

# The Wood Spinner

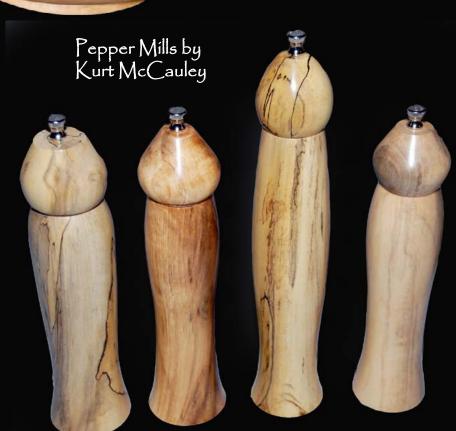
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#### CVW Newsletter - November 2011

President's Corner

As the club transitions to another leader- taken lightly. Our mentorship program ship group, let me say what a great expe- will be re-accessed and strengthened.

rience it has been be involved to with this group of talented turners. Our ranks have swelled and the treasurer assures me that we are in good shape for the coming year. It has been a pleasure to serve you all and I look forward to assisting in other ways the future. Remember that this is your club; you are the ones that make it work. Please continue to volunteer and serve as best you can. Any group is only as good as its members make it. and I am sure this membership will continue to make the Central Virainia Wood turn-

Please make vourself available when called upon to help a novice turner. Great attendance at the last meeting, thanks for coming out. Could have used a better demonstrator (me). and that's what you get with a limited repertoire. Looking ahead to the December meetina. watch for the announcement lfrom Mr. Oates land remember it lis a week early. Please bring your spouse and invite anyone you think may have an interest in learning about the club.

ers stand out in the community. Passing on your talents is an obligation not to be

Happy turning and God bless....Peter

The next club meeting will be Tuesday December 13, 2011 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This will be the annual Christmas dinner, Show & Tell, Club Store & Silent Auction Bring a spouse, friend or significant other. Detail on Page 3

November 15, 2011 Minutes Crimora Community Center Central Virginia Woodturners Club (CVW)

#### Officers

President: Peter Welch Treasurer: Tom Evans

Librarian: Mars Champaign (Rolf Gebel - backup)

Secretary: Jim Oates

Video Crew: John O'Neal, Jimmy Guynn

Newsletter Editor: Dennis Martin

Web site: Fred Williamson (Tim Quillen - backup)

Programs Vice President: Nate Hawkes)

Attendance: Approx. 48
Member 44
Guests 4

Dennis Johnson Jim & Susan Roepke Adrianna Arbo-Yak

The following officer was not in attendance:

None

#### The General Meeting:

Peter Welch opened the meeting at 7:05 and introduced Tom Evans to present the slate of officers:

President - Tom Evans
VP of Programs - Dennis Hippen
Second VP - Nate Hawkes
Treasurer - Richard Landreth

Secretary - Jim Oates

Key functional support offices:

Audio Visual - John O'Neal
Newspaper Editor - Denny Martin
Store Manager - Kirk McCauley
Librarian - Hal Green
Food Coordinator - Dick Miksad
Web Master - Tim Quillin

No additional nominations were received from the floor and the Secretary moved to elect the slate by acclimation. The slate was unanimously accepted.

Tom Evans proposed the approval for Richard Landreth to establish a new checking account for the club and the motion was seconded and approved.

One additional person is needed to support the Audio Visual set-up since John O'Neal has single handedly handled this job and is worried that if he misses a meeting there would be no one with the knowledge to carry on.

New members and visitors were welcomed.

Peter Welch proposed establishing a Pay Pal account but there was no interest.

**December Meeting/Dinner:** The party will be the second Tuesday December 13 at 7:00 bring your favorite person. The club is providing Ham and Beef or Chicken, rolls, drinks etc. Member assignments are for side dishes, and appetizers:

A-F Appetizers G-L Salads/bread M-R Vegetables S-Z Desserts

We will have Show/Tell, Club Store, and Silent Auction as per monthly meetings. There will be a special presentation video shown on Special Wood Turning Techniques.

