



# The Woodspinner

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## President's Corner

— Bill Hemminger

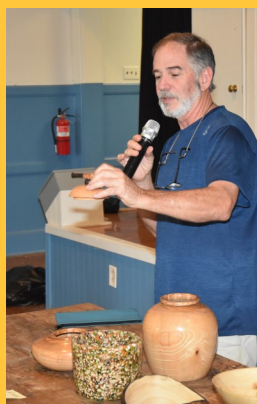
### President's Corner July 2019 – Bill Hemminger

This past meeting the executive officers met prior to the start of our regular meeting, the planning and programming just doesn't happen on its own. I have heard it said that "Poor Planning Promises Poor Performance" We were all privileged to have Alex Pettigrew and John Hinton show how preparation, planning and patience produce beautiful results using gilding, patination, the use of alcohol-based dyes, the use of an air brush to apply the stains and dabbed on random, multiple colors. We are so blessed and honored to have the talent of so many individuals willing to share their skills and experience. Thank you so much Alex and John.

I was pleased to hear Jim Oates talk about putting together a lathe for persons unable to stand for long periods of time or someone who has physical challenges. One of my favorite authors has a quote that states "Everybody matters or nobody matters." Sometimes we have to lift logs, move lathes and work with tools that require a physical effort. So once again everyone pitched in to help set up for our July meeting, thank you for setting up and tearing down. It is noted and greatly appreciated.

Next month's meeting will be held on August 20, 2019 featuring - Carbide vs Standard Tools by Dave Swiger. I know we have some purists' but carbide is here to stay and I am sure Dave Swiger will show us exactly where it fits into our craft.

A very special thank you to Joel Spring assuming the unexpired term for the position of VP of Membership. Larry Parker has agreed to help Joel with some of the day time responsibilities until Joel retires. Membership is the life blood of our group; two people will certainly help gain and retain members.



Design Fork - This one or that?



Skew Mastery

## President Corner (cont.)

We sometimes have to part with supplies and unused tools; the CVW is no exception. At our September skills day we will have a yard sale to get rid of those tools or supplies we thought we just had to have. Jim Oates will go through the Skills Center and thin out the tools we either don't use or have too many of. On top of that we have somewhat of a neighbor, Nancy Hildebrand who has a wide variety of woodworking tools for sale. We will plan to coordinate the showing of her late husband's tools and supplies she has for sale as well.

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The Giant Opal Eyeball!

## Video of the Month

Jim Overton turns "The Giant Opal Eyeball"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypiJTDmQwjY>

In this video, Jim creates a giant eyeball using Opal inlay for the iris.

## July 16th 2019 Meeting Minutes

—Jay Lindhjem

Prior to opening the July meeting, the executive board held a brief meeting to review the evening agenda and upcoming events. A tool/yard sale to be held in conjunction with the September skills Saturday has been tentatively scheduled.

I turned this microphone on... wait, it was already on.



The July meeting, attended by approximately 32, was called to order by President Bill Hemminger at 6:30 followed by an opening prayer. In his opening remarks, Bill noted the passing of long time member Hal Green. Donations to Hal's memorial may be made individually or through CVW, a link is on the website. Thanks to Dennis Hippen for his efforts to update the 15 year history of CVW. Bill also mentioned that Nancy Hildebrand has a wide variety of woodworking tools for sale. As she is located only a short distance from the Crimora School we will plan to coordinate the showing and sale of her equipment with September skills Saturday member tool sale.

## July Meeting cont.

Joel Spring has assumed the position of membership vice president, taking the place of Phil Evans who has had to resign. Larry Parker will be the backup for this position. Joel noted that CVW currently has 94 paid members and there were no visitors at this meeting.

Richard Landreth has found it necessary to step down from the Virginia Woodturners Board. CVW will need to name a replacement to that function.

Jim Oates and Tom Evans commented on the AAW symposium which they attended during the weekend of July 13. They noted the quality and variety of demonstrations and information. The symposium also featured a discussion regarding turners with disabilities. Jim and Tom both pointed out that many of the presenters at this national symposium have demonstrated at the Virginia bi-annual symposium.

Following the symposium discussion, in the safety minute, Jim noted that none of the demonstrators turned off the lathe while moving the tool rest. He pointed out that although the demonstrators are professionals, it is still a good, safe practice to turn off the lathe. This is especially true for beginners and less experienced turners.

Jerry Jorgensen gave the treasurers report noting account balances. There are a few CVW hats and shirts for sale. Woodturners Wonders has offered a sizable discount for a bulk club order. If there is interest, he would like to place an order in September. Fidelity Investments can handle setting up a CVW tax deductible endowment, however Jerry must first determine if the CVW 501c (3) registration is current.

