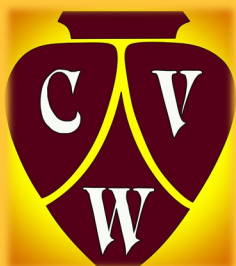


# The Woodspinner

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## President's Corner

— Bill Hemminger

First of all, on a serious note we want to express our condolences to Elbert Dale on the passing of his wife on January 10, 2020 and condolences to Tim Quillen, on the passing of his father Ray who was a long-time member and active supporter of CVW. Ray Quillen of Waynesboro, Virginia, passed away on February 18, 2020.

February 2020, an unusual year in many ways. First it is Leap Year, we have one extra day to do our taxes, turn some wood, maybe clean out the garage, turn wood, spend the day with your spouse, (After all Valentine's day was in there) and maybe even turn some wood. There is also something that happens very infrequently is the sequence of numbers is called a palindrome. The date 0202020, the word, number, phrase, or other sequence of characters which reads the same backward as forward. The last palindromic date was 909 years ago and the next one is 101 years away. **Well one more unique thing that is not so far away is the bi annual Virginia Woodturners Symposium, which will be held on November 7-8, 2020. We need volunteers to help set up and tear down as we are the hosting club. Jerry Jorgensen and Larry Parker are the symposium reps for 2020, see one of them to offer your help. Registration is now open, I have already registered, have you? (Ed Note: Now cancelled due to COVID-19)**

We had an overwhelming response to our light deal, we received three free lights for the skills center and distributed all but about a dozen of the 73 lights received. Thank you for purchasing one or two for yourself, it saved the club \$360.00 retail and \$240.00 wholesale because of your investment.



Hocus Pocus, Makus the Biggus!

## President's Corner (cont.)

The website now has a place to pay your dues with a credit card, so if getting to a meeting is difficult, you just don't want to stand in line to pay jerry, maybe you can't find the checkbook because you pay everything on line or you need to spend some of that tax refund, we can liberate \$35.00 from you for a single membership or make it a family thing for 45.00. Our goal is 125 paying members this year, bring a friend. If your looking to pass the value of the club worth, pick up one of the new redesigned and professionally printed brochures.

I want to thank our own multi-faceted creative turner John Hinton for a fun and informative evening demonstrating "Rings & Things". We need to appreciate the value and skill level of turners in our club like John, many of us gather nuggets of golden information and technique only available by seeing it first-hand. Thank you, John.

Current need is for someone to coordinate the Spring visit to Black Forest Saw Mill, a few ambassadors to show visitors around at skills and meetings and someone to write up a set up and tear down white paper for future members. The white papers on any and many subjects are to avoid depending on tribal knowledge. Step up, this is your club. Be part of the success.

Bill Hemminger—President CVW Woodturners

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Decayed Burl

## Video Of the Month

Shady Acres —My Most Decayed Yet! New Sanders!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bel1yehfn6A>

Phil Anderson of Shady Acres Woodshop has a lot of videos on YouTube. In this video, he takes what seems to be an impossible piece to turn and what a nice surprise!

## Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2020

—John Watkins—Secretary

The January meeting was attended by 38 (36 members and 2 visitors). Due to a local power outage, the main lights were off, and people entered to the illumination of cell phones and a few flashlights. Two members had cars capable of powering a few lamps, so extension cords were run to the parking lot and the meeting was called to order by President Bill Hemminger at 6:30.

The first order of business was to call attention again to the generous gift of Hal Green and to see what happened to the card that had been circulated to thank his wife. There was no response to the status of the card, but a decision was made to send a letter of thanks. There was also a suggestion to provide an opportunity for members to donate on the club website.

Larry Parker gave a report on membership. This included a reminder of options for members to pay their 2020 club dues, including news that PayPal may be coming to the website soon. There was a plea made for members to volunteer to serve as 'club ambassadors' who could greet visitors at meetings and show them around the building and tell them about our resources. Anyone interested should contact Larry directly.

Bill encouraged members to bring a friend to the club to help reach a goal of increasing the membership to 130 this year. The club has ordered another thousand brochures for members to distribute. Larry also reported on the Cheese Shop. In 2019, the shop did \$366 of business selling bowls from the club, of which \$256 went back to the club. Larry is seeking ideas for the club to thank the Cheese Shop manager.

Jerry Jorgensen presented the 2020 proposed budget and it was accepted. Jerry also discussed the rationale for not pursuing a 501C3 status for the club. The club currently has 501N3 tax exempt status.