If you are planning to attend we would like to get a count of the number of people attending. Please RSVP to oatesjim@comcast.net with the number attending. We encourage members to bring their spouse/significant other as this will be a social evening with very little business conducted

We need volunteers to help setting up the room at approximately 1:00pm on Friday the 13th. No help will be refused. And --- if anyone knows the whereabouts of the 40 cup coffee maker we could sure use it.

Hickory Log sale 2 for a \$1 on the Show & Tell table was announced.

The CVW Banner is now mounted on new stick to make it easier to move and hang.

Dennis Hippen discussed an article in the Crozet Gazette about Elbert Dale and the Liars Club

You can read the full article on line at http://www.crozetgazette.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/crozet\_gazette\_november11\_web.pdf

Richard Landreth announced the Virginia Symposium would be September 15 & 16, 2012 and would need the lathes from the club. He asked for an Equipment Coordinator volunteer to arrange transportation of the lathes. This event will be held in the large Expo building and there are already 35 suppliers signed up for the event. Several members had visited the North Carolina Symposium which had 20 suppliers and there are pictures in this month's newsletter.

Tom Evans announced that Andy Rhodes won first place in the wood category as a juried participant in

the Waynesboro Fall Festival. Not bad for a young turner!

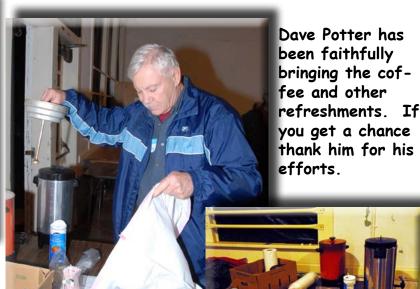
Tim Quillen indicated that the web site now has a new username and password. The web site has been upgraded and new features added

Dennis Martin suggested he still has large portions of the Stonewall Jackson Prayer Tree available at his place. Bring your chainsaw as they are large pieces. Turn a piece for the Wounded Warrior auction since WOV is looking for donations. See their website for details: http://www.woodturnersofthevirginias.org/jackson\_tree.htm





Visitors Jim (left) and Susan (Right) Roepke. We hope they both return.



CENTRAL VIRGINIA WOODTURNERS CLUB MONTHY FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF: 11/16/2011

\$1,016 OPENING BALANCE

REVENUE/DEPOSITS

\$388.50 Deposited: 11/16/2011 \$25.00 2012 Dues prepaid (Dillon)

> \$51.00 Silent auction \$292.50 Club store sales

\$20.00 Donation for empty Anchorseal drum.

Deposited: 11/7/2011

\$92.00 Payment from WTOV for club store purchases

\$480.80 TOTAL REVENUE/DEPOSITS

**EXPENDITURES** 

\$646.20 Kirk McCauley - Reimbursement for Club Store purchases

\$32.00 Deposit to Equipment Acct \$2.00 for dues, \$30 Anchor seal sales

\$678.20 TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$819 CLOSING BALANCE Checking Account)

Excludes: \$30.00 Treasurer's change fund

\$30.00 Club Store change fund

\$486.00 Equipment Reserve Savings account

Total exclusions \$513.00

NOTE: Some totals are rounded to even dollars for ease of reading



Is this a good picture of Kirk McCauley or what?

Club Store: The club store sales were \$292.50. The club store manager, Kirk McCauley is doing a great job. We are fortunate to have him.....editor



# Show & Tell

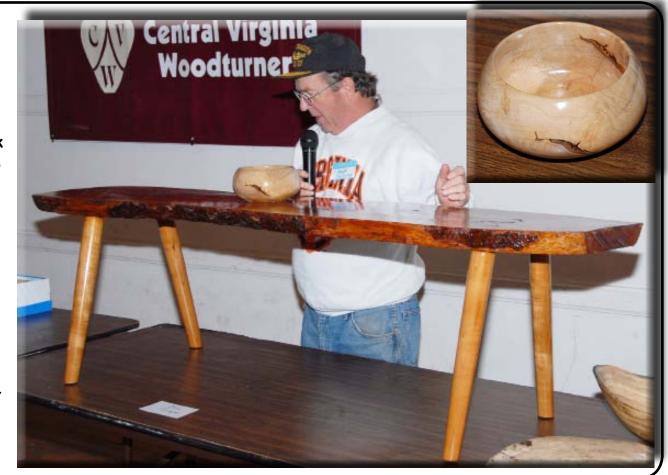


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#### Show and Tell:



Bob Swope brought in a nice natural edge Cherry bench with tapered, turned leas and a Black Birch bowl from a piece he purchased at the silent auction and finished with Deft. Elbert Dale had three of his famous finger tops made from White Oak and finished with polyurethane.





