

# June Newsletter

Central Virginia Woodturners

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## Special points of interest:

- We loose a member—Jon Laporte passed away
- Starke Smith demo

## Chapter and Verse

**Starke Smith demonstration**—Starke's demonstration was well received. He covered a wide range of topics, including: chainsaw safety; lathe safety; and, preparation of wood for turning. He had a handout that covered what grain patterns result as a result of where the blank is taken from the log and how you

select to mount the wood for turning.

In addition, Starke had a slide show of the instant gallery at the AAW Symposium held in Portland.

**Next month's demonstration**—Ron Dearing will do a demonstration at the August meeting on turning spheres.

We need suggestions and volunteers for October and November demonstrations.

## President's Corner

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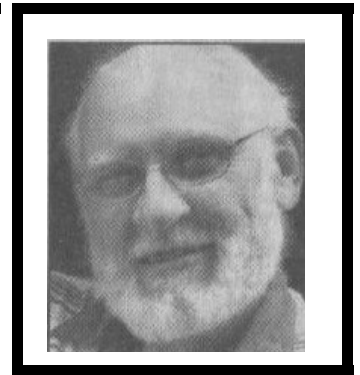
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I am late getting the newsletter out this month. I could hide behind the fact that we were on vacation in CA, which is part of the answer. We went to our daughter's in Simi Valley and then we went with she and her family (Dale and our two CA grandkids, Sara and Jack) on a drive up the coast. We took in Hearst Castle, Monterey, and Carmel. We also took a ride through the campus of Cal Poly—San Luis Obispo.

That is not the real reason the newsletter is late. I have been doing the club newsletter for over three years now and I had not anticipated how hard it could be to write about the loss of a fellow club member. The following is a condensation of Jon Laporte's obituary, as it appeared in the Waynesboro News Virginian:

**Jon Laporte** (February 12, 1948 – July 10, 2007) – Jon with his wife Patty was a long time member of CVW, both having joined in our early days. He was born in Washington, DC and graduated from California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked at DuPont and also served in the US Coast Guard as the Environmental Officer for the 7<sup>th</sup> District (FL, Gulf Coast, and the Caribbean).

Jon and Patty have three children: Lauri; James; and Mathew; and a granddaughter Savannah. In addition to CVW, Jon was recently president of the Shenandoah Gem and Mineral Society.



What an obituary can never capture is the essence of the person.

Jon was a very pleasant man, with a lot of compassion and humor. His smiling countenance will be a great loss for CVW.

Patty (also one of our members) says she will try to resume attending club meetings soon. Like Jon, Patty is a happy, smiling person and we need her back with us.

## Turner's Tips

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No turner's tips this month.

## This month's demonstration

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No pictures available from Starke's demonstration.

## Elephant Seals

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Since we have no pictures from last meeting, I've included some from our trip up the coast of CA. These are male Elephant Seals (3-5 thousand pounds).



Low fog along the coast between San Simeon and Carmel and a shot with no fog.

## President's Corner (continued)

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October 5, 6, and 7, 2007, is the NC Woodturner's symposium, to be held at the Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, NC. Bert Smith, Bob Smith, and I went to this last year and is a fun symposium. How about a ride share trip to Greensboro?

## Getting To Know Our Fellow CVW Members

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*This is an ongoing column, dedicated to bringing you biographies of our CVW members.*

*Each month we try to bring you 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:

- I'm trying to get enough to do Jon and Patty Laporte's bios this month

If I can get pictures, I have biographies for:

- Ernie Floyd
- Roger Jarrell
- Paul Saplak

and should get them out this month.

For any of the above, see me at the next meeting (or Denny Martin or Dennis Hippen if you see them with their cameras) and we will take a picture and com-

plete your bio.

Any new members that have not had their pictures taken, please see any of the three of us and have a quick snap taken.

## Coming Shows, Symposiums, Events, etc.

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**Turn and Learn—2007 NC Woodturning Symposium** - October 5, 6, and 7, 2007, to be held at the Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, NC. Information at [www.northcarolinawoodturning.com](http://www.northcarolinawoodturning.com). Featured demonstrators include: Trent Bosch; Nick Cook; Chris Ramsey; Dick Sing; Jacques Versery; plus several other local NC turners.

