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# The Wood Spinner

Central Virginia Woodturners

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## President's Corner

1 The August meeting was a most successful  
 1 production all around. The show and tell  
 1 once again highlighted the creative abili-  
 2 ties of our members in both variety and  
 2 execution. So many of the pieces presented  
 2 are inspirational. And the six stations of  
 3 demonstrators were a constant hubbub  
 3 of talk and action. If there was any com-  
 3 plaint it was that we had too many options.  
 4-5 Perhaps next time we'll scale back to 4  
 6 stations, making it easier both for setup and  
 6 for people to choose what to take in. Many  
 6 thanks to all who pitched in and made the  
 6 clean-up go so fast.

6 For September the Saturday Demo by Tom  
 7 Crabb will take the place of our monthly  
 7 meeting. We will still have a silent show  
 7 (no tell), maybe over the lunch break  
 7 time and a silent auction. Tom lives in

Richmond and does a wide variety of turn-  
 ing. Some of us were quite taken by his pic-  
 ces featuring steam-bent sections on display at  
 a local gallery during the AAW Symposium.  
 A description of his presentation follows in  
 this newsletter. The fare is \$15/head, \$20 for  
 two in a family, which includes a noon meal.  
 Talk it up and pass it on to anyone you think  
 might be interested in coming.

The other big upcoming event is the Virginia  
 Symposium Nov. 1-2. It will feature 13  
 Hands-On Learning Centers of an hour and  
 a half, morning and afternoon, and there will  
 be a huge variety of subjects from multi-axis  
 to pepper mills to eccentric boxes to 3-legged  
 stools to pyrography to goblets to vacuum  
 chucking to you name it. Details to follow.

See you Saturday, Sept 20, Fred Williamson

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## Tom Crabb "Turned to Bend" Demo on Sept. 20

One of my favorite things these days is to turn a shape with the intention of bending part of it creating a single form from a single piece of wood but with part of the shape outside of the woodturning realm. This idea is almost as new to me as it is to every body. This will be my first attempt to demonstrate the bending on a turning techniques as well as the design possibilities the idea opens. I will bring to the demo many more examples of what is possible with the "turned to bend" idea that I can show here. The possibilities are almost endless. We will explore as many shapes as time allows from the simple to the more outrageous.

*Tom*



## Chapter General Meeting — August Meeting Notes

August 19, 2008 at 6:30 pm  
Crimora Community Center

### Officers in attendance were:

President: Fred Williamson  
Roving Vice President: Starke Smith  
Programs Vice President: Bert Smith  
Treasurer: Dennis Hippen  
Newsletter Editor: Betty Gruber  
Video Chief: John O'Neil

### General members 36

Guests: Mike Doty, Vic Snider, Andrew Quillen

Absent officers were:

Librarian: Joan Baumgardner  
Secretary: Joan Baumgardner  
Webmaster: John Heyden

Fred Williamson called the Central Virginia Woodturners (CVW) meeting to order at 6:40 pm. He mentioned that Ron Dearing has a ruptured disk. The following items were discussed:

The next meeting will be September 20 in the Crimora Community Center with a demo by Tom Crabb from 10 to 3 with a lunch break included. The cost will be \$15 per person which includes the demo and lunch.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dennis Hippen reported a balance of \$1,376 (not including silent auction proceeds). He said members who had not already done so should

pick up one of the Hartville Tools catalogs and the accompanying instruction sheet for obtaining the 20% discount. The Klingspor catalog is also available. Klingspor offers a 10% discount to our paid members. Before the end of the meeting the report was amended to include the silent auction, which totaled \$45 (with the poplar rendering about \$23 of the total). No new members paid dues. Fund balance is now \$1421.

The club will participate in the AMC Hospice: 1st Annual Festival of Trees fund raiser at Fairfax Hall, Waynesboro, November 14-15. Dennis Hippen will assist in collecting items donated by CVW. Tom Evans will assist and Dennis asked for one more volunteer. Members donating items valued at more than \$100 should contact Dennis for forms to fill out for the donation. Donations of small turnings will not need a form. To be listed in the program as single individual donor, the donated item(s) must exceed \$100.

There is poplar on the silent auction table from a huge, old tree at Monticello. Pieces made from this tree can not be marketed as "Monticello" wood. One piece on the auction table had a reserve on it of \$20.

Fred stressed that demonstrators must be conscious of eye safety and keep

safety in mind. When turning they must be wearing safety goggles and use a face shield.

Starke Smith ran the Show & Tell, which included a tremendous collection of objects. Jim Jones and Bert Smith won the \$10 Craft Supply gift certificates.

