



# The Wood Spinner

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Central Virginia Woodturners

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Show and Tell examples are scattered throughout the issue.

## 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.

## Visitors and new members are welcome.

This is a wonderful opportunity to mentor, share and learn.

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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## President's Corner

We certainly had a full evening March 18<sup>th</sup>, with a fine and varied show and tell, bowl blanks offered by Bob Nickell from WVWoodturners, and the Open Turning Multi-Stations Many Demos Blowout. I believe the format was appreciated by all, at least all I've heard from, and we will have one or two more this year. Please contact Bert Smith if you have any thoughts on potential demonstrations, or better yet, if you have something you'd like to demonstrate yourself.

I want to encourage all our members to consider doing a demo at some time. Many might feel they aren't professional enough, but don't go with that. We are all in this together for the fun and stimulation, not to impress each other. There are a lot of fine and varied pieces being produced with new techniques being tried out and we can all learn from each other. I'd sure love to see a demo of inlay techniques, of coloring and texturing, gluing up tips, or of any number of turning skills developed by a number of our members who have not demonstrated yet. I'm sure everyone would concur with this. Come on, give Bert a call.

We are still trying to get some better power and the overhead bulb replaced. Miles tells

me the Ruritan Club has to do any necessary repairs and then the County will reimburse them for half the amount. We got a quote of \$1,800 to run good power to the main room. Would we be willing to pay a fourth of that, or \$450, to help make it happen? I would like to put that to a vote next meeting. We do not yet know what the Ruritans are willing to pay, but if you saw the condition of the ancient wires running into a receptacle you'd understand the need for some safe wiring, and we surely draw more power than any other group using the building.

So we are a quarter of the way through 2008, the warmer lighter evenings are finally here, and CVW is going strong.

Greetings to all, Fred



*These three photos are examples of the meeting's Show and Tell examples. The left photos shows inlays, and the top photo shows a double stain technique and an interesting wood grain. The bottom right photo is an example of three turned bowls that have been carefully cut apart and reassembled into a mobias strip sculpture.*

## Chapter General Meeting — March Meeting

March 18, 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  
Librarian: Joan Baumgardner  
Secretary: Joan Baumgardner  
General members: 42  
New potential members/guests: five

### Absent officers:

Webmaster: John Heyden.

Fred Williamson called the Central Virginia Woodturners meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

### The following items were discussed:

A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Joan Baumgardner for services provided to the club during 2006-2007.

Fred briefly discussed the AAW Symposium's request for local chapters to participate in the Chapter Collaborative Challenge. No members expressed an interest at this time. In addition, Fred mentioned that volunteers for the registration, instant gallery and other stations are still needed. Those interested should notify AAW via email as well as Fred.

Any member interested in being a mentor or needing to be mentored should contact Fred Williamson. The following members are currently listed as being mentors:

Dennis Hippen, Bert Smith, Ron Dearing, Miles Everard, Starke Smith, and Fred Williamson.

*(More info about the mentor program can be found in the January 2008 newsletter, page 3.)*

### Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is \$1658.

Bob Nickell of West Virginia was present and had a selection of rough turned bowls for sale. Website address is www.vvwoodturners.com.

The Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners will be hosting Ray Key for a demonstration on Saturday, March 22, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Additional information will be shared with members via email as it becomes available.

John O'Neil announced that Jack Watson, a former woodturner, had woodturning and woodworking tools for sale. Any interested parties should contact John O'Neil directly.

Applause and appreciation was given to Bob Harris for his many donations to the club.

### Show and Tell:

Starke Smith initiated the Show and Tell. There were a large selection of turned pieces and helpful hints.

Bill Woodson brought in his recently purchased chuck and jaws Penn State. He reported that anyone interested, should mention his name when placing an order to receive a discount. The chuck is reportedly less expensive than One Way and other manufacturers and the quality was acceptable.

Jim Oates displayed his shop made Bowl Steady.

Bill Woodson displayed his shop made laser pointer tool, which connects to hollowing tools.

*Caliper assembly and markings*



Kirk McCauley displayed his shop made hollowing tools.

John O'Neil showed his "weasel", which is a version of the wolverine jig. In addition, he had a shop made version of the Ellsworth jig.

Brian McReynolds won the Craft Supply Gift Certificate from the Silent Auction.

### Silent Auction:

Dennis Hippen managed the auction. The silent auction rendered \$44.

### Demonstration:

The following stations were set up for members and guests to participate in:

Bert Smith demonstrated and provided proper techniques for hollowing a vessel.

