



## CVW Newsletter January 2010

### President's Corner

Boy, was I nervous for the meeting in January. As I was thinking about the meeting and what I was going to say, it occurred to me that I was trying to fill Fred's shoes. He is so personable and nice, thinks about people and



what they have done, and is generally a smiling guy with a good word and a pat on the back.

Me, my wife calls me a curmudgeon, my kids say I *always* say NO, and I tend to be very unemotional. So, how in the world am going to fill Fred's shoes and lead this club for the next two years.

You may have noticed that Fred and I are not the same, yet both of us have the clubs best interest at heart. I saw the potential from the first meeting back '03. Fred saw it later on as he joined the club and just knew that there was something good happening here. I don't smile much and I am usually all business, but, I care deeply about helping folks with the skills and talent God has given me.

As most of you know, I am still unemployed, (since June) and I find myself in survival mode. I don't turn much for 2 reasons, first;

I need to concentrate on what I can do to make money, (my turning provides a small amount) and second; my lathe is not at my house, so I have to travel to turn. Not the best of circumstances, but certainly doable.

I say all this to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me and to explain that if I seem distracted I apologize here and now. I couldn't be more proud to represent the Central



Virginia Wood Turners, and lead this group for the next season. We have a great group of officers coming in to refresh the great group that is taking a breather. I encourage all

of you to consider becoming an officer when the call goes out again.

The unstoppable Tom Evans will be doing the demo this month and we look forward to seeing that and to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

God Bless, Peter Welch



**Central Virginia  
Woodturners Club  
January 19, 2009 Minutes  
Crimora Community Center**

**Officers in attendance were:**

- President: Peter Welch
  - Vice President: Nate Hawkes
  - Treasurer: Tom Evans
  - Librarian: Mars Champaign (Rolf Gebel - backup)
  - Secretary: Jim Oates
  - Video Crew: George Marrah, Jimmy Guynn, and Pat Steele
  - Newsletter Editor: Dennis Martin
  - Web site: Fred Williamson (Jay Ragsdale - backup)
  - Programs Vice President: Stark Smith (Don Voas)
- \*Richard Miksad volunteered to take over the Food Czar position. This is not an official position.  
 \*Mark VanArsdale has volunteered to bring water and coffee to business meetings.
- General members: 43 members  
 Guests: 3

**The following officer was not in attendance:**

**The General Meeting:**

Peter Welch called the meeting to order and thanked Bob Nutt for making the Powermatic Lathe available to the club. It was brought out to show the members the new paint job and the platform wheels made by Fred Williamson

Fred demonstrated the new wheels he made to move the lathe,

Hal Green has donated a Grizzly band saw to the club. Thank you Hal.

New members and visitors were welcomed.

Demo at Mt Jackson club March  
 Need volunteer to take over the

store and supplies for the club

George Marrah discussed a fund raiser June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Ridge Craft Festival and asked for donations of small pieces, bowls to sell to improve the treasury and advertise the club. George needs two or three volunteers to help with the display and sale.

Donna Cravell of the Norfolk Botanical Garden wants volunteers to build a small house in August for their children's and is also looking for turning demonstrators in August.

Dick Miksad had surgery in Boston and is doing very well.

Total Attendees = 50

**Upcoming Demonstrations:**

February 15 (Tue.) - Tom Evans (CVW) will be demonstrating Odd Shapes

March 13 (Sat.) - John Nofsinger will show how to Enhance Turnings

April 20 (Tue.) - Jay Lindhjem (CVW) will be the demonstrator.

Virginia Symposium - Oct. 23-24.

**Show and Tell:**

Tom Evans presented a winged bowl made from hollow log with interesting natural edges.







Guests = 3  
Tim Quillen -  
Natural edge  
cherry bowl &  
platter

J o a n  
Baumgardner showed 4 cedar  
bowls that  
are turned  
and carved

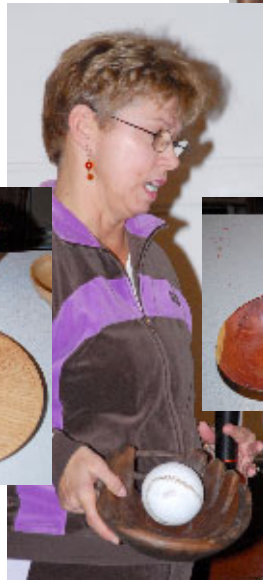


Mark  
Van  
Arsdale,  
a new  
turner  
with a  
couple of  
funnels  
(bottomless  
bowls- turned  
too thin) and



and several bowls - has a new

and a pitchers mitt  
made from walnut &  
oak.



Powermatic.

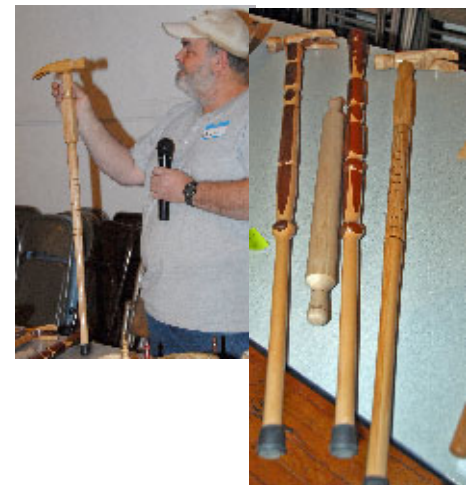
Kirk Mc  
Cauley showed band saw blade racks  
for finish drying, plus a guage for  
spindle turnings. He also brought a  
nest of 6 bowls from one piece of  
poplar



D a v i d  
Rhodes  
brought  
yellow

poplar bowl & oak platter.