Jim Oates showed a carved
cane that he
mentioned was
an eccentrically turned piece
similar to Barbara
Dill's work which
was total BS. It
was a natural
Dogwood piece
with initials and a
Harley Davidson
logo carved on it.





Ray Kidd - had several nice sea urchin Christmas ornaments that he had turned to fill requests and a Walnut and Poplar laminated ornament that was nicely proportioned. He also had a large spalted bowl.



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Ron Capps - showed a
Paradise Tree bowl with
nice black grain lines that
was made from a left
over piece from Fred Williamson's demo on turning large bowls. He also
showed a nicely done
walnut bowl that he had
questioned how to repair
cracks last meeting and
had received several good
suggestions.





#### SPAGHETTI MEASURER

This is a copy of a kitchen tool I found in a small shop in San Gimignano, Italy (Tuscany) used to measure servings of dried spaghetti. The shop sold many turned objects, all from Olive Wood, and had done this as a way to use up scrap pieces of wood. Size or thickness does not matter as long as there is room for the drilled holes. I elected to keep the Italian words, but from the top, in English, it says: Spaghetti Measures, 1 Portion, 2 Portions, 3 Portions and 4 Portions. The labeling was done with a Sharpie. The finish is one coat of Olive Oil but other finishes could be used. Hole sizes are 7/8", 1 1/8", 1 3/8" and  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ "......Ron Capps

Starke Smith -Showed a natural edge platter that he had turned without the benefit of super glue and after three years the bark is still intact. His large Ambrosia Maple natural edge bowl on a raised foot has a very nice grain pattern. He then opened a large box which he is using to slowly dry a bowl made from the Jackson Prayer Tree to prevent cracking. So far it is working well.



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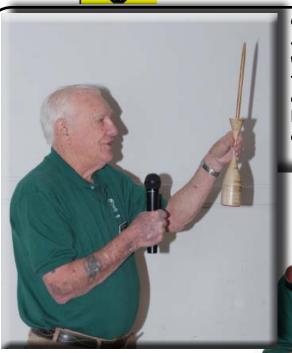
Dennis Hippen - has rough turned two bowls from the Jackson Prayer Tree but tonight he showed a White Birch bowl and two Ambrosia Maple bowls he is making as part of a set of 12 and discussed the challenge of making a set of similar bowls that large.



H. B. Salomon -Self proclaimed "master buyer of tools" and "mediocre woodturner" Showed a Spalted Maple vessel and a Walnut vessel that proved him wrong. He turned both with an articulated hollow-

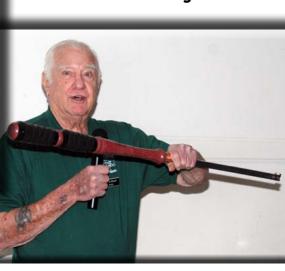


ing tool that chattered when approaching the bottom of the bowl. As a result he has purchased a Lyle Jamison hollowing jig to correct the problem. He also showed a "square bowl" following the demo presented by Tom Boley and a Spalted Maple bowl that was attractive. He also mentioned the pens for the troops while showing his pens.



also had three nice pens, one made to resemble a shock absorber that he turns using only an easy rougher.

Charlie Wenzel - discussed his Silver Maple candle stick holder with a Lignum vitae candle from the same wood he used to make an antique reproduction rectangular magnifying glass and a nicely done Box Elder shaving set. He







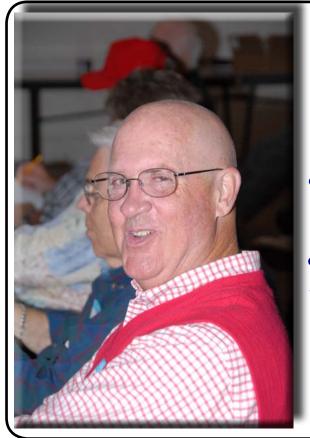
after missing the last meeting to get a pacemaker. If anyone can get him information on shielding the converter on

his variable speed drive he would appreciate it. He brought his Ambrosia Maple footed bowl that he had started and which was finished by Dennis Hippen.



