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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Last month was the first few (hopefully of many) shop visits. I held an "open shop" for 3 days and had 8 people honor me with their company. We did a lot of turning & learning, shared different techniques, and generally had a great time. I would encourage everyone to open their shop up for visitors...even for just a couple of guests if you have a small shop. Its a lot of fun and its always a learning experience.

We have a couple big club sponsored venues coming up later this year so we finally have a real need for club equipment. A proposal will be presented to the members for a vote at our June meeting.

Now for the big news. We have always been kinda rushed in our meeting because our host, Woodcraft, closes at 9pm SHARP. Well, I have made arrangements with the management of the store to allow us to have a "soft closing time". Effective immediately, our monthly club meetings will run to 10pm (or longer or shorter depending on the agenda). The store WILL be closed for business at 9pm sharp, but we will be able to stay longer. This should provide us with a much

more relaxed meeting agenda without the stress present at most of our previous meetings. The only caveat is we cannot use any of the shop's power tools after 9pm (liability issue, since the store is officially closed by then). Not a problem because any demos will be over by 9pm. A big thanks goes out to the Woodcraft staff for their support of this initiative!

- Peter Teubel

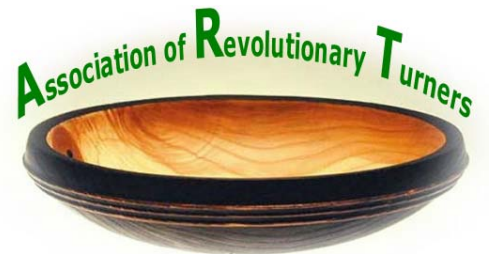
## SAFETY TIPS

- Always wear a face shield!!!
- Make sure your tailstock is LOCKED before turning on the lathe!!!
- When you have to chase your lathe around the room, you're turning speed is too high.

## MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILAGES...

### CA Glue & Accelerator Available

Thin CA Glue	2oz	\$3.00
Medium CA Glue	2oz	\$3.00
Thick CA Glue	2oz	\$3.00
Black Medium CA Glue	2oz	\$6.00
Accelerator w/pump	2oz	\$3.00
Accelerator Refill	2oz	\$2.00
Anchorseal	1 gal	\$7.00



Chinese Elm  
Peter Teubel

## TURNER OF THE MONTH—RANDY MILLER



One of the best parts of being a Real Estate agent is that I get to look at lots of peoples homes. I see their yards, their kitchens, their closets, their décor, their art, and their collections. If someone is a wood worker, I get to see their shop.

And if the owner is a wood turner – well, I can tell that right away, too.

A few weeks ago, I went to preview the new listing at 53 Paul Revere Road in Lexington, and knew in seconds that I had entered the territory of one of our own. The telltale sign was the gathering of bowls on the window ledge. They were clearly the work of one person who was on a nice learning curve. ‘What’s the name of the owner?’ I asked the listing broker. “I must know him.”

Several months ago, this same agent had admired a maple vase that I had displayed in my office. I had told her that I had turned it at the Lexington Arts and Crafts Guild. So she knew that I was a wood turner.

“Oh no, Bobbi” she answered. “You won’t know this guy. He went to that Lexington Guild place but didn’t like it. So now he goes somewhere way out in Woburn.” Gosh. Way out in Woburn.....I wonder what that could be.

So, learning that our very own Randall is going to move soon, I thought I best high tail it and make him Turner of the Month while he still is close enough to interview and get pictures of. (Traveling down to Roanoke, Virginia to interview Peter Toch was exhausting!)

Randall started life as a Woburn resident. How do you like that? He went to school in Chicago, stayed on awhile, then moved back to this area in 1995. At this point, the focus of his wood working career centered around the television – specifically Norm Abrams in This Old House. He was, as he calls it, an “armchair wood worker” , living vicariously through Norm.

With the purchase of the Paul Revere Road home,

there was suddenly enough room to start his own small work shop. He began with two pieces of equipment, a router and a handsaw. With just these, he was able to make a bed and train tables for his children.

With his feet wet, and mindful of his propensity to do major damage with even these few tools, he attended a course at Minuteman Tech in wood working to learn how to properly use equipment. The course was useful, but Randall got mighty tired of waiting in line for his turn. And then when he got to use the tools, they were often out of alignment. So out of frustration, Randall went home and expanded his own shop with his own equipment.

Among his purchases was a 1236 Jet Lathe. In no time at all, Randy was hooked! He bought a few books and began to teach himself. Although he didn’t do any major bodily damage, in short order he did break his tool rest, his belt, and was routinely blowing up potential products. Taking a class with Beth Ireland at Woodcraft made all the difference. He then stepped up to a Stubby lathe, which he very much appreciates.

