



## **Welcome to Central Virginia Woodturners!**

**GENERAL:** Central Virginia Woodturners (CVW) was originated in 2004 by a group of woodturners who wished to share ideas, techniques, etc., with hobbyists, amateurs, craft persons and professionals from Charlottesville to Staunton and Waynesboro to Harrisonburg. CVW is an affiliate of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org). It is recommended that each CVW member also become a member of AAW.

**ORGANIZATION:** CVW has by-laws that set forth the basic rules through which the organization is run. A board of directors is elected every two years by the membership. There is a president, two vice presidents, secretary, and treasurer. The organization recognizes the budget process with monthly accounting presented to the board by the treasurer. CVW carries an insurance policy covering its activities.

**MEMBERSHIP:** There is a very basic membership application requesting name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. The membership fee is \$30.00 per year, payable when joining and renewable at the beginning of each calendar year.

**MEETING PLACE, DATE AND TIME:** Members meet at the Crimora Community Center on Rt. 612 just west of Rt. 340 in Crimora, Virginia on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM and usually conclude by 9:00 PM. Many members arrive a half hour or more early to discuss woodturning with friends.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER RULE:** A CVW meeting is cancelled if Augusta County schools are closed on the date of a usual and customary CVW meeting. Watch your e-mail if the meeting is cancelled during the day.

**MEETING CONTENT:** The meeting takes place in the auditorium of the building. Chairs, tables, display and video equipment are set up before each meeting because other organizations also use the auditorium for their programs. It is expected that each month some members will arrive early to help set up the meeting space and also stay after the meeting to place all the items back into storage. **THE ORGANIZATION IS STRONG ONLY AS LONG AS EACH MEMBER PARTICIPATES!** Each meeting is conducted by the President. Usually there is a treasurer's report and an introduction of each prospective new member. Following is "Show and Tell" in which members bring some of their projects to display and talk about. This helps other members better see and understand various forms of the woodturning craft, the various woods and finishes that can be used, and helpful suggestions on woodturning problems. There is usually a demonstration of some element of woodturning with professional woodturning demonstrations.

**DEMONSTRATIONS:** Each meeting may include demonstrations of various methods of turning on the organization's wood working equipment. Techniques of wood preservation, safety, coloring, evaluation of wood projects, sharpening of woodworking tools, chain saw safety, etc., can be expected to be among the many woodturning subjects that may comprise this "learning" part of each meeting.

**CVW WOOD STORE:** Many members donate various wood species in all shapes and sizes for the membership to buy at a silent auction. Proceeds from these sales help defray cost of rent, professional demos, new equipment, equipment repair and general operating cost. A member need only tell the treasurer what they have selected to purchase and pay the treasurer.

**CVW STORE:** CVW also has at each meeting a mobile store that sells products many woodworkers use including CA glues, sanding discs, Anchorseal, finishes, etc. CVW buys in bulk and therefore aids members in a cost savings of supplies. Any small financial gain from the store is used to offset the organization's operating expenses.

**CVW LIBRARY:** There is a mobile library of woodworking material. Only woodturning material is accepted from the membership for inclusion in the library. There are also some recorded demonstrations from prior meetings members may elect to "check out," review at home and then return at the next meeting.

**MENTORING:** Some more accomplished woodturners, who must be members of CVW and AAW, are willing to work with new woodturners. There is no charge for this assistance and instruction. Students must be a member of CVW and comply with all Lathe Safety Guidelines. Just ask one of the group leaders who the mentors are and an introduction will be arranged.

**DENNY MARTIN WOODTURNING SKILLS CENTER:** In December 2013 a mentoring room was dedicated to a long-time member, Denny Martin. This room is dedicated to mentoring prospective and other members who wish to learn or hone their wood turning skills. This room and the use of it are managed by the more experienced CVW woodturners. Classes are held the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM to noon.

**INTERNET:** Club information including upcoming meetings, demonstrations, newsletters and woodturning references is available on our website <http://centralvawoodturners.org>. Certain aspects of the website, including a member roster, are only accessible by CVW members. (Confidential – Name: cvw; Password: turnwood)

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:** Bob Welch, president; Mike Sorge, vice president programs; Phil Evans, vice president member services; Jay Lindhjem, secretary; Jerry Jorgensen, treasurer; plus a Management Team of Bill Hemminger, newsletter editor; Tim Quillen, web master; Kirk McCauley, store manager; Judy Stock, librarian; Chris Culotta, audio visual; Jim Oates, Denny Martin Woodturning Skills Center coordinator; Dan Stogdale, Ruritan liaison; Mark "Buck" Culver and Paul Tolvar, food services; Richard Landreth and Bob Welch, Virginia Woodturners, Inc., Symposium representatives.

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