

# Bucks Woodturners

Monthly Newsletter

January 2013

**January 28th Meeting with Mike Kehs starts at 7:30**

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## Important Dates

January Meeting with Demonstration by Mike Kehs .....	Jan 28
CAW's Robin Wood's Cores Exhibition .....	thru Feb 2
CAW's YOUR Personal Hang-ups .....	thru Feb 2
Artistry in Wood .....	Feb 23,24
Tylersport .....	March 1-3
February Show and Tell ...	Feb 18

## Many Thanks to President Ryan

After six years of steering artisans, artists and malcontents, master-turner and sage, Ed Ryan, has turned over the reins of Bucks Woodturners to Matt Overton. We turners certainly owe him a hearty thank you for his selfless service as our president. In fact, more thanks are in order since Ed's position was really a two-for-one deal: Pat Ryan has been at his side chipping in whenever extra help was needed. Thank you, Pat!

Ed's matter of fact style provided us with years of efficient, well-run meetings. One of the hallmarks of Ed's tenure has been his advocacy for demonstrating the basics of turning. *(continued on page 7)*



## A Message from New President, Matt Overton



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for asking me to serve as president of Bucks Woodturners. I only hope that I can fill the shoes of Ed Ryan. Ed, and his wife, Pat, have given so much to make this club one of the AAW's best for so many years. Thank you both so very much. We wish you the best of luck and good health.

For those of you that don't know me, here's how I got here: I have lived locally in Wrightstown, Pa. with my wife, Diana, and my three sons for the past 27 years. I fell in love with my wife, and woodworking, while working as a caretaker on an island in Vermont while I attended the University of Vermont in the late 70's. I moved to Bucks County to be near Diana and finished my Civil Engineering degree at night at Drexel University. I worked in the CE field for a couple of years and then eventually became partners with my brother in law, owning a structural steel fabricating and erecting business for 5 years. I now (for the last 20 years) own a gas station/ truck stop/ convenience store. I am the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 74 in Wrightstown and my wife and I are on the pre-Canva team at St. Andrews, where we help engaged couples prepare for marriage.

Through all this I try to find time for woodturning. As I have gotten to know many of you, I realize just how much I need to learn to consider myself to be a good wood turner. This has come to fire my passion for woodturning. I hope, as president, I can help all of us continue to grow that passion.

*Matt Overton*

## December 2012 Pollyanna Pieces



George  
Balock



Gil  
Malave



Vince  
Miller



Christine  
Stone



Keith  
Nelson



Mike  
Kehs



Bil  
Sticker



Bryan  
Richardson



Nancy  
Rourke



Ward  
Stevens



Joe  
Seltzer



Joyce  
McCullough



Jack  
Smith



Linford  
Sine



Ed  
Ryan

## December 2012 Pollyanna Pieces



Roger  
Justice



Bud  
Hohlfeld



Phil  
Hauser



Nate  
Favors



Litton  
Frank



Tom  
Gall



Matt  
Overton



Robert  
Crowe



Ron  
Durr



Jack  
Schiller

Bucks County Community College Emergency Closings: BWT meetings will be canceled when BCCC is closed. When inclement weather forces the closing of BCCC, announcements will be made on the college website (<http://www.bucks.edu/>) and local TV and radio. For TV and radio, the code numbers are 760 and 2760, respectively, for day and evening classes. If uncertain call the college main number (215-968-8000) or Office of Security and Safety (215-968-8395).



\*\*\*\*\***NOTICE!! SAVE THIS DATE IN FEBRUARY 2013!!!!**\*\*\*\*\*

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### Directions:

#### From PA TRNPK

Exit 351 of the PA Turnpike to Route 1 North. Bear right onto Business Route 1. Proceed 6 miles on to Woodbourne Road. Turn right. Proceed through 4 traffic lights and take a left on New Falls Road. The school is 1 mile up on the left on the corner of New Falls and Wistar Road.

