



The Wood Spinner

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Central Virginia Woodturners

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President's Corner

Our July meeting started a bit late due to some confusion in the video setup corner, but thanks to Starke and Dennis the business part of the meeting moved right along and the evening flowed just fine. Once again the Show and Tell was inspiring. I hope we can come up with a better setup that will make it easier for all to see the Shower and Teller without craning the neck so much. Part of the problem is working around the video control and TV stands. If we can come up with a projection screen system, that will greatly simplify our equipment layout. But we need to find a good deal on the projector.

I have responded to Hartville Tools and they will be entering the list of paid up members for participation. You can check them out at www.hartvilletool.com. I

have also asked him to mail us 2-3 dozen catalogs, which hopefully will be here for next meeting.

Speaking of which, our next meeting will be the second Open-Turning Multi-Station Hands-On Extravaganza. We will be planning the various stations this week, but it will be closely modeled on the March one. Please contact Bert or me if you think of something new we could include. This kind of demo takes a bit more set up and take down, so please everybody pitch in when the time comes.

I believe the dog days of summer are upon us, wouldn't you agree? We saw 104 degrees on the bank thermometer in DC yesterday! But the long days are still nice.

Happy turning, Fred Williamson



Above: A sampling of lamps, some of which are segmented

Featured Demonstration: Alternative Ways to Make Lamps *with Miles Everard*



Center: Miles Everard at the lathe.

More images of the demonstration can be found on page 4.

Below is a rotating magnetic tool rack that Miles uses.





Chapter General Meeting — June Meeting

July 15, 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

General members 36

Paid members now total 69 YTD 2008

Guests: Gloria Ollice, Ellen Matheney, Nate Hawkes, Tim Quillen, and Ray Quillen

Absent officers were:

Programs Vice President: Bert Smith
Librarian: Joan Baumgardner
Secretary: Joan Baumgardner
Webmaster: John Heyden

Fred Williamson called the Central Virginia Woodturners (CVW) meeting to order at approximately 6:40 pm. The following items were discussed:

Starke Smith announced that Anchor Seal will be going up to \$13+ per gallon with the next order and that general finishes such as Danish Oil will also be going up from \$25 per gallon to \$35 per gallon.

Fred said he planned to call a mid-year officers meeting later in July. Give any suggestions for the meeting to one of the officers.

Fred said that Starke Smith had been

recognized at the 2008 AAW meeting in Richmond for his contribution of 318 pieces of wood to the symposium.

Starke Smith is trying to work out a September Saturday date for a turner, possibly Willie Simmon from Fincastle, VA. He is outstanding at spindle turning and makes footstools and pepper mills.

Dennis Hippen mentioned a fundraiser for AMC Hospice: 1st Annual Festival of Trees at Fairfax Hall, Waynesboro, November 14-15. He asked for interest in donating items and received a significant show of hands.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance is \$1,429. Silent auction rendered \$31. We had 3 new members pay dues for a total \$25. (July-Dec half rates). Current club balance is \$1399, which reflects debits of \$45 to Ron Dearing for printing 90 more club flyers (about 50 cents each vs 70-80 cents commercially) and \$41.43 for video supplies.

Fred ran a video of shots he had taken at the AAW Symposium. The video ran about 6 minutes. Fred said he could put the video on a CD if anyone wanted it. He also brought back a box of the AAW book with demonstrator's handouts free to those who wanted a copy. He reminded members who have paid their CVW dues to ask for their 20% discount if they order from the Hartville catalog.

Jesse Wasserman reported that his grandson won a set of tools donated by Woodcraft, a Jet mini lathe, and a

Nova chuck at the AAW Symposium. T-shirts were given to those who volunteered at the Symposium

Ron Dearing said another member is needed to help Ron represent the club in meeting and organizing the next Virginia Symposium.

Show & Tell

Don Voas ran the Show & Tell which, as usual, was filled with fascinating objects d'art. Roger Florey and Adam Colvin won \$10 Craft Supply gift certificates.

Three new members joined the club: Nate Hawkes, Tim Quillen, and Ray Quillen.

The video of Ron Dearing's demonstration of toolmaking at the last meeting was added to the club library.

Demonstration:

Miles Everard demonstrated lampmaking. He placed a great deal of emphasis on design, insights about graceful curves in lamp profiles and the basis for some of his design decisions. He brought a sampling of lamps, and showed other ways for creating the hole for the electrical wire. He turned a lamp on the lathe, illustrating some of his talking points. Thank you Miles. You did a great job.

Next meeting of the Central Virginia Woodturners will be Aug 19, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Crimora Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned.

Marsden Champaign standing in for Joan Y Baumgardner

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

Club Events

August—August 19, 2008.

Open-Turning Multi-Station Hands-On Extravaganza. Stations include Sharpening, Beale Buffing System, Using the Skew, Open Forms, Closed Forms, and Sanding. Invite your neighbor.

September—Date TBD, Guest TBD.

