

January Newsletter

Central Virginia Woodturners

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Special points of interest:

- Elbert Dale demonstrated his personal method of slicing a black walnut
- Ron Dearing demonstrated making lidded boxes
- Club voted to go ahead with purchase of a new and bigger club lathe

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Chapter and Verse

Elbert Dale demonstrated a clever method of slicing a black walnut, creating decorative pieces that can be used as buttons or ornamental pieces.

He began by gripping the nut between a spur center and tailstock center and turning a small tenon on the nut. Then he clamped the nut tenon in a chuck and used a coping saw to slice approximately 1/8" slices off of the nut. The result was a cross-section piece of the nut that has a very interesting pattern.

Ron Dearing demonstrated turning lidded boxes. He began with a piece mounted to a waste block which is in turn mounted to a face plate. He explained he prefers this method, versus the method of using a tenon on each end commonly shown in turning books,

because it wastes the least amount of the more attractive exotic wood he uses for his boxes.

He proceeds to form and finish the outer surface and top of the lid before slicing off the lid portion of the piece. He then hollows the base and finishes the inside.

The lid is then reverse mounted in a jam chuck and the inside of the lid is turned.

Ron has notes and sketches of his method for any that did not receive them prior to the demonstration. See page 4 for pictures of the completed box.

For additional copies of his handout, contact him at rdearing@rica.net.

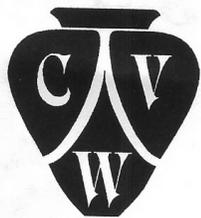
A vote was taken to use the donation funds collected to date, supplemented by funds from

the clubs general funds, to go ahead with purchase of a Jet 16", 1 1/2 HP lathe.

Thanks to Starke Smith for his research and work with the supplier in Winchester in getting us a very good price on the lathe. He and Dennis Hippen have volunteered to pick up the lathe to save further on the total cost to the club. Thanks again to both for their efforts. Dennis has done a great job of urging all to dig deep for contributions to the lathe fund.

With everything proceeding so swiftly, it is entirely possible that we could have the new lathe by our next meeting.

Next months demonstration will be Ron Rosenthal "From Flat Board to Finished Bowl in 50 Minutes"



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President's Corner

Apologies—In my gusto to do a good demonstration I must apologize for not taking any pictures of the show-and-tell, silent auction material, or (of course) the demonstration. This month's newsletter will be easier to open, as it will be smaller for not having many photo's.

Finances—Dennis Hippen has reported our financial condition after the meeting to be:

Dues paid by at the meeting: 16 members paid \$380 (including two family memberships);

Silent Auction collection: \$61 (it was voted that the January silent auction \$'s

would go to the lathe fund). This was a record for our silent auction, much due to the great Cherry wood brought to the auction by Ben and Roger Foley. Thanks to both. They had a full pickup load. (On a personal note, I bid on one nice piece and proceeded to blow both bowls I tried to

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Turner's Tips

Shop Safety (Thanks to Ashton Waters and the Woodturners of the Virginias for use of the copy from a demonstration at one of their earlier meetings. Additional subject matter comes from a bulletin from the American Association of Woodturners.)

1. Know your tools. Read the manual for your lathe, and know the proper use of each of the lathe tools. Be informed prior to turning any wood.
2. Wear a full-face shield at all times. Safety glasses are not enough protection to be safe from flying debris.
3. A dust mask or respirator, along with good dust collection methods is essential. Be especially aware of spalted wood, as it can carry health-threatening spores. Look up the wood you are about to turn to see if there are any health warnings. Even a wood as innocuous as Walnut can be a threat to some people.
4. Always wear adequate hearing protection. Long term exposure to noise can cause hearing loss.
5. Tell family and friends how to get your attention when you are working at the lathe or other power tools. A flashing light is a good method.
6. Reduce the lathe speed to a low setting when turning it off. This avoids accidentally turning it on at too high speed when starting a new turning. New pieces can be out of round, or not properly mounted. Starting at a low speed gives an opportunity to avoid a mishap.
7. Don't wear loose clothing, gloves, or any objects that dangle and can become caught in the turning object. Paper towels are better than rags for application of finish to a turning object as they will tear rather than grab and potentially pull your hand in with a caught applicator.
8. If you do use rags for finishing, put them outside to dry prior to discarding them to avoid spontaneous combustion. Store any finishing materials in metal cabinets.
9. Before starting the lathe, rotate the piece to be sure it clears everything. Make sure both tool rest levers are tight, as well as both tail stock levers if using the tailstock.
10. Check the piece you are turning when you start and occasionally as you progress with the turning to watch for splits or weakened glue joints that could allow the piece to fly apart.
11. Be aware of proper speeds for the size work you are doing. Start slower than usual at first to take into account any imbalance. A good method is to start slow and back off when any vibration starts. Another good rule of thumb is – diameter of the piece x speed = 6000 to 9000 (after the piece is trued to balance).
12. Sharp tools are safer than dull tools. Don't force your tools.
13. If you drop a tool, don't try to grab for it. All lathe tools have a sharp edge somewhere. It could be what you end up grabbing.
14. Keep clutter off the floor.
15. Keep tools firmly on the tool rest at all times during any cutting.
16. Use the tailstock whenever practical. It gives an added security, even when using chucks.
17. Remove the tailstock prior to sanding and finishing. The point of the tailstock center can give a nasty gash.
18. Stay alert and take rest breaks to remain fresh. Don't use the lathe or other power tools in conjunction with alcohol or medications that could impair your judgment or reflexes.
19. Don't leave the lathe running while unattended. Turn off the lathe if you stop to answer the phone.
20. Use a well-balanced stance at the lathe and have good lighting.
21. Although often ignored, it is best to turn off the lathe to adjust the tool rest.
22. Have a first aid kit in your shop and keep emergency numbers handy.
23. Keep CA glue solvent handy and make sure CA glue is dry before turning on the lathe. Be aware that CA glue can be deep in a crack and not be dry. A shot of activator into cracks can help this phenomena.