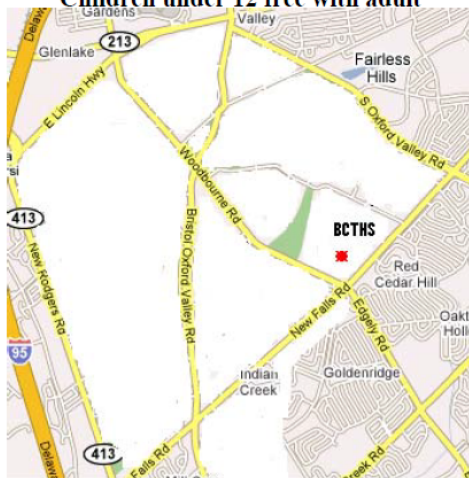
#### From Trenton, NJ:

US1 So. into PA. Merge onto Lincoln Hwy/US-1 Br So. Toward Bristol/US13/Yardley. Merge onto US-13 S. Tullytown/Bristol Take Penn Valley Rd. Exit-Turn Rt. On Penn Valley Rd. Turn Left on New Falls Rd. (1 Mi) Turn Right onto Wistar Rd.

Partial proceeds benefit the Churchville Nature Center

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**Demonstrations by local artists:**

- Wood burning (pyrography)
- Power carving
- Knife carving
- Tool Sharpening
- Scroll Saw
- Wood turning
- Pen Turning
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## 12th ANNUAL

### TYLERSPORT WOODCARVING AND TURNING FAIR

**MARCH 1, 2, and 3, 2013**

Tylersport Fire House, PA Rte 563; 3.2 miles south of US Rte 309

FRIDAY, MAR 1, 2013 10AM TO 5PM

SATURDAY, MAR 2, 2013 10AM TO 5PM

SUNDAY, MAR 3, 2013 10AM TO 4PM

LIVE AUCTION SAT, SUN 12:30 – 1:30

ADMISSION \$5.00; STUDENTS AND CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE, \$1.00 OFF WITH COUPON

TURNING & CARVING LIVE DEMOS

FRIDAY IS STUDENT DAY

HANDS ON PEN TURNING DEMOS

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS, DOOR PRIZES

## Gil Malave Awarded Disability Advocates Award



Pictured (from left) are Freeholder Director Patricia Walsh, Gualberto Malave, Somerset County Disabilities Coordinator Mark Malone and James Paliani of Raritan.

The Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services selected winners of the 2012 Disability Advocates Awards in October in celebration of Disability Awareness Month. At a recent freeholders' meeting, the Somerset County Board of Freeholders presented citations to the winners of the two categories: Individual and Business/Organization.

The awards recognize individuals and companies that contribute to persons with disabilities by working in the areas of advocacy, service and inclusion.

Gualberto "Gil" Malave of Raritan, holding the citation, was selected in the Individual category. He has dedi-

cated his life to helping disabled veterans build self-esteem and follow a healing path through wood turning. He also has helped veterans receive assistance from the Veterans Administration to pursue positive outlets for their creativity. The citation was presented by Freeholder Director Patricia Walsh. Malave was joined by Somerset County Disabilities Coordinator Mark Malone and James Paliani of Raritan, who nominated him for the award.

Source: [http://www.nj.com/messenger-gazette/index.ssf/2012/12/somerset\\_county\\_names\\_winners\\_of\\_2012\\_disability\\_advocates\\_awards.html](http://www.nj.com/messenger-gazette/index.ssf/2012/12/somerset_county_names_winners_of_2012_disability_advocates_awards.html)

## Jack Smith Wins the Holiday Raffle

Here is Jack Smith accepting his prize from Bil Sticker, Treasurer, and Matt Overton, newly elected President of Bucks Woodturners. With his winnings, Jack got a turning smock from Craft Supplies along with a number of other items he considered were wild extravagances. They included slip stones for honing the inside of gouges, new bumpers for his jumbo jaw chuck, a Morris taper cleaner, and here's an unusual one: a Thimble Cutter! (Turn to page 6 for a look at this unusual bit.) He's not yet put that smock to use because he is in the middle of refurbishing his reliable Grizzly Lathe. After 13 years of ordinary wear and tear, and a "couple of extraordinary catches", Jack felt it was time to give that baby a tune-up. And he's enjoying every minute of it. Congratulations, Jack.