October—Christmas Bell

November—Photographing your pieces

Welcome New Members & Visitors

New Members

- ◆ Nate Hawkes
- ◆ Tim Quillen
- ◆ Ray Quillen

Recent Visitors

- ◆ Gloria Ollice
- ◆ Ellen Matheney

Show and Tell

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



Toys by Miles Everard



Acorn ornaments by Tom Evans



Stool by Bob Swoope



Lidded bowl with finial by Ron Dearing



Shelf by Jim Oates



Butternut vessel brought in by Don Voas



Lidded box by Tom Evans



Dark vessel by Adam Colvin



*Above: Bowl by John O'Neil
Lower center: Vessel with voids by Roger Flory*

From the AAW Symposium

Please forward this message to your chapter members.

The 2008 Symposium in Richmond, Virginia, is now behind us – and what a great symposium it was! Were it possible for each member to be there, I'm sure everyone would have been excited about his or her experience. I find that just being with and talking to the fine people that make up the woodturning community is in and by itself inspirational and something to feel really good about, plus there are so many top notch demonstrators to see and study.

There were 164 rotations to choose from, where various aspects and techniques of contemporary and basic woodturning were demonstrated.

Attendance at this year's conference was almost 1,600. Here are some of the symposium highlights:

- The Instant Gallery showcased almost 1,000 outstanding pieces.
- The Sphere exhibition had 47 truly amazing pieces on display that in total went for over \$84,000 at auction. The spheres can be seen on the AAW website and in the show catalog which can be purchased from the AAW Store.
- The Banquet and EOG Auction are always a highlight of the weekend and \$64,000 was raised for use in educational grants
- Turned for Use II, our theme exhibition, provided a rich display of functional items at the Richmond Gallery5. These pieces can also be seen on the AAW website and in a catalog available at the AAW store.
- The Trade Show had 60 vendors displaying and selling their latest woodturning tools, equipment, wood, and merchandise.
- The Artist in Residence exhibit featured two artists over the weekend demonstrating how they create and make their items. Their

display of finished work was truly wonderful. Sponsored by the Professional Outreach Program (POP), Artist in Residence was a symposium first.

- The Youth Turning Program, in its fourth year, had 66 young people who were given woodturning training, and 25 of those students were lucky enough to take home a mini-lathe and workstation ensemble.
- The raffle for Phil Brennon was a huge success and the proceeds reached \$28,000. Those proceeds will go for health care support for our good AAW friend Phil, who was tragically disabled and is working hard to become rehabilitated. A Powermatic Lathe, a Jet mini-lathe, and a four-jaw chuck were raffled off to lucky winners.
- The Return to the Community project received over 600 donated toys, which were given to a local children's hospital.

It is not too early to start thinking about next year's symposium, which will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 26-28. Here is a great opportunity to come to the symposium and visit exciting nearby cities like Santa Fe, Taos, and many other popular southwest areas.

The themed exhibit for this symposium will be Spirit of the Southwest, which will be on display at the symposium site. Here is a chance to start thinking about ideas for something you can come up with to enter in the competition for this exhibition. The more entries we have, the better the exhibition can be. Go ahead and get involved and give it a try!

Bill Haskell – AAW Board of Directors

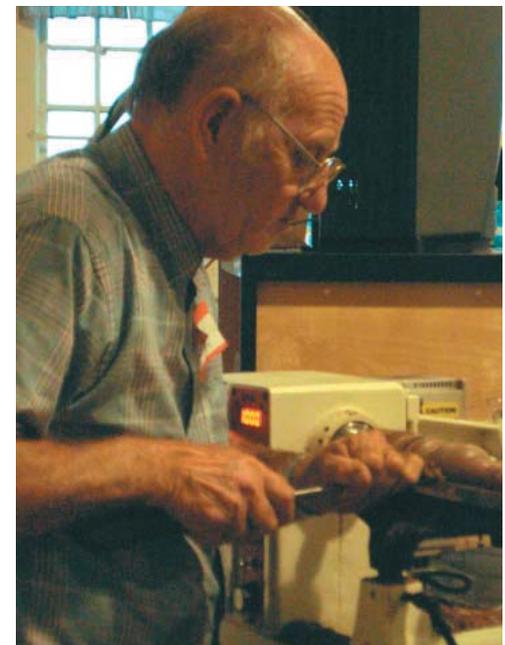
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Demonstration: More Ways to Make Lamps

with Miles Everard



Miles started his demonstration on the flip pad illustrating various concepts such as breaking a lamp down into three major curves or movements and creating interest with very defined, major shifts in direction and how to create additional interest.



Miles illustrates his cutting techniques. He likes the gouge chisel, parting tool, and straight edge skew chisel. He uses a 5/16" and 3/8" drill at the top for the socket.

Helpful Links and Finishing Info *provided by Harry Kellum*

Helpful Websites

I have also developed a friendship with these guys as they have helped me so much as have you.

Steve Russell

www.woodturningvideosplus.com
He has a monthly newsletter called Lathe Talk.

Charles Neil

www.antiquesbuiltdaily.com
Charles lives and works in New Market. He also has a monthly newsletter. Also, he is on YouTube. Sign on to You Tube. Com, type in Charles Neil. Follow all the videos he has on that site. Also look at his web site for the DVD he has for sale. I'm not trying to sell DVD's for him, just pointing out items of interest.