Kirk McCauley – brought in four pepper grinders made from Monticello Tulip Poplar that had been finished with Behlen salad bowl finish and General Finishes Woodturner's Finish and another water based finish. Based on cost, he did not recommend it since there appeared to be no improvement in the finish. See Kirk's pepper mills on the front cover.....editor.

It isn't nice to



torment the newsletter editor. This is but a small example of how big a stick the editor has when processing the ~120 pictures he takes each meeting. Don't be supprised when you throw verbal darts at the short, nearly bald, ugly editor and then open the next newsletter file. How would this member, who has a loose tongue, look sitting on the toilet or with his head on the body of a sumo wrestler? Think about it.....editor.



#### Silent Auction



Not a very good panorama. You didn't know the wall was curved like this, did you!

#### Turners Resources....by Editor

TAW Symposium: The Tennessee Association of Woodturners (TAW) will be presenting their annual Symposium on Friday, January 27th and Saturday, January 28th, 2012. The Symposium will again be held at the Radisson Hotel at Opryland on Music Valley Drive across from Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee. The hotel has recently completed a full renovation, which includes a new restaurant. The 2012 Symposium features some of the world's leading woodturners including Al Stirt, Dale Larson, Jennifer Shirley, Ashley Harwood and Mark Gardner. http://tnwoodturners.org/symposium/ (Repeat)

The latest edition of AAW (American Association of Woodturners) magazine, the American Woodturner, provides the following in their Calendar of Events section: Sept. 15-16, 2012, Virginia Woodturners' Symposium, Expoland in Fishersville. Featured demonstrator, Jimmy Clewes, will demonstrate both days. Hands-on sessions set this symposium apart from others with 4 rotations of 12 workstations each. Attendees will receive in-depth, up-close, hands-on woodturning instruction from individual mentors. New turners welcome. Visit virginiawoodturners.com for developing information. Also in this excellent magazine is an article about how to create and sign the bottoms of bowls and other turnings. As usual the photos of examples are well done. (Repeat)

Would you like to have the ultimate grinding wheels? This site might be of interest to you. They supply the CBN (Cubic Boron Nitride) for HSS, and diamond for carbide sharpening. They are  $1.5^{\prime\prime} \times 8^{\prime\prime}$  and never need dressing. I know one turner that has them, but at \$185 and \$135 respectively they are likely not to grace my modest shop. Check them out at http://www.d-way-tools.com/tools-diamond-grinding-wheels.html.......Editor



### **CVW 2012 PROGRAMS**

We are attempting to nail down a full year schedule of topics/demonstrators for each club meeting. To enhance the range of topics of interest we would appreciate any member's input for topic and certainly some new blood as actual demonstrators. New slate of officers has met and roughed out the general schedule for 2012. So, now are to the point of flushing out the best topics with demonstrators for 2012 club meetings.

Please send your topic comments/suggestions/demonstrators to Dennis Hippen at hipwood1@gmail.com or call 540-943-1211. One of many objectives is to try and enhance the multi station meeting with several hands on stations with more first time demonstrator volunteers. Believe me you will enjoy it and have fun making chips with the members. Would like to have some volunteers to run a sharpening station and also using the club band saw to prepare bowl/other blanks for turning. Thanks in advance.

#### Turners Resources (cont.)....by Editor

A web site that provides advice on the type of glue to use when adhering different types of materials is available (http://www.thistothat.com/cgi-bin/glue.cgi). For instance, the site offers the option of 6 different adhesives when gluing wood to metal or metal to wood.

I can't remember sharing this web site in the past, but if I have been redundant....fire me. A web site of woodturning links that would probably take days to review can be found at: http://www.public.iastate.edu/~rwallace/WTlinks.html Symposia, individual web sites, photography, publications, DVDs, segmented turnings and wood sources are among the headings.

