

November Newsletter

Central Virginia Woodturners

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Special points of interest:

- Ray Jones demonstration at Crimora Center meeting
- December meeting to be at Miller School with refreshments. Members are encouraged to bring a holiday treat to share
- More great demonstrations planned for early next year
- Planning Committee meeting preceded regular meeting

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Chapter and Verse

Ray Jones —Ray Jones did a demonstration on turning to dimensions. Ray showed his techniques, plus how to use some tools that most of us had not seen or used before. Ray used a caliper to measure on the fly and used a sizing tool that set his cut-off tool to cut to dimension. Time ran a little short so we may try to work in a little more time for Ray at a subsequent meeting.

December Meeting — Elbert Dale will again regale us with his masterful use of the skew chisel at our December meeting. The meeting will be held at the Miller School.

Bring a favorite holiday treat to share. The club will furnish soft drinks, chips and paper goods.

More grat demonstrations planned for early 2007 — We have a couple more slight shifts in our demonstration schedule.

December 19—Elbert Dale will do "Taming of the Skew—II"

January 23—Ron Dearing will do demonstrate turning a lidded box/bowl

February 20—Ron Rosenthal will do "From Board to Bowl in 50 minutes". Since Ron Rosenthal has

not been to any recent meetings, we will have a backup demonstration (just in case), with Ron Dearing demonstrating how to turn a sphere. This is a demonstration he saw done at the Virginia symposium in Daleville.

April 17 —Fred Williamson was scheduled to do "shaping the edge of a bowl after turning" at our December meeting. Since December is a very busy month for Fred, his demonstration has moved to our April meeting.

Ray at the lathe



President's Corner

Correction and comment—At the last meeting I said that the material used for the burl turning shown at the right was Red Meelie. It is Australian Red Morrel burl, also called Red Goldfields burl. These burls can be obtained (by phone, or on the web) from West Penn Hardwoods in Olean, NY. I have found their prices and quality for burls to be

superior to those offered by the Australian importer that does most of the wood symposiums. These burls are not inexpensive, but they are certainly fun to try, at least on occasion.

November Virginia Symposium—Several of our club members attended the symposium held at the Education Center in Daleville. It was a very good symposium with a lot of



good VA demonstrators. I will put out a special edition of the Newsletter with pictures of the Instant Gallery and a few of the demonstrators.

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Turner's Tips

Here's a tip that comes to us from Bill Whitaker that gives a method on making 16 segment rings a little easier:

I have had difficulty with the requirement to cut 16 pieces at 11.25 degrees for a segmented bowl ring. Most segments require 16 pieces at 11.25 degrees (360 degrees divided by 16 equals 22.5 degrees, that is 11.25 each side). Getting 11.25 by using a cut-off saw and/or disc sander is extremely difficult and time consuming. After too long a battle a light dawned.

Cut the pieces as follows:

Cut one half (8) of the pieces at 11 degrees and one half at 11.5 degrees. Assemble in a ring joining every other one. It has worked for me every time and they glue up in a nice neat circle.

November Demonstration

A shot from the back of the room during Ray's demonstration at the November meeting. John and Fred seem to be getting the kinks worked out of our video system. We have Ray's demonstration on video and it can be checked out from the club library



President's Corner (continued)

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A comment about the **Yankee Woodturning Symposium** mentioned for the first time in this issue of the newsletter (see Coming Shows and Symposiums column on page 2). Many of the demonstrators at this symposium are very well known in the woodturning fraternity. Although this is a considerable distance away (Connecticut), it is a chance to see some world class turners. It almost ranks with the AAW symposium in the class of demonstrators they are gathering. If anyone is interested in attending this show, we might be able to put together a car load to share the travel burden and split the hotel costs (they are offering double room accommodations similar to the AAW symposium. It offers a class of demonstrators on a level of the AAW symposium, but considerably more accessible than Portland, Oregon.