### Multi-station Demos

Following the silent auction the following manned the multi-stations for demos as follows:

Dennis Hippen -----Beale Buffing

Starke Smith -----Sharpening

Kirk McCauley -----Turning a hat

Bert Smith -----Boxes

Roger Flory -----Open Forms

Fred Williamson -----Flexible Foam-backed Sanding

The video of Miles Everard's demonstration of lampmaking at the last meeting was added to the club library.

Dennis Hippen managed the silent auction, which totaled \$45 with the poplar rendering about \$23 of the total.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Marsden Champaign for  
Joan Y Baumgardner*



*Jim Higgins' segmented vessel shown during Show and Tell*

If you have a demo that you would like to do for the club, sign up now. We need to get our calendar filled. Contact: Bert Smith, email woodsmith600@comcast.net

## Coming Shows, Symposiums & Events

**Virginia—2008 Virginia Symposium**, November 1 & 2, 2008 in Fishersville, VA. Format is 10-12 "Hands-On Learning Centers". Mentors and volunteers needed. Contact Peter Toch (540) 774-4152, email: ptoch@comcast.net

**Arizona—The Arizona Woodturner's Association** will hold its **Third Desert Woodturning Roundup**, February 6, 7 & 8, 2009 at the Mesa Convention Center, Mesa, AZ.

For details please go to: [www.desert-woodturningroundup.com](http://www.desert-woodturningroundup.com)

## Club Events

**September**—Saturday, Sept. 20, Demo by Tom Crabb, 10 AM - 3 PM. "Turned to Bend" Demo. Cost is \$15 per person and \$20 per family. Lunch is provided.

**October**—Christmas Bell

**November**—Photographing your pieces

**December**—TBD

## Welcome Visitors

- ◆ Mike Doty
- ◆ Vic Snider
- ◆ Andrew Quillen

## Show and Tell

Please accept our apologies in advance if anyone, any item, or submission is misidentified. It is not intentional.



*An assortment of pens, bottle stoppers, awls, and other small turned items by Bryce Connelly.*



*Bowl with interesting grain by Don Voas*



*Turned hat by Kirk McCauley*

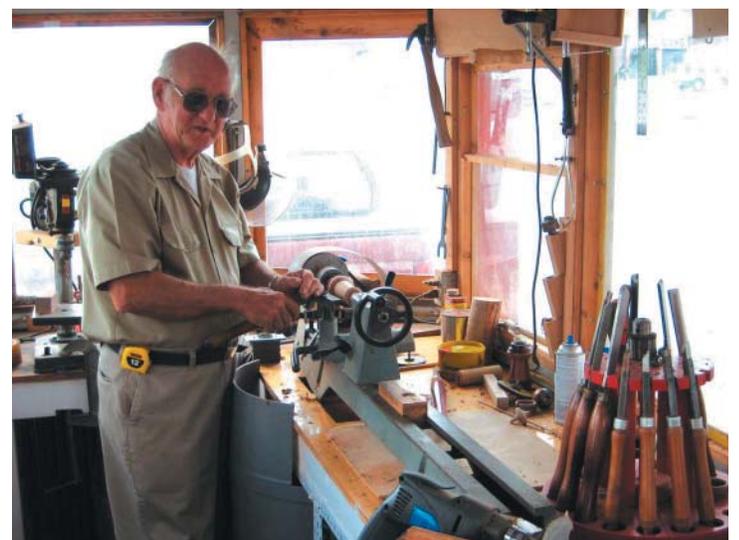
**More Show and Tell can be found on both page 2 and the last page.**



## Miles Everard Demonstrates at the County Fair

Our own Miles Everard spent some of his August days at the Augusta County Fair, demonstrating and educating the public from his handcrafted traveling trolley car. Miles actually made the custom trailer. It includes a small showroom with storage and a shop complete with a mini-lathe, grinder, stationary drill, and other assorted tools. Viewers watch from a protected location outside the trolley. Miles gives out club brochures and enjoys showing a variety of items ranging from toys, clocks, lamps, bowls, and other vessels.

People marvel at the variety and versatility of wood and his product. Children enjoy the handcrafted games and toys. To the amazement of many parents, Miles encourages children to play with and enjoy his toys. Adults enjoy the opportunity to browse uninterrupted. It is a win-win for everyone. Excellent job Miles!



## Demonstration Extravaganza

Six stations were set for demonstrations covering a variety of topics. These are shown here in no particular order.