A nice site to calculate the golden ratio can be found at this site: http://www.radovleugel.com/golden-ratiocalculator

**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. Ads are usually run for two months. 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



<u>From Jim Higgins</u> Shopsmith-Mark 5 Owners: I have a homemade jigsaw that works off the rear accessory drive of the Mark 5 that I no longer use. Its not the greatest jigsaw in the world, but it works. I would like to <u>GIVE</u> it to someone that can use it. Give me a call if you are interested, and I an arrange to get it to you.....Jim Higgins 434-245-0854

#### Buy & Sell Section: (Continued)

From Jim Oates......Denny,
You might put this in the newsletter in
equipment for sale. He has some good
homeowner equipment left but has
already sold many of his tools at reasonable prices. The pictures may not be
good enough to use but they are attached. Bill Haessly of Staunton (540885-5962) is getting out of the woodworking business and is selling the following
items:

>>Craftsman 2 hp table saw with stand, blades, dado set, shaper blades, miter and fence with 2 extensions for \$350.00

>>4" planer with stand - \$60.00

>>3" belt sander with Sanding jig -\$20.00

»Articulated drill press with stand, bits, large table in addition to small platform. \$300.00

>> Small grinder with drill sharpening fixture \$15.00

>>He also has many small hand tools,a jig saw, a mini-compressor,instruction books and cabinets that he will sell.



#### STIHL CHAINSAW FOR SALE:

Model MS 250 with 18" bar. Includes manual, travel bar guard, 2 extra fairly new used sharpened chains, and new wrench. New price today is \$300 with one chain. I purchased very lightly used spring of 2010 and this model start date was max 8-10 years old. Runs great/recently tuned at Ace Hardware in Stuarts Draft. BUY IT NOW for \$175. Call Dennis Hippen at 540-943-1211.

#### For Sale - Band Saw Blades (Repeat)

Peter Welch has Two - 1/2" fine toothe 24 tpi Peter Welch, 6343 Hillsboro Lane,

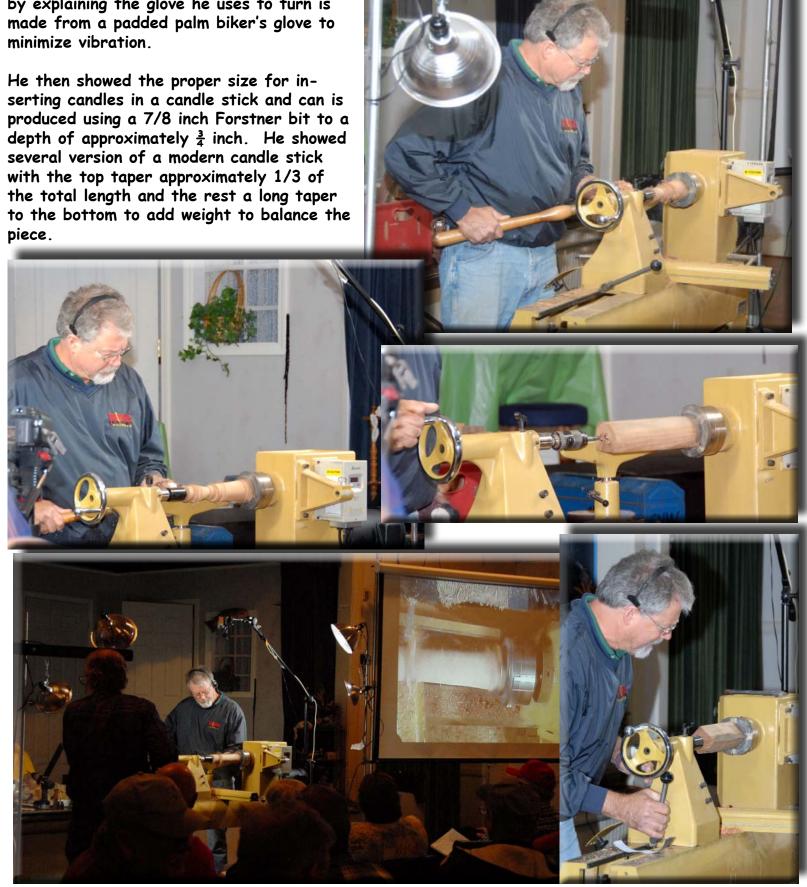
6 band saw blades One - 3/8" 4 tpi hook Crozet, Va 22932 for sale. All Two - 1/4" 4 tip hook 434-823-5431

blades are 93 1/2" One - 1/8" 12 tip

Blades are used and in good condition...\$5/ea.

