

March Newsletter

Central Virginia Woodturners

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Special points of interest:

- Open turning at the Miller School focused on several skill levels
- Planning beginning for club picnic; and, bringing in Bob Rosand for a day long demonstration

Chapter and Verse

Open turning at the Miller School The club discussed and decided to reserve the Miller School meetings (the 3rd month of each quarter—March, June, September, and December) for open turning, with emphasis on instruction, teaming more experienced club members with those wishing help.

In future months, we may also add a simple project for these meetings.

Several members manned the lathes and helped all who requested assistance.

Those seen assisting at the lathes (not an inclusive list) included:

- Bert Smith
- Fred Williamson with special emphasis on use of the bowl gouge
- Dennis Hippen
- Elbert Dale with special emphasis on the use of the skew

April's demonstration will be **Fred Williamson** shaping the edge of a bowl after turning. Fred always puts on a very instruction packed demo, so don't

miss this one.

The May demonstration has been changed to be **Dennis Hippen** doing a demonstration on turning eggs. Ron Dearing's demo on turning spheres will be moved to July.

Ron will also include a quick demo on making a Christmas snowman.

New club meeting time—Don't forget that the meetings at the Crimora Center will now begin at 6:30. It seems to work well for the Miller School and helps those with a long drive get a little earlier start for home.

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President's Corner

Club picnic and guest demonstrator—We had a good response at the meeting with regard to the club picnic and bringing in an outside demonstrator.

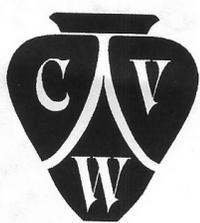
I think our own "home grown" demonstrations have improved as our club members have become more confident and everyone has become a bit more familiar with new faces, etc. However, there is nothing like someone from more than 100 miles from home to make them seem well worth listening to. Bert will contact Bob Rosand to see if we can get him to come in and give the

demonstration he was scheduled to do a couple of years ago for us.

Once again I am moving my demonstration on turning spheres. We're going to be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on a cruise to the Caribbean and it is in conflict with the April meeting. It's also a milestone birthday for our daughter-in-law (Craig's wife) Naturally, I can't tell which birthday it will be or she might throw me overboard. We will combine celebrations, with Craig and family, as well as our older daughter joining us for the cruise.

Finances—Dennis Hippen has reported that we have a little over \$1000 in our treasury after paying for the new lathe.

New members—We continue to have a steady flow of guests and new members. I think Dennis Hippen gets the prize. He has brought in several of his neighbors (Mars Champagne, Rolf Gebel, plus I think at least one or two more). I think he must go door to door recruiting in the Pelham section of Waynesboro.



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Turner's Tips

For any of you that are not yet doing some form of dust collection, and/or using a respirator or mask, it's time to start. What we may think of as a common wood, with no potential for lung irritation, and worse, can be a source of anywhere from a moderate to severe health threat. Most of us have access to, and turn Ash and/or Walnut. Both can be a very threatening source of lung and skin irritation. Any spalted wood should be handled as a potential health threat. In fact, almost any wood dust can be a potential health threat and great care should be taken to avoid breathing sanding dust.

Make, or buy, a funnel that you can attach behind the turning area of your lathe. Cardboard, light plywood, sheet plastic, many materials will do to form the funnel which is then attached to your dust collector or a shop vacuum. If you don't have either, old shop-vacs are common items at swap meets and are usually reasonably priced, especially when some of the accessories are missing. This won't matter if you can devote this unit exclusively to your lathe.

Run the collection unit whenever doing sanding; or better yet, whenever the lathe is in use.

This month's assisted turning



Pictures of Concentration

Above Elbert Dale gives Harold Greene some pointers on using the skew. Right, Fred Williamson is demonstrating proper use of the bowl gouge.

President's Corner (continued)

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Joe Berg—I was happy to hear from Don Voas that Joe Berg was doing well enough to attend the last meeting of the Woodturners of the Virginias. Now we just need to get him to make it to CVW. I don't think Joe is driving himself yet and making a night meeting may also be an issue. Before the next meeting I hope to get in contact with Joe to see if we can make arrangements to get him a ride to Crimora. We have to be as good company as the club up north. I know I look forward to seeing him make it to our meetings again.



Joe Berg during a demonstration last year.

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:

I'm running a little behind again on the biographies. I hope to get back to them soon.

I have bio information on the following, but still need a picture for:

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

I don't think any of the above were at the last meeting. Could those listed 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 complete 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.

Show and Tell



There was a nice turnout of show-and-tell items at the March meeting

This is only one of the two full tables of wood we had for the silent auction. Someone brought in 10-12 pieces of Osage Orange, only a couple of them showing in this picture.



Coming Shows, Symposiums, Events, etc.

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 whiteholwoods@verizon.net

Anderson Ranch Scholarship program deadlines are approaching. Joan has some information with the club library stuff. Anderson Ranch is similar to Arrowmont and has several sections on turning and woodworking.

Utah Woodturning symposium—To be held at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, June 21-23. Joan has flyers, or go to utahwoodturning.com for information. This is the longest standing wood symposium in the world (25th, I think).

21st Annual AAW 2007 National Symposium—Portland, OR, June 29-July 1. 42 world class demonstrators,

144 rotations. See woodturner.org for information.

SOFA (Sculptured Objects and Functional Art) - Not technically a woodturning symposium, but does focus on the 3D arts, with woodturning and furniture design a large focus. AAW will have a large booth and participate heavily. It is held annually in Chicago. More information on date and location in next months newsletter.

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

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

May—Dennis Hippen will demonstrate making eggs.

June—Free turning and assisted turning at the Miller School

Club Picnic—Date not yet set. The CVW will furnish BBQ pork and chicken, soft drinks, utensils and paper goods. Members are encourage to bring the family and a covered dish, desert, or whatever favorite you have for a picnic. Last year the Crimora gym worked well to offer some shade, tables and chairs, etc. Watch next months newsletter for further on the date.

July—Ron Dearing—Turning spheres (he will also include a short demo on making a snowman Christmas piece)

August—Starke Smith—Wood selection, how to cut blanks, and other pointers

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.

FOR SALE: Trend Air shield (a lightweight, battery powered respirator). Includes: Battery Charger, 4 -Hour Battery Pack, Fil-

ter and Pre-Filter, Airflow Indicator, and Instruction Manual. Excellent condition, used less than 1 month, paid \$325 asking \$160.

Contact Joan Baumgardner, jybaumga@hughes.net

(Note: Joan is looking for an offer.)

New Guests and New, or Potential Club Members

Guests for March

- Bill Stackhouse
- Dave Terrell
- John Gruss
- G. B. Swanson

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.

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 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
- Gary Peterson
- Thomas (Tom) Evans