

# Bucks Woodturners

Monthly Newsletter

January 2014

**January 27th Meeting starts at 7:30**

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## Important Dates

CAW's <i>Shadow of the Turning</i> .....	thru Jan 18
January Meeting with Demonstration by the Zenreichs .....	Jan 27
CAW's <i>Auguries of Idolatry</i> Opening and Reception .....	Feb 7
CAW's <i>Auguries of Idolatry</i> Panel Discussion.....	Feb 15
February Show and Tell .....	Feb 17
Artistry in Wood .....	Feb 22,23
Tylersport .....	March 7-9

## **A Dynamic Duo to Demo in January**

This month, President Matt Overton has lined up an exciting show for our meeting on the 27th. Alan and Lauren Zenreich will double team the demonstration and present their take on turned jewelry. This husband and wife team, from New Jersey, have demonstrated all over the country and enjoy combining a variety of techniques, including “zentangling” to create some pretty unique pieces.



Alan and Lauren's interests run far and wide, so expect lots of cool tools, interesting materials (beyond wood), eccentric turning, innovative techniques and tips, and more. Matt has seen them in Tampa, and tells us we'll leave with lots of practical tips to make gifts of our own. This is a show not to miss!

## **Great Holiday Meeting Last Month**



There were lots of winners at last month's General Meeting and that included not only the raffle, but also the Pollyanna exchange!

This year's raffle had a number of prizes: \$100, \$50, \$25, a Hunter Tool and a Bucks Woodturners logo shirt. Our winners were Gary Hoffman, Lisa Sensinger, Dan Cominsky, Ron Durr, and Siobhra DeWar, respectively.

There was also great variety and fine craftsmanship in all of the Pollyanna turnings this year. If you didn't make it, the President's Challenge was to use a provided Curly Maple block to make something for exchange. Twenty mem-

bers took up the challenge making seasonal ornaments, toys, bowls and vessels, as well as a couple of sculptural pieces like Bryan Richardson's *Leaning Tower of Bucks County*, shown at the left.

Another big hit was Litton Frank's amazing toy tractor. The workmanship was exquisite – wheels that turned, tires that rotated, and it was all made from that single block of maple! Talk about careful planning and a great imagination! A “well done” to all of the turners participating. For pictures of all the contributions, please turn to pages 2 and 3.



## December 2013 Pollyanna Pieces



Rick  
Baker



Phil  
Hauser



Ron  
Durr



Jim  
Bachelor



Bryan  
Richardson



Mike Kehs



Matt  
Overton



Joe  
Seltzer



Nancy  
Rourke



Robert  
Crowe



Bud  
Hohlfeld



Litton  
Frank



## December 2013 Pollyanna Pieces

Mike  
Tanner



Ward  
Stevens



Linford  
Sine



Bil  
Sticker



Joyce  
McCullough



Tom  
Gall



Lisa  
Sensinger



Al  
McCarty



**Pictures from the Meeting** - Joe Seltzer shares his recently acquired Derek Bencomo carving, Gary Hoffman selects the raffle winners for December 2013 as Bil Stiker, Mike Kehs, Mike Tanner, and Joe Seltzer look on, Siobhra DeWar wins a shirt, and Gary Hoffman takes the big prize of \$100.





\*\*\*\*\***NOTICE!! SAVE THIS DATE IN FEBRUARY 2014!!!!**\*\*\*\*\*

## 38TH ANNUAL 2014 MID-ATLANTIC “ARTISTRY IN WOOD” SHOW & COMPETITION

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**Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

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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.

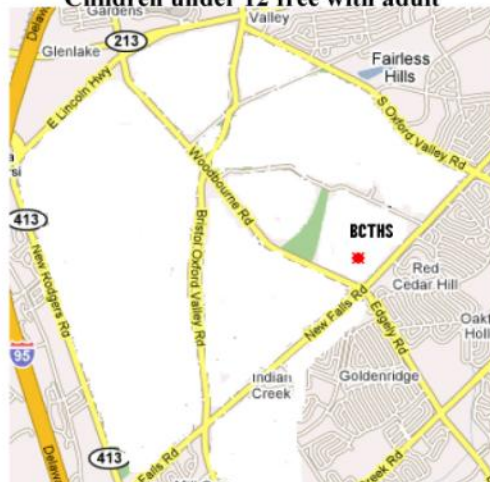
#### From Trenton, NJ:

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.

