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Roger Chandler creations. See page 15 for details

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President's Corner

This is my last President's Corner article and it follows my favorite meeting of the year- the December social meeting. Our snowed out meeting on the 10th would have had over 70 members and guests. However, Tuesday night's meeting gained a few who couldn't attend on the 10th; but we lost more than we gained due to the expected Christmas related schedule conflicts. We still had a nice crowd of over 50 folks in a holiday frame of mind. We were especially honored with the presence of Carole Martin, her son and two grand children. Carole uncovered the plaque honoring Denny and then officially opened the Denny Martin Skills Room. I still swallow hard when I think of Denny and couldn't be more proud of how much our members contributed in money, materials, tools and their time to convert that nasty looking empty space into a finished room.

If you were at Tuesday's meeting, please share with us what we did well, what we could have done better, and what we didn't do that deserves consideration for next year. (Email your thought to me at tandjinva@comcast.net) The management team is doing that "lessons learned" exercise and your input will be helpful.

The 2012-2013 management team accomplished a lot. I won't try to list it all for my failing memory will surely forget something or someone. You have elected a very strong slate of officers and I expect that the new team will continue to find ways to improve our members' experiences.

If I had to share a disappointment it would be the hesitancy of too many members to volunteer in some capacity. Our audio/visual operation needs new blood. John O'Neil has been the primary operator of that activity since its inception. We need more members who are willing to learn the simple steps of the equipment's set up and operation. You don't need to be a "techie" to be part of it and it just is not fair to expect John to continue unassisted any more. I would not blame him if one day he said, "The h--- with this, I'm not doing it all by myself any more." And then there is Mars Champaign. When Denny got sick and couldn't fulfill the duties of newsletter editor, Mars stepped up and said, "I'll try it until a new editor is elected next year." So what happened? No one offered to help or accept a nomination for the position. Now Mars, at the age of 90, diligently puts out the newsletter every month. He only asked that someone give him a hand, to learn how a newsletter is put together and be a back up. Perhaps a team of two, or more, could take this project on. Many hands do make light work. Mars, thank you for

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a great job putting the power point together. It was a really nice assembly of current and past photos. My favorite though was the video of the dancing elf. What rhythm, talent and flexibility the little guy had!!

Although my duties and responsibilities as president end this year, I intend to be a very active member and I will put my money where my mouth is. I am going to learn about the audio/visual system and help John- who wants to join me? I will also volunteer to help reorganize the storage room so that every thing there has a "dedicated" "parking spot" (That was one of my unattained goals as president). We still have a tendency to just shove stuff in that room at the end of our meetings without any regard for efficient placement. Let's make 2014 the year of the volunteer!

Thank you every one for your friendship, support, compliments and suggestions for improvement during the past two years. Please support the incoming administration in their efforts for your benefit.

Joanne and I wish every one a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year.

Tom Evans, president no more.

Tom's final words of wisdom:

"Words that sink into your ears are whispered..... not yelled"

"The biggest trouble maker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every morn'n"

"My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran"

"The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth"

A Thank You Note

Tom Evans received a thank you note from Carole Martin following our Christmas party and the dedication of the Denny Martin Woodturning Skills Center.

Dear Tom,

This past Tuesday was a very special day for our family.

Dedicating the new "Workshop" of the Central Virginia Woodturners Club in Denny's honor was so meaningful. This "Workshop" will be such an asset for future turners.

Thank you and all the members who helped accomplish this vision. Denny is pleased!

Sincerely,

Carole



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Month December, 2013 Minutes, Central Virginia Woodturners Club (CVW)

Crimora Community Center

Officers:

President - Tom Evans
VP of Programs – Dennis Hippen
Second VP - Nate Hawkes
Treasurer - Richard Landreth
Secretary Jim Oates

Key functional support offices:

Audio Visual - John O'Neil
Newspaper Editor - Mars Champaign
Store Manager - Kirk McCauley
Librarian - Hal Green
Food Coordinator—Dick Miksad
Web Master – Tim Quillen

Attendance: 52

The following officer was not in attendance: Nate Hawkes

The General Meeting:

The social activities started at 6:00 with appetizers and the slide show of past events assembled by Mars Champaign. Tom opened the business meeting with the budget for the following year. Richard Landreth asked for questions. There were none and the budget was passed by acclamation.