## Bucks Woodturners- Membership/Renewal - Jan. To December, 2013

Date\_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Last Name\_\_\_\_\_First Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_E-mail Address\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues:

Regular \$25 per year (\_\_\_\_); Family \$30 per year(\_\_\_\_) Spouse name\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: Cash\_\_\_\_\_ or Check #\_\_\_\_\_

\* Are you a member of American Assoc. Of Woodturners? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

\* Would you be willing to mentor new &/ or inexperienced members?\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **Bucks Woodturners** and send with completed form to:

Bucks Woodturners, % Edward Lashen, 95 Valley Dr., Furlong, PA 18925

## What is it?



The Thimble cutter produces a clean interior surface with the size and shape of an average thimble. <http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/p/4/-/12/65/-/5341/Precision-Machine-Thimble-Cutter> has information on this cutter and how to make a thimble.

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## Many Thanks to President Ryan *continued from page 1*



Ed felt strongly that newer members, and many veterans, were looking for and would benefit from these lessons. Speaking of lessons, many of us learned the basics of turning from Ed. He's a patient instructor, and passes on the knowledge he gained from mentors like Palmer Sharpless, Norris White, and Dave Hardy. Ed has taught countless turners, of all ages— children, teens, 20-somethings, and us older kids, too.

Ed and Pat worked tirelessly to ready the shop for meetings and events and stayed late to put things back in order and tidy up— often not such a small task. Always promoting safety, many

remember Ed's recount of safety incidents and his admonitions to members to work safely.

Thank you, Ed, for your exemplary stewardship of our club, and for bringing Pat along for the ride.



## Member News and December's Show and Tell

Joe Seltzer, Andy DiPietro Mike Kehs and Matt Overton (clockwise from the top) brought in samples of their own work as well as some collected pieces to share with the club. Mike Kehs will be discussing how he uses sand blasting to enhance his work during the demonstration at our January meeting. February will be a Show and Tell month, and then Andy will share some ideas on how to move your work to the next level in March. April will again feature Show and Tell items from members.





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**YOUR Personal Hang-Ups, Curated by Gail M. Brown** (Nov. 2, 2012 – Feb 2, 2013) Gail M. Brown asked artists to explore inventive forms inspired by their individual interpretation of “personal hang ups”- both as functional and conceptual ideas. Not to be confused simply with lifelong neuroses, but suggested by practical considerations which serve functions in our daily lives, each maker responded with thoughtful, witty and unexpected alternatives for the containment of our material possessions.



### Robin Wood's Cores Recycled: Exhibition and Fund-raiser

(Nov. 2, 2012 – Feb 2, 2013) The CORES fundraiser is inspired by the practice of pole turner, Robin Wood, of the UK. Wood engages in research and historic turning with a foot-powered lathe constructed of a limber tree branch attached by rope to a work bed for turning wood. This exhibition is inspired by Wood's submission of “Cor Blimey” to The Center's 2008 *Challenge VII: dysFUNCTIONal* exhibition. Robin's installation was comprised of a huge pile of waste CORES and a video which captured him pole turning near the trail of CORES broken out of bowls he turned over a two-year period. Robin's practice and documentation are a powerful contrast to contemporary electric machines and waste that ends up in landfills. For more information and to view the current exhibits visit <http://www.centerforartinwood.org/your-personal-hang-ups-and-robin-wood-cores-2012/>



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## Totally Turning 2013

Saturday & Sunday, March 23 & 24, 2013  
Saratoga Springs City Center, Saratoga Springs,  
NY

### Our 2013 Totally Turning Presenters are

Mike Mahoney, Binh Pho, Ernie Conover, Lyle Jamieson, Kurt Hertzog, Steve Sinner, David Nittmann, Giles Gilson, Joe Herrmann, Jerry Sambrook, Harvey Fein, Bruce Hoover, Mike Souter, and Geoffrey Noden

For more information <http://www.totallyturning.com/>