Lathe Care

1. Keep lathe bed free of rust and lightly oiled. Clean after turning green wood.
2. File the tool surface of the tool rest to remove any nicks. This will make for a more smooth tool movement across the length of the rest.
3. Keep tools clean and sharp.
4. Clean tapers. Packard and other supply companies have an inexpensive plastic tool just for this purpose.
5. Have a place for your tools and keep them in place when they are not being used.
6. Never set a drink on the lathe bed.

President's Corner (continued)

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make from it.) With the above, we got a total of \$376 in lathe donations (a big thanks to all who contributed).

Year to date totals:

Dues: \$910, 47 members (41 individual and 6 from 3 family memberships);

Lathe contributions: \$910. It is going to cost approximately \$1500 for the new lathe. The needed balance will be taken from the general fund. Other fund raising methods will be on-going to repay the general fund.

Current club treasury balance: \$2909.42. This is after paying through February for our meeting place at the Community Center. We also owe Joan Baumgardner approximately \$100 for library purchases.

Club Officers— This is a good time to interject a note of thanks to our officers. Dennis Hippen is doing a stellar job as club Treasurer. He is very pleasant as he puts the strong arm on everyone to contribute to the lathe fund and to pay the yearly dues. This has become an almost completed task in the first month of the year, instead of stretching out through August and further. Denny Martin is inconspicuous in taking notes of the meetings, but is a great help as Secretary. Joan Baumgardner has done an inventory of our library and instituted new policies on tracking checkout and use of our resources, getting the library well in hand. John O'Neil, or VP steps in any place he is needed, which has been often, with my health issues. He (especially along with additional help from Fred Williamson and John Heydon) puts in a lot of time and effort to keep our video going for the demonstrations. Thanks to each of you for your efforts.

Thanks also to the Planning Committee for their guidance and council. Members include all of the above mentioned officers, as well as Miles Everard, Roger and Ben Flory, Bill Hamilton, John Heydon, Bert Smith, and Peter Welch.

Some suggestions from the planning committee and from members—There were no further discussions on the suggestion to move our meetings to Saturday. This subject should be reviewed and voted on at the February meeting. Alternative suggestions have been to hold occasional demonstrations, etc. on Saturdays. This could be done once per quarter, much as we do the Miller School meetings.

A new suggestion has come via email from member Jesse Wasserman. Jesse lives in Amherst and has a long, late drive home from our meetings. His suggestion is to hold all meetings starting at 6:30, as we do when we meet at the Miller School. Again, this is a good subject for the February meeting.

A little personal trivia, Rocky Boy is a stray that turned up at our barn. Billy, our grandson (Craig's son) found him and the rest is history. His favorite place to sleep is in the shavings under my lathe, even when I am turning! Now, at least, I have an excuse for how slovenly I am about cleaning up. Photo at right.

Getting To Know Our Fellow CVW Members

This is an ongoing column, dedicated to bringing you biographies of our CVW members. Each month we try to bring you at least 2-3 new member's biographies to help us all become more familiar with our fellow club members.

Bio's on the way this month:

- Cliff Savell
- Melton Estes

I need a picture for:

- Ernie Floyd
- Roger Jarrell
- Dave Potter
- Paul Saplak

Could all of the above see me at the next meeting and I will take a picture and complete your bio.