The slate of officers was incomplete at the election but Dennis Hippen volunteered to serve as president and was elected almost without disagreement.

Tom then recognized the outgoing officers and welcomed the new officers. The sequence of service was announced.

Richard Landreth presented the quill award to Secretary Jim Oates and the safest trophy to Tom Evans and showed a film of the outgoing officers celebrating their exit.

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The meal was started in an orderly fashion and during the end of it the show and tell was started.

Show and Tell: In order of presentation

Elbert Dale showed his rolling pen made for a piece of white oak he had determined to be 400 years old. The handles were from an Osage orange from Ash Lawn.



Jim Oates presented a highly figured platter from the English Elm that was donated recently, a natural edged bowl with carved handles and a Tiger Maple/Walnut snow man made for Christmas gifts.

Charley Conner showed us a variety of inside out Christmas ornaments made from cherry and several made from cherry and poplar with banded decorations. He also had two Christmas bells from poplar. One was darker because of an embedded nail stain.



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Phil Evans showed a picture his buck taken recently from HB Solomen's place. He then displayed a large spalted maple bowl with great color and a second large sycamore lamp commissioned after he sold the one presented last month. At the same show a Greek lady asked for a picture of him holding the lamp so she could show the kids back home what an "elderly" person could do in the US.

Tom Evans had two large natural edge poplar



bowls from the same log, one with bark and one without, suitable for holiday entertaining.



His snow man with copper arms was made in 2007 when he first started turning and he showed a collection of toothpick holders made to look like bird houses complete with perch and a magnet to hold them in place. He then showed the ribbons he had attached to two Christmas bowls he had delivered to Pennsylvania last week. He finished with an example of Christmas tree ornaments turned, glued together and then

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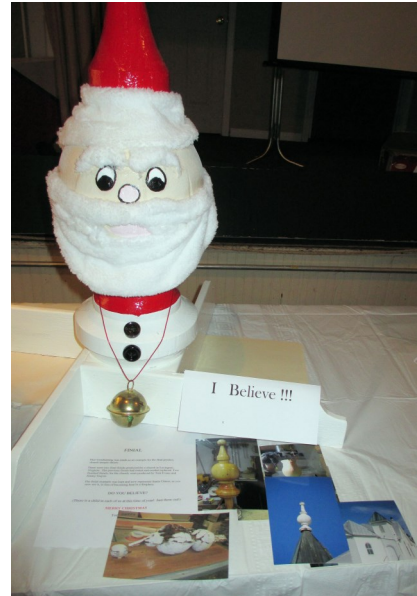


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Jimmy Guynn Displayed a large Santa made from the prototype for the church finial he and Tom made for a church in Lexington since Joanne Evans had envisioned a Santa from the turning. His theme was "I believe"



Kirk McCauley followed the Christmas theme with a Santa king and his tiny pawn deer chess set made from tulip poplar using two colors of the same wood for the pieces and the board. He also showed two tall tulip poplar vessels with natural openings in the sides.



Matt Shapiro showed several bowls made for a neighbor's magnolia tree. He had trouble with splitting and asked for tips on finishing since he understands magnolia can become spotty with many finishes. (My apologies to Matt. I did not get a picture of his bowls, Ed).

Mars Champaign showed a beautiful collection of magnifying glasses made from laminated wood and material that had originally been used to make pool cues. He also used the laminated wood and ash to make a pair of bottle stoppers. He showed a recent ambrosia maple bowl made just to prove he still can. He called it a "dog dish" bowl.

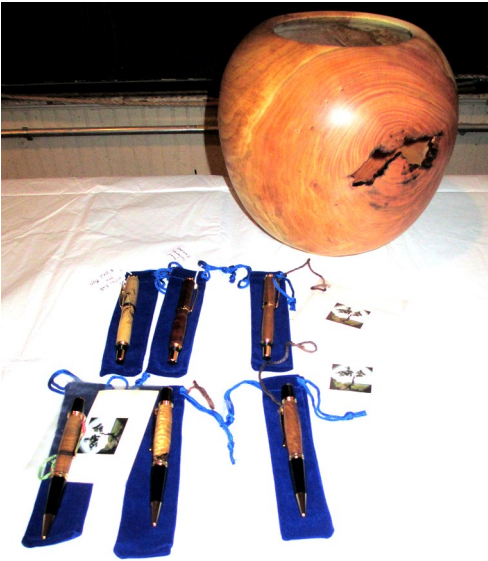


Jim Kueck showed the leftovers after making 18 bowls for presents. His two walnut bowls were a large salad bowl that was having some cracking problems and a smaller one that was destined to be one of a set of eight.