Jerry and Larry gave a brief reminder about the upcoming Symposium and shared an opportunity to offset the cost. By volunteering to run AV equipment at the symposium, you can get back \$40 of your fee. Interested parties should contact either Jerry or Larry.

Norm Dallura brought to members attention to a new section in the website listing vendors that provide discounts to the club.

John Hinton encouraged members to contact him if they had content for upcoming newsletter. Bill put out a plea for people to help take photographs for the newsletter, particularly during events like the Saturday skills sessions when John may not be present.

Jim Oates presented a report on the Skills Center. The previous Saturday skills session had a whopping 37 to 40 in attendance. The following Saturday was a class led by Dave Swiger that was also very successful.

Jim's Safety Minute was on the importance of good lighting. Mike Sorge expanded on the topic conveying how good lighting can make a difference in how quickly your skills can improve. Mike worked out a special deal with Woodturners Wonders on the Aurora lamp for club members (\$80).

## January Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

Mike then reported on the 2020 programs schedule. The schedule will be available on the website and will include a demo and class in September by David Shombert who on segmented or mosaic bowls.

There were a few items of new business. It was brought up that the Richmond Woodcraft store would be running its annual bowl competition the end of this month. The club would be selling a few inexpensive lathes that were no longer needed as loaners.

The executive committee put forward a proposal to facilitate the purchase of a new lathe if one became available on short notice. In 2019, a measure had passed to allow the equipment committee to spend up to \$1,800 on a new lathe without seeking further approval from the executive committee. This new proposal was to increase that amount to \$2,000 this year. The measure was passed.

Mike Sorge led show & tell. Participants were: ( \* denotes gift certificate winner )

Lynn Adams	Roger Authers*	Gary Conley	Elbert Dale
Norm Dallura	Al Hanson	John Hinton	Dennis Hippen
Kirk McCauley	Bill Miller	John Schmidt	Starke Smith*
Mike Sorge	Peter Welch	Fred Williamson	

After the show and tell, Lanny Campbell gave an excellent presentation on Metals and CBN Wheels.

At 8:14 the power was restored.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:45.

## Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2020

—John Watkins—Secretary

Bill Hemminger called the meeting to order at 6:32 with a welcome, reminder to sign-in, and opening prayer.

Bill, recognized the passing of Elbert Dale's wife on January 10, 2020

Bill asked for a volunteer to coordinate the spring visit to Black Forest Sawmill indicating they should contact him directly if interested.

He announced we are looking into archiving out historical data on the club website. This announcement included a call for papers and other materials that would be appropriate for the site.

Insurance coverage was discussed. Bill is interested in seeking written confirmation from the policy provider on what/who is covered. Jim Oates relayed his understanding that members are covered for accidents both at the skills center and at personal shops if Jim is notified that a mentoring session is being held and that the mentor is not charging for that service.

Bill announced that CVW letterhead is now available if needed.

## February Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

Larry Parker provided a membership report. The report covered the distribution of lamps ordered by club members. The club brochure has been updated and is available for distribution. Norm will add the brochure to the club website. The Cheese shop report included a call for donations and recognized several bowls brought in for donation. More blanks are available from Don Voas. A plea was made for ambassadors to show visitors around the skills center at meeting. A visitor packet is also being prepared. Three new members in attendance were recognized. In Jerry Jorgensen's absence, Larry gave a brief treasures report and the Symposium report.

Norman Dallura gave a report as Librarian and Webmaster. The members only section on the website now includes 2019 videos of presentations. The site now can accept payment through PayPal. It was recommended that membership fees and donations not include any extra servicing fees but that we do pass on the PayPal fees for other purchases. That motion was passed.

John Hinton expressed appreciation for content provided for the last newsletter. Bill announced he will be nominating both the website and newsletter for an award.

For the Safety Minute, Jim Oates cautioned members about the cost of cheap tools and passed around a gouge that had snapped. He also talked about the concerns of working with Emerald Ash that may have been treated with pesticide. He recommended microwaving this wood to eliminate borers.

Jim reported the February Skills Session had 31 people.

Fred Williams filled in for Mike Sorge on Programs. Fred announced the March program will be Dick Hines on the 14th and 15th. The topic will be miniature hollow forms and coloring effects.

Bill put out a request for members to help John Hinton with photography at events. Bill is hoping a script can be developed to help ambassadors with providing tours and information to club guest and new members. In addition, Bill would like to have developed white papers that could help with set-up if members who typically do this are not available. These documents would cover lights, HVAC, etc.