Eric Dale, a  
new turner,  
showed  
three canes  
with  
extensive  
segment  
work and  
hammer  
head handles



Dennis  
Hippen -  
Red plum,  
dogwood,  
sweet gum  
bowls &  
donated  
maple from

Slab Company.



Doug Van  
Lear  
brought a  
nice  
square  
bowl.



Starke Smith  
- Plum bowl  
with crotch  
grain, red oak  
platter.







Charley Conner, a new member and turner,

displayed several Christmas trees and other nice tree



ornaments.



Elbert Dale brought a Scottish

spurgle he had made from pictures on the



internet.

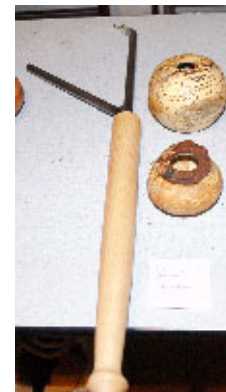


Jim Oates explained the process to make punkey wood solid enough to turn a bowl (while Starke lusted for the wood). Jim also brought a vase

made of palm, and a small bowl with a very nice carved top.



Richard Lansdale displayed a new tool that managed



hollowing torque and small bowls

Hal Green presented a walnut bowl with



a Banksea pod stem.

Mars Champaign made a Hickory handle for his very aggressive Easy Rougher tool, and tough to handle. He also brought a Morse taper Forstner bit for display and a 2X4 challenge Christmas tree.





Bob Swope showed a three-legged stool from beech



Jim Higgins's daughter took down a large cherry tree and there are some pieces left that must be gone over the weekend,

**Treasurer's Report:**

Current club balance is \$1,308. Nine new members are paid up.

**Silent Auction:**

Tom Evans managed the wood silent auction, which rendered \$50.00 for the treasury.

Nate

Hawkes talked about safety. He was making a rabbet cut using a push stick on his table saw and

nearly lost two fingers. He feels lucky to have his fingers.



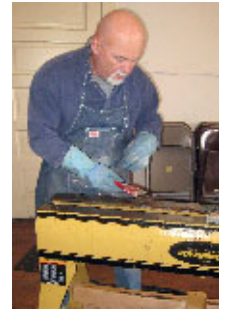
Hal Green graciously donated a 16" Grizzly band saw to the club. It has been tuned and wheels are being obtained to allow it to be easily moved. We need to recognize Hal for his contribution.

Elbert Dale and David Rhodes were winners of the Woodcraft gift certificates.



Central Virginia Woodturners now has a new lathe. The topic has been considered since last November, and when Kirk McCauley discovered the auction in southeast Virginia, Bob Nutt (center in the picture below) drove a total of 6 hours to purchase the Powermatic 3520B, and offered it to the club at the virtually the same price (\$1,600) of a Jet 1642 (club's current lathe), Bob is to be commended for both his efforts and generosity. This purchase nearly depleted the clubs coffers, so club members are encouraged to chip in \$20 each to replenish the treasury.

However, the lathe was used and needed cleaned. Arrangements to have access to 220 volt circuits at the Crimora Community Center would also need to be made.



Dirty Powermatic 3520 being picked up by welcoming committee. From left: Dennis Hippen, Jim Oates, Bob Nutt, Tom Evans & Peter Welch (Fred Williamson photo).

Fred Williamson built collapsible wheels to make the 3520 easily transported.

Transported to the Crimora Community Center, a scrub squad was assembled made up of from right: Jim Oates, Dennis Hippen, Tom Evans, Mars Champaign and Denny Martin. After 3 hours of using every abrasive known to man, the nearly new PowerMatic 3520 stood ready for it's debut at the January meeting.



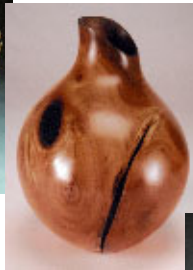
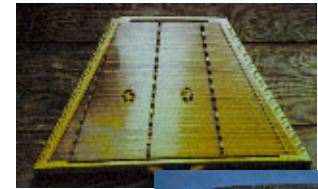




# Demo - A Turning Life by Fred Williamson



**Demonstration:**  
Fred Williamson gave a talk titled *A Turning Life*, starting with pictures of his early life in Harlington, KY leading through how he had developed his current craft and selling approach from a variety of carved and turned pieces to furniture making and carving to exclusive bowl turning.



Early displays and one with bride



Fred's bowls are heavily influenced by indian pottery



Fred is also a talented carver.







Early years in KY & WV



The very old yellow poplar (tulip tree) that stood next to Thomas Jefferson's Montecello provided material for incredible bowls. Many in the club were able to obtain portions of this great tree to turn.

