

Central Virginia Woodturners

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January 2021 Newsletter

Next Meeting / Demonstration

Mushroom Forms!

[Zoom Meeting](#) on Tuesday January 19, 2020 6:00-9:00.

Standing, walking and wall-hung mushrooms by [Rebecca DeGroot](#).

Next Skill Center Session

The Skill Center and the Club Store will be open on February 13, 2021 from 9:00 – 12:00. Due to Covid-19, we are offering individualized mentoring only. Please contact [Jim Oates](#) ([Woodturning Skills Center Coordinator](#)) to arrange.

President's Corner January 2021 – Bill Hemminger

I heard someone say the other day is would soon be 2021 and I nodded and agreed. They said no, you don't understand, I mean 2020 won. I immediately stopped and thought, no one moment in time is going to stop us, or should we let it. Yes, we have lost some folks by way of the virus this past year and we grieve those losses. In my Christmas email I mentioned that getting together through technology and meetings via Zoom, smaller gatherings at the skills center, keeping the club store open and a strong presence of our craft through the Cheese Shop. I believe we have not only kept a level presence but have excelled in ways we will benefit from for years to come.

Our programs committee has been hard at work and already has a great first four months line up confirmed. Norm has put them on the website, so you can glean more detail from there. We're glad to have artistically creative Rebecca DeGroot lead off the 2021 year with her Zoom demo, see below.

January 19 - Zoom meeting will be Rebecca DeGroot providing her "Mushroom Forms"
February 16 - Zoom meeting will Rudy Lopez presenting "Square to Round Bowls, Vases"
March 16 - Zoom meeting will be Art Liestman providing his "Therming" demonstration
April 20 - Zoom meeting will Dennis Belcher providing his "When Good Wood Cracks" demonstration.

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I also mentioned and believe it is worth a repeat are the thank you's that are far too many to mention one by one, it is much easier to say that when you ask a woodturner to help to do something it is almost always met with a willingness to help his brother or sister in craft. Many have done things this year to show we are a group to "adapt and overcome". Thank you for making my job easier and I look forward to serving all of you in 2021, let's keep it from being 2020 two.

Let's keep the communications open, continue to support each other, maintain and improve your skill level. And above all let's continue to follow all our safety protocols, because your safety is and always will be number one. If it does not feel safe, don't do it. Find a safe alternative. If you have pictures of your latest creation, please share with the club through sending them to Norm so he can put another fine publication. Let's make 2021 our best turning year and help increase membership right away. I challenge everyone to invite at least one prospect in the first four Zoom meetings to see the level of turning through membership.

This is your club. Be part of the success.

Bill Hemminger, President

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2021 Demonstration & Meeting Program

The Program Committee is in the process of scheduling the 2021 program. If you have ideas for demonstrators, want to demonstrate yourself or have a suggestion for a topic, please contact [Mike Sorge](#) (Program Vice President).

Zoom

Still wondering how to use Zoom? You are not alone. These days Zoom is the only way we can meet these days, so please join us. If you want some one-on-one guidance, please contact Mike Gilmore mdg.gilmore@gmail.com who has volunteered to coordinate acclimation. Or contact one of the execs. Instruction on how to use [Zoom](#) are [here](#).

Newsletter

Please send Norm D'Allura [Newsletter Editor](#) any items you wish to see in the next issue.

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President's Challenge



Beads of Courage, Inc. is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and teens coping with serious illness, their families, and the clinicians who care for them through our Arts-in-Medicine Programs. We believe in creating a context for caring transactions to transpire through our community and encouragement programs.

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We are continuing to collect contributions to the Beads of Courage. Please drop off your turning at the next Skill Center session. You can find guidelines on this [Beads of Courage page](#). We have some logo beads for inserting in your bowl or lid at the Skill Center.

Cheese Shop



The CVW member-donated items at The Cheese Shop in Stuarts Draft are selling like hot cakes! Recently the shop gave us permission to put a new display and it has made a world of difference in sales. In the last year sales have brought in approximately \$1600 to the club. A large percentage of these sales have been since the new display went up. We encourage all members to donate bowls, platters, boxes, etc. for the Cheese Shop. During the holidays we would like to see some holiday items donated (Christmas trees, ornaments, etc.) The management at the shop has asked that we not donate small items that can easily be shoplifted. Please do not take items directly to The Cheese Shop since all pricing, etc. is done by the club. Please contact [Larry Parker \(Vice President - Member services\)](#), take items to Skills Center when open, or contact any of the executive committee if you have items to donate. We want to take this opportunity to THANK everyone who has donated

items. If you go by The Cheese Shop, please thank Todd Anderson the manager for helping the CVW. We look forward to YOUR donation!

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Show-and-Tell

Below are selected turnings that members want to share with all of us. Please send your submissions for the next Newsletter to [Norm D'Allura \(Newsletter Editor\)](#)

Roger Chandler



Alex Pettigrew



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Mike Sorge



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Dennis Hippen - Japanese Maple Natural Edge Bowl and three pairs of top crank salt and pepper mills - two pair from hardrock maple, one pair from cherry



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Norm D'Allura (Yes, the goblet stem leans, not the picture)



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Jeff Corwin



Starke Smith



Attached is a picture of a few of the paper weights I have just finished making for a customer. There are 32 in all and just one note, it takes 25 different steps to make each! I try to use unique and fancy woods so they don't just look like a plain block of wood. I have them in 6 different continents

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Buck



Cherry Yarn Bowl



Hickory Dough Bowl

Donnie Maupin - Dogwood finished with walnut oil



Peter Welch



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Jim Oates



John Watkins – Rough-turned Bowls



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Note: All email contacts are being directed to the [Contact Us](#) page on the web site to try and reduce spamming.