



CVW Newsletter - January 2011

President's Corner

We had a fine first of the year meeting on January 18. I stood in for Peter Welch who had a work conflict, and tried to cover the agenda. There were a few uncovered items to fit in next meeting, but the main issue at hand was our financial situation. We all owe a lot of thanks to Tom Evans for running the treasurers job in such a competent manner. (big round of applause here) He keeps our records in perfect order, pays all the bills right on time, handles the Crimora rent and any contact with newspapers, and, as we saw, is keeping a close eye on our bottom line. As his presentation showed, we ran really close to the edge getting the "new" Powermatic and the upgraded audio/video equipment. It was heartening to see the club readily endorse the increase to \$25 a year dues, which should cover the slack very well. If everyone brings something to the silent auction now and then we should be in fine shape at the end of this year.

One of the items not covered was a loan policy set up and administered for club tools. The lending library is already set up and running well. Just be sure to keep your item for one month max, get it on back, and if you can't make a meeting, hand it to someone else who will.

But we also have several things in the tool department which could be better used. Specifically there are several Jet mini-lathes that are seldom used except for multi-station day. In the past Miles Everard has borrowed one a couple of times for a specific event he had to do, and Peter Welch to tide him over for a spell. We can set up a loan policy, have a documented check-out procedure, and have someone responsible for keeping track of loaned property. So we need someone to volunteer to run this service. Please speak to Peter Welch if you are interested. His cell # is 434-327-7824

Also, big thanks on paper to Starke Smith for running the

supplies store gratis for so long. Kirk McCauley is now doing it, along with Nate Hawkes. He is ordering some glue and sanding supplies, but he's flying a bit blind on it, as no one signed up with requests. The club can get things at some cost savings in bulk purchase, which is great if you can't afford a whole stack of certain papers, or superglue at that more reasonable rate. If there is something you'd like to buy through the club, please contact him. Kirk's phone number is 434-293-7525, Nate 434-960-3688. It will really help to get some feedback.

On the sanding demo I did, I want to stress again the overall importance of a good sanding job. As aggravating and tedious as the process is, it is vital to any bowl's final appearance, and can make a decent bowl into a fine piece of work. It also makes all the difference in how the finish performs. I forgot to mention one technical detail on the orbital sanding. In the initial pass with any grit, and particularly with the coarsest grit, it usually works most efficiently sanding across the grain, with the swirl marks running radially out from the base to the rim. But those scratch marks can really show later. It pays off to make a last pass on each grit with the swirl marks parallel to the rim. Work quickly around the bowl erasing the cross-scratches and going "with the grain," and the next

finer grit won't be uncovering nasty surprise sanding marks nearly as much. There is nothing worse than finding them when you put the first coat of finish on, is there?

See you next meeting, Fred Williamson



The next club meeting will be Tuesday, February 15, 2011 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. this meeting will have a show and tell, silent auction and a demonstration by Lanny Campbell on tool making. Spouses and significant or other guests are welcome.



January 18, 2011 Minutes

Crimora Community Center

Central Virginia Woodturners Club (CVW)

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.

Attendance:

Members: 54 Total Attendance, plus 4 guests.

New member(s):

The following officer was not in attendance:

President - Peter Welch

Vice President - Nate Hawkes

The General Meeting:

- Fred Williamson opened the meeting and welcomed our 4 visitors.

- Tom Evans attempted to return a plate left at the December party but no one recognized it.

- Fred reviewed the officers meeting proposals and the events leading up to them.

- Tom Evans presented the year ending balances for the past several years: (**see tables on next page**)

2008 \$1516.00

2009 \$1490.00

2010 \$236.00

2011 \$340.00 (estimate)

He explained that equipment purchases during 2010 including the new Powermatic lathe and the sound

equipment had depleted the budget even though there were large donations of over \$1,200 made to support both purchases. He based his projection for 2011 on income from dues, demonstration fees silent auction proceeds and raffles. A large concern is the increase in electronic equipment and the potential for equipment failure which could not be budgeted. He proposed a fund be established to cover unusual and unexpected expenses, and that payments from it would be approved by the membership. He then opened the floor for questions:"

- (Q) Is the rent going to go up? (A) Not as far as we know.