**Turning 2007 Ohio Valley Woodturners** - October 12, 13 & 14, 2007. To be held at The Higher Ground Conference Center, West Harrison, IN 47060, just off I-74 at the OH/IN State line (30 minutes from Cincinnati). Three day pass is \$250 (\$275 after 9/30) and include three meals per day. Dormitory rooms are available at \$22 per person, per night. Symposium rates also available at nearby hotels. Featured turners include: Trent Bosch, Nick Cook, Clay Foster, Matthew Hill, Mark Kauder, Graeme Priddle, Mark

Sfirri, and Molly Winton, plus ten additional local turners. Register through J. G. Keeler, email [jgklr2732@aol.com](mailto:jgklr2732@aol.com), or 513-233-0493.

**Turning Southern Style xiii—2007 Symposium** - Unicol State Park Helen, Georgia, September 14-16, 2007. Presented by the Georgia Association of Woodturners. Featured turners: Stuart Mortimer; Michael Mocho; Michael Hosaluk; John Jordan; Frank Bowers; Nick Cook; and, Dave Barriger. For registration and information go to [www.helenga.org](http://www.helenga.org), or call 706-878-2201 or 1-800-573-9659.

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

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**August— Ron Dearing**—Turning spheres, plus a short demo on turning a snowman (great Christmas gift)

**September**—Free turning and mentor assisted turning at the Miller School

**October**—Demonstrator needed

**November**—Demonstrator needed

**December**—Free turning and mentor assisted turning at the Miller School

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](mailto:rdearing@rica.net)).

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## Want Ads

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

Contact Starke Smith

**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.

**For Sale:** Old Delta 12" x 42" 12 speed lathe. All cast iron including legs. Auxiliary carriage for non-ferrous metal and plastic turning. With manual and parts list. \$400

Contact John O'Neil 540-939-4774

**For Sale:** Old Craftsman 12+ inch bandsaw on mobile wooden stand. Extra blades. \$150.

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**For Sale:** 1/2" shaper on mobile wooden stand. 1/2HP motor, several HSS cutters. All only used slightly. \$150.

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**For Sale:** Heavy duty 15" disk sander with rack and pinion height and angle adjustments. Cast iron

pedestal base 1HP motor wired for 220V, but can be converted to 110V. Extra 15" steel platter and sanding disks. \$250.

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**For Sale:** Craftsman Industrial worm-drive skill saw Hardly used \$75. Contact John O'Neil 540-939-4774

## New Guests and New, or Potential Club Members

### Guests for May

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### New member

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**Note:** Guests are invited to attend without a 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](mailto:rdearing@rica.net).

**Also Note:** We need personal bios from many members for the "Getting to Know Our Fellow CVW Club Members". Please take a few minutes to respond to the bio questionnaire email that will be sent again this

month. 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 and guests for whom we still need biography information include:

- Michael Atkins
- Howard Baker
- George Bentley
- Tom Boxler
- Joe Cochran
- Alvin Dale
- Paul Dana
- Bill DePari
- Dan Drew
- Brian Edson
- Tom Evans
- Gene Fleming
- Andrew Flusche
- Dave Fuqua
- Rolf Gebel
- Jay Gillam
- D. Glendenning

- Peter Gorsuch
- Dylan Hahn
- Mel Hinkley
- Roger Jarrell
- Harry Kellam
- Ed Lang
- John Laport
- Patti Laport
- Gerry Martin
- Judy McCarthy
- Brian McReynolds
- Dave Mitchell
- Joe Novack
- Lewis Pennington
- Ivan Pesic
- Gary Peterson
- Franklin Plecker
- Norman Proffitt
- David Rhodes
- Mark Sandol (Sondrol ?)
- Paul Saplak
- Jeff Scott
- Ron Shifflett
- Michael Solatka

- Harvey Spouse
- Pat Steele
- Bill Stevens
- Tim Surratt
- Ed Tobias
- Roger Van Hooser
- Doug Van Lear
- Ken Wilson
- Troy Young