Bill would like documents on roles and responsibilities updated by the next meeting.

Show and Tell was MC'd by Fred and included submission from:

Lynn Adams*	Tracy Begoon	Liz Browne	Elbert Dale	Norm Dallura
Allen Driver*	Rolf Gebel*	John Hinton*	Jeff Long	Kirk McCauley
Jim Oates	John Schmidt	Joel Spring*	Bruce Stilwell	Dan Stogdale
Don Voas	John Watkins	Fred Williamson		

\* Denotes drawing winners

The evening demonstration was provided by John Hinton who demonstrated how he creates turned rings.

# June Demo



## Central Virginia Woodturners

Interactive Remote Demo - June 16th, 2020

*Turning a Piston Box*  
by  
Tod Raines



Tod will be demonstrating “Turning a Piston Box” for the members of the Central Virginia Woodturners.

This demonstration will show how to make a piston box. This is a cylinder box made hollow using forstner drill bits. Traditional gouges and tooling will be used for turning although carbide tools will work as well.

This project makes use of the tail stock for drilling operations for all the hollowing therefore no special hollowing tools or techniques are needed. There will be some room for some individual design decisions on the style and form of the box.

It is easy to join the virtual meeting and participate. Simple use a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone and click on the link provided by Jim in your email to join the Zoom meeting.

Donations are requested for this Zoom meeting to help pay for the demonstrator. . The amount we recommend to donate for this Tod Raines demonstration is \$7 each, but if you’d like to give a little more please do, and if money is tight, don’t worry about it, please join us, we’d love to have you. This can be done on line through the club's PayPal account.



# February Show and Tell



John Hinton



Jim Oates



Allen Driver



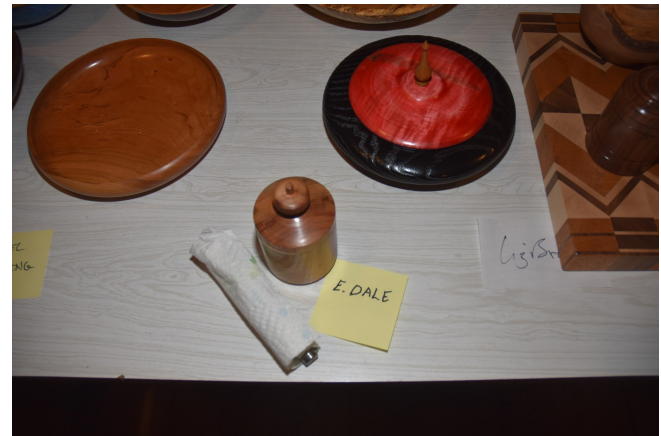
# February Show and Tell—cont.



Liz Browne



Elbert Dale



John Watkins





# February Show and Tell—cont.



Fred Williamson



Kirk McCauley



Rolf Gebel



# February Show and Tell



Joel Spring



Tracy Begoon



Don Voas





# February Show and Tell



Lynn Adams



Jeff Long



Bruce Stillwell



# February Show and Tell



John Schmidt



Dan Stogdale



Norm D'Allura





## 2020 Dues are Due

Yes, it is that time of the year when dues are due. For 2020 the individual dues are \$30 plus a \$5 assessment for the skills center for a total of **\$35**. Family membership is \$40 plus a \$5 assessment for the skills center for a total of **\$45**. Thanks to those that paid in November and December.

To speed up the process, if you are paying by check, I will have a box at the check in table for you to deposit your check. Please be sure that your name is on the check or that it is placed in an envelope with your name clearly written on the envelope. By having a box for check payments I am hoping to shorten that backup that we have every January. I will prepare membership cards during the meeting and you can pick them up at the break.

For those paying in Cash, please have exact change. I will prepare membership cards during and have them at the break.

