

# February Newsletter

Central Virginia Woodturners

### Special points of interest:

- Elbert Dale does demo on using the skew
- Source list for woodturners included in this issue
- Report on meeting with the Timberville club and planned joint demonstrations
- AAW challenge coming up
- Our own 'walnut challenge'

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## Chapter and Verse

Elbert Dale did a great demo on using the skew. It was fun being in the audience hearing the comment's made by the died-in-the-wool advocates of the 'Elsworth' style bowl gouge. Most of them started with the attitude that they could do better with a gouge. By the time the demo was over, I think most were convinced that a skew in the hands of someone that knows how to really use one is a very powerful tool.

Having started in the days before the deep contour gouges myself, I still rely on a skew to give a very smooth finish more easily than I do with a gouge. I am just getting comfortable with the gouge, but feel very natural with the skew.

When Elbert's tops were passed around, everyone was very impressed with the smooth

cuts he was able to accomplish.

Our February meeting was very well attended, with forty plus members in attendance, including about six first timers. Three of the first timers signed up as full new members.

Along with good attendance, we had a very good show-and-tell. See page two for pictures of some of the fine pieces brought in.

We didn't get any pictures of the skew demo for the newsletter, but we did capture it all on our new video system. Thanks to Fred and Keith for manning the cameras.

## President's Corner

The following is a report on our visit to the Timberville club on February 4th. Several CVW regulars also belong to the Timberville club. Joe Berg, John O'Neil, and I rode up together. Starke Smith, Don Voas, and several other CVW'ers were also at the meeting. In fact, Joe Berg did their demonstration (in conjunction with Ashton Waters). It was my first time to attend an actual meeting of another AAW chapter club and it was interesting to observe the similarities and differences between the two clubs.

As to the similarities, it was to be expected that the format, etc., would have a lot of similarities

since the core founders of CVW came out of the Timberville club (Bert Smith, Starke, etc.). They began with club business, including a very nice introduction of John and I, followed by show-and-tell, and then their demo. This was Joe and Ashton doing a coverage of the alternative finishes for turned pieces. (Maybe we can get Joe to do the same demo for CVW.) The demo included Ashton doing some Beale polishing on a small piece he had made. The demo evolved (as Joe and Ashton had hoped and planned) into a very open participation by the entire club. After the demonstration they had their silent auction and then a casual dispersal. Basically they

use the same format we follow.

The differences I noticed at the Timberville meeting were primarily in the size of the club and the fact that they met in Ashton's basement work shop. Timberville has about 25 regulars, so their meetings are somewhat smaller than our meetings. Holding the meeting in Ashton's shop did not seem to be a hindrance for that size group.

They did have coffee and donuts, a nice addition for a morning meeting. They also meet twice per month, the first and third Saturday's of the month. The meetings on the third Saturday are held at Peter Shoemaker's barn, report-

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## Turner's Tips

The following are some suggested sources for tools, etc. used by woodturners (and woodworkers in general). In all cases, only their 800 number has been given allowing the ordering of a catalog. Although not included, most also have web sites. At the end of the list, some sources have been given for other than items directly associated with woodturning, but they are items considered of interest to most turners:

- Packard Woodworks, Inc.—tools, books, accessories, bowl and pen blanks in exotic woods, pen turning, pen kits and accessories. 1 (800) 683-8876
- Craft Supplies USA—Lathes, tools, books, accessories, bowl and pen blanks in exotic woods, pen turning, pen kits and accessories. 1 (800) 551-8876
- Garrett Wade—fine tools and accessories. 1 (800) 221-2942
- Woodcraft—tools, books, and accessories, bowl and pen blanks in exotic woods, pen turning, pen kits and accessories. 1 (800) 225-1153
- The Cutting Edge—turning and carving tools and accessories. 1 (800) 790-7980
- Rockler—tools, wood, accessories. 1 (800) 279-4441
- Woodworker's Supply—tools, wood, accessories, bowl and pen blanks in exotic woods, pen turning, pen kits and accessories. 1(800) 645-9292
- Wood Carver's Supply, Inc.—carving tools, supplies, accessories. 1 (800) 284-6229
- Oneway Manufacturing—lathes, lathe accessories, chucks, sharpening systems. 1 (800) 565-7288
- Lee Valley & Veritas—fine tools and accessories. 1 (800) 871-8158
- Penn State Industries—small lathes, tools, accessories. 1 (800) 377-7297
- Klingspor's Woodworking Shop—sanding supplies and turning accessories. 1 (800) 228-0000
- The Japan Woodworker—fine hand tools. 1 (800) 537-7820
- Supergrit—sandpaper. 1 (800) 822-4003
- Starbond—CA glue source (super glue), activator, colored CA (brown and black), debonder gel. 1 (800) 900-4583. Los Angeles distributor for Japanese source. \$20 minimum order, 1 oz. 3 oz. and 16 oz. bottles w/ small breakdown bottles supplied with larger sizes.
- Little Mountain Carving Supply—carving tools, pyro equipment, books. 1 (800) 752-7573
- BC Saw and Tool, Inc.—bandsaw blades. 1 (888) 251-7268 (note: BC is a Canadian company, prices are in Canadian dollars)
- Oneida Air Systems—air duct systems and accessories. 1 (800) 732-4065
- Klockkit—clock kits, clock works, accessories. 1 (800) 556-2548

If you have additional suggestions for sources, or know of special price considerations, etc. please email them for inclusion in our next newsletter.

If you have an idea for a similar '**Turner's Tips**' article, write it up for inclusion in subsequent issues of the newsletter.

## President's Corner (continued)

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edly a very nice place for meetings and hands on turning almost on a par with the Miller School for being well equipped.

As to the purpose of joining their meeting, we discussed the potential for joint demonstrations between the two clubs. At this time, they have tentatively asked for 2-3 of our members to put on a demonstration in May. The demonstration will be held at Peter Shoemaker's barn. They were interested in my tool making demonstration and we felt we could fill a reasonable demonstration with a turning demo from Fred Williamson, Miles Everard, or Bert Smith, plus the tool demo. Details will be worked out soon, along with further plans for their reciprocal visit of their people coming to our club meeting.

Like CVW, the Timberville club members are all very friendly and made our visit comfortable and enjoyable. Doing joint demonstrations with them should be fun and informative.

## Show and Tell



The top two pictures show our great show-and-tell turnout and the bottom picture our silent auction donations. The silent auction brought in over \$30 dollars, which paid for the 'walnut challenge' blanks brought in by Starke Smith.

## Walnut Challenge

Starke Smith brought in 30 2" x 6" x 6" blanks for our **'walnut challenge'**. Each club member is encouraged to make some unique piece from the blank, which can be turned as-is or the blank can be cut in any way desired (segmented, etc.). You may add any embellishment you wish, so long as you only use the blank as your basic wood source. Members can work on this project at next month's Miller School meeting, and then we will have a show-and-tell with all of the completed pieces at our April meeting.

## Coming Shows, Symposiums, Events, etc.

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.

The **Utah Woodturning symposium** is the longest running woodturning symposium in the world. 2006 marks the 27th anniversary of this event. It runs June 15th – 17th, 2006 at the Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. There will be over 100 demonstrators given by some of the world's best. For information see [www.utahwoodturning.com](http://www.utahwoodturning.com).

The AAW has announced an

invitational exhibition titled, **"Tops, Boxes, and Treenware of the World"** to be held at its Gallery in Landmark Center in St. Paul, MN. The exhibit will open on Friday, January 13th and will run through April 14th. Treen is defined as turned items used in the home such as: covered boxes, sewing boxes, eggs, needle cases, pin cushions, and lace bobbins. The exhibit will consist of hundreds of

turned items.

