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ER Newsletter

Chapter & Verse

The Central Virginia Woodtuners gather Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. to commemorate the first anniversary of the chapter's founding as forty-nine members mark the occasion. Members can bring their own turning tools to participate in a hands-on tool sharpening demonstration. Refreshments will be served. Plans are now underway for the CVW's second year of service to it members and the community.

At the November meeting it was reported that 208 people registered at the first Virginia symposium. This was a high number as the planners hoped for at least 100 attendees. At least 28 CVW members participated.

Bert Smith, chapter president and one of the key planners, reported strong endorsements for the host site, CVW's meeting place, and the demonstrations. The vendors also gave strong feedback.

Bert reported the symposium is expected to generate money to help underwrite the next event. The symposium committee is scheduled to meet in January to lay future plans.

It is being organized as a charitable entity, which offers various benefits, including tax deductions for those who contribute. Also at the November meeting plans were announced to participate in the Fly fishing Festival in Waynesboro on April 16-17, 2005. CVW pays no registration fee if members demonstrate. The president invited club members to come and

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Presidents Corner

December is here and with it marks our first year. I hope everyone has enjoyed their membership to the CVW as much as I have. I've seen friends being made and ideas being shared. I've seen more experienced turners giving help gladly to anyone who asks. I've

seen members
step up to volunteer their help during many of the special events we have had.
But most of all, I've seen the talent each and every member has shown, and the quality of work just keeps getting better! This is what we had in mind when we started this club,

but we must remember that over the next year we may have many new beginners that we must accommodate. This shouldn't be a problem given the amount of talent we have already in place. Get those gifts finished, and be safe! Happy Holidays, Bert

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Special LINKS of interest

- www.woodturner.org
- www.woodsmithshop.com
- www.woodturner.org/products/resource_dir/ resource_listing.cfm
- http://www.woodturner.org/community/chapters/ practices/
- www.virginiawoodturners.org.

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demo and sell items. A demonstrator must be a member of the American Association of Woodturners in order to be covered by the insurance

The following items were also discussed:

**** Fred Williamson offered to help conduct a hands-on workshop at a future meeting where members can make wooden calipers for measuring bowl wall thickness. Fred indicated he can provide patterns and stock. Another member offered to bring a small bandsaw to use to cut out the calipers.

**** It was also suggested that future demonstrations can involve multiple members on various topics. This would encourage more people to try their hand at demos.

**** Plans to develop a chapter brochure for new and potential members.

**** A request for a reminder email to be sent out several days before each monthly meeting.

**** Treasurer's report: \$662.30. **** Chapter name tags are

available for \$5.00. See Pat Steele.

**** Tee-shirts and hats with the club emblem are available for \$15.00 and \$11.00. Larger sizes of shirts are slightly more. Miles Everard was the featured demonstrator as he showed techniques to make turned Christmas ornaments. Anyone who watched the demo and then turned ornaments is invited to bring their work to the upcoming meeting.

As always, members are encouraged to bring items for "show and tell." A random drawing for a gift certificate is held among all those who participate. Items for the silent auction are also solicited. Proceeds go to the treasury

"Demonstrations, Show and tell & Silent Auctions every meeting."

Editor's Notes

Send comments to sawdust434@yahoo.com

In talking with beginning turners, I have found that many of them are reluctant to bring their mistakes in to a meeting for fear of ridicule. I encourage everyone to share you horror stories and your "oops" with new turners. They as well as the rest of us "old guys" need the reassurance and direction that only experience can render. One of the topics for discussion that I think would benefit everyone, is wood selection and defect detection, especially in green wood. Any other topics you would like to know about and are afraid to ask at a meeting



I hope you got yours. Subscribe by becoming a member of AAW.

This month's Challenge,

From Christmas green to Turning "green".

Items for Sale

Hey, if you have stuff to sell or trade, this is the place.



2004 Officers

President—Bert Smith Vice President—Brian Mundy Secretary—Bob Garrnett Treasurer—Scott Koehn Newsletter—Peter Welch Library—Ray Tilghman



Shirts will be reduced to \$15 and the caps will be \$11. The club will be able to make a few dollars on each item, so buy some extra's. (2XL and 3XL add \$1.50)

Library

please contact Ray Tilghman at

If you have anything that you feel would be appropriate for our library and would like to lend or donate it,



The Central Virginia Woodturners was formed to promote the art of woodturning to the general populace and create an environment conducive to the sharing of ideas and talent to those interested in the pursuit of fine woodworking.

Fred Williamson does it again.

I've started a turning class at Miller this semester, and thought the kids might benefit from a demo from "the Legend". I know I could, so I called Fred and He was gracious enough to allow us to come over and spend sometime with him. He took the time to explain to the kids about wood selection, tool sharpening and let them each have a go at the lathe. Thank you Fred