Now here is the info I was given by Charles on Saturday July 5th after I left the woodturners meeting in Mt Jackson.

Instructions from Charles Neil on Finishing

- 1 Have bowl ready for finishing. (sanding etc.)
With soft cloth, put on Arm-R-Seal finish on bowl.
Wipe dry with soft cloth.
After the bowl is dry...
- 2 Put Bowl on lathe. Use Gray (3 M) to smooth the finish of the bowl.
- 3 Use the (black sandpaper) 1500 to sand and oil the bowl on the lathe until glass. Wipe dry and let dry. Repeat this process by adding 2 to 3 more coats of Arm-R-Seal.
After each coat, wip and let dry till glassy smooth.
- 4 Next process: Use 2000 grit (red Abralon pad) to polish bowl.
- 5 Use brown paper to finish polish work.
- 6 Then use wax.

Note: use Bloxygen to seal Arm-R-Seal can to keep from glazing over.

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How Do You Use It?

First, secure the extension tube into spray tip with twist motion

ALWAYS wear Safety Glasses.

Avoid splash...direct spray to side of container.

Hold container lid/top closely above opening of the container to capture the gas blanket.

Spray inside for 2 full seconds (quart size or less)

Spray inside for 4 full seconds (gallon size or more)

Replace lid on container immediately and capture the gas blanket. The gases now settle on the surface to prevent loss through drying and hardening.

Each can of BLOXYGEN provides over 150 seconds of protective gas.

More Show & Tell



Top left to right

Bowl with voids by Tom Evans

Sharpening jigs by Don Voas

Piece by Dennis Hippen



Japanese Zelkova bowl by Fred Williamson

Bowl by Dennis Hippen

Mouse by Miles Everard



AMC Hospice Benefit Fundraiser

First Annual Festival of Trees

Dennis Hippen as 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.

State Fair Demonstrators

For those interested in demonstrating at the Virginia State Fair, please contact Bert Smith, woodsmith600@comcast.net for more information.

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.

- ◆ 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. Please indicate that item is for the tool silent auction.

Safety First

The CVW Club wishes to emphasize that when working with tools and wood, safety should always be a primary concern.

- ◆ **Wear your safety goggles or protective face shield.** Your eyes and face are worth far more than vanity or inconvenience.
- ◆ **Wear tight-fitting clothes** so as not to get caught in moving machinery. Loose fitting clothes can get caught and wrapped up in the lathe causing a dangerous situation or caught in other equipment.
- ◆ **Operate power equipment only when you are well rested and not in a hurry.** Being tired, exhausted, or rushed increases the probability of nasty accidents and mistakes.
- ◆ **Turning speed is very important.** Slower speeds provide much greater safety for most people.
- ◆ **Wear your hearing protection.** Using power equipment can damage your hearing.
- ◆ **Be aware and use care when working with toxic materials** (wood, finishes, and other product). Follow ventilation, air filtering, and other precautions.
- ◆ **Avoid distractions** when using power equipment.
- ◆ **Protect and place power cords** in such a way as to avoid tripping, snagging, cutting, and other dangerous situations.

To all, happy and safe turning!

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

Editor: Betty Gruber
bwgruber@comcast.net

Harry Kellam sent this, which he thought might be of interest to the whole club. I believe this is his website, www.anti-quesbuiltdaily.com.

Internet Training Video Announcement

Thanks to the support we have received over the past 14 months from all of our woodworking friends, we have reached a mile marker in our journey to offer a means of educating woodworkers, novice or professional. We share our tips, techniques and how to's using simple methods based on our 30+ years of woodworking and finishing experience.

With your support behind us and your confidence in what we are trying to do, we approached product manufacturers from our A-List and asked if they would enter into a partnership with us to absorb the production cost of making our full length videos. They have responded with big Yesses and share our excitement. Because of their sponsorship, we will be broadcasting our video series in full-length episodes, via the internet, for FREE! Can't beat that price, right?

Our first broadcast will be in about four weeks and will be, "In the Workshop with Charles Neil — Crafting a Shenandoah Valley Quilt Rack." Along with each project, you will be able to download from our website, a companion guide which will give you all of the specifics you will need to have, from a material list to the product number of the items we use with convenient links to make the purchases you need. As always, we will be right here via phone or email to answer any questions you have as you take on this weekend project. The full length videos will also be available on hard copy DVD (for those of you who don't want to sit at the computer and watch) but with the production costs being covered by those companies who believe in educating woodworkers, well...we will be able to reduce the price

of new releases. If you have ideas or requests for projects, email us now!

These companies, and there are many, have come on board to say, YES, we believe in the woodworkers and their woodworking! So we ask that all of you support the manufacturers who are sponsoring this endeavor so that we can keep putting out the videos. We encourage you to tell these manufacturers that Charles Neil sent you!

Also, we are re-vamping the Woodworking section of our website for easier navigation and some new features which will include a complete list of these sponsors. More details on that when it goes live in about three weeks.

Happy Woodworking and BE SAFE!
workshopofcharlesneil@msn.com
The Workshop of Charles Neil

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.



A vessel from Show and Tell by Roger Flory