa card. Second, I'm pretty sure a big company would have an 800- number for that type of transaction.

Warning bells! I did follow up by checking my account info on Amazon. I did not see anything suspicious.

There are many other robocalls to beware of. If it sounds suspicious, leave it alone. Your best defense is to look at the caller ID and not answer your phone if you do not recognize the caller. If you do answer on any call, do not say "Yes" as that response can be recorded and used to start the scam rolling.

Fake calls can mimic the IRS, Social Security, or a relative. The last one is really insidious. A neighbor got a call supposedly from a grandson who was arrested and needed a big cash bond, available through Western Union. He was fooled enough to go to his bank and ask for the cash. Fortunately the teller recognized the scam and set the neighbor straight before any harm was done.

Another scam to be alert for is a call from Microsoft or others pretending to be a computer service company. They might tell you that they have found

suspected troubles on your computer. Give them access and they will "fix" the problem. Hang up on them immediately. How can a big company like Microsoft or Dell get into every computer and find problems? If you did not call them for help, it's a scam.

The other day, I was reading through the posts on my internet home page. One looked very interesting and topical. I clicked on it and instead of getting to the article, a big red warning came up saying that I had gone to a dangerous website and not to proceed further. I didn't, obviously, my spyware software intervened.

My main firewall protection is Norton 360. It screens all my internet traffic. It does not screen my email traffic, as any malware is called up only when I follow a link to it.

I also get ads daily from health-related and insurance companies. They all have an "unsubscribe" option which I usually go to. I just wonder if that option puts me on more lists which I don't want to bother with.

It is a dangerous world out there. I have opportunities daily to get trapped, both by phone and by fiends in the cyber world. I strongly suggest that you invest in anti-spyware software. If you don't have caller ID, get it. Pay attention to it. Verify any contacts and don't give out any personal info to anyone who demands it.

I'm not paranoid, I'm just careful.

I am still working to learn how to use my carbide tools and I am not going to abandon my tool-steel gouges. Today, I am working on a yarn bowl for Cil. This one is from green Yellow Birch. I have it hollowed out and stored in a plastic bag so it dries slowly. Most of the turning has been with my Woodpecker tools. When it was time to gouge out the bottom, I switched to my Hunter deep hollowing carbide tool. The bit is about 1/4 " across. It is VERY aggressive. Cleaning out the bottom inch with that tool took just a few minutes. One thing about the carbide tools: It is hard to do a gentle, smooth cut with them. I will let you know if I find a technique which makes carbide equal to traditional gouging.

I better get back to work.

Army

Balance forward

\$3948.46
 Dues \$350.00
 Raffle \$30 .00
 CA glue \$0.00
 Sawdust Donations \$0.00
 Anchor Seal \$0.00
 Total Income \$380.00
 VT Sales & Use Tax \$41.09
 VT Biennial Report fee \$50.00
 Total expenses \$91.09
 Balance ending \$4237.37
 Karen Drennen/Treasurer

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

The Board of Directors of The Woodchuck Turners of Northern Vermont gratefully acknowledges the payment of dues from the following members for 2020:

Ted Beebe, Dale Bergdahl, Jay Brunault, Tom Brunault, Dave Buchholz, Mike Deweese, Greg Drew, Andy Duling, Joe

Fortin, George Gibson, Mike Glod, Brad Jackson, Eddie Krasnow, Luc Lefebvre, Chris Lumbra, Bob Martin, Kevin Murdough, Ted Nelson, Randy Ramsden, Army Spahn, Cil Spahn.

(Scott Bennett, Russ Fellows, Ted Fink, Dick Montague, Michael Mode, Nick Rosato, Hav Smith and Al Stirt are Honorary Lifetime members, (8)

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.