The Dakota Woodturners will present their **8th annual minilathe symposium** in Mandan, ND on March 31 (evening) through April 1st and 2nd. For information email Welby Baetsch at [wbaetsch@btinet.net](mailto:wbaetsch@btinet.net).

## Getting To Know Our Fellow CVW Members

### Scott Koehn

Scott Koehn is originally from the Virginia Beach area. He and his wife moved here eleven years ago, looking for a more pleasant place to start a family. They must have concluded they had found the right place, as since coming here they now have added two boys: Andrew, 6; and Carter, 4.

Scott has been the CVW club treasurer since it's inception, which fits right in with his occupation. He has been in banking and planning for a number of years, and three years ago opened Scovan Financial Services, a planning and advisory practice in the growing Waynesboro's West End. Scott has been directly helping and advising people with their financial investments for over ten years and enjoys it so much that he states he would probably continue even if he won the lottery. He at least concedes that he might spend a little more time at the lathe if that were to happen.

Scott has been turning for more than five years now and has done demonstrations of some of his small ornament turning for the club. He progressed from other forms of woodwork by adding a Jet mini lathe. He has ordered a custom bowl lathe that will be added to his shop in January that will allow turnings up to 26" in diameter.

Currently his favorite turnings are smaller hollow vessels, but he is looking forward to stepping up to larger pieces with the addition of his new lathe. Scott tries to spend at least an hour of two each week at the lathe, but always hopes to increase this during the winter months.

In addition to turning, Scott enjoys fly-fishing and family camping outings. He likes the interaction with the club members that his duties as treasurer provide him, but says that it can also make him feel wishful for more time at the lathe when work and other duties keep him from as much as he would prefer.

He and his family have purchased land in Giles County and are in the processing of building a weekend cabin to be completed this summer. He mentioned that there should be some good turning blanks for the club in the spring.

Note: Scott's bio will also be distributed as a separate email issue.



## Tips

**Safety tip:** Use care when attempting to turn with bark still on green wood for a natural edge effect. One of our members (who shall remain anonymous, although the fresh, but healing cut on his forehead certainly gave him away at our meeting) learned this the hard way when he turned the speed up too high,

causing two large pieces of bark to spin loose on a bowl he was turning. Be sure to wear a full face shield and keep the speed down until it is clear the bark will stay on the piece and it has been turned down to a reasonable width.

Tip submitted by Ron Dearing

Remember, submit a tip and win a free year's subscription to our newsletter.

## Want Ads

**For Sale:** Powermatic 3520A lathe. Good condition. Price: \$1800 (flexible). Contact Joe Berg (CVW member) 540-885-1066. (Joe likes the 3520A, but is stepping up to the bigger Powermatic.)

**For Sale:** Jet model 1442VS lathe with extra drive belt. Less than one year old. \$700. Contact Kirk

Mc Cauley (CVW member) home: 434-293-7525, work 434-296-3913. (Kirk has stepped up to a bigger lathe.)

**For Sale:** Spindle lathe, made from kit, 16" swing x 36" spindle capacity, 1 HP, 8 speeds—jack shaft with two pulleys and four speed pulley on motor, heavy duty, body is made from

two layers of MDF (2" thick), 1" - 8 tpi spindle w/ left hand thread on outboard. 24" outboard swing. Heavy duty welded tool rest. \$600 (flexible).

Bowl lathe, similar kit construction. Very heavy duty, with up to 48" swing without changing setup. Larger swing with change in tool rest mount (up to 72"

swing) x 36" (plus) depth. 1 HP jack shaft drive with 8 speeds from 300—2800 rpm. 1 1/2" - 8 tpi. Very sturdy weldment tool rest. Four heavy duty face-plates.

For either of the above, contact Ron Dearing (540) 248-8887 (answering machine or (540) 248-2512.

## New Club Members

- Phil Armstrong—Staunton
- Andrew Flusche—Charlottesville (UVA law student)
- Roger Van Hoosel—Waynesboro

In addition to the above, we had several other visiting first timers. We welcome them and hope they will also become full time members.

**Note:** 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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