

December Newsletter

Central Virginia Woodturners

Special points of interest:

- AAW 2006 to be held in Louisville, KY June 22-24
- Youngest turner? See pg. 2
- It's time for 2006 dues
- Fun Christmas Tree project led by Peter Welch at Tuesday's meeting
- We all can hardly wait for Stark's January demo on filling cracks and repairing our work

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Chapter and Verse

Tuesday's Meeting:

Thanks to a tremendous amount of effort on the part of Fred Williamson, CVW now has a first rate video system for audience viewing and video recording of our demonstrations. The system will also be of great benefit at the coming symposium.

John Heyden got us a bargain on two TV dollies at the UVA auction. It is anticipated that we can mount the works of the system on the dollies to reduce the work of setup. It should not be too big of a task to enclose the sides of the dollies to make them into semi-secure storage cabinets.

Speaking of the coming symposium, Bert informed us that it will be held in Greendale, VA, a town near Roanoke. The symposium has found a suitable facility that will cost the clubs \$1800 for the two day event.

As our club's member of the symposium committee, we will continue to look to Bert for updates on the progress and planning of the symposium.

Peter Welch had a fun project for us at the

meeting, demonstrating how to make a Christmas tree. Oops, maybe that should be a holiday tree. Let's just say he demonstrated how to make a small log or branch section look like a small pine tree.

Dues for the New Year:

It's that time of the year for paying 2006 dues. They are \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family membership. Several people went ahead at the meeting and got that task out of the way.

John O'Neil will be presiding at the January meeting and can take you dues, or Scott hopefully will be there.

Cooperative Demonstrations With the Timberville Club:

David Evans of the Timberville turning club has proposed a cooperative swapping of talent between our two clubs. It is proposed that we have 3-4 of our people go for a day of demonstrations at their club and they will reciprocate. John will be asking for volunteers at the January meeting.

President's Corner

The AAW's 20th Annual National Symposium will be held this year in Louisville, KY June 22-24. Louisville is only about a 9-10 hour drive from us. What an opportunity to see not only the best in the US, but the best in the world. The symposium will have over 140 demonstrations, plus three woodturning exhibits within easy walking distance of the show hall.

This year I have taken in the Adirondack show in Albany and the Carolina Turners show in Statesville, which gave me a good look at the local talent of the Carolinas

and the greater New York area. Plus, at the Albany show they also brought in an equal number of world class demonstrators from all over the US. The AAW symposium brings together all of the name talent in turning from all over the world.

For those club members who are also in the AAW, the latest issue of the American Woodturner Journal gives a good overview of some of the talented demonstrators. Just to give a sampling of the extent of the talent, the seven demonstrators highlighted in the Journal hail from: Utah;

England; Texas; Indiana; Saskatchewan; Germany; and, New South Wales. Not only a diverse collection from around the world, but a very talented one also.

I have already put June 22-24 on my calendar. Hopefully we can get a van load of us interested in making it a group outing.

One more comment about the latest issue of the Journal, it has a featured article by Jim McPhail. Bob and Bert Smith and I took in his demonstration on layered turning at the Carolina symposium.



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Show and Tell

Sorry, no pictures were taken of the show-and-tell offerings. That is a shame, as there were a lot of nice offerings (as usual.). We will strive to do better next month.

Chapter and Verse (continued)

Subjects for the January Meeting:

Stark Smith will do a demo on the various methods of repair and salvage of our turning work (use of CA glue, etc.). I gave him the slightly damaged piece that I had for Tuesday's show-and-tell, and he assures us it will look as good as new. (cont. on page 2)

As at the January meeting, John O'Neil will lead an overview of available chucks. Several members have volunteered to bring in a representative sampling of the currently available selection.

Ron Dearing is working on a spread sheet of today's available offerings in lathes. This should be ready for first review by the January meeting.

There was a discussion of how to make sure those who do not have email get a copy of the monthly newsletter. No resolution was reached and the subject was tabled to the next meeting.

