

# ***Bucks Woodturners Overview***

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 Swamp Road, Newtown, PA) 18940 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Parking Permit-page 4). 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 always 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 [Bucks Woodturners](#) (BWT), The [Center for Art In Wood](#) of Phila. (CAW), and the [American Association of Woodturners](#) (AAW). BWT membership dues 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 BobCollins. [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 in 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](#) and other volunteers are shown on the web site.

**Newsletter** The newsletter is published 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, 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. Copies are sent out by US mail to those members without internet connections. The current contact is Ward Stevens.

**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- Byran Richardson.

**Bucks Woodturners Website** ([www.bucksturners.com](http://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 VP of Communications. A gallery section is available for members to post pictures of their work. Contact the VP of Communications for information about how to do this. There is an [Events](#) section, updated monthly, listing club meetings, demonstrators and local events that may be of interest to woodturners. An up-to-date [club directory](#) is accessed by a password given to all members. Contact is the Ward Stevens.

**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.

**Loaner Lathes** The club has two loaner lathes for members: A Jet Mini-Lathe (contact Matt Overton) and a Vicmarc Mini-Lathe. Each lathe has a table and tools and are available on loan for a month. Hands-on instructions is available from a number of members.

**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. The directory is updated first quarter of the year. Members who have paid their dues by the end of February will be listed in the directory. The directory is available on our web site; to get the directory on-line you will need a user name and password, which you can get by contacting Ward Stevens or Bob Collins. 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 the 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.

**The Center for Art in Wood** The 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 <http://centerforartinwood.org/> or call at 215-923-8000.

# BCCC Map



# PARKING PERMIT

## BUCKS COUNTY WOODTURNER'S ASSOCIATION

**PARKING AREA: Employee Lot G or Student D/E**

Please **DO NOT PARK** in Any Other Lots

**VALID:** 3rd Monday of the month 5-11pm • Jan.-May 2017  
 And for special events

*It is required that this permit be displayed on the front dashboard inside your vehicle when parking on campus.*

