

May Newsletter

Central Virginia Woodturners

Special points of interest:

- Fred Williamson the demo
- Move from Outlet Village
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Chapter and Verse

This was our last meeting at the Outlet Village. Much of the meeting was devoted to the business of the move.

Once again, Fred Williamson gave a great demonstration, concentration on the use of the bowl gouge. Thanks Fred.

John LaPorte, Ben Foley, and John O'Neil have volunteered to learn to use the video system for future recording of demo's, etc.

Craft Supplies has donated gift certificates to apply to purchase of any of their supplies and tools. These will be given out to participants in the show and tell. Jim Higgins won this months certificate.

This month's show and tell had some awesome stuff. See page 4 for some photos.

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President's Corner

Note: The lidded bowl in the Walnut Challenge, with the free swinging handle was done by Jim Oates. In the last issue, I didn't remember who deserved credit.

Many thanks to all who sent email "get well" wishes. I'm doing much better than I was two weeks ago. I should be back in full swing by next meeting.

The picture at the right is the nice fruit basket sent by the club. Again, many thanks to all.

Don Voas, Dennis Hippen, and I will be sharing a ride to the AAW symposium in June.

We have room for one more, if anyone needs a ride. It's a chance to see some of the best, not just turners of the US, but many from other countries as well.

Don't forget the drive to collect ornaments to be donated to the AAW. Dennis Hippen has volunteered to take all ornaments to the symposium. Just get your pieces to him by the June meeting and he will take them. The



"Get Well fruit basket sent by the club is being much enjoyed."

AAW will have an auction of the donated ornaments, with proceeds going to a Children's Hospital in the Louisville area.

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Turner's Tips

Proper lathe turning height:

The recommended appropriate height for your lathe turning can be found by raising (or lowering) the lathe so that the spindle height is just even with the underside of your forearm, with your forearm held parallel to the floor as you stand in your turning position at the lathe. Many of the lathes now have adjustable feet to allow some adjustment of the turning height. Alternatively, you can cut blocks of wood to put under the feet of your lathes base to adjust this height. Much of the fatigue of turning can be avoided with this adjustment to avoid unnecessary bending over for a too low lathe, or stretching and reaching when the lathe is too high.

In coming newsletters—Making a Longworth chuck and making your own three point support:

In the next couple of months issues I plan to make a Longworth chuck as show in the Winter 2006 issue of Woodturning Design and a three point outboard support like the one Bert got as a Christmas present this past Christmas (see the picture in the January newsletter). I hope to make the support using roller blade or skate board wheels and my own design. If all goes well, I hope to parlay the support pictures, etc. into an article for one of the turning magazines. To date, I haven't seen anyone making their own in any of the magazines I take. The Longworth chuck is like the large wing like plates that can be used on a regular four-jaw chuck to expand their capacity to hold finished bowls, etc. It is made from two layers of MDF or plywood, with an ability to rotate to expand and contract to accept various size bowls. Don't worry, pictures will make it more understandable. Part of making the Longworth chuck will also include making wooden replacements for the rubber clamping buttons that come with the commercially available aluminum plate jaws. These are supposed to be a better alternative to the rubber buttons.

Fred's Demo and Silent Auction



Show and Tell



This is an ongoing column, dedicated to bringing you biographies of our CVW members. Each month we try to bring you at least 2-3 new member's biographies to help us all become more familiar with our fellow club members.

Getting To Know Our Fellow CVW Members

Bio's on the way this month:

- **Frank Deckert**
 - **Bill Woodson**
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President's Corner

It looks like we have lost one of our early club members. We knew her as Angela Leigh. She is now Angela Criswell and she has moved to Kentucky. Angela took a couple of turning classes from Bert Smith and now has room in her new home for a lathe, which she hopes to add soon. Good luck to Angela in her new life (new job, new local, new husband—whow!!).

Coming Shows, Symposiums, Events, etc.

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** will collect Christmas ornaments at the symposium in Louisville for their **"back to the community"** project. The ornaments will be delivered to the Kosair Children's Hospital for the hospital's fund raising auction. If you have an ornament to contribute, bring them to a club meeting on, or before our June 20th meeting. Dennis Hippen will deliver your donated ornament(s) to the AAW symposium.

The **Virginia Woodturners** (including our own CVW) will host their **second semi-**

annual symposium November 4th and 5th in Daleville, VA, which is about 10 miles north of Roanoke. The symposium will be held at the Greenfield Education and Training Center, just 3.5 miles off I-81 (exit 150B) on US220N. Go to www.virginiawoodturners.org for registration and for special rates on hotel accommodations in the area. This symposium is a **must** for all CVW members. The last symposium, held at the Outlet Village, was great. The coming event promises to be even better.

CVW Schedule of Demo's and Calendar of Other Club Events

June 20—Open turning at the Miller School

July 18— Elbert Dale—"Taming of the Skew—II"

August 5—Woodturners of the Virginias club demo. CVW members welcome. Demo by **Joe Ruminski**. Pot luck picnic at Peter Shoemaker's barn.

August 15—Bert Smith—Turning a hollow vessel

September 19—Open turning at the Miller School

October 17 open

November 21—Miles Everard—Turning a Christmas Angel and a Christmas ornament

December 19—Open turning at the Miller School

If you have a demo that you would like to put on for the club, sign up now. We need to get our calendar filled. Contact: John O'Neil or Ron Dearing.

Tips

Tip 1

Tip 2

Tip 3

Want Ads

For Sale:

chine) or (540) 248-2512.

For Sale: Spindle lathe, made from kit, 16" swing x 36" spindle capacity, 1 HP, 8 speeds—jack shaft with two pulleys and four speed pulley on motor, heavy duty, body is made from two layers of MDF (2" thick), 1" - 8 tpi spindle w/ left hand thread on outboard. 24" outboard swing. Heavy duty welded tool rest. \$400 (flexible).

Contact Ron Dearing (540) 248-8887 (answering ma-

New Club Members

New Members:

- **Howard Baker**
- **David Rhodes**

Note: 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.

Send attention: rdearing@rica.net.

Also Note: We need personal bios from many members for the "Getting to Know Our Fellow CVW Club Members". Please take a few minutes to re-

spond to the bio questionnaire that has been emailed to you. This is much easier than doing personal interviews with each person. If you don't have email, talk to Ron Dearing about a questionnaire.