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Dennis Hippen talked about how the mentoring program would be helpful considering his mentoring by Tom Evans to make a proper "holey globe". Tom's critique was weighty. Dennis also had Stonewall Jackson Prayer Tree pens that would make nice Christmas presents. He welcomed the ladies and youngsters and suggested since there was a lathe for sale someone should buy it for their bride.

Certificate winners were Mars Champaign and Tom Evans.

Dennis Hippen presented Joanne Evans with a gift for supporting our outgoing president.

The grand prize from the drawing was won by Phil Evans. Earlier certificates had been won by Jim Oates and Bobbie Champaign from the drawings.

Dennis Hippen then presented a history of the last ten years which will be posted on the web site.

Dedication:

Tom Evans and Richard Landreth then dedicated the Woodturning Skills Center to Denny Martin and thanked the Ruritans for the Electrical installation and reduced rent and Lowes and Burks Paints for their generous donations and all the members who helped refurbish the room or donated cash and equipment. Carole Martin then removed the drape from the plaque and cut the ribbon opening the skills center. See page 9 for photos of the dedication



Richard Landreth presents the grand prize of a box of CA glue to Phil Evans.

The next club meeting will be Tuesday Jan 21 2013 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. See page 18 for calendar



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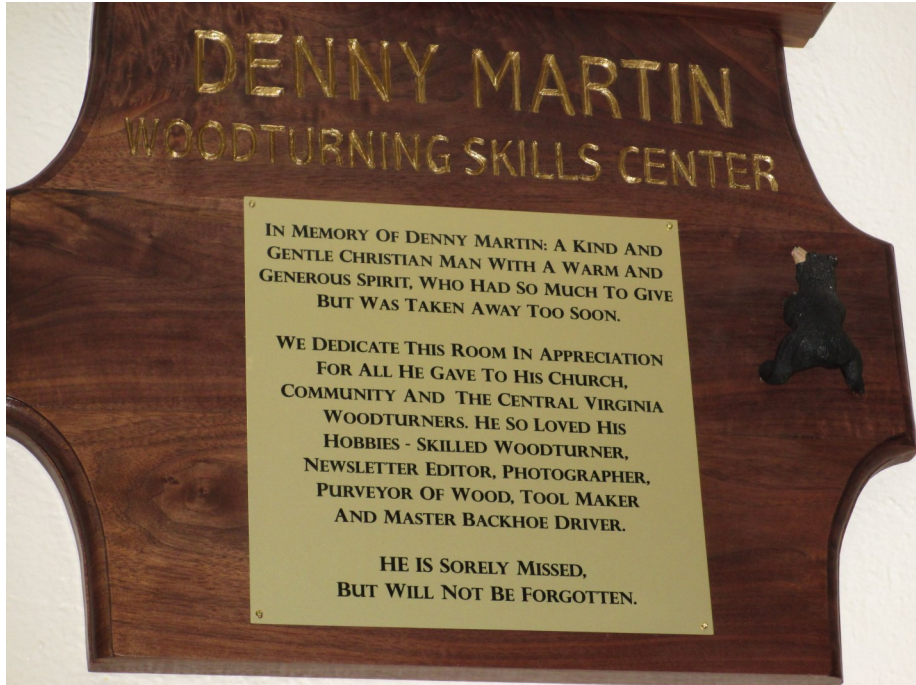
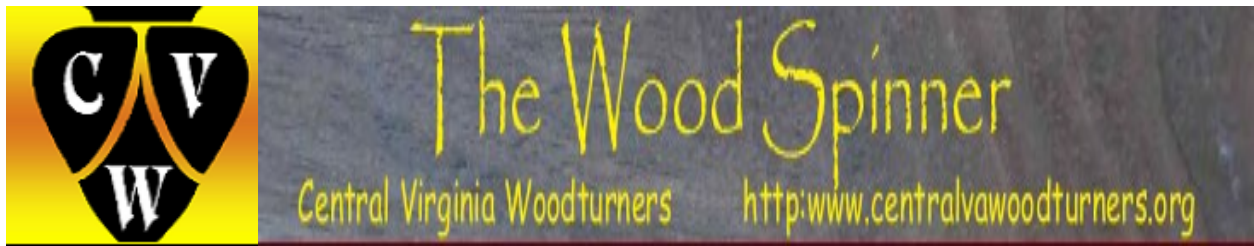
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Richard Landreth reads the plaque dedicating the skills room as the Denny Martin Woodturning Skills Center as Carole Martin and family members watch.

