

Bucks Woodturners

This document is meant to provide basic information about our club. It is especially intended for orientation of new or prospective members.

Meetings are held at Bucks County Community College (275 Stump Road, Newtown, PA) in the wood shop of the Hicks Art Center building, on the third Monday of each month, except July and August when the club does not meet. The January meeting is usually the 4th Monday, due to the MLK holiday. When necessary, special meeting dates will be announced via e-mail, newsletter, or US mail. The wood shop is located at the rear of the Hicks Art building.

Parking is allowed in lots C, D, E and F, and G (with special permit). See map on page 4 for location of parking lots and Hicks Art Center building.

BWT meetings will be canceled when BCCC is closed due to inclement weather. Announcements are made on the college website (<http://www.bucks.edu/>) and on local and Philadelphia television and radio stations.

Membership entitles you to access to the meetings (although guests are welcome), the monthly newsletter, the Hands On Workshop weekends, library use, loaner lathes, membership directory, technical help and mentors for new members. We also have useful web sites, especially Buck Woodturners (BWT), Woodturning Center of Phila. (WTC), and the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). See newsletter for web site addresses. BWT membership dues for 2009 is \$25 for the calendar year of 12 months. Dues paid in November and December of the previous year covers the upcoming new year. Dues paid from January to October are for that year only. Contact is the Membership Chairman. See page 5 for membership form.

Meetings start at 7:30 PM and includes the following:

- **Announcements**
- A **demonstration on woodturning** or a **show-and-tell**, usually on alternating months. The President and Vice-President run the monthly meetings.

The demonstrators are internationally known woodturners, or other skilled turners, craftsmen and teachers.

The Show-and-Tell is an opportunity for members at all skill levels to show and describe their pieces and the problems encountered. It's an exchange of information and a learning experience. Participants will have their work mentioned in the newsletter,

providing they sign and describe their pieces on the Show-and-Tell Lists on the table. The December Holidays meeting is both a regular show-and-tell and a special Pollyanna show and tell, where members bring in a gift-wrapped turned piece they made (based on some theme) and then they are exchanged for another. You give a gift and you get one in return.

- **Raffles.** A raffle is held every meeting for gift certificate(s), cash, and/or wood for turning. Tickets may be purchased before and during the meeting at one of the benches on the side of the wood shop. Wearing your name tag gets you an additional ticket. A membership raffle is held at the December meeting for all paid up members for the upcoming year. Attendance at the December meeting is also required to be eligible.

BWT Officers. The officers are elected at the December meeting for a term of two years. The names and contact information for current officers, club advisors and other volunteers are shown in the newsletter and on the web site.

Newsletter. The newsletter is published in color once per month (except July and August), before the next upcoming meeting. It contains information of member activities, review of the past meeting, schedules and descriptions of woodturning events, upcoming meetings, club officers names and contacts, addresses of relevant web sites and other items of woodturning interest. To save mailing costs and effort, the newsletter is sent out via e-mail and is also put on our web site. Black and white copies are sent out by US mail to those members without internet connections. Contact is the Newsletter Editor

Hands On Workshop Weekends. One of the best benefits of being a member of BWT is the hands on workshop (HOW). Once a year during March and April, many of our skilled turners volunteer their time and their workshops to hands-on teaching of various woodturning techniques and projects. Groups of 3-4 may participate per instructor at a very nominal cost, which goes to BWT to help support our programs. Information on the HOW program (teacher, course description and schedule) is sent to all members in advance, usually in January. Depending on the course, HOW's vary from 1/2 day session, full day, to 2 days. Contact is the HOW Organizer.

Bucks Woodturners Website (www.bucksturners.com). The club website includes several features that may be of use to new members. Back issues of the newsletter are available for up to 3 years. Issues more than 3 years old are available by contacting the webmaster. A gallery section is available for members to post pictures of their work. Contact the webmaster for information about how to do this. There is a current events section, updated monthly, listing club meetings, demonstrators and local events that may be of interest to woodturners. An up-to-date club directory can be downloaded and there is a links section where we will put a link to your own website or webpage if you have one. Contact is the Webmaster.

Library. The library has a vast collection of woodturning and related books, tapes and CD/DVD's. The library is located at the rear left side of the woodshop. The library is open before and during the meetings. Items of interest may be borrowed for a month. Contact the Librarian.

Name Tags. New members receive name tags, usually within a month. Members with damaged or lost name tags can have them replaced on request. Contact Membership Chairman

Loaner Lathes. The club has two loaner lathes for members: A Jet Mini-Lathe (contact Bil Sticker at 215-443-9079) and a Vicmarc Mini-Lathe (contact Dave Hardy at 215-822-3494). They each have a table and tools and are available on loan for a month. Dave Hardy will also give you hands on instructions on its use.

Woodturning Help. The membership directory indicates those members who will offer technical help to other members. Some of those members who offer help may also serve as mentors for new members.

Membership Directory. All members are entitled to a membership directory. The directory includes addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, membership in AAW and Help providers. A new updated one is printed once a year in the first quarter of the year and copies are supplied to all paid up members at the meetings and /or sent by mail. Members who have paid their dues by the end of February will be listed in the directory. The directory is also available on our web site where on-line versions are updated periodically. To get the directory on-line you will need a user name and password, which you can get by contacting the Webmaster or Newsletter Editor. The directory is private information for members use only and should not be given to others.

Some Woodturning Resources Outside of the Club

BCCC offers wood turning and woodworking courses at the wood shop in Hicks Building. Contact college for course descriptions and registration (215-968-8100) or contact Mark Sfirri at 215-794-8125.

