

The Woodspinner

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President's Corner

— Bill Hemminger

For December, our regular meeting was replaced with a get together focusing on fellowship and sharing. Sharing in a meal, sharing in stories about family and lots of stories about woodturning and our passion for what some consider a hobby. Yes, hobbies sometimes produce a craft or items to sell but woodturning for some is an addiction. We are a group of people who enjoy making something beautiful out of common and uninteresting raw materials. I saw some of the most talented people I ever met buying things they could copy and add their own artistic sway. But they wanted to own a piece another's talent to show and be proud of. I believe there is no greater respect for another than this. Last month I wrote when we give or sell one of our creations, we give a piece of ourselves. When we buy or own another's work, we often make or add some of their talent to our on going education and value.

We share in the work, the skills, the joys and the trials of learning this art expression. I made the comment that we are not woodturners who know how to do others things, we are people who do other things and who do woodturning. We have chemists, metallurgists, business owners, professional sales people, computer tech people, webmasters, old retired guys and everyday people who produce and show our skills in the thing we enjoy. I will come short to say doing the thing we enjoy the most, it is not for me to judge that. But it certainly provides a joy and an outlet for something that makes us all equal. That I believe is our strong suit or my grandkids might say "Our Super Power".

President's Corner (cont.)

When you read this Christmas will be over and a new year begun. Plans have been made for 2020, plans for the skills center are being discussed and setting up demonstrations are set, a symposium is being planned and even next year's Christmas party date has been set. We can only do these things with members being involved and taking on responsibilities. You all gave me a special gift in 2019 by supporting me and making my job easy, you are talented in many ways as turners, but it says much about the person and type of life you enjoy because you have found by lighting another's candle it takes nothing away from yours, but the light grows.

I know I announced it at the Christmas party but John Watkins has stepped up and agreed to be our secretary for 2020, Join me in welcoming John and wish him well.

Last but certainly not least we want to thank Buck for the wonderful food, everyone for help setting up, the decorations from Fred Williamson, Chris coming in to set up the sound, Norm for helping run the sound and video, members who turned and donated the items for the raffle and the donations from our suppliers and Tom Evans for his skills as an auctioneer. I cannot end this letter without simply saying thank you, I must say it because not to would be taking you for granted and I definitely don't want anyone to think that.

Bill Hemminger—President CVW Woodturners

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Walnut Football
Box

Video Of the Month

Tim Yoder —Beads of Courage Football Box

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EX4_d_6xOjc

In this video, Tim turns a football box for Beads of Courage. Given the time of year, it seems a 'football' box is rather appropriate. Tim has a huge number of great woodturning videos on his channel.

Skills Center

Don Voas did helped people in making natural edged bowls at the Skills Center on January 4, 2020. Here is a recap of what he showed.

NATURAL EDGE BOWLS

— Don Voas

This is NOT a beginning woodturners first project -- one should be experienced, proficient, comfortable and relaxed using a bowl gouge turning many bowls before attempting a bark-on natural edge bowl.

Select timber harvested late fall or winter after sap has drained from cambium layer to root system. Attach wood to lathe: Faceplate – Woodworm Screw – Between head/tail stock center – Scroll Chuck.

Put a white paper on the lathe ways under the wood to better see the natural edge “ghost” image. Anchor gouge to tool rest – gouge toe/tip typically cutting at the wood vertical center.

Bevel -- Ride/glide the gouge bevel. Simple, elementary:

- 1) point gouge nose where you want to cut
- 2) align gouge bevel to follow/ride/glide that cut as you move the gouge forward.

Gouge flute generally should be closed fully facing the forward direction of the cut when entering the wood, then rotated open up to max 45° as the cut continues. Left hand stabilizes gouge on tool rest (fulcrum). Right hand guides the gouge cutting tip/edge. Woodturner’s body can make more precise moves than hands or arms alone . . . so hold the gouge handle in the right hand, “lock” gouge/hand/arm to body and move body by shifting your weight from one foot to the other to move the gouge cutting tip. (You lefties know how to reverse this!)

Cut to shape the outer bowl edge from bottom toward top which quite often pulls bark off. Cutting into bark from outer bowl edge can prevent this. Fortunately, bark usually comes off in small pieces vs. a large projectile such as if a huge “catch” pulls a bowl blank out of a chuck at high speed. Big gouges cause bigger “catches” than smaller gouges.

Skills Center — Continued

General guideline: Finished natural edge bowl rim must have all bark on or all bark off – no in between. If bark appears fragile or about to fall off, apply sanding sealer or a coat of the final finish to about ¼" or more solid wood near the bark and wipe excess off.

Then apply thin CA glue and accelerator to the cambium layer and the bark. Do not allow CA glue to spread to unprotected wood beyond the sealer/finish coat or it most likely will negatively influence the final finish. Make small cuts (thin shavings). Not a race, not a time to "hog off" thick shavings.