- (Q) Miles - Club store - are we liable for state sales tax. (A) Taxes are paid at the time of purchase. More than 60% of the members had made purchases. The Club then recognized Starke Smith for his outstanding service running and financing the store with a hearty round of applause.

- Dennis Hippen moved to raise dues to \$25 and even \$ price and minimum \$1 for silent auction. Tom will create a new Equipment Reserve Account. He will deposit \$2 per member each year into the new account. This motion was seconded and passed by acclamation.

- A motion was made that a person joining after the middle of the year pays \$15 for remainder of year. This motion was seconded and passed by acclamation

- The board proposed 4 to 6 members take on the silent auction Dick Mixsad, Don Voas, Phil Schoner, Kirk McCauley, Phil Evans and Dave Rhodes volunteered to kick off the process.

It was proposed that members with their last names beginning with A to M come early for set up, and those beginning with N to Z stay late to clean up.



YEAR END ACCOUNT BALANCE

2008 - \$1,516.⁰⁰
 2009 - \$1,490.⁰⁰
 2010 - \$236.⁰⁰
 2011 - \$340 (Est)

HIGH FAILURE POTENTIAL EQUIP

MINI CAMERA
 CAMCORDER
 AMPLIFIER
 DVD RECORDER
 PROJECTOR
 TV & MONITOR
 PER LISTEN DEVS
 SPEAKER



PROPOSALS

- CHANGE DUES:
 - STUDENTS FREE (HIGH SCHOOL & YOUNGER)
 - ALL OTHERS - \$25⁰⁰
- CLUB STORE = EVEN \$ PRICES.
- SILENT AUCTION = MIN \$100 BIDS
- SELL EXCESS SUPPLIES.
- REDUCE AMOUNT OF FOOD @ DEMOS.
- CREATE EQUIPMENT FUND LIMITED ACCESS!!

Treasurer Tom Evans did an outstanding job of summarizing the status of the clubs financial status and providing a set of proposals to assure ample funds during 2011.

WHAT IF:

2009 → \$1,490 CARRY OVER

2010 INCOME { 1,620 DUES
 935 DEMO
 591 SILENT AUCTION
 71 RAFFLES

\$4,707

2010 Expense - 3,148 (Excludes: lathe A/V & PLD)

\$1,559

EQUIP RESERVE FUND

- \$2.⁰⁰ OF EACH MEMBER'S YEARLY DUES. (\$170.⁰⁰) FUND
- \$ OF YEAR END (\$335.⁰⁰) OF YEAR END ACCOUNT BALANCE PER MEMBER VOTE.
- FLOOR VOTE NEEDED TO MOVE \$ FROM RESERVE TO OPERATING

FINANCIAL REPORTS TO SHOW RESERVE FUND SEPARATELY



Show and Tell:

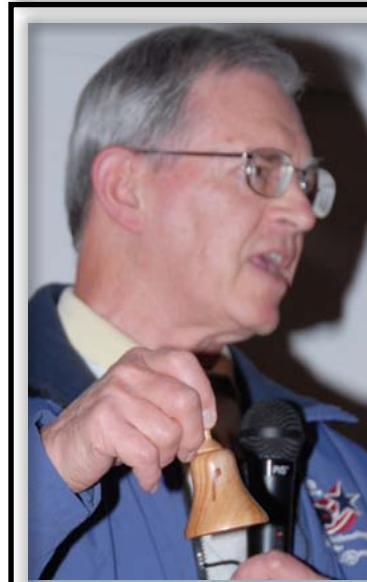


Dennis Hippen brought five natural edge bowls. On right in back is Cherry and left is spalted white birch. In front right is spalted pin oak, middle is fiddleback maple vessel, and left is a pre-sanded spalted white birch.





Ray Kidd - showed a nicely turned and finished rosewood bowl and maple bowl with a walnut top, plus two nice Christmas ornaments.



Don Voas - Showed his Christmas carryover - tulip poplar, elm and apple Christmas trees and several wooden bells complete with ringers and handles. His Bradford pear bowl was turned green and finished and is warping. He may rough turn the rest of his blanks and then complete when dry. He sanded the dome of the pear with wet sanding sealer to achieve a smooth finish.