Jerry Jorgensen  
Treasurer

## From the Librarian—Webmaster

The 2019 Demonstration videos are now available for streaming via YouTube on the CVW Club site:

<http://centralvawoodturners.org>

The link to the videos as well as other club information is in the password-protected Members Only page of the web site:

<http://centralvawoodturners.org/members-only-content/>

If you need the password, please send a note to

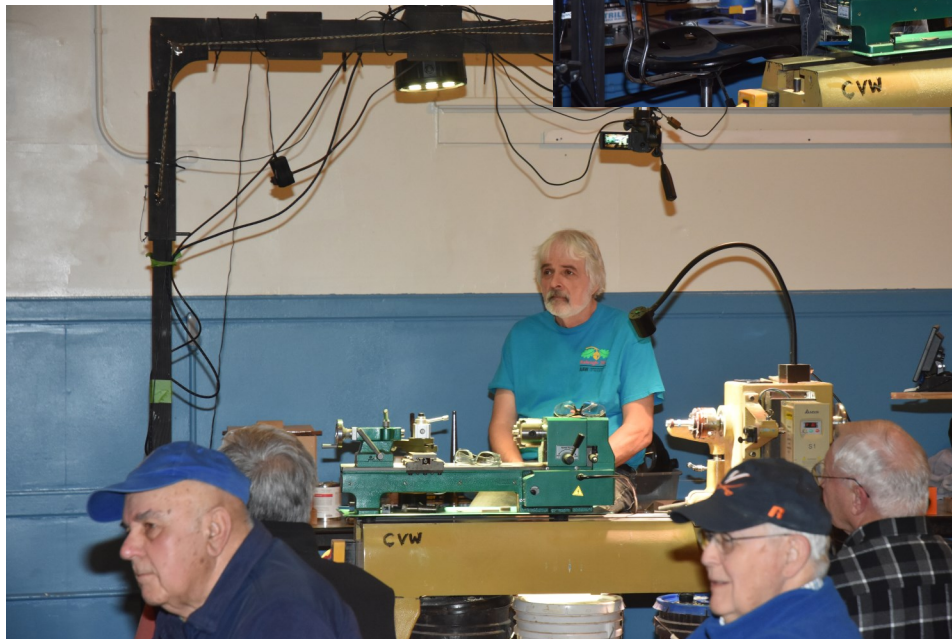
[webmaster@centralvawoodturners.org](mailto:webmaster@centralvawoodturners.org)

or ask one of the staff. We will no longer be burning CD's for the Library in the Skill Center.

Norm

# February Demo

Several Photos from the February Demonstration



## Traveling Woodturner

Jeffrey Corwin recently traveled to California. While he was there he looked up one of the wood turning clubs. The following is about his experience. –Editor

### Mt. Diablo Woodturning Class

I'm back in CA for the first months of the year again. I brought some of my lathe tools and just completed my first really great course on hollow forms taught by John Cobb in the Mt. Diablo Woodturning Center. The center has twenty lathes complete with one each: spindle roughing gouge, spindle gouge, skew, bowl gouge, parting tool, drive center, live center, cone center, scroll chuck, and face shield and is directed by Jim Rodgers, who has a wonderful series of free instructional videos online, and two books out. There were ten men and four women in our class which ran on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 9 PM for two weeks (\$114).



If you toss it this way, it will fly straight into the floor!

I'm hoping to get back to the center for one of the open studio times and to at least the March meeting of the Bay Area Woodturners Association.

In about a month, my wife and I will be loading up the car and starting our drive east. We plan to be back in Afton in early April. I was given some small but interesting wood blanks by John Cobb, a very small burl from a friend in MS, and I'm hoping to pick up more interesting wood along the way back to VA. I'm not sure that I'll be able to sneak any more into the car while my wife's not looking, but I'm up for trying.



## Traveling Woodturner (cont.)



[https://bayareawoodturners.org/resources/Documents/Lofstrom- Eric- Spindle-Endgrain-Facegrain Technique Building Treasures Full-Day Demo-Handout-13\\_pg.pdf](https://bayareawoodturners.org/resources/Documents/Lofstrom- Eric- Spindle-Endgrain-Facegrain Technique Building Treasures Full-Day Demo-Handout-13_pg.pdf)

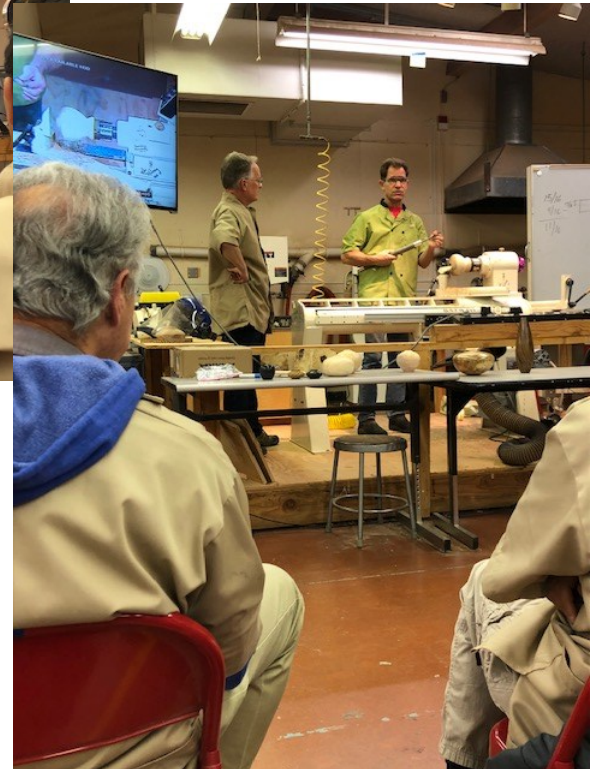
If you toss it this way, it will fly into the floor.