Wet wood moves as it dries. For best stability, turn the bowl inside wall thickness to 1/10 the max bowl diameter in 1" steps from rim to bottom – do not go back or take a break. Mark wood species and date on bowl base. Apply Anchorseal, put bowl in brown kraft paper bag, stack with stickers, put in kiln, etc., for bowl to dry. Check periodically for mold, cracks, etc. Allow bowl blank to stabilize at local relative humidity, usually 3 to 12 months depending upon wood species, wall thickness, etc. Then remount on a lathe and turn to final wall thickness and finish. Alternately, turn wet wood to 3/16" wall thickness, allow to dry and warp, sand (especially to get flat base or fashion 3 feet so the bowl will sit flat on a table) and finish.

Good Eats!



December Christmas Party



December Christmas Party —cont.



December Christmas Party—cont.



December Raffle and Auction



After a quick bit of business the raffle began and then the auction



An Irony of Ironies



December Raffle and Auction



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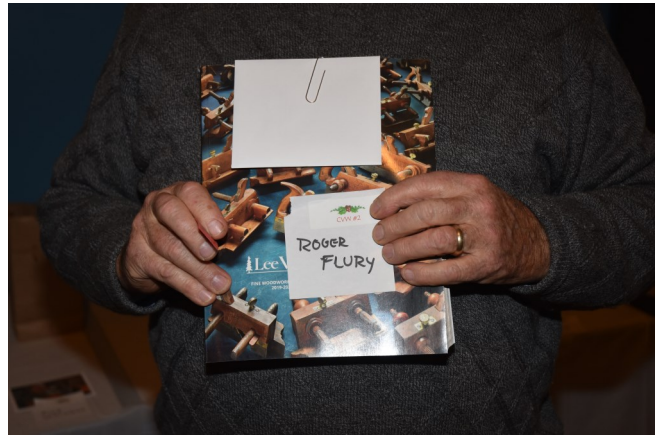