Phil Evans - a new woodturner, brought some of his walnut and cedar pieces that showed good progress with his turning and finishing. He was pleased with the help and info he got from the club and the mentoring program.



Kirk McCauley - Showed his Dogwood bowls and had a bow tie reinforcements added in the bark inclusion area when one of the bowls cracked. He repaired a large crack on the other bowl.





David Rhodes - Turned a piece of Kentucky coffee tree firewood into a very nice bowl. David learned to turn rolling pins from Ray Jones, which uses a system of handles that turn. It is made from a maple baseball bat blank.



Mars Champaign - showed a nice cherry platter and a lamp made from mimosa.





Charley Conner - presented an incredibly figured California buckeye bowl and a walnut bowl



Dr. Hal Green

Hal Greene - brought a nice collection plate - now the church wants 5 more. Hal mentioned that Bill Whittaker (our most senior member) passed away recently. He had donated his lathe to a local school who then presented him a woodburning tool. He burned a story plate. Jim Higgins and Bill met at the club but worked on the Savanna nuclear ship project together years ago without knowing each other, The club will continue to make our newsletter available to Bill's wife.



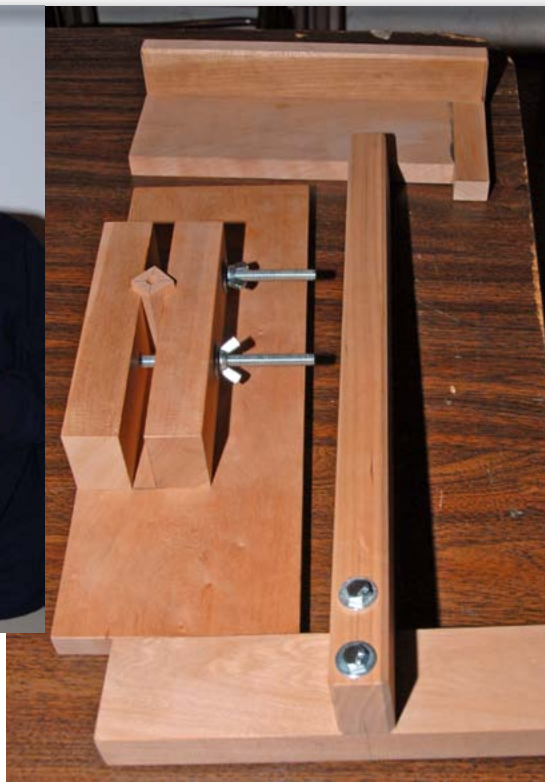
Jim Higgins



Jim Oates - presented an impressive, intricately carved trivet made from Missouri walnut stump

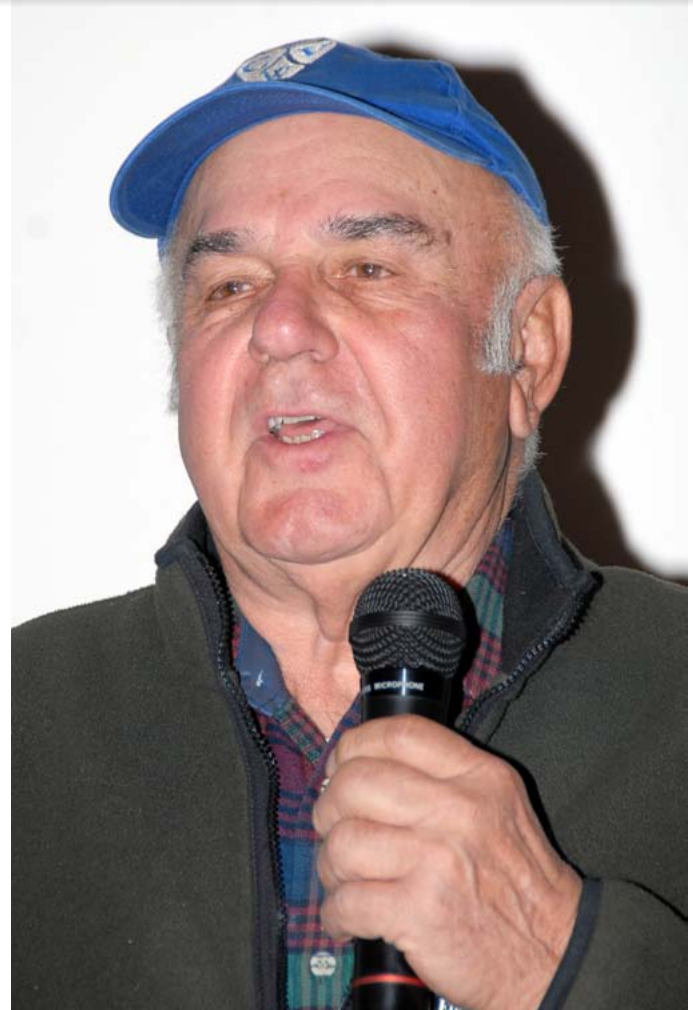
Brice Connley - brought ice cream scoops and a small bowl with some tearing and other small items. He made small tools from key stock or allen wrench stock for detail work.