## Skills Center

The Skills Center was not open in July due to the close proximity to the American Association of Woodturners Symposium in Raleigh.

Alex showing how it's done at the July meeting!



## August 20th Meeting Demonstration

“Carbide vs HSS Tools” and “Burnt Ash Lidded Box”

### By David Swiger

**When:** Tuesday Aug 20<sup>st</sup>, meeting begins at 6:30pm. All woodturners and guests welcome. There is a \$5 demo fee for this demonstration. (Doors open at 5:30 for set-up.)

**Where:** Crimora Community Center, 1648 New Hope-Crimora Rd, Crimora, VA



## CONTENTMENT TURNINGS

by David Swiger

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## Artist Statement

I truly hope that my turnings will impart in you the feelings of contentment that I experience when turning pieces at my lathe. Feelings of serenity, happiness and pleasure!

## About David

After retiring as a Naval Combat System Engineer in 2004, I started Swiger WoodWorks, LLC, building custom woodworking benches, furniture, cabinets and doors. However, woodturning was always calling my name in the background; a carryover from my middle school days when I first turned on a lathe. Encouraged by my wife Brenda, and others, I redirected my woodworking efforts into woodturning. I immediately discovered feelings of serenity, happiness and pleasure... feelings of contentment!



## August 20th Meeting Demonstration— cont.

To become an accomplished professional turner, I mentored two years with Don and Harriet Maloney of Bluemont, VA; well-known turners in the Washington, DC area. That mentoring process has now turned into a collaboration of encouraging each other to improve our skills. Every Tuesday I pack up tools and wood and head to their studio. This camaraderie continues to pay big dividends in the quality of my work. To further my capabilities, I take classes and workshops yearly with both internationally and nationally known professional turners including the likes of Liam O’Neil, David Ellsworth, Jimmy Clewes, Mike Sorge, Jamie Donaldson, and others.

Additionally, I attend the Annual American Association of Woodturners Symposium where I am influenced by turning demonstrators like Mark Baker, Liam Flynn, and others with their theories on bowl and lidded box designs, hollow form turnings, etc. It is the combination of all of these stimuli that continuously help me to define my wood art pieces and to propel my work to new levels.

## My Organizations

Lastly, I need to mention the organizations I belong to. They too provide inspiration through monthly turning demonstrations and resource materials:

**Mid-Maryland Woodturners Club**, Frederick, MD – Serving sixth year as President, one year as Program Director, and club demonstrator

**Catoctin Area Turners**, Leesburg, VA – general member and club demonstrator

**American Association of Woodturners** – general member of this international organization

**Collectors of Wood Art** – general member of this national organization

## Bowls Transformation

- **Dennis Hippen**



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## Bowls Transformation — cont.



Both were out of round so badly that turned round they would have become platters. I stabilized both with West System 105/205 epoxy dyed black. Consequently, I cut them both in half. I reduced the top (elm) bowl by an inch and added in a piece of poplar to make it round with 3/8 inch thick walls. I also added a piece of poplar to fix a defect in the rim. For the bottom (box elder) bowl I added a walnut-poplar-walnut spacer so that it would be round with 1/4 thick walls. The cut apart bowls looked like this.





## Bowls Transformation — cont.

I put them in the lathe using the tailstock pushing them into a padded disk on a faceplate. This allowed me to adjust the center of the bowl to get the thickest possible sidewalls. Both bowls were out of round by 1/2 inch or so after the glueup. Since I had extra thickness on the base of the elm bowl I used a tenon. But for the box elder bowl I used a dovetailed recess to keep the base as large as possible. After turning the bottoms and sides of the bowls, I finished sanding them. Then I chucked them up and finished the rims and insides of the bowl. While they were on the lathe I added Lindsay colored Inlace (a two part epoxy system with resin and hardner) as well as 5 minute epoxy dyed black.

I finished sanding them before taking them off the lathe. Both required some filling with epoxy and sanding before applying my finish of choice ArmRSeal from General Finishes. Here are the finished bowls.



Not bad from whence they came.



