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CVW Denny Martin Skills Center, & Jim Oates, Make a big splash!



Hats off to Kirk McCauley for a great Demo

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President's Corner May 19, 2015

We zipped through the biz topics and Show/Tell which gave Kirk McCauley over a 1 ½ hour to dazzle us with the Cowboy Hat demonstration. Excellent presentation with humor thrown in too. So, who will make hats for Show/tell? Thanks, Kirk, for an awesome demo.



CVW will be hosting at CCC on AM of June 18th, a group from the Staunton Senior Center for coffee/treats/tour and demonstrations. We have 3 member volunteers to do simple, short woodturning demos. Mars Champaign on skills building on a rutabaga, Richard Landreth on pens, and Elbert (Skew Master) Dale on tops. We hope to have enough turned items to give as door prizes/drawing for all guests attending. Firm schedule will be published and members are invited to laugh and assist.

I still need one more volunteer for half hour demo on bottle stoppers/or other for the seniors on June 18th. Contact D. Hippen.

Fire up for June 16th multi stations demos with great line up of members. See the info on other activities in the minutes.

Until then, be safe. Thanks Dennis

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May 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Crimora Community Center Central Virginia Woodturners Club (CVW)

Attendance: 46

New Members: 1

Guests: 4

The following officer was not in attendance:

Jim Guynn

The General Meeting:

Dennis Hippen called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Mars Champaign introduced our four guests: Brian Purdy, James Somerling, Eric Burgdoff and Don Clark.

Jim Oates reminded us that when setting up the lathe for demos the wheels on the deflector shield should be under the lathe (not toward the viewers).

Tom Evans reported that our club has been invited to show members work at the September Art Show in Waynesboro. Items need to be brought to the August meeting and may be for show only or for sale.

Phil Evans has set up our June meeting to

be a multi-station event and is looking for volunteers. Richard Landreth, Peter Welch, Tom Evans, Jim Oates and Fred Williamson volunteered.

Treasurer's Report:

The new business cards are in and available to members. Total membership is now 72.

Show and Tell:

Peter Welch: 2 pens; 1 of cherry from Normandy that will be returned to be sold in France and a bolt action one of rosewood.

James Semerling - Segmented bowl made from parts of an old cutting board, segmented goblet, and a bowl that he had burned on the inside then re-turned to a finished surface.

Carlton Truxell - A segmented bowl made from wood taken from a cabin that had been demolished. According to papers found during the demolition the cabin dated to 1874 and had historical significance to his family.

Tom Evans - The boxelder vessel that he showed last month. This piece won a 3rd place ribbon at the Richmond show.

Mars Champaign - Peppermill that placed 3rd in Richmond, a lidded box of laminate, a dogwood bowl and a natural edge honey locust bowl.

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Jim Oates - Carpathian walnut bowl, maple & walnut box with embellished lid that placed 1st at Richmond and a cake plate.

Dan Stogdale - small platter turned at skills day.

Ron Capps - Poplar wine coaster, 3 maple spurtles (Scottish cooking tools that date to the 1600's) and a bag drying rack with turned walnut base.

Richard Landreth - A black & guilt ash bowl and a silver maple bowl, black inside with alcohol stain outside, both with lacquer finish.

Dennis Hippen - Magnifying glass, natural edge bowls of honey locust and white ash (Brooks Hall, UVA), spalted maple bowl and a Norfolk pine bowl with much CA glue.

HB Solomon - 2 boxes and 4 small bowls

Fred Williamson - White ash bowl (Brooks Hall, UVA) that was the grand prize winner at Richmond and a large silver maple globe.

Phil Evans - 3 natural edge bowls; 2 silver maple, 1 red oak and a silver maple open form.

Winners of the Craft Supply Certificates were James Somerling and Carlton Truxell.

Next Club Meeting: June 16, 2015

Demonstration: Kirk McCauley gave a very informative and entertaining demonstration on turning a Western style hat.



Award Winning pieces
from Little Ole CVW

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Events

Our next skills day is June 13 at 9:00 AM at the Skills Center. Our usual goodies are not going to be available since Dennis is performing as good granddad that day, so any volunteers? Coffee will be available. If anyone needs a specific skill please let me know and I will arrange for a mentor or we will have a learning experience like we did for spiral decorating.

Copy and Paste this link for the 2015 symposium preview
<http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2015SymposiumPreview>

CVW MEETING/ TUE. JUNE 16,
2015

The following is a list of the demonstrators and activity for the multi-station evening of fun and education. Extra help would be appreciated for early setup.

