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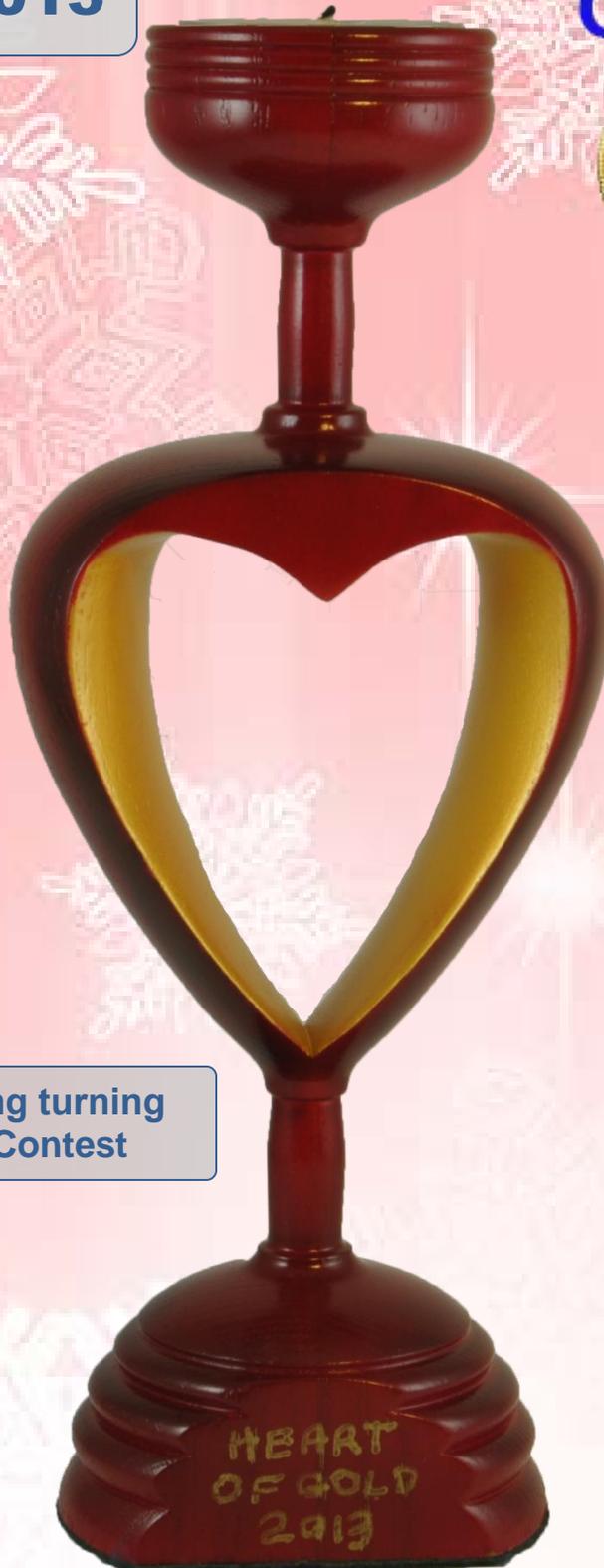


Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning

December 2013

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**Overall**



**Alfred Schembri's winning turning  
in the Annual Turning Contest**

HEART  
OF GOLD  
2013

## Events Calendar

Next Month Meeting:  
**January 19, 2013**  
**1:30 PM to 4:00 PM**

January's Meeting:  
**Regular Agenda**  
**& 45-45-45**  
**Demonstration**

The "**Detroit Area Woodturners**" (DAW) is a local chapter of the **American Association of Woodturners** (AAW). The AAW is an international, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of the woodturning craft. Our mission is to provide information, education, a meeting place, and an effective organization or all who are interested in turning wood.