February Demonstration:

Elbert Dale has volunteered to do a demo at the February meeting on the use of the skew chisel.

President's Corner (continued)



Is this CVW's youngest turner?

I'm submitting this picture of our grandson at his second lesson at the lathe, and putting out the challenge to see if he qualifies as the youngest CVW candidate. **Billy** (William Joseph) Dearing has just turned five. I must admit that so far he has not taken to turning like some of us more ardent turners. At our first session, I made the same mistake I did with our granddaughter from CA. I had the trainees setting too low. Shavings that were hitting me in the gut were hitting them in the face. With our granddaughter I also didn't include the smock. For Billy I used one of my work Tee-shirts and gathered it up in the back. Sara (eight when she was here last Christmas) had on a girlie blouse that collected all of the shavings down her front. That really turned her off. She and I did complete one of Miles' little Christmas Angels that she took back to CA with her. Billy and I didn't accomplish much. Guess that we will have to let it rest for a couple of years and give it another try.

Description of our Video System with Credit to Donors

Club thanks:

As stated in the Chapter and Verse column, we now have a video display and recording system, much to the credit of a lot of effort on the part of Fred Williamson. We also need to thank John O'Neil for donation of a 17" monitor, and John Heyden for getting two TV dollies for us at the UVA auction.

Description of the system:

We have 2 larger cameras with zoom, one with auto iris, and two mini box cameras with wide angle. We have 4 - 50' cables and one 25' cable with capacity for video and audio, but the idea is to use the fifth cable for a separate lapel mike. The mike can be plugged into the overhead camera if desired. There is a Quad processor that all 4 cam-

eras plug into, that can be used to select which image to view. The signal goes from the Quad processor to the VCR and from the VCR to the TV, or TVs. We understand that you can record what is being viewed and the mike is audio input of the VCR. It also can be plugged directly into the audio input of the TV.

Fred Williamson donated a VCR, but it does not seem to be adequate/compatible for our system. We could use a donation of a current model VCR, if anyone has a spare.

The total cost of the system has been right at \$600, a very good price for what we now have as a nearly complete system.

The system could benefit for an additional (preferably larger) monitor, or monitors). Fred has made two

wooden booms for the mini cameras. Anyone with camera tripods they could donate would be an improvement to the system. I will modify my wooden booms for the mini cameras use, but professional booms that collapsed would be appreciated.

A great job from Fred and all who helped him put the system together.

Coming Shows, Symposiums, Events, etc.

AAW's 20th Annual National Symposium to be held June 23-24, 2006 in Louisville, KY. The symposium will host over 140 demonstrations with an instant gallery and all the other trimmings associated with this big event. There will also be three associated

wood exhibits held in the adjacent area. More details will be available at subsequent club meetings.

The Arizona Woodturners offers the **Desert Woodturning Roundup Symposium** to be held February 18

and 19, 2006 in Mesa, Arizona. Go to <http://www.desertwoodturning-roundup.com> for registration and further information..

There will be 10 nationally and internationally known turners at this 2-day event, including an

instant gallery, vendors, raffle, hands-on turning, banquet, demos, lectures and great Arizona weather.

Also for more information, contact Sean Troy President: AZ Woodturners

Tips

Tip 1 from John Heyden
See Darrell Feltmate's web page <http://www.aroundthewoods.com/> for some good tips on making tools and

tips on making some of Darrell's Christmas ornaments.

Want Ads

No want ads received this month

New Club Members

Kirk McCauley had a guest for the January meeting, but I didn't get his name and not sure if he is going to continue as a member. Work on him Kirk. He looked good on that Christmas tree.

I'm not sure whether **Mel Richardson** has been reported in earlier issues, but he has joined us. Welcome Mel.

If you have joined CVW within the last 2-3 months and have not been introduced in the club newsletter, please send me an email so I can include your name in the new

members column.

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