Richard Landreth- the Jamison System, a hollowing devise
Fred Williamson- will show different tool grinds and cuts
Peter Welch- natural edge bowl
Tom Evans- three footed bowl
Jim Oates- either spindle or finial demo

CHIPS

The regular meeting is Tuesday the 16th at 7:00. Phil has arranged for multi station demo. Find a demo you like or visit them all. See you all there. Members should bring their own hearing protection and dust masks if needed as most demos have lots of dust and chips.



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 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

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CVW Boosts Outreach with New Skills Center

After several years of membership growth, the Central Virginia Woodturners (CVW) realized a larger, improved skills center was needed to provide woodturning instruction for beginners and to continue attracting new members. We had five lathes, a sharpening station, and a bandsaw in our old storeroom at the Community Center in Crimora, Virginia. This facility is a repurposed 1926 school building where we hold our monthly meetings. Recently, we were able to rent a classroom in the same building for a minimal amount, provided we fix it up. The building managers provided the needed electrical work, and members did the rest: cleaning, plastering, repainting, installing air conditioning, and building cabinets for the tools that were purchased or donated by members.

In December 2013, we dedicated the new workspace, calling it the Denny Martin Skills Center in honor of a very active and innovative club member who had recently passed away. In January 2014, we initiated monthly skills sessions where five or six of our club mentors continue to give individual instruction to all who want to learn—both members and the general public. Spindle and bowl turning, bandsaw and chainsaw safety, blank selection, tool sharpening, sanding procedures, and embellishment have been popular with our attendees. We started teaching basic turning skills and quickly realized the importance of teaching tool sharpening, too, so we purchased a second grinding station from our sister club, The Woodturners of the Virginias. Sanding created some problems with airborne dust, so our club president donated an air-filtration system and another member donated a dust collector to connect to a sanding station.

Thanks to a donated vacuum system, we can demonstrate vacuum chucking procedures. We have also added another lathe and protective shields for the lathes to allow safe, close-up observation. One of our members also recognized the need to upgrade the restroom facilities and found an opportunity to salvage fixtures and stall panels from a local school that had been closed recently. This project was completed in March and adds to the upgrades we have made as part of a long-term community service activity.

To date, 131 individuals have received 336 hours of mentoring. Our youngest student started when he was nine years old, and a ninety-one-year-old member recently commented that he was learning new techniques in each session. The skills sessions last four hours with a break for refreshments and open discussion. We have found that the real benefit of the Skills Center has been the outreach to bring in new members and advance the skills of current members.

—*Jim Oates, Denny Martin Skills Center Coordinator*

Central Virginia Woodturners has created and dedicated a new space for woodturning instruction: the Denny Martin Skills Center. Doing so has enabled the chapter to increase its community outreach and build membership.



Club members gave an old classroom new life by donating their time, tools, and skills to create an improved space for woodturning meetings and demonstrations.

SKILLS DAY
A Jim Oates
Article, destined for
The August AAW Journal.

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Show & tell



See the meeting minutes
for names and pieces.



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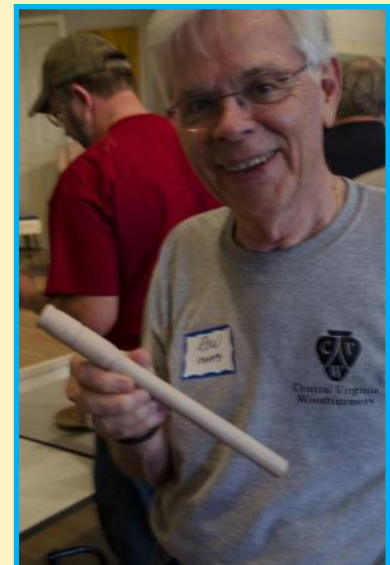
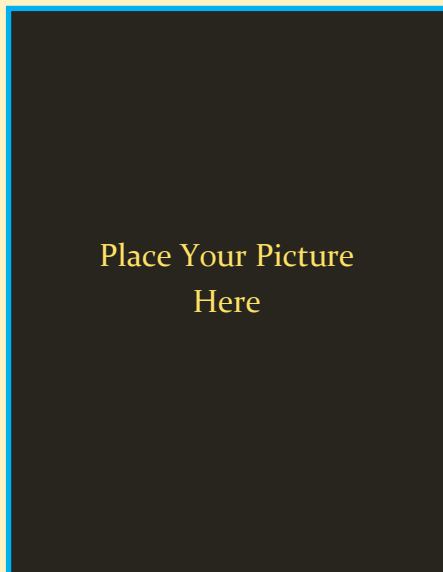
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Cowboy Hat Demo



Kirk McCauley on a Powermatic 3520B

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Demo, cont.



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Kirk McCauley



The Hat Meister

Calendar

June 13, Skills Center

May 19th, is the next meeting,

Demo is Kirk McCauley on turning hats.

Always a fascinating demonstration.

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