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**Craig Drozd**

<http://www.woodturner.org/>

## In The News

### Board Members

President: Russell Holmes  
 1st Vice: Chuck Lobaito  
 President: Dennis Montville  
 2nd Vice: Dennis Montville  
 President: Philip Stevens  
 Treasurer: Roger LaRose  
 Secretary: Roger LaRose

### Committee Members

Asset Manager: Alfred Schembri  
 Librarian: Terry Williams  
 Member Chair: Jim Scarsella  
 Mentor Program: Ray Frase  
 Newsletter: Craig Drozd  
 Photography: Jack Parmenter / Roger Meeker  
 Raffle: Joy Lobaito  
 Resale chair: Ron Black  
 Video: Paul Neuburger  
 Web Site: Roger Meeker

### Presidents Challenge

Every month there will be a Presidents Challenge. Everyone that enters will be in a drawing to win a prize for that month. It does not matter how good your project turns out, you only need to attempt to turn it in order to enter and have a chance of winning a prize.

Month	Project
January	Birdhouse Ornament
February	To be Announced
March	To be Announced

Ideally, the challenge project will be something relating to the prior month's demonstration.

### December Meeting

Our January meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2014 at 1:30 PM.

We will return to the normal meeting format for this month.



This will be the first meeting run by the newly elected board. Ray

Frase is the scheduled demonstrator.

**Please plan to attend!**

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## Upcoming Events

### Turning Open House @ Rays

Tuesday January 7, 2014 at 6:00 PM  
Ray will perform a power sanding demonstration.  
If you're interested in have dinner with other woodturners at a local restaurant, show up at Rays at 3:30 PM.

### DAW January meeting

Sunday January 19, 2014 at 1:30 PM  
Presidents Challenge / Door Prizes /  
Back to Basics turning demonstration by Ray Frase

### Tennessee Association of Woodturners Symposium

January 31, 2014 and February 1, 2014  
Featuring; Doug Fisher, Trent Bosch, Barbara Dill, and Kurt Hertzog.  
<http://tnwoodturners.org/symposium/>  
Several DAW members are planning on making the trip to Nashville for this symposium

### Turning Open House @ Rays

Tuesday February 11, 2014 at 6:00 PM  
Ray will perform a tool sharpening demonstration.  
If you're interested in have dinner with other woodturners at a local restaurant, show up at Rays at 3:30 PM.

### DAW February meeting

Sunday February 16, 2014 at 1:30 PM  
Demonstrator to be announced

### DAW March meeting

Sunday March 16, 2014 at 1:30 PM  
Demonstrator to be announced

### Al Stirt

Demonstrating for the Detroit Area Woodturners  
April 5,6, & 7, 2014

### AAW's 28th International Symposium in

Phoenix AZ June 13-15, 2014  
<http://woodturner.org/sym/sym2014/>

## The President's Corner

### From the President

My mission as your President was to make sure that we all had fun in participating in DAW activities. Our June picnic has evolved into a significant turning event. Our turning contest has demonstrated outstanding creativity by our members. The skills of our members has grown to be world class. So after 5years at the helm, I have chosen to retire (again).

We have a group of members who have become turning buddies and will provide the leadership that DAW requires for the future. Well I had fun. I hope you did. Thanks for all your support.

Russ Holmes  
President

### A Special "Thank You"

Russ, On behalf of the DAW membership we would like to thank you for your last five years of leadership. You have been a positive force in moving this club forward and expanding woodturning in our community and lives.

Craig Drozd  
Newsletter Editor

## Around Town

### Demo Days with Ray

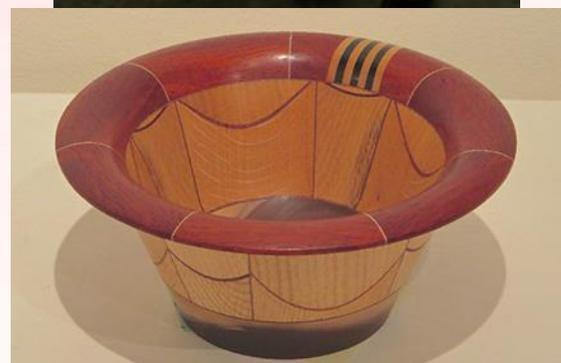
On Friday December 6th and Saturday December 7th, Performance Line Tools in Waterford Michigan was holding their annual Demo Days. As part of this event, our own Ray Frase was performing woodturning demonstrations at the store. Ray brought in his own Jet mini-lathe and was showing eager onlookers how to turn a basic bowl from green wood. He also had a table full of his turnings to show people the possibilities that turning has to offer.