I've included one photo showing a section of the Mt. Diablo Woodturning Center Adult Education building that's in a building on the grounds of Pleasant Hill Middle School, which is just a bit east of San Francisco. The second photo is one of my first hollow form turnings in progress during that class. The third and fourth show our instructor, John Cobb (on right) and Steve Griswold, one of two Teaching Assistants ( on left).





## Traveling Woodturner (cont.)



If you toss it this way, it will fly into the floor but it will take longer.

I've found some of the thirty-two free instructional videos by Jim Rodgers that are at the link below quite helpful and suspect that others in CVW might also. I haven't made it through all of them, but I'm working on it.

<http://www.jlrogers.com/basics-of-woodturning.html>

Jeffrey Corwin

## From the Editor

### A Safety Note

I watch a fair number of YouTube videos. Unfortunately, too many of them involve 'extreme' something or other. One woodturner has a really neat opening to each of his videos. But he seems to always have a fail somewhere along the line. I don't know that a turning has ever stayed in his scroll chuck to the end. I don't know if it's the wood, the chuck, the tenon or just him being rough when turning.

The last video I watched by him, a couple of months ago (and 'oddly' there have been none since?), we was turning the inside of a bowl. Things were going along very good. He angled his tool rest so the end was close to the center/bottom of the bowl. A common practice for me at least.

Then something went WRONG! He had his right hand over the top of the bowl gouge, the handle in his left. Still common. As he neared the center bottom, the gouge got closer and closer to parallel with the tool rest. I don't know precisely what happened here, but I think he may have slipped a bit going past center and got a catch. The gouge went behind the toolrest and in the process trapped the last digit of his right ring finger for an instant. There were a lot of "ooooowwww"s as he moved about the shop. This was then followed by an image of the X-ray showing that tiny bone was broken.

I hope I explained that well enough. I suppose holding over the top of the tool wasn't a good idea at that moment? This same thing could have happened to me.

### A Big Apology

Not knowing what the future held for my business, which is primarily with small lodgings, I took on every bit of work that was offered. Of course jobs moved around on my schedule until they all stacked up to be done at once. I was totally over-committed. I profusely apologize for the delay in this newsletter, especially at this time of staying at home.

I apologize. —John Hinton



I really don't know what I'm doing.

# Central Virginia Woodturners

## 2020 Officers

### Executive Officers:

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 VP Membership..... Larry Parker  
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 Treasurer..... Jerry Jorgensen

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 Food Services..... Buck Culver  
 Skills Center..... Jim Oates  
 Ruritan Liaison ..... Dan Stogdale  
 Symposium Representative #1 ..... Jerry Jorgenson  
 Symposium Representative #2 ..... Larry Parker

### The CVW Equipment team will be as follows:

Mike Sorge	Bill Hemmingner	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 Meeting and Class Cancelled

April 21 Zoom Meeting

May 19 Zoom Meeting and Resin Demonstration by Alex Pettigrew

June 16 Turning a Piston Box by Tod Raines (Pro Demo)

July 25 Saturday Morning Zoom Meeting Dublin Viking Bowl by Jim Lucas

August 15, 16 Saturday Meeting, Sunday Hands-on Class  
Turning Miniature Hollow Forms & Verde Coloring by Dick Hines

September 19-20 Segmented Mosaics Sat. 8am—2:30pm, lunch at CCC. Sunday Hands  
on Class, 8:30am—3:30pm. Lunch at CCC. By David Shombert

October 24-25 Deep Hollow Forms Dennis Fuge (Pro/PA) Sat demo & Sun HOC (Paid  
Demonstrator)

November TBA

December Christmas Party Banquet, Raffle & Auction

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