



The Wood Spinner

Central Virginia Woodturners

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President's Corner

Once again we had a most excellent show and tell, enjoyed by all. The new demo and seating arrangement was fine-tuned a little and seems to be quite workable. Now if we can just get some good power outlets. We will also do better on the lighting, the turning sphere was in the shadow for much of the demo. We were trying to reduce burn-out glare on the video, but the camcorder seems to be able to deal with that.

For the March meeting we are going to try a Miller School type meeting. The idea is to have a kind of open turning evening for hands-on coaching for those wanting some pointers. Bert will bring a number of Mini-Jets to compliment the big one, we will have several grinders at hand for coaching on sharpening, and a Beale System setup for going over polishing with that system. Who will bring a Beale System? Also I will bring patterns and some materials for making calipers, along with paper for tracing patterns, so people can start on their own patterns. If I can I'll bring a small bandsaw, stationary sander, and drill for putting them together. If anyone has some jig or turning creation to share, this is a good meeting to bring it. No video necessary this time, John.

If it works right there should be plenty for everyone to find something to do as well as have time to socialize and learn from each other, and get a break from the regular demo format.

I checked with Lisa Johnson who runs the Mountain Heritage cloggers program. It will not work for them to

switch nights. They meet every Tuesday and a lot of family life is already scheduled around that date. Similarly, 8-10 of our own people couldn't make the switch to a Wednesday or Thursday. Lisa told me they are now using the back entrance on our third Tuesdays and that the kids have instructions to wear tennis shoes when they come, switching to taps once they are in the rooms. Also she has instructed parents picking up kids to wait until the music stops before they open the door. They regularly meet in the room that opens directly into our room, which has all their mirrors, but they switch to the one down the hall for our nights.

I think they are doing a much as possible not to disturb us. We will just have to be flexible when there is a little noise, turn our sound up a bit more.

We need your help!

Suggest a name for this newsletter

Let's have a little fun creating a name that is descriptive, energetic, and creative and fun.

A sample idea is in this issue's banner.

Ideas Welcome.

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

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February Meeting Notes

February 20, 2008 at 6:30 pm
Crimora Community Center

Officers in attendance were:

President: Fred Williamson

Roving Vice President: Starke Smith

Treasurer: Dennis Hippen

Newsletter Editor: Betty Gruber

Video Chief: John O'Neil

Librarian: Joan Baumgardner

General members

Four new potential members

Absent officers were:

Programs Vice President: Bert Smith

Webmaster: John Heyden.

Secretary: Todd Clare

Fred Williamson called the Central Virginia Woodturners meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following items were discussed:

Todd Clare, secretary, notified Fred that he is unable to fulfill his duties as secretary. Joan Baumgardner volunteered to perform these duties except during the summer. Mars Champaign will assume responsibility beginning for June, July, and August 2008.

Meeting location and time conflict with cloggers. Fred reported that the cloggers have been meeting on Tuesdays for past 20 years. The group volunteered to move toward the back of the building after 6:15 pm. Fred proposed that the Central Virginia wood turners consider meeting every second or third Thursday of month. No consensus was obtained, as this would affect several members. No final decision was made.

Volunteers needed:

Sign up for clean up, set up and break down of meeting site.

Action point encouraged members to volunteer with meeting preparations.

Fred reminded members that the upcoming AAW symposium needs volunteers. Those interested should notify AAW email contact as well as Fred on there availability.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is \$1,562.

55 members have already paid 2008 dues.

Dennis reported that he obtained bids to renew the clubs current insurance coverage and proposed that we continue the current policy, which needs to be renewed in March 2008. A motion to continue the current policy was made by Dennis Hippen and a unanimous yes vote by general members was obtained.

The club acquired a Wolverine Sharpening System donated from Bob Harris.

Harry Kellam provided information on cored bowls for sale from Ron Nickels of West Virginia. He reported that all of the bowls were dispensed at the Mt. Jackson meeting. He has arranged for Ron to bring a selection of bowls ranging from 4 - 10 inches and a maximum of \$10 per bowl to our next meeting.

Solicitation for library cabinet:

The club continues to look for a library cabinet.