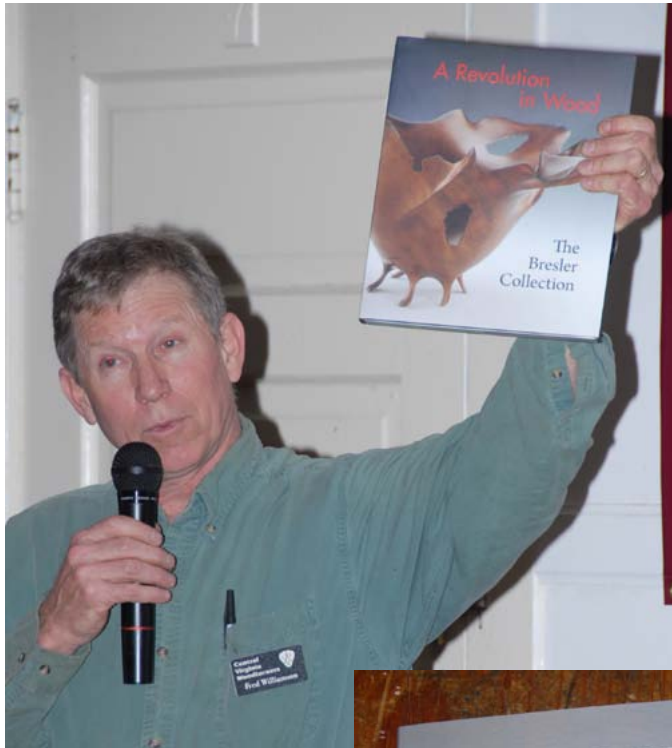
Matt Shapiro -Matt is a new member whose primary talent is cabinet making. Wood turning is new to him. He presented a centering device for the drill press for pens and a fence for his band saw that can be adjusted to make perpendicular.

Elbert Dale - Brought flap sander wheels for safest grinding on an angle grinder. They last for a long time and can be purchased economically.