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**Demonstrations by local artists:**

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

Go to [www.delvalwoodcarvers.com](http://www.delvalwoodcarvers.com) for the demonstration schedule.

**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).



## 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TYLERSPORT WOODCARVING AND TURNING FAIR MARCH 7, 8 and 9, 2014



The Demo Days at Tylersport will get you up close and personal with leading nationally known wood carvers and wood turners. Get your questions answered; see equipment and tools in use, purchase tools, wood or finely crafted items from the artists. Live demonstrations provide carvers and turners of all skill levels with new insights!



**Hourly Door Prizes**  
**Live Auction Saturday & Sunday**



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

FRIDAY, MAR 7, 2013 10AM TO 5PM  
SATURDAY, MAR 8, 2013 10AM TO 5PM  
SUNDAY, MAR 9, 2013 10AM TO 4PM  
LIVE AUCTION, DOOR PRIZES

TURNING & CARVING LIVE DEMOS  
FRIDAY IS STUDENT DAY  
HANDS ON PEN TURNING DEMOS  
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

ADMISSION \$5.00; STUDENTS AND CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE  
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Friday, March 7	Saturday, March 8	Saturday, March 9
Joyce McCullough Air Brush Tech 11:30am to 1:00pm	Mike Kehs Burning Surface Treatment 10:30am to 12:00pm	Bill Schleif Plate With Inlays 11:00am to 12:30pm
Mike Tanner Steam Bending 1:30pm to 3:00pm	Ed Ryan Bowl 12:00pm to 2:00pm	Mike Kuterbach Turn Box 12:30pm to 2:00pm
Competition	Derek Weidman Multi Axis Turning 2:00pm to 3:30pm	Auction 2:00pm to 3:00pm
	Auction 3:00pm to 4:00pm	Auction 2:00pm to 3:00pm

### Continuous Floor Demonstrations by:

#### Wood Carvers:

Joyce McCullough, Hatboro, PA  
Derek Weidman, Harleysville, PA

#### Wood Turners:

Mike Kehs, Quakertown, PA  
Lehigh Valley Woodturners, Allentown, PA  
Ricci Holkey, Chalfont, PA

## Time to Renew Your Membership

It is time to renew your membership! Your membership fees go toward bringing great demonstrators in throughout the year for both our general meetings and special workshops. We also provide support to the Bucks Workshop and prizes for aspiring wood artists of the Fine Wood program at Bucks County Community College. Please renew your membership soon.

### Bucks Woodturners- Membership/Renewal - Jan. To December, 2014

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?\_\_\_\_\_

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## Member News

There have been some changes in the roles and responsibilities of the Bucks Woodturners Officers. President Matt Overton notes that Bryan Richardson and Ward Stevens will act as co-Vice Presidents, with Bryan in charge of demonstrations and HOW, while Ward will be responsible for communications to the club. Gary Hoffman will be assuming the web master duties from Bill Smith along with his responsibilities for membership. Bill Smith is still putting together the cover of the membership directory. Seth Chamberlain continues as Librarian, as does Mike Tanner as Special Advisor, and Videographers Hank Geisenhoner and Nancy Rourke.

Mark Sfirri will be conducting a series of workshops in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and St. John's, Newfoundland this month.....weather permitting

Bryan Richardson and Christine Stone are busily putting together the HOW 2014 schedule, so expect a mailing on this soon. Bryan tells us that many classes offered last year will be available again, as well as some new ones.

The February meeting on the 17th will be a Show and Tell. Stay tuned for more information on March's meeting with [Nick Agar](#). The date of this meeting is in flux, so please be patient as Matt and Bryan attempt to avoid scheduling conflicts.