#### CVW Demonstration: Peter Welch - Candle Sticks

Peter Welch opened his candle Stick demo by explaining the glove he uses to turn is



His first piece was made with a screw chuck and finished with sandpaper starting with 40 grit paper and working to 220 grit paper to achieve a smooth taper. He demonstrated using an easy rougher to form the basic shape and then a bowl gouge to finish the curve smoothly. He added highlights to the piece using a skew before finishing the piece with bees wax.

He then mounted a larger piece in a chuck and turned another candle stick and finished this one with Carnauba wax. He also uses Black wax finish and in some designs uses Trans-tint colors thinned with alcohol to enhance the pieces





## Notes:

#### Gift Card Drawing:

The winner of any gift certificates was not reported. However, please try to support the vendors who provide these certificates.

It has become clear that the CVW membership is not willing to take on the responsibility of firing the newsletter editor for his many mistakes or oversights. As punishment he will probably be doing the same inadequate job in 2012.

#### Silent Auction:

The silent auction had a variety of wood choices and yielded an additional \$51.00 of income for the club. Thank Kirk McCauley.

The Club Store continues be a much appreciated success. A total of \$292.50 was received for the October sales. Again, please thank Kirk McCauley for his hard work.

## UPDATING CVW MENTORING PROGRAM-2012

The newly elected officer slate is updating/upgrading this program for 2012. Purpose of this note is to check with all members for additional volunteers to be added to the list of available club mentors/levels. Contact Dennis Hippen for more information at 540-943-1211 or email at hipwood1@gmail.com

Remember: It was proposed at the January meeting 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. You are encouraged to do both.

#### Shop of the Month: Jim Higgins

Jim Higgins lives in a beautiful home in Charlottesville, and if you don't know Jim and something about him you are in for a treat. Soon Jim will have his 89th birthday, but when you see what he produces on the lathe and other shop tools, and learn about what he has accomplished during those years you can't help but be impressed. A Va. Tech. graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering, Jim had a number of important jobs that included work on the first nuclear powered ship, and partner in a very successful consulting and service corporation with many government contracts. Since retiring Jim has been an active woodworker and wood turner. Pictures of Jim's modest shop and his crafts, which extend beyond working with wood, follows on the next page..... editor.

## Shop of the Month - Jim Higgins





Jim Higgins is one of those gifted folks that seems to be able to do just about anything he sets his mind to doing. Jim was kind enough to allow me to visit him recently at his home with my goal of taking pictures of his shop to be featured in this newsletter. We were joined by his good friend and neighbor, Dr. Hal Green. After purchasing his home he added a garage, which has become his garage/shop where incredible wood pieces have been given birth. I believe you will be impressed with Jim and what he has created as I give you a tour of his work

space and work products.

Upon entering his front door and foyer you are met with furniture and other art that is both stunning and tasteful. Jim has made several small tables that most certainly could not be classified as "easy". Sporting laminated and steam-bent pieces with turned finials, and tops that include inlayed ceramic tile, these pieces represent attention to detail, patience, and an eye for form and function. Probably rooted in his mechanical engineering background,











he has created challenging pieces that are most definitely the envy of both the editor and practically everyone else that sees them. I believe it was Dennis Hippen that once said that if Jim sees it, he can do it, and I believe it. He seems to relish the dare-to-duplicate contest.

Segmented turning has to tax anyone that requires prompt gratification. Cutting sometimes hundreds of small pieces with critical angles can take a great deal of time a patience. You can see from the pictures that Jim is a master. His segmented pieces are most impressive, and many are displayed on and over his shop-created mantle, which is a small museum of outstanding turnings. Many have made a visit to the CVW Show-and-Tell sessions, but others have not made such an





of plywood and cherry.



appearance. I was very much impressed with his mantle display and wanted to take a picture of each item. One was even made out of plywood and it was gorgeous. However, there is one piece there that was a gift and made by Hal Green, who will be featured in the December CVW newsletter. It is a small box with marquetry inlays that certainly is in keeping with the excellent quality of Jim's work. It is located on the second shelf down, third piece from the left.