The following are comments on our **Planning Committee meeting** held just prior to the November meeting. Several items were discussed, with resolution, or planned actions:

- Funding was allocated (\$150 +/-) for Joan to shore up the library;
- We will look at bringing in some outside demonstrators, including possible day, or half day Saturday events, with a fee and inviting other clubs to attend;
- We discussed some form of formal, ongoing (possibly on a fee basis) classes for new turners. One suggestion is to contact Waynesboro and/or Staunton Parks and Recreation for being added to their schedule;
- The club will furnish soft drinks, chips, paper goods and utensils for the December "Holiday" meeting, with members requested to bring a treat to share;
- Whether to continue the quarterly meetings at the Miller School was discussed. This was also brought before the entire club. Resolution is that we will continue to have quarterly meetings at MS, but we will add demonstrations that focus on improvement of fundamental skills;
- At the club meeting Elbert Dale put out a challenge to all members to contribute to a fund to buy the club an additional bigger lathe. We now have \$200 in the fund. More on this later.

Any member interested in joining the Planning Committee is welcome. Future meetings will be announced.

Show and Tell



That's Jim Higgin's segmented lamp. Jim used several techniques on his piece, including interlace.



Some of Fred Williamson's burl turnings are quite spectacular.

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:

- No new bios this month. I still have pictures to do, so hang on just a little longer and I'll get some out there.

Coming Shows, Symposiums, Events, etc.

The website for the second annual **Desert Woodturning Symposium** is up and running at: www.desertwoodturninggroundup.com. It will be held again in Mesa, AZ on Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11, 2007. Download the registration form from the website and mail to the address bottom center of the page, Attention: 2007 registration. They are now accepting MasterCard and Visa credit cards. You can call or FAX your registration form to 480-726-7594. Mike Lucckino, President AZ Woodturner's Association.

Yankee Woodturning Symposium will be held June 1 thru 3 at the Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. The symposium is sponsored by the Yankee Woodturners Association. A few of the sponsored demonstrators include:

VA's own Mark St. Leger;
Jean-Francois Escoulen;
Jimmy Clews; Bob Rosand;
Mark Sfirri; Michael Hosaluk;
Johannes Michelsen; Angelo lafrate; Beth Ireland.

Contact information: Frank White, Yankee Woodturners Association email whiteholowoods@verizon.net

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

December 19—Elbert Dale—"Taming of the Skew—II" at the Miller School

January 23—Ron Dearing—Turning a lidded box/bowl

February 20—Ron Rosenthal—"From Board to Bowl in 50 minutes" (alternate—Ron Dearing on how to turn a sphere)

March 20—To be determined (Ron Dearing on how to turn a sphere, depending on the February demonstration)

April 17—Fred Williamson—shaping the edge of a bowl after turning

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: Ron Dearing.

Want Ads

For Sale: Powermatic 4224, 2 years old, excellent condition, \$3500.

Contact Starke Smith

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 machine).

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 7875973.

New Guests and New, or Potential Club Members

New Members, or potential members (first timers):

- Joe Cochran
- Lewis Pennington

Note: Guests are invited to attend without any fee. After a meeting, or two, if you enjoy the club, our dues are \$20 per year

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 Mem-

bers". Please take a few minutes to respond 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.

Members that we still need biography information include:

- Michael Atkins
- Howard Baker
- George Bentley
- Dennis Brown
- Harold Carwell
- Joe Cochran
- Elliot Crafiak
- Alvin Dale
- Paul Dana
- Dan Drew
- Gene Fleming
- Ernie Floyd
- Andrew Flusche
- Dave Fuqua
- Ray Jones
- Ed Lang
- John Laport
- Patti Laport
- Dennis Martin
- Gary Martin
- Brian McReynolds
- Dave Mitchell
- David Rhodes
- Jeff Scott
- Bob Smith
- Harvey Spouse
- Pat Steele
- Tim Surratt
- Ed Tobias
- Roger Van Hooser
- Doug Van Lear

- Tim White
- Troy Young
- Kevin Mathany
- Peter Gorsuch
- Tom Boxler
- Bill DePari
- Rolf Gebel
- D. Glendenning
- Mel Hinkley
- Kit Hudson
- Lewis Pennington