Fred Williamson demonstrated and provided helpful hints on using the bowl gouge.

Elbert Dale demonstrated proper technique and provided helpful hints in mastering the skew chisel.

Fred brought hand-made calipers with accompanying patterns and supplies. A scroll saw and various supplies and materials were available for duplicating these calipers, Dennis Hippen provided assistance.

Dennis Hippen assisted with the Beale Buffing System.

Starke Smith demonstrated the proper technique for the Wolverine sharpening system, as well as, sharpened many tools.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Joan Y Baumgardner

## Summary of Meeting Regarding VA Symposium *submitted by Ron Dearing*

The committee planning the VA symposium meeting had several items that should be passed along:

- ♦ The AAW is asking for a \$200 donation from each VA club affiliate. There will be a month long (I think that is the duration) display of pieces from VA clubs on display at a private gallery in Richmond. If sold, the gallery gets 50%. If not sold, the \$200 donation is to cover the anticipated approximately \$1500 cost to pack and ship the pieces back to those not sold.

Contribution of the \$200 from each club will have some payback: the symposium package received by each attendee will contain a sheet about the VA symposium; there will be a display at the instant gallery where VA clubs can have their work and brochures on display (in addition to any instant gallery entries); and, there will be a similar area at the private gallery.

- ♦ The VA symposium, "It's your turn! A Woodturning Experience" will have a unique format. There will be four invited noted VA demonstrators, with a standard format demo by them, two demos each day of the symposium. When these demos are not in session, there will be 10-12 stations (mostly lathes, but with a couple of sharpening stations too) with volunteer VA club member mentors to demonstrate, teach, and do hands-on audience participation demos.

This will be much like our last club meeting format.

- ♦ Any VA club member can be volunteer to be a mentor at the VA symposium and will receive free admission for the symposium for the day they mentor. It is required that you also be a member of AAW to be a mentor. This is to cover the insurance issues.
- ♦ To cover security during the symposium, two to three volunteers are requested to stay during the nights as security guards. You can bring a cot, etc. and attendance at the symposium will be free for those who volunteer.

It is anticipated that these volunteers will come from non-local club members, as this will negate the need for them to have a hotel room.

- ♦ Wood contributions are requested for the above open forum demos. I am the symposium person coordinating collection of wood and will be collecting prior to the event.
- ♦ The event will be held at Expo land in Fishersville on November 1st and 2nd, with set-up on October 31st.
- ♦ Expoland does not allow outside food catering. They will have food available. Water, soft drinks, and coffee will be provided, with a contribution requested. We will probably also have donuts with the same donation system to cover the cost.
- ♦ Admission fees will be \$35 for one day, \$50 for two days attendance.

## Richmond Symposium Volunteers Greatly Needed

The AAW needs several more people to help out at the Richmond symposium. One great opportunity for a spouse or member, is to help out at the Instant Gallery. There is already a great group of people that socialize and have a great time together and they get to see every-



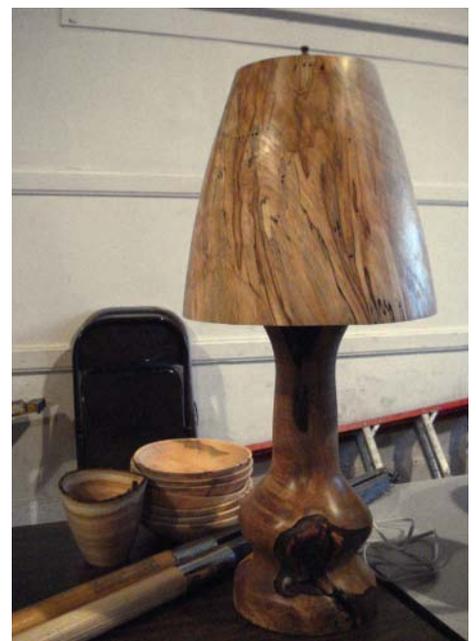
*Dried bowl blanks turned from various kinds of wood offered for sale by Bob Nickell from WV Woodturners.*

one and have fun to boot.

To help here, contact Lynn Geller at [lynngel@pacbell.net](mailto:lynngel@pacbell.net).

Another area where we need help is the demonstrator's assistants. Here is your opportunity to get up close and personal with the great demonstrators from all around the world. You will not have to operate the camera but will be there to help the demonstrator and have the best seat in the house. We have a great opportunity for you to help in the Youth room. There is no greater feeling than helping a young person to learn to turn. You will receive a special free T shirt identifying you as an AAW volunteer.