### Turning a Hat

Upper photos—  
Far left: Kirk McCauley showed how to create one of his signature turned hats.

Center: Kirk's bending apparatus and clamping system for his turned hats

Center photos—  
Kirk modeling one of his hats with other hats in foreground and bending apparatus.

Peter Welch tries his hand on a demo hat.



### Flexible Foam Back Sanding

At center right, Fred Williamson cuts layers of foam to build the flexible sanding tool that attaches to a drill.

Lower right the tool is used to sand a bowl. Fred provides tips to eliminate sanding marks. One such tip was to sand without spinning the bowl on the lathe. Fred shared that rotating both surfaces will often generate unsightly swirls.



## Demonstration Extravaganza *(continued)*



**Dennis Hippen Demonstrates the Beale Buffering System** (above)

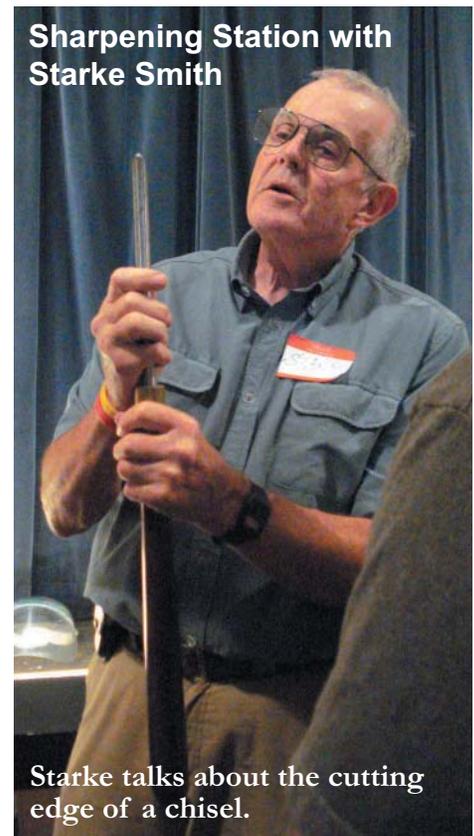
This system helps bring out depth, brilliance and definition in a piece using the natural oils in the wood.



**Open Forms Demo with Roger Flory**



**Box Demo by Bert Smith**



**Sharpening Station with Starke Smith**

Starke talks about the cutting edge of a chisel.

## AMC Hospice Benefit Fundraiser First Annual Festival of Trees

Dennis Hippen asked the CVW club members for interest in supporting this AMC Hospice of Shenandoah fundraiser. A significant number of members showed interest in making small turned items for the event. Those wishing to participate may bring those items no later than the club's October Show and Tell.

Here are a few more details:

### Event is Friday, Nov. 14 and 15 at Fairfax Hall, Waynesboro, Va.

Friday evening is the Gala Event with a light buffet, auction, and entertainment.

Saturday is the Family Fun Day with raffles, Christmas gift shop and entertainment.

Volunteers are being sought to help with fundraising and donated items to benefit the AMC Hospice of Shenandoah. Businesses, organizations, and individuals are donating fully dressed Christmas trees, wreaths, and centerpieces to be auctioned or raffled.

If interested in donating trees or volunteering, contact Joyce Tipton at 540-942-4513 or Yvonne Quick at 540-886-1056.

## CVW Tool Auction and Fundraiser

Jesse had mentioned some time back that the club should have some type of auction/fundraiser for club (club would get a percent of sale) that would feature member shop items that are surplus or no longer needed. We touched on this item for a meeting with the officers, and decided that this would occur at the club November meeting.

It was decided that the easiest handling would be similar to our silent auction for wood. For the November meeting this will be done instead of the usual wood auction.



## Member Tips

First tip is one that Tom Evans provided when we cut the apple orchard trees last spring. Tom uses MT laundry soap containers for his chain bar oil for ease of pouring and transport — no drips, no spills! I now use this tip, and this a picture of the bottle I put into service! Thanks TOM!!!!

Second tip, which I now use in my shop, is from a friend of mine. This is for turners who fill cracks with other wood fibers/CA glue. Photo has cedar shavings on right, old coffee bean grinder on left and center shows the almost powder result of using the grinder. I then store the almost dust in a clear container for future use. I bought coffee grinder for a couple dollars at a garage sale. (DO NOT USE YOUR GOOD KITCHEN GRINDER unless you like beatings!) When grinder is turned on, tilt 90 degrees left/right to assist with finer particles.