I believe this (above) is Jim's latest segmented piece with rings of InLace.

Not many know that Jim is also an excellent painter, and several of his painting are displayed on his home. This editor was impressed with several and I have taken the liberty of including pictures of them here, although I don't believe the flash and my photography, plus the fact that I have some color impairment issues, really do justice. They are very good.



This candle stick is inside-out turned with a small bottle full of glass beads in the center. When you really want a challenge give this a try.





You can see and appreciate the product, so now I will take you to where Jim creates them. Walking down a few stairs to his garage his shop occupies the several feet from two of the walls. It is disturbing, however, to see how organized his modest shop is, and makes me uncomfortable knowing how disorganized I have become in my own shop. You can get a feel for the organization from the panorama. I suspect some of the cleanliness is the product of preparation for me taking pictures, but it is clear Jim has spent time thinking through his woodworking goals and finding ways to efficiently meet them. Tools were in their place, many of his machines were on wheels to be moved to convenient locations, and work surfaces were strategically placed. Another impressive component of this shop is the excellent natural and flourescent lighting.

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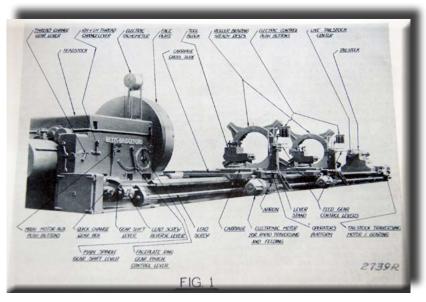


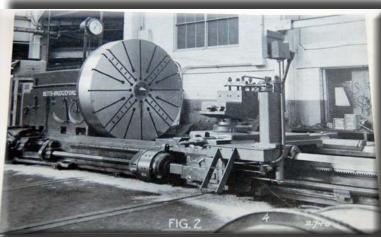


The shop sports two lathes, a Shopsmith and a Jet clone. Note the rollers.

The walls sported his jigs (note the ones he uses for his segmented pieces - previous page), many hand tools, and garden and yard tools making them readily available. He can immediately identify when a tools is missing its' assigned place. It is disturbing by his showing me how inefficient I have become.

As an engineer and working in the ship building trade for many years, Jim had occasion to be a large part of creating the first nuclear powered ship that was called the Savannah. I have two metal lathes, one of which is large but it is located in my basement. Jim showed me a picture of a metal lathe he worked on/with that had what appeared to be a face plate that looked to be about 8'-10' in diameter. The bed was huge with two center rests and had to be perhaps 50+ (?) feet long. The operator rode this lathe during the turning of ship drive shafts and other large pieces (note the steps up to the control platform. So much for the miniature lathe in my basement. At every turn I was humbled in the presence of Jim and his talents.





In his immaculate basement I asked about the several pictures of boats that graced his walls. Jim was into boating and sailing for many years, and at one time bought a severely fire damaged sail boat and used his wood working skills to retore it.





Jim's restored sailboat is labeled "Sandpiper".

It was a great honor to be invited by Jim to see his work and workshop. I hope you too can appreciate the privilege of knowing something about this quiet, intelligent, patient and very talented member of the CVW club. We are fortunate to have Jim Higgins among us...editor.

The Andrew (Stonewall) Jackson Prayer Tree
This white oak wood is still available. Be aware that the longer you wait the more severe you will find the cracking and checking. Some of this wood in really nice with a lot of figure in the grain, yet some is a bit punky and may not be worthy of mounting on the lathe. You are encouraged to make arrangements to get some of this valuable wood by contacting this editor (Denny Martin - 540-337-7716) or Peter Shoemaker (540-984-3133). Peter has a supply of smaller pieces, while I am storing some of the larger one. Bring a chain saw, and the larger the better. I will be happy to help saw and I have a front-end loader to assist with the loading....editor.