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Next Meeting / Demonstration

Protruding Wave Bowl by John Beaver

Zoom Meeting on Tuesday November 17, 2020- 6:30-9:00

In this action-packed demo John will show two different ways to make his signature wave vessels.

For the first piece, John will take a block of wood, cut it apart, add a contrasting wood to create the wave and show you how to put it back together keeping the grain aligned. With a bandsaw, a few clamps and basic turning tools, this is a project you will be able to go home and do yourself. The second piece will be a protruding wave bowl from a rough turned bowl. For this piece John will use his custom jig to cut a turned bowl into pieces. He will then modify the elements and put it all back together. This piece has a higher skill level but there are many tricks that may help you with some of your own designs.

While the design of the wave is the feature of this presentation, there are many additional tricks you will learn. John will show you safe ways to cut a round bowl on a bandsaw with almost any angle, and put it back together keeping the walls and grain aligned perfectly. You will learn how to bend wood in a microwave oven, which is interesting and has many fun applications. You will learn how to precisely turn a bowl smaller keeping the proportions exact. Most importantly, John hopes you will be able to use these ideas and tips to change and improve your own designs.

A donation of \$10 is requested to defray expenses.

See the CVW [web page](#) for more information.

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Next Skill Center Session

The Skill Center will be open on November 14 from 9:00 – 12:00 and the Club Store will be open. If you want some individualized mentoring contact [Jim Oates \(Woodturning Skills Center Coordinator\)](#)

Upcoming Events

Christmas Meeting: The in-person Christmas meeting has been cancelled. In its place we are planning another Zoom meeting with an auction. We have some pieces from this year's demonstrators, but we are looking for more items to auction off. If you would like to contribute, please contact [Mike Sorge \(Vice President - Program coordinator\)](#).

Artisans Studio Tour

Two club members, Fred Williamson and Alex Pettigrew, will again be a part of the annual Artisans Studio Tour. This year the Tour is an online event. The tour website, <https://www.artisanstudiotour.com/> will be updated the day the tour starts, Nov 14. Fred and Alex both have workshop tour videos that will be available on the website. For a preview, Alex's video is here: <https://youtu.be/dYMV9WEL0lk> and Fred's is here: <https://vimeo.com/466422415/>

SHCG Virtual Fair Features Mike Sorge

The Southern Highland Craft Guild's (SHCG's) Virtual Craft Fair, held Thursday, November 12, through Sunday, November 15, features the work of sculptural woodturner Mike Sorge. Sorge, who has won multiple awards for his pieces, is known for the distinctive winged shapes he creates.

Mike will share and demonstrate how he sculpts his work. Click on this link to watch and interact with Mike at 11am - 12 noon this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. <https://www.southernhighlandguild.org/craftfair/#live>

His work is contemporary, displaying unique curves and elegant forms that look as if they could take flight," says SHCG marketing director Millie Davis. "He was selected as the featured artist before we knew about the pandemic, or before we were planning a virtual fair, yet I think his pieces are very appropriate for the format due to their futuristic feel." See the SHCG page for more information.

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President's Corner

The election is over, wait, don't stop reading, I promise not to get political. It is just a time to reflect on the past several months of not meeting in person. Our time and attention have been diverted a bit and in this new way of "Normal" we need to reflect on the things that are important to us.

Yes, the economy is important, but our families are "Real Important", our health is "Real Important", our wood turning is "Real Important" to us. It is not a profession to some or most of us but the satisfaction we get from forming a stick, log or blank into something of beauty and value is beyond words. In a very positive way.

I liken politics to some of the wood we choose and like to work with. Some woods are beautiful to look at before we even put them on the lathe, some woods are soft and are crafted easily but they are difficult to finish or polish. Others are hard as stone but have beautiful textures and finishes only revealed by difficult cutting, sanding and polishing. We can work with simple walnut, which is relatively easy to turn and has a beautiful appearance but has a toxicity that must be respected.

Some of us have learned to turn with simple pine in the skills center, others have been educated in formal settings with world renowned turners. But pine is still pine, oak is hard, maple is common and plentiful and no matter the species it all has a purpose and value.

We will debate forever the best, most beautiful, the most interesting and uniqueness of the current project we are working on, but there is so much wood to turn and so much to learn from each other I believe we need to get together at the log pile share ideas that make the craft and the world a better place.