### Dennis' Gallery Award

The Lawrence Street Gallery is hosting their annual "Think Small" juried show from November 27th through December 20th. All entries for this show can be no larger than 12 x 12 x 12.

The opening reception was held on December 6th and DAW vice-president Dennis Montville won honorable mention for his entry called "Keystone".



## Sunday December 15, 2013 Meeting Notes



Russ Holmes opens the meeting for his last time as president.

- Russ started the meeting by discussing how the annual turning contest voting will take place using the tickets provided to all members in attendance.
- The four turning contest categories have been changed to better accommodate the pieces that were entered. The new categories are Lidded Boxes, Vessels, Bowls and Miscellaneous.
- The DAW board elections were conducted next. The new 2014 board will be:
  - President Phil Stevens
  - 1st VP Roger Meker
  - 2nd VP Dennis Montville
  - Secretary Roger La Rose
  - Treasurer Chuck Lobaito
- Ray Frase discussed the Open House events he was scheduled for January and February. Meet at Rays @ 3:30 if you want to go out to dinner with the group otherwise the demonstrations start at 6:00 PM
- Russ presented a gift to Bella Lobaito for all the help she provides the club.
- The January meeting demonstration will be presented by Ray Frase. He calls it his 45 – 45 – 45 demonstration.
- Russ conducted the door prize drawings. For this meeting the club provided six \$30 gift certificates to the drawing. The winners were:
  - Kelly Friend
  - Matt Harber
  - Phil Stevens
  - Craig Drozd
  - Rick Breem
  - Ron Black
- Turning contest show & tell. Each person that entered a piece had the opportunity to discuss their entry.
- The winners as voted by the membership in attendance are:
  - Lidded Boxes Jerry Bufalini
  - Vessels Alfred Schembri
  - Bowls Craig Drozd
  - Misc Phil Stevens
- The turning voted as best in show belongs to Alfred Schembri.



**Congratulations to everyone that entered the turning contest. Every turning was great.**

Meet the New 2014 DAW Board



**Phil Stevens**

**President**



**Roger Meeker**

**1st VP**



**Dennis Montville**

**2nd VP**



**Roger La Rose**

**Secretary**



**Chuck Lobaito**

**Treasurer**

Note: Because Roger La Rose was not able to attend the December meeting, I had to search the internet for a picture that best resembles him.

