

# Shavings

DETROIT AREA  
WOODTURNERS



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<http://www.DetroitAreaWoodturners.org>

## President's Message

The **Workshops and Demonstration by Don Derry**, last week, were a great success. Many thanks to Ray Frase for the use of his shop and home for the workshops. This activity is the first time we have had a workshop with a professional woodturner. The student limit of 6 worked out very well. The Demo held at the Troy Elks was well attended by 35 members. I hope we will be able to use the facility for future demo's. We learned a lot about how to make it successful, both in head count and food. We are planning at least one or two more demos and workshops in the future. Most of the demonstrators like to have at least a two day event to make it worth their while. We hope more members will support our programs.

The **Woodworking show** will be held in the new convention center in Novi and as usual will support our membership activities. We will have both of our lathes available for demonstrate turning activities.

We will hold our **annual election of officers** at the December meeting. It is important to support the club by getting involved. By doing so, we have enough members to spread the work around and continue the good work done by the current officers and chairman of our many activities.

Our mentoring program has been noted as one of the best around, and we'd like to continue and provide this activity. Chet, who has been doing a fantastic job, will need a lot of help this year or even someone to take it over, for a while. If you would like to help with this important activity, please contact one of the officers.

## 2006 Club Dues

The registration letters will be mailed soon. It is important that each member return the renewal card and money, in the return envelope, either at the meeting or via mail. **Please** do not hand in your payment without the card. Thanks.

Greg Smith

## Join the AAW!



## Next Meeting - November 20, 2005

Meeting Highlight will be on using a Duplicator. The Detroit Area Woodturners meet at the Shelby River Bends Park, Shadbush Nature Center, Shelby Township, MI, from 2:00 to 4:30 PM. The Park is located on Ryan Road between 21 and 22 Mile Roads opposite the Hamlin Road junction. All visitors are welcome.



## Calendar of Events

DAW meets the third Sunday monthly, September through June, unless adjusted for holidays. General Meetings are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Executive meetings are open to all club members.

- Nov. 2/05 - Workshop on Shapes with Don Derry. Location to be announced.
- Nov. 5/05 - Demo at Troy Elks by Don Derry.
- Nov. 9/05 - Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Bill Schrodt's house.
- Nov. 20/05 - General Meeting. Demo on using a duplicator.
- Dec. 7/05 - Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Ruby Cler's house.
- Dec. 18/05 - General Meeting. Demo on carving by Ray Frase and John Marovich
- Jan. 4/06 - Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Frank Marabate's house.
- Jan. 15/06 - General Meeting. Demo topic to be announced.

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### Don't Forget the Meeting Door Prizes!!

Door prizes are an important part of each meeting. Members enjoy getting the prizes. The monies, from the raffle, pay for things like operating expenses. Please bring along any extra wood, tools or other items you feel you can afford to donate to our prize table.

### November Craft Supplies Order

Dave Wiltse be collecting money and order forms, at the November meeting . The club order will be submitted at the end of November. Catalogues and order blanks will be available at the meeting. You may also get your catalogue numbers from the Craft Supplies web site at [woodturnerscatalog.com](http://woodturnerscatalog.com)

### The 2005 Wood Working Show

[www.thewoodworkingshow.com](http://www.thewoodworkingshow.com)

The Show is December 2-4, 2005 Friday Noon-7pm, Saturday from 10 am-6pm, Sunday from 10 am-4pm. The show is at the new Rock Financial Showplace. We will have a booth as usual and will need members to work the booth. There will be a sign up sheet for this purpose at the November Meeting.

### DAW Officers - Here to Help! Don't Hesitate to Call

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## Don Derry Workshop

In early November, the club brought in Don to hold workshops for the club members. The classes were held in Ray Frase's shop, using lathes belonging to the club and various club members. The first day of the workshop was devoted to Design. The students used ash which had been provided by Ray Frase and Greg Smith. By understanding how shapes interact with our visual acuity and perception, the students were able to learn how to recognize these elements in their turning and use them to their advantage. "Where is the high spot?" became the catch phrase, and the "What now?" questions disappeared. It was interesting to see the increase in skill level that resulted.

The second day of the workshop was devoted to hollow turning, using Don's system of a captured bar and laser light. Using very clear and precise instructions, the students were able to quickly and successfully hollow some very thin vessels.

On both days, the enthusiasm of the instructor and students was high. By the piles of wood chips that were left, it was apparent that more turning than talking, occurred.

By supporting club activities like these, individual members are able to learn quickly and for a fraction of the cost of traveling to a school. I sincerely hope that more members will take advantage of these learning opportunities in the future.

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## Clothing Order ...

*This year's Club Shirt is a 7oz. all cotton Burgundy Pique Shirt Embroidered With the Official Club Logo.*

*Member price is \$25.00 for S/M/L & XL*

*XXL Add \$2.50 XXXL Add \$3.50*

*The Official Club Hat is an Embroidered Kaki colored Baseball type Hat. One size fits all.*

*\$12.00 per hat*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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No. of Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Hats \_\_\_\_\_

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**ORDER TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## OVWG Symposium

On October 20th, sixteen members of the DAW traveled to Cincinnati to participate in the Ohio Valley Woodturners "Turning 2005" Symposium. The event began Thursday evening, with an informal gathering where you were encouraged to "turn a top", on one of the six mini lathes setup for this purpose. The tops were being made for a local children's charity.

Friday morning through Sunday noon there were a total of 54 workshops given, where you could be up close and personal with the various presenters. Demo's were given on topics from Sanding Secrets, Basic Turning, End Grain Vessels, Eccentric Turning, Segmented Turning to Boxes & Containers, Mini Cowboy Hats, Furniture Spindles, and Grain Orientation, just to name a few. The workshops were given by eighteen Guest Presenters and seven Professional Turners. All presenters encouraged questions before, during and after their presentations.

As the various presentations took place, the presenters shared what they were doing, how they were doing it, i.e. tool being used and how it was being presented to the piece being shaped. They also gave a running commentary, as they developed and refined the shape of the piece.

The Symposium exceeded my expectations. Every presenter I watched had a wealth of information to share and I feel my turning skills will improve as a result of taking part in this event.

John Fitzpatrick

## The "Allen Cut"

To give you a feel for the interaction that took place between presenter and participants, at the Ohio Valley Woodturners Symposium, held in Cincinnati the weekend of October 21, the following occurred. As Richard Raffan was showing how the same cut could be made with three different tools, a minor catch occurred. Our own Jim Allen, who was viewing the demo, asked Richard a question, relative to the catch that had just happened. Mr. Raffan thought for a moment and then responded with, "I think you are right, let's try that." Jim had asked if the scraper Richard Raffan was using, when the catch occurred, could be held in a position, which presented the edge in a more shear position relative to the piece being turned. The trial proved successful and thus the "Allen Cut" was born. I sure Jim will be happy to share with you the details, the next time you see him. He may even give you his autograph, if asked. I'm sure, he will agree, that the Symposium was a great event to attend for gaining knowledge, to improve your turning skills.

John Fitzpatrick

## Club Presenters

This year, at the Ohio Symposium, two of our club members were presenters. Bill Youngblood demonstrated segmenting and Ray Frase demonstrated carving. Both did an excellent job and were well received. We are proud of their accomplishments.



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**Making the attempt, is the first step to success.**