We have been blessed with a new way of sharing thoughts and ideas with our new "Google Groups" which is a great way to put a question out there and get solutions, ideas and perspectives in a way we have never been able to do easily. Use this resource, ask questions to get answers and help. Thank you to Norm in a huge way for his expert direction and knowledge in getting this set up and for agreeing to do our newsletter. A big thank you goes out to Larry Parker for his work at the cheese shop making it possible for us to have paid demonstrators through this time of not meeting in person.

I could go on and on thanking those responsible like Mike Sorge for programming, Jim Oates for skills, and Buck for the club store. But I need to keep this short as I must meet the newsletter editor's deadline for publication and I am right up against it.

This is your club. Be part of the success.

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2021 Demonstration & Meeting Program

The Program Committee is in the process of scheduling the 2021 program. If you have ideas for demonstrators, want to demonstrate yourself or have a suggestion for a topic, please contact [Mike Sorge](#) (Program Vice President).

News

The club received a very generous donation from Al Reaser with the following note: “Thank you very much for continuing on with our club meetings in these crazy times. All the time and hard work is certainly appreciated, and I would especially like to thank Mike for his great Zoom programs. Please accept this donation for the programs that he has provided for this year.”
Thank you, Al!

As you may have noticed, Norm D’Allura has taken over as [Newsletter Editor](#) following John Hinton. We want to thank John most graciously for his outstanding newsletters. Please send Norm any items you wish to see in the next issue.

There are still some lamps available at the Club Store.

Financials

Financial report

Operating	\$3,533
Equipment fund	<u>\$ 906</u>
Total	\$4,439

Zoom Meetings

Still wondering how to use Zoom? You are not alone. These days Zoom is the only way we can meet these days, so please join us. If you want some one-on-one guidance, please contact Mike Gilmore mdg.gilmore@gmail.com who has volunteered to coordinate acclimation. Or contact one of the execs. Instruction on how to use [Zoom](#) are [here](#).

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Beads of Courage, Inc. is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and teens coping with serious illness, their families, and the clinicians who care for them through our Arts-in-Medicine Programs. We believe in creating a context for caring transactions to transpire through our community and encouragement programs.

We are continuing to collect contributions to the Beads of Courage. Please drop off you turning at the next Skill Center session. You can find guidelines on this [Beads of Courage page](#). We have some logo beads for inserting in your bowl or lid at the Skill Center.

Cheese Shop



The CVW member-donated items at The Cheese Shop in Stuarts Draft are selling like hot cakes! Recently the shop gave us permission to put a new display and it has made a world of difference in sales. In the last year sales have brought in approximately \$1600 to the club. A large percentage of these sales have been since the new display went up. We encourage all members to donate bowls, platters, boxes, etc. for the Cheese Shop.

During the holidays we would like to see some holiday items donated (Christmas trees, ornaments, etc.) The management at the shop has asked that we not donate small items that can easily be shoplifted.

Please do not take items directly to The Cheese Shop since all pricing, etc. is done by the club. Please contact [Larry Parker \(Vice President - Member services\)](#), take items to Skills Center when open, or contact any of the executive committee if you have items to donate.

We want to take this opportunity to THANK everyone who has donated items. If you go by The Cheese Shop, please thank Todd Anderson the manager for helping the CVW. We look forward to YOUR donation!

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Show-and-Tell

Below are selected turnings that members want to share with all of us. Please send your submissions for the next Newsletter to [Norm D'Allura \(Newsletter Editor\)](#)

Dennis Hippen



Roger Authers has been regularly supplying wig stands to the UVA Cancer Center and Sentara Martha Jefferson Cancer Center.



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Norm D'Allura



Jim Oates



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Roger Chandler



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Artist name lost by the Editor – my apologies



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Mike Sorge - Spalted Sugar Maple Manta Ray Box with Black Walnut Manta Ray Lid and Brazilian Rosewood Spirit Bird with Captured Glass Marble.



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The Central Virginia Woodturners (CVW), located in Shenandoah Valley in Crimora, VA, is an affiliate of the [American Association of Woodturners](#), serving turners from Charlottesville to Staunton to Harrisonburg. Please visit our [web site](#) and consider joining our interactive, informative and very friendly club.

Note: All email contacts are being directed to the [Contact Us](#) page on the web site to try and reduce spamming.