“What I love about turning is that you can do so many different kinds of things. I always try new techniques that I’ve watched others do.”

A friend took down a few maple trees, and gave Randall lots of material. Some of the wood was spalted silver maple. Very pretty stuff. As a thank you, Randall wanted to give the friend as big a bowl as possible as soon as possible, so he used the soapy water method. It worked! In just three weeks, he was able to present his friend with a good sized maple bowl that has not warped or cracked. So far.

Randall’s three children are delighted with the bowls and especially the magic “Harry Potter” wand that their dad has been able to make for them. But recently, Dad came up with something even more special on his lathe which has had a positive influence on several of Lexington’s young chess players.

Randall had a little scrap piece of Zebrawood, not enough to make much out of, so he turned it into a little talisman type thingamabob with a few fancy

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lines and curves. His son David was attracted to the Zebra wood object, and put mystical powers into it. ( Shades of Harry Potter? ) The night before David's chess tournament, the Zebra wood piece fell off the bed, supposedly as a sign. I guess it was asking to go to the tournament. David decided that it must be his "lucky piece", and took it along. As each member of the team got in a tight spot, they would hold Randalls little turned Zebra wood for inspiration. Needless to say, they won that tournament.

David and his Zebra wood are now 5th in the state. My opinion is that it will take a little turned Snake wood to get to first place. How about it, Dad?

- by Bobbi Tornheim



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## MEDIA LIBRARY

### Current Video Inventory:

- \* *Turning Wood with Richard Raffan*
- \* *Turning Boxes with Richard Raffan*
- \* *Turning Projects with Richard Raffan*
- \* *Bowl Turning with Del Stubbs*
- \* *Skill Building Projects with Mark St. Leger*
- \* *Sharpening Fundamentals*
- \* *Turning Projects from Scrap with Bob Rosand*
- \* *Natural Lipped Bowls – Ken Bullock*
- \* *Wooden Bowls on a Budget – Ken Bullock*
- \* *Rude Osolnik – Dean of American Woodturners*
- \* *David Ellsworth Tape #1*
- \* *David Ellsworth Tape #3*
- \* *David Ellsworth Tape T*
- \* *Skew Chisel with Alan Lacer*
- \* *Turning a Salt & Pepper Mill by Holtham*
- \* *1996 AAW Symposium - Techniques*
- \* *1997 AAW Symposium - Techniques*
- \* *1998 AAW Symposium - Techniques Vol #2*
- \* *1998 AAW Symposium - Techniques Vol #1*

- \* *1999 AAW Symposium - Techniques Vol #1*
- \* *Vessels of Illusion by Trent Bosch*
- \* *From Tree to Table by Mike Mahoney*
- \* *Woodturning Wizardry by David Springett*
- \* *Woodturning - A Foundation Course*

### Current Book Inventory:

- \* *Woodturning - TIME/LIFE Book*
- \* *The Fine Art of Small-Scale Woodturning*
- \* *Fundamentals of Woodturning by Mike Darlow*
- \* *Woodturning Methods by Mike Darlow*

“If anyone would like to donate any ORIGINAL videos (no copies), please contact any of the club’s officers.”



Various Plates for Wood Species Display  
Peter Teubel

## JUNE MEETING AGENDA

We had a GREAT wood swap last meeting. Will we have another this month? Perhaps, but everyone needs to help out and bring in some wood to help support the club.

### 6:30pm–7:00pm

Arrive early for some social time and get a better parking spot!

### 7:00pm–7:45pm

- \* Club business
- \* Announcements

\* Show & tell. Bring your pieces in for discussion

### 7:45pm to 8:00pm

Break (last chance for store purchases)

### 8:00pm–9:00pm

Demonstration by Jeff Lavine on turning miniature boxes with snap fit lids.

### 9:00pm-9:15pm

Break

### 9:15pm - 10:00pm

Wood Swap

**MONTHLY SHOP TIPS**

**Binding Parting Tool**

- Peter Teubel

Applying some wax to the sides of a thin kerf parting tool will help reduce binding in a deep cut.

**Screw Chucking**

- Peter Toch

Using a screw chuck is handy, but sometimes removing the work from the screw can be very difficult. Try applying a liberal amount of paste wax to the hole and threads before tightening. It will make removal MUCH easier.

**Punky Wood**

- Peter Teubel

Sometimes we have a really punky piece of spalted wood that just doesn't want to cut cleanly. Try soaking the whole thing is a 50/50 mixture of white glue & water for a few days. Take it out and put it aside for a week or two. The water will swell the fibers, cracks shut, and the glue will hold it together.



