



The Wood Spinner

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Central Virginia Woodturners

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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

President's Corner

Our June meeting kind of blended into the AAW National Symposium in my mind. What an experience seeing all that fine work and all those fine demonstrations, surrounded by a swarm of people all interested in turning. But it was also overwhelming and exhausting. I came back appreciating our own club all the more for the more relaxed setting we have for sharing our enthusiasm for turning. It was inspiring watching world-class talent demonstrate their craft, but we also have plenty of talent in our club to put on good shows and show how it's done. In our June meeting Ron Dearing did a fine job of setting out how select stock, grind, and temper steel to make your own tools. His demo would have stood it's own in Richmond. There was a lot of information presented

and plenty of back and forth with the club members to flesh out the details. Well done Ron.

I also learned a few things about video set-ups from my volunteer work in Richmond, which I hope to incorporate at our own meetings. Oh, and Starke Smith was recognized at the AAW Banquet for the turning stock that he donated for the demonstrations. I suspect he still has plenty of logs to spare.

Our July 15 meeting will feature Miles Everard showing us some additional methods for making lamps. The August schedule has yet to be fixed, but I'll let you know as soon as things are finalized.

Fred Williamson

Some photos from the 2008 AAW National Symposium submitted by Fred Williamson

Top left is Johannes Michelson demo at the Trade Show

Top right is Dennis Hippen at the "Turned for Use Show"

Bottom was taken at the Instant Gallery I.

More on last page.



For your extra equipment and tools you would like to sell, send your contact info and item description(s) to Betty Gruber with an easy to identify Subject Description like "CVW Want Ads".

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Chapter General Meeting — June Meeting

June 17, 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 30

Paid members now total 66 YTD 2008
Five potential members/guests

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 6:50 pm. The following items were discussed.

Fred asked for a member with web site experience to set up a web site for the club. In response to a suggestion that a complete web page package can be purchased, Fred stated a desire to have a site

such that club members' email addresses would serve for their access to private information on the site.

Starke Smith reminded members that those not going to the AAW symposium in Richmond this weekend should at least go to Richmond and go through the Instant Gallery noting that it is free. Also Miles Everard will do a table lamp turning demonstration. Vendors booths will also be available to the unregistered visitors.

John O'Neil donated several wood-working magazines and the book "New Yankee Workshop" by Norm Abrams to the library.

Treasurer's Report:

Silent Auction rendered \$35.

Ray Kidd joined and paid dues for a total of \$20. Paid members are now 66 YTD.

Current club balance is \$1429 which reflects debits for the Host Excellence web site fees of \$30 and \$70.80.

Show and Tell:

Don Voas initiated this session. There was a large selection of turned pieces and many member made tools. Jim Higgins and Tom Evans were recipients of a \$10 Craft Supply Gift Certificate.

Silent Auction:

Dennis Hippen managed the auction, which rendered \$35.

Demonstration:

Ron Dearing provided a demonstration on making tools. He covered materials, passed around several tools he had made, and demonstrated his method of heat treating a tool. He also demonstrated making a wood-burning tool from a battery charger and high temperature fiberglass, and electric wire.

Next meeting of the Central Virginia Woodturner's will be July 15, 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. 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.desertwoodturningroundup.com

Club Events

July—July 15 at 6:30 PM; Miles Everard: More Ways to Make Lamps

August—Date to be determined. Guest Demonstrator: Mark St.Leger

September—Multiple stations/topics

Drying Wood with Alcohol

During the Show and Tell session Bert Smith mentioned that he used alcohol to dry one of his pieces.

More information can be found at www.woodcentral.com/articles/turning/articles_473.shtml, including background info and pictures of the process.

In summary, denatured alcohol (found in the paint section of your local hardware store) is used as the soaking agent. Half inch thick rough bowls are soaked in a non-metallic container a minimum of 2 hours then drained for about an hour to allow the surface to dry. Wrap

the outside of the bowl in heavy paper such as a grocery bag, securing the edges at the rim with a couple of wraps of masking tape. Fold the paper over the rim, trim off the excess, place the bowl upside down on a rack to dry for about 4-5 days. Larger, thicker bowls need to soak longer to ensure good alcohol penetration. Longer soaking time does not appear to damage the wood. Note: the interior of the bowl is intentionally left uncovered.

According to this source, there is no concern about dark woods staining lighter woods and that reusing the alcohol does not appear to affect the performance.

Using the alcohol soak method reduces the drying time for roughed out bowls from months to weeks.

Check out this story. It has some very interesting commentary.

Welcome New Member & Visitors

New Member Ray Kidd

Recent visitor: Nate Hawkes

Show and Tell

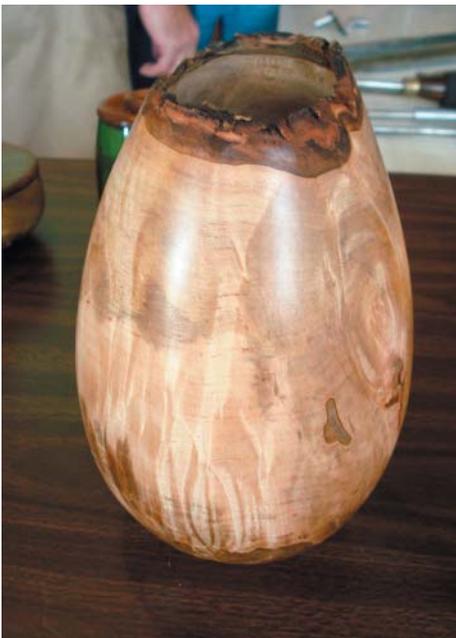
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Jim Oates' Decorative Lidded Box



Jim Higgins' Maple Leaves and Inlay Bowl. Jim created the pattern, cutting the leaves on a bandsaw, adhering them to a form using his original pattern, and adding the inlay product mixed with epoxy. This cured for about a day before being turned front and back.



Fred Williamson's Red Maple Raw Edge Vessel



Kirk, Fred, and others brought in handcrafted tools to reinforce the demo topic.



Center: Melton Estes' Lidded Box

Lower center: Melton Estes's lidded container



Lower right: Lidded glass container by Jim Oates. Glass was scored/cut on the lathe, sanded and a lid turned and fitted to the container.

Featured Demonstration: Making and Using Turning Tools

by Ron Dearing



Ron's tools on presentation bench



Ron heats the metal using a soft fire brick and a torch, watching for color change. He heats it twice to prepare the metal. First the metal is heated to a red hot color and after a quick cooling in water he heats it a second time, watching carefully to the color of sand.



Ron Dearing describes his processes for creating turning tools.

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 of 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:

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Dennis Hippen's Bowl from Show and Tell



Fred Williamson with his bowl at the "Turned for Use Show" in Richmond