*Both tips submitted by Dennis Hipwood*

## For Sale

Riser Block Kit for 14" Delta bandsaw. Adds 6" in height to the cutting capacity. Brand new, unused. Fits all 14" Delta bandsaws except my 63 yr. old one! Paid \$110, will sell for \$75. John O'Neil 540-939-4774 or pjoneil1@mgwnet.com

## Extra AAW Note

The AAW website has a fine gallery tour of the Symposium online. The link is [www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2008/gallery.html](http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2008/gallery.html) Fun for both those who went and those who couldn't.

- ◆ Items would likely need to be portable to a meeting for all to see. (Items too large to transport can be offered to club members through the newsletter.)
- ◆ Each seller could place a reserve (minimum bid) on an item if desired or choose to take whatever offered.
- ◆ Seller fill out silent auction ticket with name/item/comments/reserve amount.
- ◆ Seller insures power tools do work or will refund the money.
- ◆ At end of an allotted time period, seller/buyer settle on bid and then seller pays the treasurer the 20% (hopefully rounded up amount) and the seller the 80%. All on the honor system.
- ◆ Items may be advertised a month or two ahead in the club newsletter by sending your item description, optional photo, and any other pertinent information to Betty Gruber, [bwgruber@comcast.net](mailto:bwgruber@comcast.net). Please indicate that item is for the tool silent auction.

## It's Your Turn

### A Hands-on Woodturning Experience

Sponsored by Virginia Woodturners Inc. Nov. 1 & 2, 2008 at Expoland, Fishersville, VA

I'm asking each of you presidents of your respective Virginia woodturning groups to commit to providing equipment for the four featured turners and 35 mentors (48 individual sessions) at the 2008 VA Woodturners Symposium. We need 12 complete woodworking stations. Equipment should be set up at Expoland on Friday, Oct. 31, and will be released at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 2, after the final sessions.

Here are basics we need . . . what can your group provide?

1. Lathes -- 12 -- At least two should be larger lathes with 16" to 20" turning radius that will be used by the featured turners as well as for mentoring sessions. Although many mentors may prefer

to work with these larger lathes, most of our members and attendees at the symposium have and are using mini-lathes, so these are also being requested. Solid stands or tables must accompany all lathes. Each learning center has 110 VAC power (220 VAC is not available). Basic accessories such as 4-jaw chuck, drill chuck, live center, spur drive, knockout rod, etc., should accompany each lathe.

2. Sharpening Grinders -- 2 Minimum, prefer 6 or more with sharpening jigs -- Prefer 8" wheels.

3. Easels with a Dry Erase board and markers or Flip Chart Tablet -- 12.

4. Stands for posting signs listing the session topic and mentor -- 12.

All featured demonstrators and mentors are AAW members and well experienced

woodturners. Extra security will be provided for the equipment while it is at Expoland.

Please respond by Sept. 10 . . . I know this is short notice, but your help will greatly assist the Symposium Board of Directors make decisions at their next meeting Sept. 13. Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Thanks in advance for your help in making this an exciting and rewarding learning experience for all attendees!

Don Voas  
Symposium Equipment Coordinator  
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### More Show and Tell Items



*Turned vessel with finial by Bert Smith*



*Lidded box by Bert Smith*

## About Central Virginia Woodturners

**Central Virginia Woodturners** is a local chapter of the AAW with over 69 active members. Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. Meetings are held at the Crimora Community Center.

**Directions**—to the Crimora Community Center on Route 612 just west of Rt. 340 in Crimora.

### From Staunton and points north—

From I-81 take the Rt. 612 exit (Verona Exit) east, or

From route 11 just north of Verona, turn east onto Rt. 612, across from Burger King.

Stay on 612, for 10-12 miles.

As soon as you cross South River, the Crimora Community Center is on your left.

### From Charlottesville and points east, from I-64—

Take Exit 96 (Lyndhurst Exit) and go north on Delphine Street.

After a mile or so you will cross 250E at the Hess Station and join 340 north.

Alternatively you can take Exit 99 at the top of Afton Mountain and get onto 250 West.

Go 3 miles to turn right at the Hess Station, 340 north.

From there it is 6 miles to Crimora.

Turn Left on Rt. 612 at the BP gas station.

Go about 1 mile crossing RR tracks. The center is on the right just after the RR tracks.

### Contact information:

For information on attending CVW meetings or joining CVW, contact: Fred Williamson, CVW President, f1w2@cville.net; Bert Smith, CVW Vice President—Events, woodsmith600@adelphia.net; Starke Smith, starke@cfw.com; or, Dennis Hippen, CVW Treasurer, Hipwood@comcast.net.