Demonstration and Show and Tell



Here's a picture of Fred's walnut ornament slices.



This is the finished lidded box from Ron's demonstration



Since there were no pictures taken at the meeting, I have included a piece that was finished by Ron Dearing since the meeting. It is from a salvaged Maple tree that continues to give outstanding pieces of wood.

The piece is about 6" in diameter and 6" high (not per the golden numbers). Notice the beautiful red streak across the front of the piece, about half way down.

Coming Shows, Symposiums, Events, etc.

The website for the second annual **Desert Woodturning Symposium** is up and running at: www.desertwoodturninggroundup.com. It will be held again in Mesa, AZ on Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11, 2007. Download the registration form from the website and mail to the address bottom center of the page, Attention: 2007 registration. They are now accepting MasterCard and Visa credit cards. You can call or FAX your registration form to 480-

726-7594. Mike Lucckino, President AZ Woodturner's Association.

The **Southern Piedmont Woodturners** present "**A Day at the Lathe**" on March 24, 2007 at the Kannapolis Performing Arts Center, featuring John Jordan, Lyle Jamieson, and Jamie Donaldson. John Jordan will demonstrate a hollow form with embellishments. Jamie Donaldson will demonstrate square turnings. Lyle Jamieson will do a natural

edge hollow form on the bias using the Jamieson system (a supported, laser guided hollowing system. \$45 preregistration, or \$60 at the door. Pre-registration is accepted until March 1, 2007. For information and pre-registration contact Barry Russell - phone 704-933-9092, or email brusell18@carolina.rr.com.

This is close enough to be considered for a ride share.

Yankee Woodturning Symposium will be held June 1

thru 3 at the Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. The symposium is sponsored by the Yankee Woodturners Association. A few of the sponsored demonstrators include: VA's own Mark St. Leger; Jean-Francois Escoulen; Jimmy Clews; Bob Rosand; Mark Sfirri; Michael Hosaluk; Johannes Michelsen; Angelo lafrate; Beth Ireland.

Contact information: Frank White, Yankee Woodturners Association email whitehol-woods@verizon.net

CVW Schedule of Demo's and Calendar of Other Club Events

February 20—Ron Rosenthal—"From Flat Board to Finished Bowl in 50 minutes"

March 20—Ron Dearing on how to turn a sphere (also will include a short session on Snowman Christmas piece)

April 17—Fred Williamson—shaping the edge of a bowl after turning

If you have a demo that you would like to put on for the club, sign up now. We need to get our calendar filled. Contact: Ron Dearing (rdearing@rica.net).

Want Ads

For Sale: Powermatic 4224, 2 years old, excellent condition, \$3500.

Contact Starke Smith

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. \$400 (flexible).

Contact Ron Dearing (540) 248-8887 (answering machine).

For Sale: Cast Iron Delta Lathe with two (one unused) motors, several pulleys, several tool rests, mobile stand, etc. Used less than one year. \$550;

Contact Hilel Salomon 540 456 8623, or 803 787 5973.

New Guests and New, or Potential Club Members

New Members, or potential members (first timers) (for Dec. and Jan.):

- Brian Edson
- Elvin Frame
- Dylan Edson
- Bill De Pari

Note: Guests are invited to attend without any fee. After a meeting, or two, if you enjoy the club, our dues are \$20 per year

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.

Also Note: We need personal bios from many members for the "Getting to Know Our Fellow CVW Club Mem-

bers". Please take a few minutes to respond to the bio questionnaire that has been emailed to you. This is much easier than doing personal interviews with each person. If you don't have email, talk to Ron Dearing about a questionnaire.

Members that we still need biography information include:

- Michael Atkins
- Howard Baker
- George Bentley
- Dennis Brown
- Harold Carwell
- Joe Cochran
- Elliot Crafiak
- Alvin Dale
- Paul Dana
- Dan Drew
- Gene Fleming
- Ernie Floyd

- Andrew Flusche
- Dave Fuqua
- Ray Jones
- Ed Lang
- John Laport
- Patti Laport
- Dennis Martin
- Gary Martin
- Brian McReynolds
- Dave Mitchell
- David Rhodes
- Jeff Scott
- Bob Smith
- Harvey Spouse
- Pat Steele
- Tim Surratt
- Ed Tobias
- Roger Van Hooser
- Doug Van Lear
- Tim White
- Troy Young
- Kevin Mathany
- Peter Gorsuch

- Tom Boxler
- Bill DePari
- Rolf Gebel
- D. Glendenning
- Mel Hinkley
- Kit Hudson
- Lewis Pennington
- Brian Edson
- Elvin Frame
- Dylan Edson
- Bill De Pari