KD11@myfairpoint.net

Dues for 2020 are \$25. Checks should be made out to "WTNV" and sent to: Karen Drennen, 12 Winters Court, Swanton VT 05488

Please note: The following privileges are only available to dues-paying members: Video library use, mentoring program ,bulk purchase discounts such as CA glue and Anchor Seal, Klingspor and

Hartville Tool discount lists, (to remain on the discount lists dues must be paid by April 1st each year). Mention the club to get your discount.

New Member:
 Kevin Murdough
 40 Pioneer St
 Essex Jct VT 05452
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pkmurdo@comcast.net

Reminder: We have a wonderful opportunity to receive \$300.00 in gift certificates for raffles if we order \$1500.00 in orders from Woodturners Wonders. They would ship for free (unless grinders are ordered). They have available: CBN wheels, Rikon grinders, sanding products, lamps, hand hones, and more. Check out what they have at: WoodTurnersWonders.com. Several club members have purchased from them and are very satisfied (I am one of them!). CBN wheels come in the following grits:60, 80, 180, 220, 350, 600, & 1000.You need to know what size your wheel is: 6, 7, or 8 and what size arbor: 5/8 inch, 3/4, or 1/2. This offer has a deadline of April 1st! Contact Karen before then!

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Brad Dinwiddie mentioned the Totally Turning symposium at Saratoga Springs March 28th & 29th. It's the biggest woodturning event in the Northeast this Spring. He also mentioned about signing up for the Vermont Open Studio event held Spring and Fall. Go to the website for the Vermont Crafts Council for information.

Jay talked about the benefits of joining American Association of Woodturners. There are plenty of educational benefits. The raffle provided about a dozen total gifts including 3 \$10 certificates from Craft Supplies.



Brad Dinwiddie mentioned the Totally Turning symposium at Saratoga Springs.



For Show & Tell Jay showed a set of chuck jaws 3D printed by his son. They seem pretty strong. If they fail, it just costs pennies to print a new set.

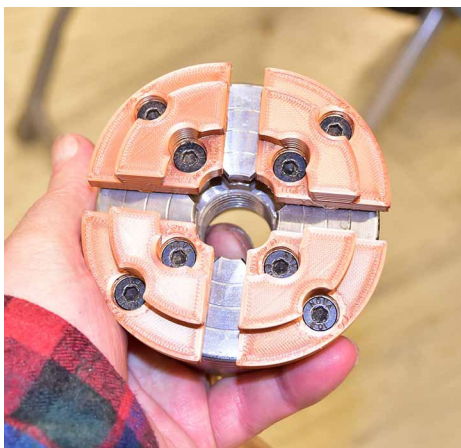
Dave Buchholz showed several vessels he has printed via pyrography with spruce trees.

Tom Dunn showed 3 bowls he's made from gifted wood. There was a discussion about what people learned this year. We adjourned at 8:45.

Bob Martin



Chris Bishop would like to see a side demo with more basic skills for beginner turners.



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Andy Duling talks about harvesting Red Cedar.



One of the prizes of the raffle was a chunk of Box Elder.



Chris Bishop made Bob a HUGE Longworth chuck.

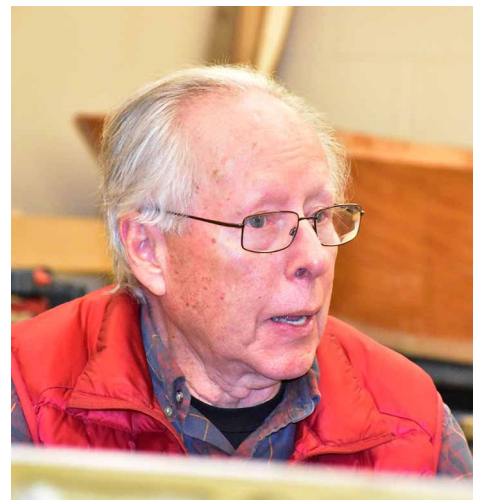
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Dave talks about his pyrography, and the inspiration he gets from his reading.



Tom Dunne showed several pieces from salvaged wood.