For any of these positions, please contact [inquiries@woodturner.org](mailto:inquiries@woodturner.org) as soon as possible.



*Shown are member-made stacked bowls, lamp and lampshade, and homemade tools, which were shared during Show and Tell.*

## Demonstration/Learning Stations



**Bowl Gouge Station**



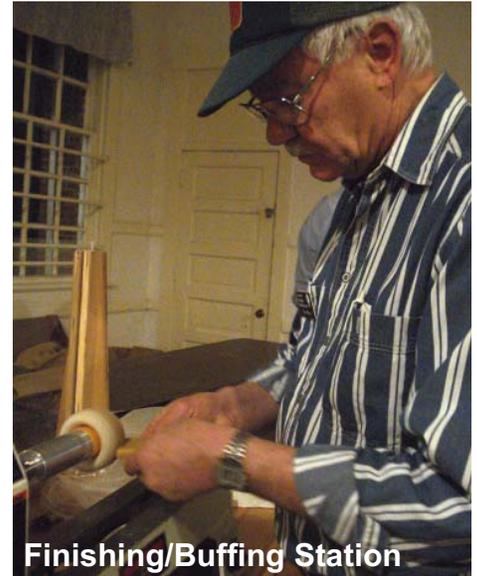
**Sharpening Station**



**Hollowing a Vessel Station**



**Skew Chisel Station**



**Finishing/Buffering Station**



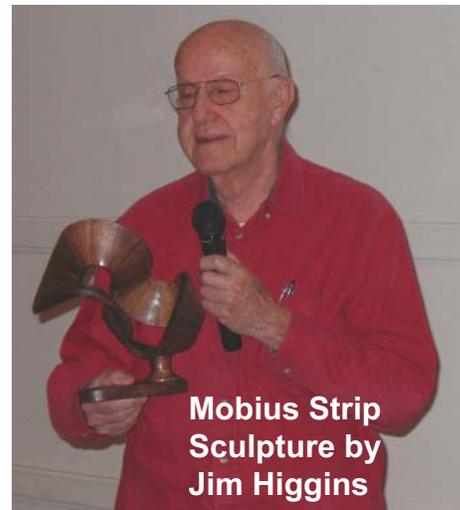
**Caliper-Scroll Saw Station**



**Caliper Station**



Home-made Tools by  
Kirk McCauley



Mobius Strip  
Sculpture by  
Jim Higgins



Mushroom Smoke Houses by Bert Smith



**Club Challenge**

Anyone interested in the Chapter Collaborative Challenge for the 2008 AAW Symposium? Please see a club officer.

Info can be found at [www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2008/Collaborative.pdf](http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2008/Collaborative.pdf)

*At left Denny Martin shows his sycamore bowl.*

## Coming Shows, Symposiums & Events

**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](http://spwoodturners.org).

**Georgia—Southern States VII Woodturning**, April 25-27 at the Georgia Mountains Center in Gainesville, GA. Information at [southernstates.org](http://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

**April**—April 15 at 6:30 PM (or come early at 6:00 PM to help set-up and socialize)

**May**—To be scheduled.

**June**—To be scheduled.



*Member-made objects shared during Show and Tell.*

## Treasurer's Report

Silent auction rendered another \$44.

We had another 5 members pay dues for 2008 for a total of \$100. This brings our total paid members to 60 for 2008 YTD. The five included two brand new members.

Club account balance is now \$1658.

## Welcome New Members

New members in March were Jay Ragsdale and Richard Landreth. One new visitor was Dr Melvin Keim.

As catch up on other new members from Dec/Jan, we have Ron Capps, Jack Brown, and Bob Swope.

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

## Want Ads

**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:** 1/2" shaper on mobile wooden stand. 1/2HP motor, several HSS cutters. All only used slightly. \$150. Contact John O'Neil 540-939-4774

**For Sale:** Powermatic 4224, 2 years old, excellent condition, \$3500. Contact Starke Smith

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

**For Sale:** Bob also has a Husquavarna 20 inch chain saw for sale. He is asking \$250.

Anyone interested should contact Dennis Hippen.

**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:** 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



*Jim Oats tells the group about his home-made bowl steady during Show and Tell.*

## 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, flw2@cville.net; Bert Smith, CVW Vice President—Events, woodsmith600@adelphia.net; Starke Smith, starke@cfw.com; or, Dennis Hippen, CVW Treasurer, Hipwood@comcast.net.



*Bert Smith's toolbox used with his hollowing demo.*