

# The CAW Newsletter

The CAW Newsletter is the official publication of the Capital Area Woodturners Chapter of the AAW, and is published for the information of its members. Membership in the CAW Chapter is open to anyone interested in the art and craft of woodturning.

## Meeting

### Announcement:

**Date:** Saturday, Sep 11, 04

**Time:** 9:00 AM — 12:00 PM

**Place:** Bryant Adult Education Ctr  
2709 Popkins Lane  
Alexandria, Virginia

#### **DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING:**

From Virginia or Maryland, take I-495/I-95 towards the Wilson Bridge over the Potomac River. Take Exit 177A (Rt 1 South) on the Virginia side. Approximately 1.9 miles south of the Beltway, you will pass the Beacon Mall complex with Lowes Home Improvement Warehouse on your right. Drive past the main entrance into Beacon Mall, go 4 more stop lights - about 1/2 mile. The 4th stop light will be Popkins Lane. Turn Left onto Popkins Lane and go 2 blocks. Bryant Learning Center entry will be on your right. Drive to the East side of the building. Plenty of parking on the side or in the rear of the building. The entrances to the woodworking shop and meeting rooms are off the back corner of the east side of the Bryant Center.

### Program For the Month

**8:30 AM** Help set up for the demonstration. Look over the For Sale items in the equipment room. Help get the coffee bar going or have a cup of coffee and a donut with your fellow turners. Discuss the items on the Show & Tell table. Rent a video. Talk tips and techniques with others.

**9:00 AM** A normal business meeting. A raffle will be offered. Photos of member items will be taken for the next CAW Newsletter. The tape library will be open. A silent auction table will be available for donated wood and items. A Show & Tell of pieces brought in will be conducted. Supplies & tools for sale will be shown.

**9:30 AM**

### CAW Members Demo Shop Tips And Jigs

In September's meeting, you will have the opportunity to discover how other

members have tackled tasks within their shop from the highly complex to the simple solution set. Here is an opportunity for members of all experience levels to share ideas, Jigs, fixtures, helpful hints, tips, ideas and those things you have discovered which make life in the workshop a whole bunch easier. Please come ready to share your knowledge. The positive aspect of this is everyone, no matter what your background or experience level, has something to share. Depending on how we are doing on time, we'll open the floor to a question and answer period.

### The Call of the Lathe CAW President: Tom Boley

The Call of the Lathe has been mighty strong in Springfield the past few days. I really did leave NCIS on 20 Aug, retiring once again after two and a half years back on the job following 9/11. So now I am a full-time woodturner working at a feverish pace trying to do too many things at one time. And I thought it would be easy!

I have about a hundred rough-turned bowls and trays which I must finish. I need to do 150 bottle stoppers and 150 fan pulls. I also need to do 50 pens or so. At the same time, I am trying to continue some rough-turning from my stock of wood which is clogging the driveway, the garage, and the basement. Add to that the need to develop a nice brochure about one aspect of my business, organizing overall the business aspects of my business, enhancing my marketing plan, coordinating paperwork for the Fall craft show cycle, improving my craft show furniture such as shelves and other displays, and you can see that the life of a full-timer is not just hanging out at the lathe. But I think this will be fun. It is not all woodturning, but enough of it is that I am very excited about what is to come. I have some ideas which I want to try but may not be able to take the time to experiment with new stuff until January. I'll keep you posted as this new life of mine continues to evolve.

We have so many members who are so faithful to CAW and who do a huge amount of work behind the scenes in support of our organization, that it is impossible to properly highlight and extol their contributions. However, I do want to name a couple of gents who support our club in everything they do and are somehow involved with CAW or CAW-related activities nearly every day. CA Savoy and Don Riggs deserve special recognition as they go about their normal tasks on our behalf. They are the ones who went to Mt. Vernon with chain saws to cut up the white ash which we were asked to prepare as gifts for the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association to give as gifts to their key donors. They brought it all back to the school, end grain sealed it all, and coordinated both passing out the wood and collecting the turned pieces to give to Mt. Vernon. They coordinate the skill enhancement sessions twice a month and keep the equipment working. One of the costs which they personally incur is that they are asked from time to time to do some kind of labor to help the school. For example, on Friday, 3 Sep, they spent the better part of a day installing new shelves in the school library. This is the kind of effort they do for us which we rarely see but this is one of the reasons we can use the school. I am most grateful for this and know that you are, too. CA and Don, thanks so much for all your time and effort in support of CAW.

Tom Boley

*Bring plenty of money  
on Saturday!!*

*A truckload of exotic woods,  
brought back to the CAW from the  
July AAW Symposium, will be  
available for your purchase and  
enjoyment. Buy early and a lot*

**CAW SKILL ENHANCEMENT  
WORKSHOP  
BRYANT SCHOOL**

WED. 9-8-04 9:00AM - 3:00PM  
TUES. 9-28-04 9:00AM - 3:00PM

For the Sept., Oct. and Nov. work shops CA will demo and teach how to turn his delicate and exquisite holiday ornaments. Please advise CA if you want to turn an ornament so he can bring the required material.

Any special requests contact:

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PLEASE NOTE::: There is a shop charge of \$5.00. If you use any tool, i.e., band saw, lathe, drill press etc. the charge will apply. If you come to visit and just watch, then - no charge.

