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It promises to be a very Good Year.

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President's Corner

January 20, 2015

CVW kicked off 2015 with a fine demonstration by Elbert (“Skew Master”) Dale on turning the perfect sphere. Nearly 40 members and guests enjoyed the show. Thanks, Elbert and now we know you have more than one turning tool.

Your Officers and Management Team met in early January to plan for 2015. Members voted on some of these actions during the January meeting. Thank you for your support.

Our # 1 objective is to “Have More Fun”

The Skills Day on January 10th had a big crowd. A press photographer attended and photos appeared in the Newsleader. I encourage the newer turners to bring your finished turnings to our show/tell.

The Richmond Woodcraft Store will again be hosting a woodturning and carving competition in April. CVW members did very well last year and trucked home many ribbons. The competitions are for all skill levels based on number of years one has turned/carved. So, get started now and more detailed info to follow.

Be safe, Dennis Hippen



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January 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Crimora Community Center
Central Virginia Woodturners Club (CVW)

Attendance: 38

New Members: Dave Stogdale & Carlton Truxell

Guests: Bill Walters, Al Reaser and Eric Burgdoff (both guests of Elbert Dale)

The following officers were not in attendance: Ron Capps, Fred Williamson & Tim Quillen

The General Meeting:

Dennis Hippen called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00. Members and guests were welcomed and he called for reports.

Jim Guynn, VP Membership, presented a \$204 check to the treasurer representing proceeds from the President's Challenge sales program bringing the total to over \$1,000. There were thanks and applause from the membership for Jim who solicited more donations of member's work for the program.

Richard Landreth, Treasurer, presented financial matters discussed at the January Board Meeting.

- The Wood Store pricing will be pay-what-you-want using a "By Donation" method. There are no more individual prices marked on the wood except the historically significant pieces that will have prices marked on them.
- Insurance policy liability coverage remains unchanged but at lower premium. Joining AAW has additional liability coverage as a membership benefit. Members

should consider joining for this

and other benefits.

- A dues increase was approved. Richard presented information discussed at the board meeting regarding the status of our finances. Jason Levinson seconded a motion made by Tom Evans that would increase all categories of dues by \$5 per year. The motion was approved. Individual dues are now \$30 and family dues are now \$45. Members who have already paid 2015 dues are asked to pay the additional \$5. New members joining after July 1st will pay \$15 for the last half of the year.

Richard asked members to complete the 2016 Symposium Survey and nominate any "big name" demonstrators for the event.

Jim Oates, Skills Room Coordinator, showed an article on the Denny Martin Skills Room that appeared in the January 12, 2015 Staunton News Leader, also online (<http://www.newsleader.com/picture-gallery/news/local/2015/01/11/woodturning-in-crimora/21600549/>). There are also additional pictures available as a slideshow on the paper's web site.

- Skills room additions include a shield for another club lathe made and donated by Jim and a battery operated drill motor donated by Jim Guynn.
- Don Voas identified a lathe that needed a belt replacement. He asked that users line-up belts anytime they touch them.
- Jim informed the membership about a Boy Scouts carving program he is leading. He reminded all that specific skills suggestions for mentoring are always welcome.

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Mars Champaign, Librarian, asked for help locating the Stuart Batty DVD from the 2014 Symposium. Please check your DVD players and return it if found. Dennis thanked David Rhodes and Jason Levinson for their camera work

Phil Evans, VP of Programs, announced that the demonstrator for next month's meeting would be Doug Thompson of Thompson Lathe Tools (<http://www.thompsonlathetools.com/gallery.asp>). Doug will have merchandise for sale.

Show and Tell:

- **Jason Levinson – natural edge hollow form of spalted maple**
- **Roger Authers – segmented bowl & white pine hollow form**
- **Elbert Dale – Dradles (spinning tops)**
- **Don Voas – seven bowls & a box showing various finishes for comparison.**
- **Roger Chandler – hollow form of spalted maple**
- **Rolf Gebel – four pens (his firsts) and bowls of apple, plum & cherry**
- **Jim Kueck – slotted yarn bowl from an oak burl & bowls of walnut, sycamore & dogwood**
- **Starke Smith – red oak box & an 18" platter of walnut**
- **Tom Evans – spalted maple bowl & a maple bowl from a NC symposium**
- **Jim Guynn – rings with stained glass inserts and his first hollow form**
- **Dennis Hippen – mulberry pens, trowel with mulberry handle & a basket full of spheres.**
- **Kirk McCauley – five cored box elder bowls, two tulip poplar bowls & three Monticello honey locust forms.**

Phil Evans – 34" platter from Florida wood, photos of various stages and his new finishing/photography area.

Winners of the drawing were Roger Authers and Elbert Dale.

Demonstration:

Elbert Dale demonstrated how to create a perfectly round sphere.

The next club meeting will be Tuesday February 17, 2015 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.



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Upcoming Conferences

CONNECTING THE DOTS
March 16-18, 2015

ACV

Statewide Artisan Conference
@ the Double Tree Hotel
Charlottesville, VA

Invoking Creative Power Across the Commonwealth



FYI. CVW members I would encourage you to attend the AAW Symposium in Pittsburgh as is easy driving distance from the Valley. I have attended 2 and are very worth your time and \$. I strongly suggest you gain your hotel reservations sooner than later along with your registration. Form some car pools and have a great time. You will not believe the tools you can buy from the mass of vendors at show discounts. Dennis

CHIPS

The next skills day is Saturday the 14th from 9:00 until noon. Please let me know if you will attend and any specific skills that interest you so I can make arrangements to have the right mentors available. See you there.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 17 at 7:00 PM. Doug Thompson from Thompson Tools will bring inventory and do a presentation on his tools. His website is thompsonlathetools.com. Doug will discuss his tools and why they are special as shown in this summary on the material he uses taken from his website.

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CARVING

Tell & Show

I finally got some pictures of the carving class at the last session. They are practicing carving initials in a piece of bass wood with the carving knives I made for them to practice carving. So far they have been through safety training, sharpening, basic cuts, design and two practice sessions. You can see chips are flying and they are getting more comfortable with the tools. Next session I have some poplar for them to carve which should hold together better than the bass wood. It is actually a little dry to make for good carving. Next time I will try it before I get started to make things easier. I took the pictures with my phone so they are not the best but at least it gives you an idea of the progress. Jim



A TRIP TO CROZET

Don Voas was kind enough to stop by on Feb. 11 to help yours truly, to rummage through and cut up quite a load of wood that I had stored at my old shop. It all needs to be moved to the new location, and we got a good jump on it. The background photos are of some of the grain patterns we uncovered as we cut stuff up. Thanks again Don.



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SKILLS DAY



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MR. DALE'S DEMO-the perfect sphere



Mr. Dales work with a skew is well known in the Central Virginia valley. Seeing him work with bowl gouges was, well, refreshing.

After turning the rough sphere, Albert shared the secret of the "Perfect Sphere". Once the rough sphere is placed between centers of cup chucks, you rotate the sphere only 18 degrees at a time as you perfect the sphere. This insures a rounder ball as you trim the ghost areas of the sphere.

Nice work Mr. Dale



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Getting him to smile is tough.



Calendar

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Demo is Doug Thompson tools

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