Turning Contest



Ben Shipman – Double Lidded Box



Jerry Bufalini - Lidded Box



Joe Zalac – Inside Out Vessel



## Turning Contest



Mike Leneway – Stemmed Vessel



Alfred Schembri – Heart of Gold Vessel



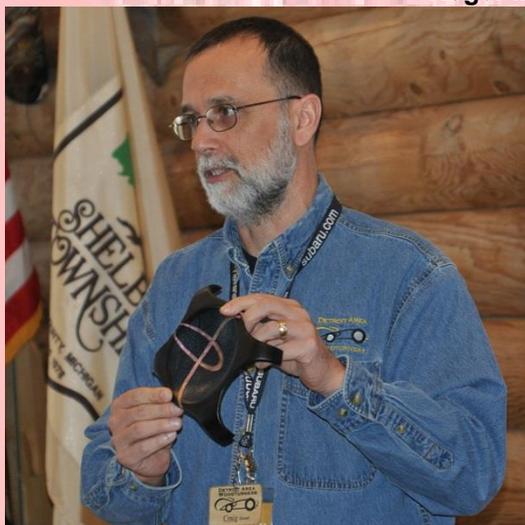
Dennis Montville – Segmented Bowl



## Turning Contest



Roger Meker – End Grain Bowl



Craig Drozd – Suspended Bowl



Paul Neuburger – Segmented Bowl



## Turning Contest



Chuck Lobaito – Coffee Scoop / Bottle Opener



Phil Stevens – Ornament



The four category winners

Turning Contest



## December 15, 2013 Faces in the Crowd



## Detroit Area Woodturners

### Benefits of joining the AAW, American Association of Woodturners

- Six issues of American Woodturner annually
- Automatic participation in periodic drawings for prizes
- Access to all past issues of American Woodturner, viewable online through the website Members Area.
- Access to machine-readable American Woodturner issues for those members who are visually impaired and utilize screen-reading software - contact the webmaster if this applies to you.
- Marketing opportunities on our website for artists, collectors, galleries, and museums.
- Group rates for individual and chapter insurance.
- Savings of up to 50% on AAW merchandise, including project books, DVDs, logo apparel, and more.
- Eligibility to apply for AAW Educational Opportunity Grants.
- AAW Forum and member-only access to articles and resources on our website.
- Eligibility to vote in AAW board elections if a member before the end of August in that year.
- Eligibility to apply for membership in the Professional Outreach Program (POP).
- Access to POP Fellowship grants.
- Exhibit opportunities - AAW members may enter work for the annual juried member exhibit featured at the Symposium, the Gallery of Wood Art in St. Paul, and other venues.
- Annual International AAW Woodturning symposium.
- Demonstration opportunities at AAW symposiums.
- AAW "Resource Directory" that contains a complete listing of contact information for members, local chapters, demonstrators, and other woodturning resources. Updated listings are available to members through the AAW website.
- More than 300 AAW local chapters that offer workshops, camaraderie, opportunities to share ideas and techniques, and access to lending libraries, discounts, and volume purchases.

### Russ Holmes wants you for breakfast



There is a breakfast get together every Tuesday Morning at 8:00am, held at the **Avenue Restaurant** on Woodward Ave at 13 Mile Rd.

All are welcome.



Uncle Russ wants you!

## Wood of the Month – Reindeer Antler

### Reindeer Antler



**Common Name(s):** Reindeer Antler  
**Scientific Name:** Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Antler A.K.A. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen Antlers.  
**Distribution:** North Pole  
**Tree Size:** 1-39 inches wide, 1-53 inches tall  
**Average Dried Weight:** Lighter than air when the reindeer is pulling Santa's sleigh  
**Specific Gravity (Basic, 12% MC):** unknown  
**Janka Hardness:** unknown  
**Modulus of Rupture:** unknown  
**Elastic Modulus:** unknown  
**Crushing Strength:** unknown  
**Shrinkage:** unknown

**Availability:** Readily available at the north pole, unless it's Christmas night when they can be found travelling the world. When they are not working they can typically be seen playing reindeer games.

**Sustainability:** This form of antler is rare because there is only one known herd which is privately owned by the Claus family. Reindeer antlers can grow up to an inch per day during certain times of the year.

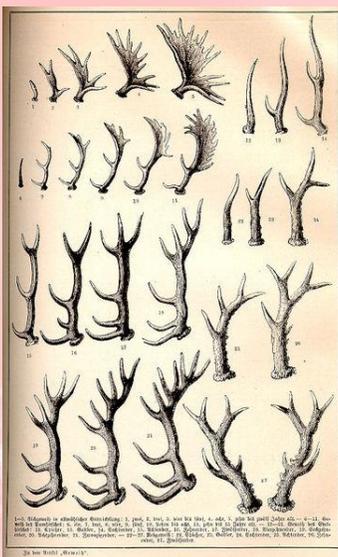
**Common Uses:** Antler has been used since prehistoric times as a material to make tools, weapons, ornaments, and toys. Deer antlers can be used in countless different crafts, activities and projects. Some projects you can make with deer antlers are pens, knife handles, chandeliers, picture frames and letter openers just to name a few.

**Turning Uses:** Pens and vessel decorations.

**Comments:** Antlers are made of hardened bone when they're fully developed. During the regrowth process, antlers are softer (pre-calcified) and covered in a layer of velvety tissue used to supply blood and nutrients to them. This velvety layer begins to fall off or is scratched off by the deer once the antlers have hardened. Both male and female reindeer have antlers which they use to forage food underneath the thick snow-covered ground.