### Bucks Woodturners

#### President

Matt Overton  
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#### Treasurer

Bil Sticker  
215-443-9079

#### Vice-Presidents

Bryan Richardson  
Demonstrations/HOW  
610-520-0852

Ward Stevens  
Communications  
215-249-3217

#### Membership and Webmaster

Gary Hoffman  
267-784-9224

#### Librarian

Seth Chamberlain  
609-586-2805

#### Videographers

Hank Geisenhoner  
Nancy Rourke

#### Special Advisor

Mike Tanner

## Auguries of Idolatry



The Center for Art in Wood will host a solo exhibition consisting of four large installations by sculptor David Stephens, February 7 through April 19, 2014 with a reception on opening day from 5 to 8 PM and a panel discussion on Saturday, February 15 from 2 to 4 PM.

*Auguries of Idolatry* explores the enchantment and attraction of idolatry in both a historical and contemporary context. As David Stephens explains, "The word 'auguries' as used by the visionary British poet, painter, and printmaker William Blake means prophecy or divination. It has to do with the sorcery and enchantment of idolatry. Biblically, idolatry is bad because it takes you away from God," His artwork addresses more than the superstitious and religious aspects of idolatry but familiar

contemporary enchantments, including technology. "Today, our idols include cell phones and the computer," he notes.

Stephens says, "Writing is symbols and many times I think that those symbols in and of themselves can become idols. A symbol doesn't have to be something that you worship; it can be a tool. An idol, however, is a tool that is taken to a point where it becomes as significant as God."

When he learned as an adult that he was becoming blind, Stephens studied and mastered Braille. However today, in spite of his blindness, he prefers not to use it as a means of communication. His experience with Braille led him to think more deeply about the meanings of symbols and language. All Braille symbols are linked to letters and there are up to 90 contractions, like texting shorthand. In these installations he uses massively oversize Braille elements, hemispheres that are too large to be deciphered with the fingertips and can only to be read visually. This shift of perception from one sense to another and back again illuminates the power and mutability of symbols.





## Current and Upcoming Exhibitions

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***Shadow of the Turning: The Art of Binh Pho*** (October 25, 2013 – January 18, 2014)

*Shadow of the Turning* is a traveling exhibition focuses on art, philosophy and storytelling of artist Binh Pho. Blending the mythic worlds of fairy tale, fantasy, adventure and science fiction, this exhibit creates a bridge between literature, art world approaches to concept and narrative, craft traditions and mixed media approaches. The story is “illustrated” using an exciting new body of work by Binh Pho, which combines woodturning, sculpture, painting and art glass. For more information read the [press release](#) or visit the [Shadow of the Turning](#) website.

***David Stephens: Auguries of Idolatry***  
(February 07 – April 19, 2014)

David Stephens a noted sculptor and arts administrator lost his vision over a period of years. During that time, he planned projects that include the work he is now executing. In four wall-mounted and free-standing installations to be constructed for his show, the first solo show at The Center for Art in Wood, Stephens will use hugely over sized Braille “bumps” to address issues relating to communication and symbolism. This shift of perception from one sense to another will illuminate the power and mutability of symbols. See page 7 for a press release on the exhibition.

### Saturday Make & Take Workshops

The Center for Art in Wood offers Education and Community Outreach Programs led by critically acclaimed working artist, and seasoned teacher, Rachel Bliss. The Center is a great place to take the family. Workshops are held from noon until 4:00 p.m. one Saturday per month. Along with creating a piece of wood art, workshop participants can explore the museum’s private collection and current exhibition. Cost: \$35 non-members | \$30 member. [More info](#)

**Windgate Three Year Challenge Grant-** We are thrilled to announce that The Center has been awarded a 3 year, \$600,000 challenge grant by the Windgate Charitable Foundation. Every dollar we raise up to \$100,000 each year in 2012, 2013, and 2014, will be matched by Windgate with two dollars. [More info](#) or [Donate Now](#)

**Challenge VIII: Bartram’s Boxes Remix-** The Center for Art in Wood is pleased to offer a traveling exhibition to museums and venues throughout the country titled *Challenge VIII: Bartram’s Boxes Remix*. The Center invited artists to a unique opportunity to “remix” the history, inspirations and materials from one of America’s oldest gardens into sculptural objects and installations. [LEARN MORE](#)