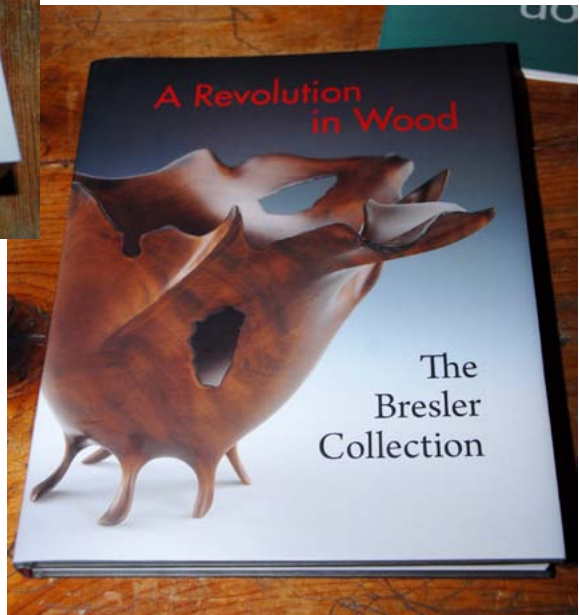
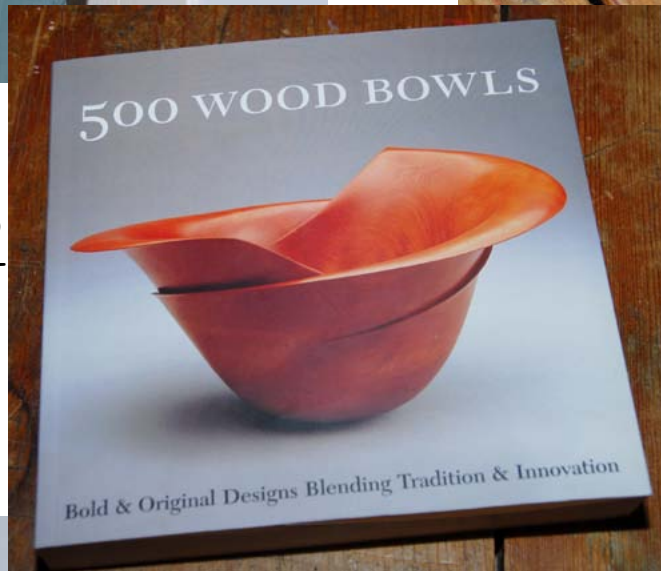




Fred Williamson - showed a whistle made from banding strap brought from Africa. Faceplates made from 1 1/4" - 8tpi nuts welded to 3/8" and 1/2" round plate were made by Elbert Dale to use on his Powermatic lathe. He discussed the Brestler Collection at the Renwick in Wash-



ington DC. It is a fabulous collection of wood turnings. He also brought some interesting books - 500 Wood Bowls and A Revolution in Wood for review.



Information on the Bresler Collection can be obtained on the web: <http://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/archive/2010/bresler/> It will be on display until Jan. 30.



Dennis Hippen advised new members to visit the Mentoring Program on our website for information on who is available to teach for free and their areas of specialty.

Library: Mars Champaign requested we clearly print our name and the title of the book or magazine on the check out list for clarity and bring it back to next meeting.

Notes:

Three gift certificates from Woodcraft were won by Phil Evans, Ray Kidd & Kirk McCauley

Future discussion needed to develop a protocol on loaning the mini lathes and other equipment.

Silent Auction: Silent auction took in \$43.00.

Nate Hawkes was honored with the AAW bowl of the month on the home page of the AAW site.

Treasurer's Report:
Club balance as of meeting night: (2010 funds = \$236.00) + (\$340 of 2011 dues paid prior to the meeting) = \$576

Demonstration:

Fred Williamson - Showed sanding and scraping techniques and equipment he uses to smooth turning and prepare for the application of finishes. Fred demonstrated how he uses scraping on the lathe at approximately 200 rpm. Jim Oates showed hand scraping techniques and how to sharpen scrapers with a file or diamond hone and then burnish both sides to roll edge per the hand out. Scraping tools for the lathe were shown. A French curve for finishing the interior of the bowl and the rectangular cabinet maker's scraper for smoothing the exterior were demonstrated. Fred reviewed the grits and the quick change system for Abranet sandpaper that lasts much longer and is cooler, but the Abranet products are more expensive. Wave sandpaper keeps sandpaper from grabbing inside bowl and causing streaks. Dense foam (EVA) on top of base of the sanding disk, and then softer foam applied with contact cement to mount a layer of thin leather. The paper is then mounted to the leather (see Fred's web site for details). Random orbital sanders were used to finish with fine paper and then use grey and white 3-M Scotchbrite pads. This finish is ready for Beal buffing, salad bowl finish or lacquer per personal preference. See the list of Web and Email sites for sources.

