

Central Virginia Woodturners

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March 2021 Newsletter

Next Meeting / Demonstration

Therming

Art Liestman

Zoom Meeting on Tuesday March 16, 2021 6:00-9:00.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89363991461?pwd=NXIWZEILRnhocExmQXB4cXRPM3NtZz09>

The Zoom meeting will also be shown in the **Crimora Community Center** for those who wish to attend in person or do not want to run Zoom at home. **We will practice social distancing and masks are required.**

A \$10 donation is requested to defray the demonstrator expenses.

Next Skill Center Session

The Skill Center and the Club Store will be open on March 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.

On the 13th, Jim Oates will be hosting a skill center demo on how to finish the bottom of a bowl using several techniques for both natural edge bowls and straight edge bowls. We will be doing demos of jamb chuck mounting, vacuum mounting and plain and fancy bottom designs for stability and to flatten warped bottoms. The demo starts at 9:00 for approximately an hour, finishing with a question-and-answer session.

You can attend the demo either by [Zoom](#) in the comfort of your home or in-person at the Crimora Community Center. We will have the TV monitors in the large room up and running. If you wish to view the demo at the Community Center and socialize with others there will be plenty of seating with social distancing. Masks are required.

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President's Corner March 2021 – Bill Hemminger

I don't know about some of you guys but this COVID thing is getting very old, we are right at one year of this pandemic and I for one look forward to getting back together again soon. When we return to in person meetings, I look forward to shaking one another's hand in friendship and brotherhood. If you were counting, I used the number one three time in the last sentence to emphasis one more point. (You just went back and counted to be sure, didn't you?) We were not made to be alone and isolated; we need companionship and wood to turn to be happy. With that bit of seriousness stated when we get back together, we want to be better than we were when this all started. You will be getting or may have already received a call from someone from a Central Virginia woodturners member asking you some questions to get the general feel from where we need to go from here. Please answer the request and let us know what you want, as I always put at the end of the president's corner, "This is your club. Be part of the success".

We have already studied the skills center and decided we can have up to 30 members present for skills and keep social distanced. In February on our regular meeting day, we had three or maybe five come in to get some supplies. Jim, Buck and I were the only ones in the building, masked and social distanced. We will take things one day at a time but plan on resuming using the skills center for meetings, Zoom demonstrations and skills. Many of the members have had the COVID vaccine and wearing a mask has become easier. Remote demonstrations via Zoom are getting better due to demonstrators honing their camera and production skills. So, let's ease back into the things first with an elbow bump, then maybe a fist bump and finally a hand shake. Hug at your own risk.

I was recently reading the October 2004 newsletter of the greater Vancouver's Woodturners Guild and came across this article. It is interesting to see that an article from seven years ago is so timeless and has so much wisdom to offer.

EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT LIFE I LEARNED IN TURNING SCHOOL, Anne Rostvig

1. When you're depressed, a good turn will make you feel better.
2. Knowledge shared is knowledge gained.
3. Knowledge is not the same as ability.
4. Ability is not the same as creativity.
5. Co-operation makes everything run more smoothly.
6. There are many ways of achieving the same result
7. Give a woman a turned bowl and she'll cook you a gourmet dinner. Teach a woman to turn a bowl and she'll never cook for you again! *Sorry if this is sexist, I only copied it, I didn't write it.*

If you have pictures of your latest creation, a picture of you and your lathe or just a story to tell about your lathe, please share with the club through sending it / them to Norm so he can put them in another fine publication this month.

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Bill Hemminger, President

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2021 Demonstration & Meeting 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. **If you know someone who does not have email or internet capability, please let Norm know so we can send the Newsletter by mail.** This service is being offered on a very limited basis to only those who do not have email or internet.

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! You can leave any donation in a tote labeled Cheese Shop in the Skill Center.

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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 \(Newsletter Editor\)](#)

Jason Diggs – New Member!

Dining room table bench for his children using only a skew.



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Mike Sorge

Bubinga box & Wenge lid

Bocote box & Wenge lid

Wenge box & Wenge lid



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Kirk McCauley - Cherry Vase



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Liz Browne



Weeping Cherry with black epoxy



Sugar Maple bowl



Spalted Tulip Tree bowl with natural edge

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Starke Smith - Boxelder Maple bowl 10 inches round and 4 inches tall.



Roger Authers - spalted piece of river birch.



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Dennis Hippen



Honey locust crotch bowl with many cracks. Interesting figures for your imaginations. (One eyed Aliens?) Cracks are filled with Blue/Green car pigment paint powder and epoxy. The Bowl is oval and out of round by over an inch.

Surprise smiley face fountain pen I made the day before Valentine's day.

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Alex Pettigrew



Total Boat resin and wood wine stoppers on Ruth Niles hardware.



The Central Virginia Woodturners (CVW), located in Shenandoah Valley in Crimora, VA, is an affiliate of the [American Association of Woodturners](#), serving turners from Charlottesville to Staunton to Harrisonburg. Please visit our [web site](#) and consider joining our interactive, informative and very friendly club.

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