**YOU MUST ALSO BE A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS IF YOU WANT TO USE ANY OF THE TOOLS.**

**CAW- ONEWAY ORDER**

CA will be placing a ONEWAY order on Monday, Sep 13th. Order must be to him NLT Sunday 09-12-04. Check your catalog or call up ONEWAY website at [www.oneway.on.ca](http://www.oneway.on.ca) to see what 's available and e-mail your order to C.A. at [cadjsavoy@cox.net](mailto:cadjsavoy@cox.net)

CA places orders throughout the month, so if you need a ONEWAY product email him by the Sat. preceding the monthly meeting and he will have your order for you at the meeting.

Items can be picked up at Bryant School on the 2nd Wed. or last Tues. monthly workshops or at the monthly meetings or by special arrangements. You pay when you receive your merchandise.

CA Savoy::: HAPPY AND SAFE  
TURNING!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dec 11 – Annual Woodturners Ball  
Holiday Party

**Items For Sale:**

LATHE FOR SALE  
\$1,500.00

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- INDEXING
- LIVE CENTER
- DRIVE CENTER
- 2 TOOL RESTS
- 2- 6 INCH FACE PLATES
- 2- 3 INCH FACEPLATES
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- LATHE DUPLICATOR
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Don Gold's Delta 12 inch

We will hold a hands-on workshop with Martin Pidgen on Friday, 8 Oct. **Turning small items, and spindle work.** Cost will be \$30.00, if interested please send fee to Frank Stepanski

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<b>Each member</b>	<b>If your personal information changes: address, phone, or email, notify Mike McInerney .</b>

**Future CAW Plans**

**2004**  
Oct 9 – Martin Pidgen Square / Diamond & Flat sided turnings  
Nov 13– TBD

## Making Whistles

By: Keith Taylor

Something for the children. Well yes, but not only for children. I make whistles for the ladies as well. By fitting a key ring on the end, this then becomes a useful article, and to some extent a piece of safety equipment. If the whistle is made correctly it is capable of producing a very loud piercing sound so a warning. If you do intend to make these and give them to the children, make sure the children live at least two streets away. If you make them longer, and the hole deeper, the sound will be more mellow and if you want to advance further a block of wood with four holes drilled to different depths will make a sound more like a diesel train whistle, or you could even go further, and make a pan flute.

Enough of this dreaming let's get started. Choose a piece of timber carefully, a good dense timber with perhaps an oily base, would be best; but any reasonable timber will be OK. Remember moisture could be blown into the whistle. The size, is not very important, about 25 mm (1 inch) square and as for the length, as long as it's more than 40 mm (1.5 inches) long you are in business.

Mark the centers on each end of the timber. I use an engineers automatic punch to indent the center spot, it gives a starting spot for the drill and the tail stock {see photo}. Drill the hole, using a 3/8 inch drill to the depth of 35 mm. (That sure is mixing up the measurements; but that's the way it goes). Because I have a piece of 3/8 inch brass rod I use a 3/8 drill, but if you have a piece of 9 mm brass or steel you must then use a 9 mm drill. Wrap a piece of tape around the drill at 35 mm as a depth gauge and drill the hole as per photo. I find this method the most accurate way to drill

holes in the end. Front the drill up to the center pop mark and the tail center pop mark to the tail stock's live center.

With a brass rod replacing the drill, push the timber on the rod and bring up the tailstock. When you have almost finished the shape, withdraw the tailstock and finish the end off. If you want to make it as a key holder, turn a small knob on the end and later drill a small hole in the end, from each side at an angle to suit the key ring.

Now is the time to be creative (as all wood turners are). Beyond the mouth area is YOUR design, but the mouth area is best if you follow the diagram.



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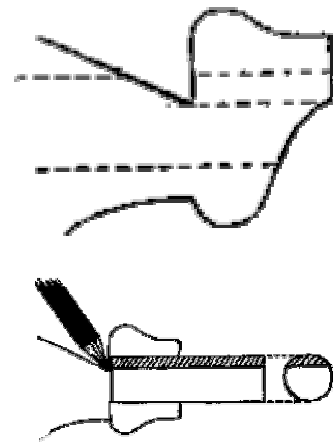
Although I don't measure the size anymore the whistles still work well.

So there is some latitude there somewhere. Before removing the whistle from the lathe, sand the surfaces and using your favorite polish finish off. Then remove the whistle from the lathe and follow the instructions on cutting out the mouth.

**HINT** Using a length of dowel, insert it into the hole and place the protruding end in the vice. This will hold the whistle while cutting the mouth. While still in this position and using a fine file clean up the saw cuts

**IT IS NOW TIME TO MAKE THIS WOODEN WHISTLE WHISTLE**

First, a piece of dowel about 35 mm long that will be a snug fit into the hole. Insert the dowel into the hole as far as the saw cut and with a pencil draw a line across the end of the dowel (see diagram), now remove the dowel and remove the small amount of wood as shown shaded.



Reinstall and test. Blow into the mouth piece and adjust the dowel in and out for best results. Mark the final position of the dowel, remove, put a little glue on the dowel and reinsert to the mark. TEST and leave to dry. When dry cut the excess dowel off sand and polish FINISHED.

Keith Taylor

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