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# The Wood Spinner

Central Virginia Woodturners

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<i>Mounting equipment discussed in the demo.</i>	

## President's Corner

1 Our upcoming meeting is the main thing to talk about. Instead of our usual third Tuesday meeting we are having an all day Saturday demo by Willie Simmons of the Blue Ridge Turners club. Willie has done a number of local shows and a number of demos in the past and will be bringing his expertise and good nature to share with us.

2 He is a master of between centers work and will feature production spindles, making a stool, turning a peppermill, and perhaps more.

it was informative enough to justify the time. Starke covered a lot of territory in the time he had, and of course there is much more that couldn't be fit in. I have one correction on my sanding demo. My finest grit on the Makita sander is 500, not 400. I realized my error when I got home. I used 400 for years and simply reverted to form when I labeled the bottom of the bowls. (I forgot to mention that, hope people picked up on it as the bowls were passed around.) The new 500 grit gold is a little bit finer and still does not glaze over right away like the 600 grit does.



The program starts at 10 AM March 14, but we suggest getting there by 9:30 to allow time to grab a snack, set out your Show and Tell piece, and get your name tag and chair. The schedule is 10-12:00, lunch break with food catered by our own Tom Evans,

The video system still has room for improvement, but I hope those in the back found the larger image a real improvement over the two TVs we had in the past. When we get the layout finalized it should be even better. The bright overhead bulbs make it difficult. I wonder if we could get away with our own lighting right in the demo area, do away with the big room lights.

## Bert Smith Featured

*Excerpt from Woodturners of the Virginias newsletter, March 7, pg 2*

...Bert Smith is the featured artist of the month of the Artisans Center of Virginia....Bert, a gifted artist whose work has inspired many of us to stretch ourselves in new ways, is a man who believes in giving back to his community and is donating the proceeds of the sale of his "Shenandoah Valley Vessels" to the Artisans Center, which has been forced to close its gallery due to the economic downturn. Over 20 of his elegant forms were on display today, illustrating an almost musical quality in their smooth flow of line and shape.

See events (page 3) for additional show information.

with time to look over the silent auction and the silent show and tell tables, and then 1:00-3:30 or so for the afternoon session.

There is late breaking news that the Artisans Center of Virginia closed down Saturday the 21. The dismally low sales of the past few months were deadly. This is bad news for all concerned, especially for Bert who was to have his opening March 7. Our condolences go out to him. He's got the stock on hand now for his own show, but where to have it?

Our website now has all the past newsletters on it, so that is now the easiest way to access them. go to <http://www.centralvawoodturners.org/pages/newsletters.html> We are missing a few...if you happen to have a digital copy of one of those missing, please let me know so we can get it uploaded.

The demo time ran a little long the last session, with me following Starke, but I hope

Many thanks to Rolf Gebel and his son-in-law Dan Roman for the work on the screen stands. Also big thanks to Dennis and Starke for buying and making the doubled rolling bookshelf unit which will give us plenty of room for our library.

See you there, *Fred*



*Tom Evans speaks during the meeting.*

## Chapter General Meeting — February Meeting Notes

February 17, 2009 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: 57  
Guests: four

### The General Meeting:

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

Fred thanked Jim Higgins for his well-attended demonstration on segmented turning.

The club used the newly purchased projector and screen during the meeting. The club plans to purchase foam window coverings to diminish glare on the screen. The club's storage room was inventoried and cleared out. Two televisions, no longer being used, were free for the taking to anyone interested.

Tom Evans announced that the Shenandoah Valley Artisan Center (SVAC), in Waynesboro, has offered an invitation for the CVW club to display work in the gallery during the month of September. Tom indicated that approximately 35-40 pieces of woodturnings from members would be displayed. The SVAC charges the artist 20% of all sales. This event is expected to be good exposure for the CVW club as well as individual members. Anyone interested in participating in this event, must have his or her woodturnings delivered to Tom by mid-August. This is a great opportunity for members to display their woodturnings as well as advertisement for CVW.

Bert Smith will be the featured artist in March at the Artisan's Center of Virginia in Waynesboro. Bert indicated that all CVW members should be receiving an invitation.

Dennis Hippen informed the club that he received the annual renewal notice for CVW commercial property insurance premium. Dennis indicated that the annual premium increased from \$192 to \$203. The policy coverage is for \$20,000 with a \$500 deductible. All of the club's assets were documented and on file. Dave Potter made a motion to pay the premium and a unanimous vote was obtained.

The club purchased two bookcases for the library. The cases were tailored to the library's needs by securing the cases to each other and putting them on wheels.

### Library Contributions:

Jeff Fleisher's demonstration on photographing your work in DVD

Jim Higgins' demonstration on segmented turning in VHS format

Bob Swope donated the following books to the library:

- ◆ Fine Woodworking
- ◆ Collapsible Basketry

- ◆ Victorian Scroll Saw Handbook
- ◆ Display Cases, Frames and Shelves
- ◆ Scroll saw patterns
- ◆ Cabinetry
- ◆ Country Furniture
- ◆ Country Treasures
- ◆ Making Birdhouses

Tormek system on DVD — donated by Ron Dearing

### Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is \$1607. Year to date paid membership is now at 48.

### Show and Tell:

Starke Smith initiated this session. There was a large selection of turned pieces and helpful hints. Tim Quellen and Fred Williamson were each a recipient of a gift certificate from Craft Supply.

### Silent Auction:

Dennis Hippen managed the auction. The auction rendered \$86, boosted by the red maple donated by Nate Hawkes and 2 grinder wheels donated by a friend of Dennis Hippen.

