

November Newsletter

Central Virginia Woodturners

Special points of interest:

- Looking at Miller School as alternate meeting place in lieu of Outlet Village
- Tribute to outgoing officers
- Demo: How to make a bowl gouge, heat treat drill rod, and how to make a brander from a battery charger
- Discussion on recommended lathes and turning equipment

Chapter and Verse

The November meeting was dedicated to our outgoing club officers. The number of people that brought 'goodies' was awesome. Many thanks to all who brought cookies and snacks.

Because of a snafu in timing on the part of yours truly the gift certificate for Bert was not available at the club meeting. It has now been delivered and it can be reported that the club gave Bert a \$50 gift certificate redeemable at the Rockfish Gap Outfitters. This should allow him to fill in anything missing in his hoard of fishing equipment.

Certificates of appreciation were giving to all officers who served for the past two years. Again, thanks from all club members go to the 'founders' and to the outgoing officers.

Ron Dearing (yours truly) did a demo on grinding your own lathe tools from drill rod and how to heat treat them. He also showed how to make a brander using a battery charger as the power source (for doing background pyrography).

Many lathe tools can be made from drill rod, basically any tool that starts from a round rod. Heat treating drill rod consists of heating the rod (that has been ground to the required shape) to a cherry red and then quenching the rod in water. A second heating to a straw color and subsequent quench will reduce the brittle



Grinding your own bowl gouge from drill rod

nature of the tool.

John O'Neil, our new Vice President, suggest we hold open discussions on topics such as what lathe to buy (first lathe, or step-up-to), recommended chucks, etc. An open discussion was held on lathes and chucks. Next meeting members have been asked to bring a variety of chucks.

The December meeting will be at the Miller School. There will be no demo at the December meeting. Stark Smith has been asked to do a demo at the January meeting on how to fill and fix turnings will cracks, splits, holes, etc.

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President's Corner

Unfortunately, the Outlet Village is in the process of being sold. This means we need a replacement meeting place. Peter Welch has offered to seek permission from the Miller School to hold all of our meetings there, rather than just our once per quarter meetings as we currently do. This will not be as convenient for those of us who live on the west side of the mountain, but the price is right. A vote

was taken and all were in favor of the Miller School as a reasonable alternative. The move to the Miller School on a full schedule will be delayed as long as the Outlet Village remains available.

The open discussions on lathes, tools, etc. was well received; however, it has been suggested that we make sure to not just focus on the "top of the line" tools, as this may be out of the range for

some, or just not deemed what they are looking for. I will take on the task of doing a search on lathes and chucks. I plan to do a spread sheet on lathes with categories: mini, mid range, semi pro, and the biggest. I will then solicit comments from all who have, or have used any of those available. This should give us a better basis for our discussions.



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Show and Tell and Silent Auction



Lots of nice pieces for show and tell



Our usual selection of good turning stock at the Silent Auction

Getting to know our fellow CVW members—

I the hustle of going to the NC symposium, taking over as club president, etc. I have not gotten to do any club member bio's this month.

I have found that the best bio's result when the individual members contribute

to the compilation of their background and history. I will be sending out email to all that have not had a bio run asking for input. So, expect an email soon, if your bio has not already been done.

Shows, Symposiums, etc.

Bert Smith, Bob Smith, Ron Dearing, and Hilel Salomon attended the Carolina Woodturning 2005 Symposium.

Bert, Bob, and Ron carpooled down from Waynesboro and HB met up with us on his commute up from his 'other' home in SC.

Some of the highlights were:

Jim McPhail—layered bowls;

Don Olsen—unique turning of crotch wood;

Sam McDowell—turning green wood



**A nice piece at the instant gallery
(If anyone knows how this is done, I would like to know the secret.)**



Our own Bert Smith's work at the Carolina Instant Gallery

Coming Shows, Symposiums, Events, etc.

No coming shows to report at this time.

Tips

Tip 1: From Fred Williamson
I have gone through dozens of 100 watt bulbs in the spot lamps I use over my lathe. Recently I switched to the new compact fluorescent, and they are an improvement in three areas. First, they burn so much cooler you

don't have the chance of smoke/fire. Second, vibration isn't deadly to them like to incandescent elements. And finally, the 28 watt unit is even a bit brighter than a 100 watt incandescent.

Tip 2: From Fred
Here is an address for the blue foam that works as well

as the more expensive black ester foam recommended in the AAW article on making your own sanding disks.
[http://www.foamorder.com/custom_cuts.php?product=conventional & shape=1](http://www.foamorder.com/custom_cuts.php?product=conventional&shape=1)
sample 24' x 24" x 0.75" Duraflex D44 (the only

blue foam) = \$4.95

Want Ads

No ads this month

New Club Members

Mel Richardson

Remember: 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.

Send attention: rdearing@rica.net.