Brad's work focuses on products that can be used in the home. The items range from shaving brushes and shavers, bowls, platters, and pepper mills to an assortment of smaller goods, including utensils, tools, pens, and bottle stoppers. He enjoys knowing that his turnings have been bought by people from around the globe and exist on every continent except Antarctica. His first magazine article appeared in the November 2019 issue of Woodturning FUNDamentals published online by the AAW.

Demonstrations

Turning a Pepper Mill

Learn the steps for making a pepper mill, from a 3×3 blank to a working product. You will see several types of kits that are available on the market and learn how to select your wood. We will start with roughing out the blank, then drill the various holes while mounted on the lathe and part the blank in two. Once the blank is parted, we will show how to join the parts together again using calipers and a parting tool. Then the discussion will move to shape options, sanding methods, finishes, trouble shooting and answering any questions that arise along the way. Since the process can take longer than the allotted time, the mill's final shape and assembly will not be demonstrated, but will be included in the discussion.



- 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 back yard, they make the best Tung oil products in the U S. Call with an order and it goes out the same day!
- 4) Johnson Lumber, Route 116 in Bristol, VT. 802-453-4884. Another good "local" source for hardwood lumber of all kinds.
- 5) www.exoticwoodsusa.com. They offer a 15% discount to any member of an AAW chapter. Type in 'exoticwoodsusaaw' in the coupon code box.
- 6) 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/>
- 7) 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.
- 8) Mike Jackofsky—hollowing tools. www.mikejackofsky.com. Also sells thru Craft Supply.
- 9) Business cards and other printed goods: Vistaprint.com
- 10) Laser engraving—Maple Land Mark Woodcraft. 800-421-4223 They are in Middlebury. www.maplelandmark.com
- 11) 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
- 12) Paw Prints Printing WWW.paw-prints.com 802 865 2872 Gregory Drive South Burlington, VT 05403
- 13) Your NEW colored plywood source. trethaway@comcast.net. Has scraps of colored plywood for resale. Listed on eBay as scratch101012. *(That's an email address. Try it.)*
- 14) The Tree House, hardwoods & mill shop. Native woods, priced from \$5.00. 1891 Williston Rd., 802-497-3530. www.treehousehardwoods.com
- 15) Suffolk Saw of New England, Jeff & Danielle Mellott; 33 Gaudet Dr., Belmont, NH, 03220 877-550-7297

A Ted Take

What will this 'turn' into?

It is 22"X3"X3"

Ted Fink



Want Ads

In House

Demos:

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

February 19th—Making Pepper Mills—Brad Dinwiddie

March 18th. Remote Demo—Mike Mahoney

April 8th.—April Board meeting—Randolph Center

April 15th—Resin Casting in Turnings—Brad Blaisdell

Mentors Wanted Share your Skills

For sale: Trend Airshield Pro air circulating face shield. Only worn a half dozen times. Retails for \$369 – asking \$250. Contact Karen 802-868-6161 or kdi1@myfairpoint.net. I'll bring it to the next meeting.

Instructors For Hire

Nick Rosato-
802-999-2976
nickrosato@gmail.com

Once and twice turned bowls
Coring with the Oneway Coring system
Understanding and using gouges
Spindle turning and duplication
Hollow Turning
One-on-one instruction at my shop or your shop.
Flexible scheduling. \$250 half day. \$400 full day.

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.

Woodchuck Mentors

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

Dick Montague: General turning, all aspects plus tool sharpening.
802-584-3486

Montagueturn@gmail.com
Groton

Russ Fellows: General, segmented, & multi-axis turning
802-899-3059

skunkmen@gmail.com
Jericho

Ted Beebe: Segmented work.
802-849-2436

Teddy.beebe@gmail.com
Fletcher

Tom Dunne: Hollow turning, etc.
802-388-6981

jthomasdunne@gmail.com
Middlebury

Brad Dinwiddie: General turning, peppermills, utensils, pens
802-275-7185

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