Show and Tell:

This session was filmed by John O'Neil and will be available on VHS and DVD in the future. Starke Smith initiated

the Show and Tell. There was a large selection of turned pieces and helpful hints.

Kirk McCauley won the Craft Supply Gift Certificate from the Silent Auction.

Silent Auction:

Dennis Hippen managed the auction.

Demonstration:

Fred Williamson provided a demonstration on turning irregular edges.

Next meeting of the Central Virginia Woodturner's will be on the third Tuesday of March at 6:30 pm at the Crimora Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned.

Joan Y Baumgardner



Show and Tell Examples



Highly Irregular Edge Demo *by Fred Williamson*

I was so sorry to run so over in my demo on Tuesday. I chose too large and too dry a piece, which slowed the outside process way down. My mistake in planning it out. I just couldn't find anything better on the lot.

When I got home I went ahead and finished it, and behold it took every



bit of 45 minutes if not more to carry it through, so no way could I have completed the project on the smaller lathe. On the next page are some photos of the steps which may serve to complete the demo. You can see how much chatter there was on the outer lip that disappeared once it hit my heavier lathe. I slimmed the base down on the outside, glued up the cracks, and taped it in two places as the radiating cracks from the heart of the tree indicated a place that might blow out.

Slimming the base down allowed me to reach all the way to the bottom with the 1/2" gouge. But it was impossible to get a smooth cut across the bottom, so I used the Vaughan tool to make the final passes down there. You can see how easy it is to gauge the wall thickness with these open voids.. Very little for the calipers to do.

I wouldn't have finished such a



crack-filled blank (you'd run from it Joan, right?) but I wanted to try to finish illustrating the process this way. And I remember Starke saying "Never throw anything away." Now I think it looks rather promising. We'll see how it finishes up. I'll bring it to the next meeting.

Coming Shows, Symposiums & Events

Alaska—Fourth Annual Alaska Woodturners Symposium
March 9-10. Anchorage, Alaska.
For info email Bill Bowers at turningsbb@gmail.com or akwoodturners.org.

North Carolina—"A Day at the Lathe" Saturday, April 5 in Concord, NC. Featuring nationally and internationally recognized woodturners Dave Barriger, Larry Hasiak, and John Lucas. Each turner will present a two-hour woodturning demonstration; Dave Barriger - Elevated Turnings, Larry Hasiak - Hollowing the Low Tech Way, and

John Lucas - Hand Mirrors.
For info go to spwoodturners.org.

Georgia—Southern States VII Woodturning, April 25-27 at the Georgia Mountains Center in Gainesville, GA. Information at southernstates.org.

Virginia—2008 AAW National Conference, June 20-22, Richmond, VA. This is an exceptional opportunity. As the host state, volunteers are needed.

Club Events

March—March 17 at 6:30 PM
(or come early at 6:00 PM to help set-up and socialize)

April—To be scheduled.

May—To be scheduled.

June—To be scheduled.

Welcome New Members

Bryce Connelly

Jay Lindhjem

Adam Colvin

Highly Irregular Edge Demo—Step by Step Pictorial Guide— Finishing the Bowl After the Meeting *by Fred Williamson*



1
Glued Up
Cracks



2
Taped Up to Turn



3
Checking the
Thickness



4
The Gouge Goes Across the Bottom



5
The Finished
Bowl Inside



6
The
Finished
Bowl from
Side View



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.
Contact John O'Neil 540-939-4774

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

Future Want Ads will be listed for one month only unless notified otherwise. Please send your ad to Betty Gruber at bwgruber@comcast.com with a clear topic description (like Woodturners Ad) in the Subject line.

For Sale: Stihl MS 460 24" Chain Saw, used only once, \$700.00

Delta/Milwaukee Industrial Heavy Duty Planer, 5 HP motor, \$700.00

Call Harlan Hott at (304)538-6153 if you're interested in buying either or both of the above items.

Craftsman Lathe Variable speed Model 351.217150 with boxed extra motor, \$400.00
Call John Mott at (304)257-1387

For Sale: Bob also has a Husqvarna 20 inch chain saw for sale. He is asking \$250.
Anyone interested should contact Dennis Hippen.

About Central Virginia Woodturners

Central Virginia Woodturners is a local chapter of the AAW with over 61 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.