From Fred's presentation here is the summary of the sanding supplies and processes from both he and Nate:

Nate Hawkes uses: Blue Flex Discs - velcro blue sanding discs from:
http://www.vinceswoodnwonders.com/Blue_Flex_Discs.htm

Pro Source Center for Abranet in Mirka brand name: <http://www.prosourcecenter.com/servlet/StoreFront> and the 3" disc page called Autonet: <http://www.prosourcecenter.com/servlet/the-Mirka-Abrasives-cln-3%22-Autonet--fdsh--Abranet/Categories>

Also for my own psa paper choice, 3M gold, as well as foam sources, it is all spelled out on my site at <http://www.fredwilliamson.com/Pages-Methods/Sanding-Tips.html>

Kirk McCauley's source was <http://www.onlineindustrialsupply.com/>. Another source may be: <http://www.tcpglobal.com/duragold/421.aspx>



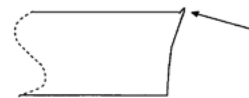
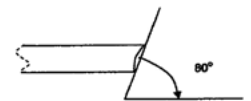
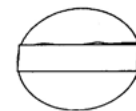
Demonstration





Ordinary scrapers, when sharpened properly, can be used to manage difficult areas on bowls and other turnings. Scrapers are inexpensive and with both a rectangular and French type scraper difficult areas in the interior can be addressed. Make sure the lathe is turning very slowly.

Lathe tools



sharpening burr from wheel
finer stone more even burr

Hand tools



flat surface burr raised with burnishing tool





Fred advocates the 3M High Strength 90 contact cement for attaching foam, leather and sanding materials to the sanding disks (see Fred's web site for details).

http://www.vinceswoodnwonders.com/Blue_Flex_Discs.htm

2 3/8 Blue Flex Discs







There was time at the end of the demonstration for members to use the tools and other equipment used on the demonstration bowl. Don Voas and Charlie Connors is picking Fred's brain for techniques and secrets.



Many members donated wood for the silent auction.





Mystery Plate: While clean up after the December Christmas banquet this dish was found yet the owner has not claimed it. If you (our your bride) brought food on this plate please contact our Treasurer, Tom Evans (540-946-4891).



Buy & Sell Section: This space will be dedicated to featuring things that are for sale (i.e., tools, lathes, wood, turned items) or things that members are seeking to purchase. Please submit the items you wish to sell with any pictures prior to the publication of each newsletter. Because the newsletter completion date is so variable I suggest you call or email the newsletter editor with your information. If you are seeking to purchase something and want to advertise in this venue please submit a written description to the editor:

Dennis (Denny) Martin, 272 Buffalo Branch Ln., Swoope, VA 24479
540-337-7716 ursus@mgwnet.com

Powermatic 180 18" planer for sale. \$1500.00 ready to go 5 HP three phase, \$1700.00 for 5 HP single phase. 1975 vintage. This has been gone through mechanically and refurbished where needed. All rollers re-machined so the feed roller is particularly sharp. Newly sharpened knives installed and machine totally adjusted. NEMA mag starter. That funny looking cage on top is Powermatic's idea of a "Safety" dust deflector. Surprisingly, it doesn't clog. **Contact info: Bob Vaughan, Roanoke, 540-774-1745**





**CENTRAL VIRGINIA WOODTURNERS CLUB
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF: 1/19/2011**

\$ 557	OPENING BALANCE:
	REVENUE/DEPOSITS:
	\$ 20 Deposit 12/30/10 Treasure's change fund.
	\$928 Deposit 1/19/11.
	\$865 32 member's dues @ \$25 + 13 members @ \$5 who prepaid @ \$20 in Dec 2010.
	\$43 Silent Auction.
	\$20 Donations.
+ \$948	TOTAL REVENUE/DEPOSITS
	EXPENDITURES:
	\$ 30 Treasure's change fund.
nets	\$121.65 Thomas Evans, Materials for storage cabinets & chair carriers.
	\$90 Deposit to Equipment Reserve Fund, 45 members @\$2 ea.
- \$242	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
= \$ 1263	CLOSING BALANCE (Checking Account)
	Excludes: \$30 Treasurer's change fund \$90 Equipment Reserve Fund



This is the stunning bowl that is featured as the **Turning of the Week** on the front page of the AAW web site. Nate Hawkes provides this description: "This piece was turned from my very favorite tree in the entire world! I passed it every day for many many years, until one day when it was being taken down because it was a danger to traffic passing underneath. The bowl is about 15" in diameter, and 10" tall".