Sassafras  
Peter Teubel



Mulberry  
Peter Teubel



Box Elder Burl  
Peter Teubel



Walnut  
Peter Teubel

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Box Elder Burl  
Peter Teubel



Spalted Maple & Walnut  
Peter Teubel

## VENDOR NEWS

### Premier Abrasive Products

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

In the continuing search for low price consumables, this company has excellent prices on 3" Velcro backed sanding discs (\$0.13 each). They also sell the "wave" discs (\$0.17 each). Minimum order is 100 discs per grit. Perhaps our club can make a purchase and resell smaller quantities to members.

### Teknatool SuperNova Chuck

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

Our host has the SuperNova 4-jaw scroll chuck on sale for \$134.99. Remember, that A.R.T. members get a 10% discount, so it's a good time to upgrade your chuck or get a second one so you don't have to change jaws so often.



Left to right, three maple, cherry, apple, and maple  
Jon Leavy

## A.R.T. MENTORING PROGRAM

Our Mentoring program is designed to help the novice as well as the intermediate turners in the club. Take advantage of the Mentors listed below. They've all agreed to spend a few hours with any beginner to help the beginner get started or any intermediate to advance their skills. All it takes is a phone call to make an appointment.

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appointment."**



**MAY SHOP VISITS**



Peter Teubel opened his shop for 3 days to let members turn & learn. We all had a great time!



**CLASSIFIEDS**

**Look! No Batteries Required...Ever Again!** Batteryless, 110 VAC Powered Laser Pointer for those deep hollowing jobs. Plugs into any standard 110 VAC outlet. Use with deep hollowing systems such as the Jamieson, Kelton, Oneway, Pro-Forme, Dave Reeks, homemade, etc. varieties.

Price: \$25.00 each.

**Get perfectly side ground edges on all your bowl gouges.** Improved, easy to use gouge sharpening jigs. No matter what the sizes of your gouges, there is a sharpening jig to give you that perfectly ground edge. For use with the Wolverine or similar grinding aid. Three sizes to properly fit all gouges:

Size:	Prices:
Small (up to 3/8" dia.)	\$12.00 each
Medium (3/8" - 5/8" dia.)	\$12.00 each
Large (5/8"-7/8" dia.)	\$12.00 each
Set of all three:	\$30.00 (Save \$6.00)

**Ultra-Thin Kerf Parting Tool.** Blade is only 0.050" thin to give those wood saving and grain matching cuts. Overall length approximately 9-1/2" with comfortable handle for good control. Made from hardened High Speed Steel for a lasting edge and stiffness.

Price: \$20.00 each.

Please add \$5.00 Shipping and Handling to your order (no matter the number of items ordered being shipped to the same address at the same time).

To order, please make checks payable to Peter Toch and mail to:

Peter Toch  
6565 Fairway View Trail  
Roanoke, VA 24018

For questions or further information, please contact Peter Toch at (540) 774-4152 or ptoch@adelphia.net

\* NOTE: These items are also available thru Mike Green at the monthly meetings.

**For Sale: Grizzly 1067Z Wood Lathe**

This lathe is almost identical to the Jet 1236. Less than 1 year old. Includes all original equipment; face plate, tool rest, spur drive, live center, tool rest extension and manual. Also includes Grizzly scroll chuck. Stand has been enclosed to contain ballast. \$350.00

Please call Ken George at 781-729-5227 (home) or 617-775-1222 (cell). If no answer leave a message with your name and phone number and your call will be returned as soon as possible.



**“ Classified ads are free for members . Just send your ad to Peter Teubel.”**



**CLASSIFIEDS (CONT.)**

**For Sale: Jet 1236 Lathe**

12" swing, 36" between centers, swiveling headstock. Bought new in December 2001. Excellent condition. I'm upgrading to a larger model, so this one has to go. Price negotiable.



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## ~ LEGAL STUFF ~

The Association of Revolutionary Turners (A.R.T.) was founded in 2001 to support the needs of woodturners in eastern Massachusetts. Its purpose is to provide education, information, and organization to those interested in woodturning. We meet on the 4th Thursday of every month at the Woodcraft Store in Woburn, MA. Memberships are on a calendar basis from January 1st through December 31st. Annual dues is \$20 per person.

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## 2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Club dues are due for fiscal year 2003. Please help the club continue to prosper by bringing your dues to the April meeting. We now have an official club bank account so we CAN accept checks (no plastic yet, but we're working on it!). Please see our Treasurer (Andy Osborne).

## JUNE 26 MEETING

- Demonstration - Turning Miniatures by Jeff Lavine
- Club equipment purchase proposal
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