### Demonstration:

There were two demonstrations this evening. Starke Smith demonstrated various mounting techniques while Fred Williamson provided a demonstration on sanding and finishing techniques.

The next CVW meeting will be on Saturday March 14, 2009 at the Crimora Community Center. This will be full day demonstration by Willie Simmons. The next third Tuesday of the month will be scheduled for April 21, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Crimora Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Joan Y Baumgardner*



## March 14 Guest Demo

Willie Simmons will be doing a special demo for us Saturday, March 14, starting at 10 AM. Below are some photos of his work and the description of the things he will be covering.

There will be a morning session 10-12, a lunch break with catered food provided, a chance to look at our Show and Tell table (silent appreciation, no formal presentations), and an afternoon session 1:00-3:30 or so.

In order to not waste any time getting started, please plan to arrive at Crimora no later than 9:30, so you can have time to get your name tag on, set out your show and tell items, visit, and get a seat so we can start right at 10:00.

Willie describes his demonstration as follows:

I will start by showing different cuts to be made with the skew and spindle gouges. I'll explain how I make the cuts and why. There will be exercises to help you become better with spindle tools. I'll also turn a few projects between centers. You will see two pepper mills, bottle stopper, and a stool. There will even be a short time spent on weaving a fiber rush and splint seat. There may even be a joke or two shared.



The photos on this page are just a sampling of what Willie Simmons is sharing with us. We can look forward to learning a variety of techniques.

## Coming Shows, Symposiums & Events

**Bert Smith Charlottesville Reception**—Fri., Mar. 13, 5:30-7:30 pm at The Virginia Shop, 1047-B Barracks Road, located on the Island in Barracks Road Shopping Center. TheVirginiaShop.net 434-977-0080

**April 18**—Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners, Guest demonstrator Alan Leland from Durham, North Carolina. For info contact 540 721-8441, mmaloney58@aol.com

**New Mexico—2009 AAW National Woodturners Symposium**, Spirit of the Southwest, June 26-28, 2009, Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, NM



## Club Events

### Tentative Schedule

March 14—No monthly meeting on 3rd Tuesday. Saturday March 14 will be Guest Demonstrator Willie Simon.

April 21—Multi-station

- ◆ Carving with Dave Potter, Jim Oates, Joan Baumgardner
- ◆ Turning Spheres with Dennis Hippen
- ◆ Turning Pens with Bryce Connelly, Norman Proffit and Betty Gruber
- ◆ Sharpening with Starke Smith

May 19—Vacuum Chucking with Don Voas

June 16—Turning Lidded Boxes with Bert Smith

July 21—Turning Natural Edged Bowls with Peter Welch

August 18—Hats with Kirk McCauley

September 15—No monthly meeting on 3rd Tuesday. Saturday Featured Demonstration TBD

October 20—Multi-station

Turning Christmas ornaments with

- ◆ Starke Smith
- ◆ Miles Everhart
- ◆ Ron Dearing
- ◆ Bert Smith

November 17—Turning Baskets with Brian McReynolds

December 15—Holiday party and possible fundraiser.

*Please check the website or latest newsletter throughout the year for changes.*



*Our library is expanding.*

## Two Demonstrations

Starke Smith demonstrated various mounting techniques, and Fred Williamson provided a demonstration on sanding and finishing techniques.



*Top left—Bowl on mounting system showing preliminary cut to remove bowl from the mounting base.*

*Bottom left—Fred Williamson shares his processes for a clean smooth surface.*

*Top left—Starke Smith talks about his homemade pressure mounting plate.*

*Center—Close-up of bowl after removal from the mounting plate.*

*Bottom center—Fred's homemade sanding tool.*

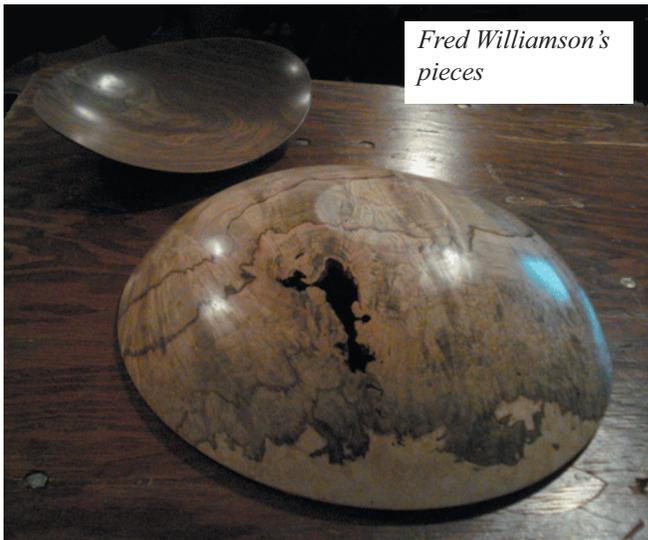
*Top left—Starke Smith talks about the chuck he uses for this lamp base.*

*Center—Fred's sanding tools. He keeps several paper grades for quick switching; however, he talked about a very good system using only two drills.*

*Bottom center—Sanded bowl.*

## Show and Tell

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



*Fred Williamson's pieces*



*Kirk McCauley's Show and Tell*

## 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, flw2@cville.net; Bert Smith, CVW Vice President—Events,



*Bottom left—Dennis Hippen and Tom Evans' pieces*



*Right center and bottom—segmented piece by Jim Higgins.*