Ruth Niles Donated Bottle Stoppers

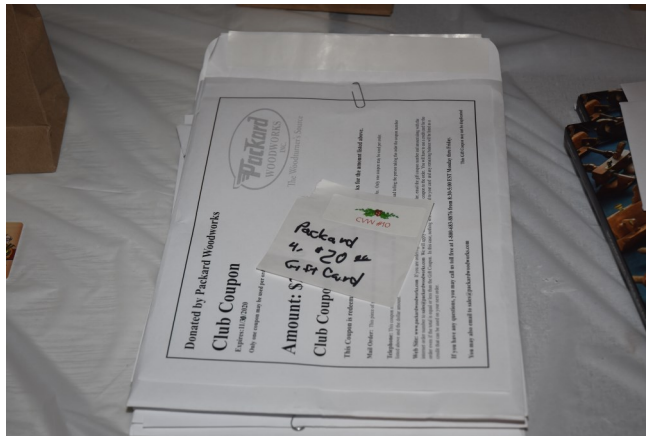


Carter and Sons Gave a \$25 Gift Certificate

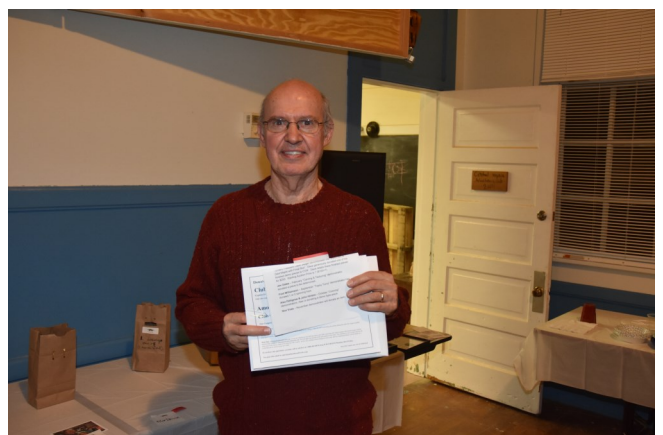
December Raffle and Auction



Lee Valley Donated 2 \$50 Gift Cards



Packard Woodworks Donated 4 \$20 Gift Certificates



December Raffle and Auction



Klingspor Woodworking Shop Donated a 20 Gift Card



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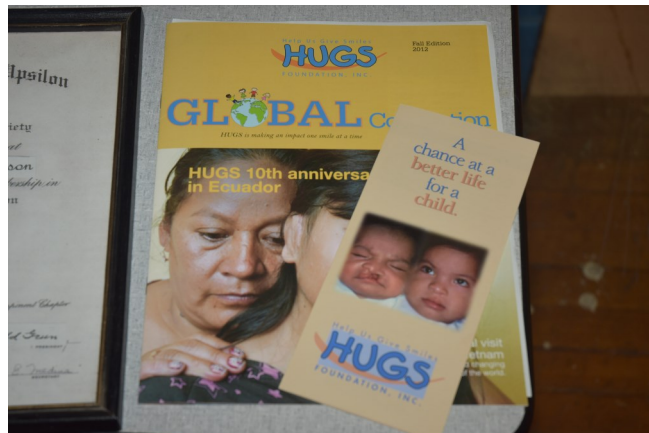
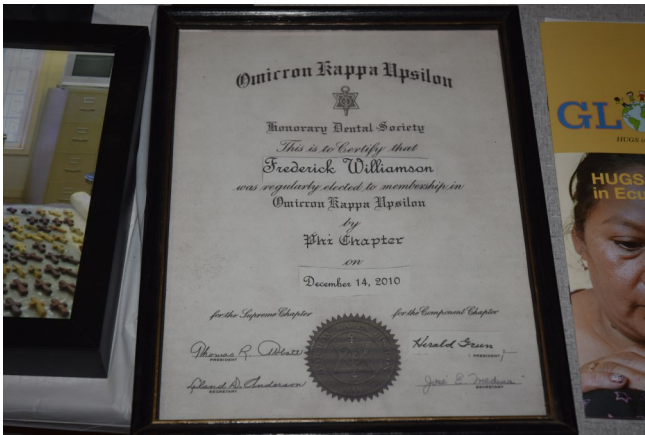


Thank You!

CVW would like to express a sincere thank you to the vendors that provided gifts for our Christmas raffle. Please support the vendors that support our club.

Carter & Sons
 Highland Woodworking
 Klingspor Woodworking
 Lee Valley
 Packard Woodworks
 Niles Bottle Stoppers
 Woodturners Catalog (Craft Supplies)

In Memorandum



Members on Display

Mike Sorge

February 1—29 Monday-Saturday 10-5 Sunday 12-5
 Crozet Artisan Depot
 5791 Three Notch'd Road, Crozet, VA
 Reception— February 8th, 1-3

Tips and Tricks

Clamp Those Rings and Other Things

If you have a set of Cole jaws or the like and a live center for your tailstock which can accept your scroll chuck, the lathe can work as a great 'press' for many projects.

Perhaps you are doing a segmented piece, or simply need to stack some lumber or other materials. Mount the base on the headstock end by whatever method. Then place the piece to be added in the Cole jaws. Lastly, protect your lathe bed from glue drips with some paper or cardboard. Glue up the surfaces and then bring up your tailstock, lock it down and tighten it against the piece in the headstock.

This works great for segmented rings. It's really easy to align the seams and then check it all the way around by rotating it on the lathe. Most glues need around 30 minutes to take a good set at which point you can release the Cole jaws and then back off the tailstock. Then add the next ring.

The downside is it keeps your lathe tied up for a while. The upside is you don't need to build a press or fight clamps trying to keep good alignment.

— John Hinton

Please submit your "Tips and Tricks" to:

Newsletter_editor@centralvawoodturners.org



Turn that thing
off!

From the Librarian

New items in the club library.

The Art of Segmented Wood Turning
Tibbetts, Malcolm

Tage Frid Teaches Woodworking
Frid, Tage

Fundamentals of Woodturning
Darlow, Mike

Workshop Math
Sharff, Robert

Turned Boxes 50 Designs
Stott, Chris

There will be several non-turning woodworking books available for free at the next meeting.

Dues Are Due

Dues (35 individual, \$45 family) are due in January. Checks appreciated at the January Meeting.



I won 2? Wait, no 3? Wait no 4?
Or was that 5, 6 or 10?

Central Virginia Woodturners

2020 Officers

Executive Officers:

President Bill Hemminger
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The management team will be as follows:

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 Symposium Representative #2 Larry Parker

The CVW Equipment team will be as follows:

Mike Sorge	Bill Hemminger	Jay Lindhjem
Jerry Jorgensen	Jim Oates	Richard Landreth
Fred Williamson	Buck Culver	Chris Culotta

Calendar of Club Events

**Regular Meetings:
Third Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM**

**Mentoring Sessions:
2nd Saturday Morning of each month from 9AM -Noon
(see notes below for exceptions)**

2020 CVW Demonstration Schedule

January 21	Metals & CBN Wheels	Lanny
February 18	Rings & Things	John Hinton
March 21-22	Unique Finials, Coloring/Texturing (Sat Demo & Sun Class Paid Demonstrator)	Dick Hines (Pro)
April 21	Acrylic & Burl Sphere w/ Star Wars X-Wing Fighter Scott Wishart (1st State Woodturners, DE - Paid Demonstrator)	
May 19	Resin/Wood Hybrids & Stabilizing	Alex & Kirk
June 16	TBA (possibly Multi-Station organized by Jim Oates)	Jim Oates
July 21	TBA (possibly Multi-Station or?)	
August 18	Natural Edge Hollow Forms	Fred Williamson
September 15	TBA	
October 24-25	Deep Hollow Forms Sat demo & Sun HOC (Paid Demonstrator)	Dennis Fuge (Pro/PA)
November	VA Symposium	(No CVW Meeting)
December	Christmas Party	Banquet, Raffle & Auction

In case of inclement weather check the website for announcements of possible cancellation.