

January Newsletter

Central Virginia Woodturners

Special points of interest:

- Remember the AAW. It's time to sign up for 2006
- Starke Smith did a demo on crack repair and control
- Our new video system performed well

Chapter and Verse

Who can identify what they are seeing in the picture to the right? It is Bert Smith's Christmas present. He says it really steadies things up.

Jackie Horton, from WVPT, spoke at the January meeting, asking for turning donations for the April auction. Anyone interested in donating a piece of your work can get a donation form at the next meeting.

Just another reminder, it's time for 2006 dues. \$20 per member, \$30 for a family membership.

Another reminder, for the time being we will continue to meet at the Outlet Village, except the last month of each quarter (March, June, Sept., and Dec.) which are held at the Miller School. When the Outlet Village demands, we will then transition to the Miller School on a full time basis—but not until that is mandatory as a result of the closing of the Outlet Village.

Fred Williamson brought our new video system and it was used for Starke's demo on the use of various methods to hide the natural cracks that occur while turning. It is reported that both the video system and Starke performed well.

Starke also continued after his demo to lead the discussion on lathe chucks.

John Heyden volunteered at the meeting to set up and maintain a club web site. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

It looks like the coming "cherry challenge" will be done in walnut, instead of cherry, as that is what Starke has the most of. Wood will be



available at the February meeting and the pieces can be worked on at the March meeting (to be held at the Miller School). The pieces will be on view at the April meeting for a non judged review.

Elbert Dale will do his version of "the taming of the skew" for our February meeting and we will also have a forum on processing and preserving turning wood.

It is planned that (at least) Joe Berg, John O'Neil, and Ron Dearing will attend the Timberville Woodturners' club meeting to discuss holding one, or more, joint/reciprocal demonstrations between our two clubs. Anyone else who wishes to attend this meeting is welcome to join us on Saturday morning, February 4th. The meeting is held at the home of Ashton Waters near Fulks Run, about a 50 minute drive from where we will meet for ride share at the Holiday Inn parking lot at exit 225 on I-81.

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President's Corner

Bert Smith has generously offered to solve our issue of how to make sure those members without email get a copy of the newsletter. He will print extra copies and mail them to those who do not have email. He will also be our "Membership

Liaison" and will keep an up to date roster, which he will also communicate to the AAW. One less thing to worry about. Thanks Bert for stepping up.

For your information, Bert will wait until our March meeting. Those who have

not paid dues by that time will be removed from the club's active roster. This will also remove them from the AAW rolls and our active email distribution list.

Bert's offer will eliminate the question of higher dues

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President's Corner (continued)

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to cover mailing costs, etc. and will allow us to keep dues at \$20 per individual member and \$30 for a family membership.

Speaking of family memberships: Those of you with family members who only come occasionally (teenagers who come 2-3 times per year, etc.), what better way to make them feel a part of the club. Go ahead and spring for the extra \$10. We can even put them in the email log as a separate entry to give them a feeling of being a full part of the club. We know we need to perpetuate our art/craft. This is just a little step that could give a younger member a feeling of being a full part of something. If there are any members in this situation, please make sure that I know to make a separate email entry for your family members (if desired). It doesn't cost any more, or take any extra time to send an extra email.

More on promoting youth members: What better way to keep/promote a young persons interest in turning than to take in the AAW symposium? I plan to attend and hope to share this experience with as many club members as I can encourage to attend. I am looking into a van rental (we've done this to go to Martinsville to a NASCAR race and it wasn't bad), to see if it makes sense for the club. Regardless of our mode of transportation, I would like to extend an invitation to any of our younger members (Ben for one). If I drive my own vehicle, I will offer a free ride; and, if we rent a vehicle, I (and I hope any others sharing a rental cost would too) would certainly be willing to divide the cost only between the adult members.

Improving the flow of CVW meetings: Jesse Wasserman, in addition to being a CVW member, is also a member of the Tidewater Turners. In an email Jesse recently made some comparisons between CVW and TT, some very positive (he praised the friendliness of our club members) and some constructive comments on improving our meetings.

Jesse commented that more time is spent at our meetings on club business and announcements and not enough focused on demonstrations and more fundamental learning/hands on issues. He said that the Tidewater group has an executive committee to handle more of what we have been discussing as club business, so that these issues are handled outside of the main meetings.

I would like to propose a sort of ongoing executive committee meeting by starting our meetings at 6:30 rather than 7, with the extra half hour open to any who wish to discuss club business, direction, new issues, etc. This is flexible and can be an extension after the meeting, if early does not fit peoples schedule. I just feel that any that want to participate in setting club direction should have a forum and full voice.

How about a club vote at the February meeting? (I'll even come a half hour early, in case anyone is eager to see how well this might work.

Show and Tell

Sorry, no pictures of this month's show-and-tell. We'll do better next month, I promise.

Coming Shows, Symposiums, Events, etc.

This is a repeat from the January Newsletter. Because of its importance, and because it is within a reasonable driving distance, we will repeat this announcement in each issue, right up to the June date of this symposium. The **AAW's 20th Annual National Symposium** will be held this year in Louisville, KY June 22-24. Louisville is only about a 9-10 hour drive from us. What an opportunity to see not only the best in the US, but the best in the world. The symposium will have over 140 demonstrations, plus three woodturning exhibits within easy walking distance of the show hall.

The **Utah Woodturning symposium** is the longest running woodturning symposium in the world. 2006 marks the 27th anniversary of this event. It runs June 15th – 17th, 2006 at

the Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. There will be over 100 demonstrators given by some of the world's best. For information see www.utahwoodturning.com.

The AAW has announced an invitational exhibition titled, "**Tops, Boxes, and Treenware of the World**" to be held at its Gallery in Landmark Center in St. Paul, MN. The exhibit will open on Friday, January 13th and will run through April 14th. Treen is defined as turned items used in the home such as: covered boxes, sewing boxes, eggs, needle cases, pin cushions, and lace bobbins. The exhibit will consist of hundreds of turned items.

The Dakota Woodturners will present their **8th annual mini lathe symposium** in Mandan, ND on March 31

(evening) through April 1st and 2nd. For information email Welby Baetsch at wbaetsch@btinet.net.

Tips

No tips for this month.

Submit your tips for a free years subscription to the newsletter. (Yeah, I know, paying your dues

automatically gets you the free newsletter, but I have to put something in here in an attempt to get tips submitted.

Want Ads

For sale: 5 year air dried walnut flat stock for sale in dimensions from 1/2" to 2 1/2" thick and 6" -10" wide and up to 12 ft long for \$3.00 per board foot. I can plane and joint it to specifications for a little more. Contact John Heyden jheydenhsd@earthlink.net

New Club Members

Welcome to the following new members as of the January meeting:

- **Ed Tobias**
- **Dan Drew**
- **Ernie Floyd**
- **Roger Van Hooser**
- **Harold Carwell**
- **Jeff Scott**

If you have joined CVW within the last 2-3 months and have not been introduced in the club newsletter, please send me an email so I can include your name in the new members column.

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