David Ellsworth offers weekend turning courses at his workshop in Quakertown, PA. Contact Dave at 215-536-5298 for openings and cost.

Bob Rosand offers week end turning courses at his workshop in Bloomsburg, PA. Contact Bob at 570-784-6158 for availability and cost.

Mike Kehs offers various wood turning courses at his shop in Quakertown, PA. Contact Mike at 215-536-4329 for courses being offered, time and cost.

Dave Hardy has an open shop every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM for hands-on-learning and woodturning discussions and demonstrations. Dave is in Sellersville, PA (215-822-3494).

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Phil Hauser has an open shop in Hainsport, NJ, every third Tuesday of the month from 7-9 PM. Contact Phil at 609-518-9801

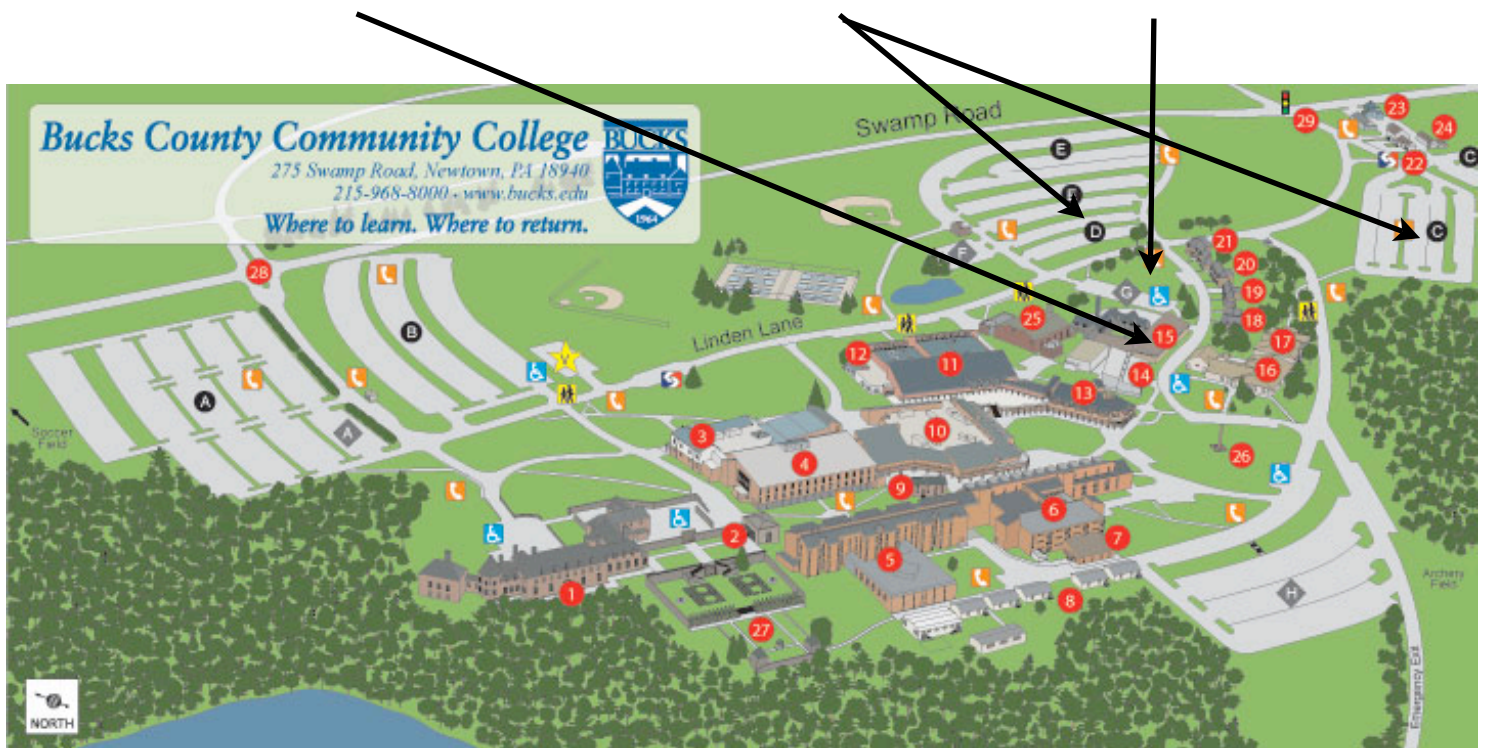
Woodturning Center, Philadelphia. The Woodturning Center has an extensive collection and exhibits of the work of internationally recognized fine craftsmen and a large research library. For more information check out their excellent web site at www.woodturningcenter.org or call at 215-923-8000.

BCCC Map

Hicks Art Center building

Regular student parking

Permit parking



BUCKS WOODTURNERS MEMBERSHIP

(Annually from January to December)

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

RENEWAL _____

NEW _____

DATE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

MIDDLE INITIAL _____ SPOUSE NAME (FAMILY MBRSP) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

MEMBERSHIP: REGULAR _____ (\$25 PER YR.) FAMILY _____ (\$30 PER YR.)

AAW MEMBER _____ (YES) _____ (NO)

WILLING TO ACT AS MENTOR TO HELP OTHER CLUB MEMBERS ?
_____ (YES) _____ (NO)

Make Checks Payable to: **BUCKS WOODTURNERS**

Send completed form and check to:

**Bucks Woodturners
Edward Lashen
95 Valley Drive
Furlong, PA 18925**

Check No: _____

Cash: \$ _____

FOR OFFICE USE:

BADGE ORDERED: _____

LOGGED: _____