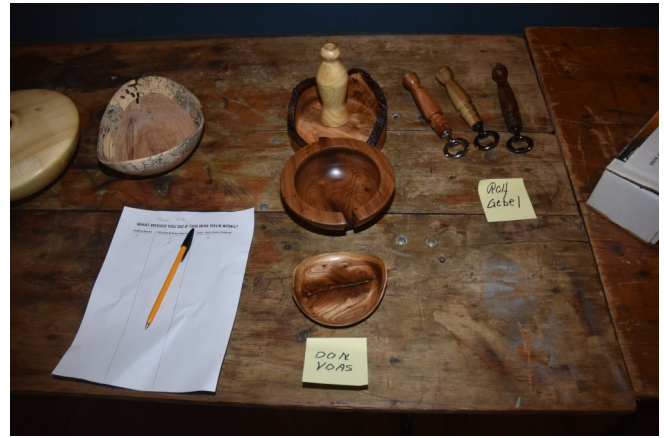
# July Show and Tell



Alex Pettigrew



Don Voss



Rolf Gebel



John Hinton



# July Show and Tell—cont.



Joel Spring



Jim Oates



Kirk McCauley



## Club Supporting Vendor Highlight

### CRAFT SUPPLY

<https://www.woodturnerscatalog.com>

800-373-0917

1. 10% discount for abrasives and finishes by calling in their order and mentioning their membership
2. Members are invited to visit their web site to register for special offers and to view new products.
3. Group Orders
  - a. Order must reach \$1,000 minimum total after quantity discounts are applied.
  - b. Order must be shipped to single address.
  - c. Order must only use one form of payment.
  - d. Only 2 gift certificates may be applied per club order.
  - e. Freight added items (lathes, grinders, etc.) do not qualify for this special offer.
  - f. Please submit all club orders and inquiries to our customer service department at 1-800-551-8876
4. Vendor provides: - Free gift certificates to the club for use as drawings door prizes etc.

## A Letter from the Editor

—John Hinton

I really can operate a camera! Yes, I seem to have the last critical knob set. I had turned it but not far enough to lock. A little thing with big consequences. It reminds me of the times I've forgotten to tighten this or that on my lathe. Mostly the tailstock lock. Fortunately, this human has not been hit with any wood bigger than a quarter sized bit of bark. My dad had a sign on his desk for a while "Think".

This is your newsletter, not mine. I absolutely welcome feedback; both positive and negative. Also, if you have a submission be it photos, articles or others, please send them to:

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## Another Great Award to Club Member

Mike Sorge keeps upping the ante

This year's judge (Richmond Museum of Fine Arts) for the 2019 Bath County Art Show awarded my Manta Ray Lidded Box w/ Captured Vortex Marble the "Outstanding Contemporary Work of Art", of all mediums.

Mike Sorge

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# Central Virginia Woodturners

## 2019 Officers

### **Executive Officers:**

President ..... Bill Hemminger  
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 VP Programs ..... Mike Sorge  
 VP Membership..... Joel Spring  
 Secretary..... Jay Lindhjem  
 Treasurer..... Jerry Jorgensen

### **The management team will be as follows:**

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 Skills Center..... Jim Oates  
 Ruritan Liaison ..... Dan Stogdate  
 Symposium Representative #1 ..... Open Position  
 Symposium Representative #2 ..... Open Position

### **The CVW Equipment team will be as follows:**

Mike Sorge	Bill Hemminger	Jay Lindhjem
Jerry Jorgensen	Jim Oates	Richard Landreth
Fred Williamson	Buck Culver	Chris Culotta



# Calendar of Club Events

## 2019 Schedule

2nd Saturday Morning of each month from 9AM -Noon, the Denny Martin Woodturning Skills Center room will be open for you to work on your woodturning skills.

January 12 - 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

January 22 — "Note: date is forth Tuesday and not third Tuesday." Turning Ultra Thin Forms - Joe Dickey

February 9 — 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

February 19 — Carving & Texturing - Jim Oates

March 9— 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

March 19— Plexi-Wood Bowls - Phil Evans

April 13 —9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

April 16 - Finishing with expert Charles Neil

May 11 — 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

May 21 — Turning a Wine Bottle - Greg Schramek

June 8 — 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

June 18 — Multi-Station - Don & Alex

July 13 — Sorry - There will be no Mentor Session this month

July 16 —Full Blown Coloring - Alex & Don

August 10 —9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

August 20 — Carbide vs Standard Tools - Dave Swiger

September 14 - 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

September 17 — Topsy Turvy - Fred Williamson

October 12 — 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

October 15 — From the Tree to the Table - Mike Sorge & Fred Williamson

November 9 —9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

November 19 - Ornaments & Small Hollowforms

December 14 - 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

December 10 - "Note: date is second Tuesday and not third Tuesday." — Christmas Party w/ Auction and Raffle.

In case of inclement weather check the website for announcements of possible cancellation.