### Scans/Pictures:

Growth Chart



Reindeer vacationing in a warm weather location



Reindeer with friend



After antler harvesting



## Links & Suppliers

★ **Hartville Tool**  
<http://www.hartvilletool.com>  
 800-345-2396  
 Woodturning Supplies

**Craft Supply**  
<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com>  
 800-551-8876  
 Woodturning Supplies

**Packard**  
<http://www.packardwoodworks.com>  
 800-683-8876  
 Woodturning Supplies

★ **Klingspor**  
<http://www.woodworkingshop.com>  
 800-228-0000  
 Abrasives and woodturning supplies

**2Sand.com**  
<http://www.2Sand.com>  
 877-644-7445  
 Sanding Supplies

★ **Choice Woods** *New*  
<http://www.choice-woods.com>  
 888-895-7779 or 502-637-1190  
 Wood, Turning Stock, supplies

★ **Landfill Lumber**  
[www.landfilllumber.com](http://www.landfilllumber.com)  
 586-563-0441  
 Victor Lewandowski - Wood, Turning Stock

**Richard Lauwers**  
 810-724-2263  
 Kiln dried oak and maple

★ **Rockler**  
<http://www.rockler.com>  
 800-279-4441  
 Woodworking and Hardware

**Woodcraft**  
<http://www.woodcraft.com>  
 800-225-1153  
 Woodworking and Hardware

**The Sanding Glove**  
<http://www.thesandingglove.com>  
 800-995-9328  
 Sanding Supplies

**Log 2 Lumber - Chuck Lobaito**  
[www.log2lumber.com](http://www.log2lumber.com)  
 248-535-5035  
[log2lumber@gmail.com](mailto:log2lumber@gmail.com)  
 Portable Saw Mill

★ When ordering be sure to inform the store of your Detroit Area Woodturners membership  
 (Discounts may apply - usually 10% or Club Credit)

## Links for Woodturning Information

**AAW - National Organization**  
[American Association of Woodturners](http://www.American Association of Woodturners)

**Detroit Area Woodturners** ( Shelby Twp, MI )  
 Web Site: <http://www.detroitareawoodturners.com/>

**Grand River Woodturners Guild** ( Grand Rapids, MI )  
 Web Site: <http://www.grandriverwoodturners.org>

**Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts**  
 Web Site: <http://www.arrowmont.org/>

**John C. Campbell Folk School**  
 Web Site: <http://www.folkschool.org>

**Al Stirt: Woodturner, Artist and Teacher**  
 Web Site: <http://www.alstirt.com>

**Michigan Association of Woodturners** ( Holly, MI )  
 Web Site: <http://www.michiganwoodturner.org>

**Blue Water Area Woodturners** ( Richmond, MI )  
 Web Site: <http://www.bluewaterareawoodturner.org>

**Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild** ( Cincinnati, OH )  
 Web Site: <http://www.ovwg.org>

**Marc Adams School of Woodworking**  
 Web Site: <http://www.marcadams.com/>

**Woodcraft of Sterling Heights** (586) 268-1919  
 Web Site: <http://www.woodcraft.com>

**John Jordan Woodturner**  
 Web Site: <http://www.johnjordanwoodturning.com>

## We Need Your Help

### From the Editor

Articles are due at the monthly meeting (for example submit at or before the December meeting for the December Newsletter) and should be submitted to Craig Drozd at [Craig.Drozd@outlook.com](mailto:Craig.Drozd@outlook.com).

### Member Projects

If you have a woodturning project that you would like to showcase to our club members, you can send me detailed information about your project with pictures.

### Articles on New Woodturning Techniques and Tools

If you come across an article, wish to write an article on a new wood turning technique, care to write a review or want to forward on a review of a new wood turning tool, please feel free to do so. Any photos will be helpful.

### Shop Talk

Everyone has a different way of doing things in their shop and everyone's shop is different in many ways; whether it's size, location, or physical layout you are probably doing something that would be helpful for others to see.

### Members Questions & Answers

Members are asked to submit woodturning, finishing and tool questions to our resident experts to answer. There are no dumb questions; someone else in the club may have had the same questions.

### Classified Ads

Ads for woodturning and woodworking related items are free to members. Send detailed information with pictures.

### Wood to Turn

Do you have wood, need wood or know about wood that is available for turning? Let me know and I'll pass it along

### From the Editor, Again

Let's make this newsletter something interesting, if you send it, we'll publish it.

### Footnote

If possible, please send a digital file (I don't type very well). Thank you!

## Have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year