Carole Martin cuts the ribbon to the Denny Martin Woodturning Skills Center as Tom Evans and Richard Landreth watch.

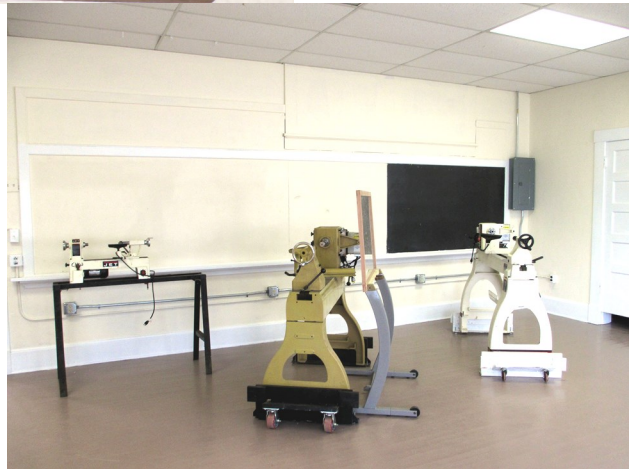




The Denny Martin Woodturning Skills Center.

Left: Close-up of the plaque

Below: Four views of the skills center with the Grizzly band saw, the Powermatic 3520 and the Jet 1642, storage area, and two Jet mini lathes with Jim Oates painting the letters on the plaque.





10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CENTRAL VIRGINIA WOODTURNERS 2004-2014

Christmas Party December 17, 2013.

Unfortunately due to the weather postponement of the Christmas Party from last week, five of the charter members that were officers over the years and were the driving force to establish/maintain the Club were not able to attend and tell us the club history. These gentlemen were, Bert Smith, Starke Smith, Bob Garnet, Peter Welch and Fred Williamson.

We owe a huge gratitude and appreciation to these gentlemen along with much time and effort by many more members over the years to achieve 10 years as a viable and fun club.

Dennis Hippen used the following notes to provide a quick history of the Central Virginia Woodturners Club. Verbal information was gathered from early officers and Newsletters for this review. Thanks for the input.

Dennis Hippen

Dennis asked any charter members present to stand. and asked any of them to add to his comments from their memory.

2003- In the Beginning - Bert Smith, Starke Smith and Bob Garnet met at Starke's house to discuss starting a woodturning club based out of Waynesboro. Bert was the lead as he was an early member of the WoVA club meeting in Timberville at the time.

A meeting was advertised inviting anyone interested in learning woodturning in October/November 2003 at the Artisans Center of Virginia (ACV). A couple dozen people attended and the interest was certainly there to start an AAW club.

December 2, 2003 was the First meeting at the old Red Barn at the ACV (where Target is today). Officers were elected as follows:

Bert Smith- President

Brian Mundy - Vice President

Scott Koehn - Treasurer

Bob Garnet - Secretary

Peter Welch - Newsletter Editor

Ray Tilghman - Library/Video

Starke Smith - Silent Auction & Show/Tell. Later in the year Starke started selling woodturning supplies to members and continued to do so until 2-3 years ago.

January 2004 minutes indicated 19 members had paid dues.

(10 Years later we have 86 paid members)

-Meetings would be scheduled for 3rd Tuesday evening of each month.

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- Members voted to apply for Charter application to the AAW.
- Show/tell and silent auction had many involved and lively!
- Committee was formed to arrange demonstration topics with demonstrators.

March 2004 – AAW approved our charter with 33 Charter Members. Many signed the Charter document now in the Skills Learning Center. (Following are the names of members as of March 2004: Paul Dana, Miles Everard, Roger Flory, Ben Flory, Michelle Gamble, Bob Garnett, Bill Hamilton, John Heyden, Dennis Hippen, Roger Jarrell, Nette Johnson, Scott Koehn, Angela Leigh, Dave Mitchell, Brian Mundy, John O’Neill, Ron Rosenthal, Bert Smith, Bob Smith, Starke Smith, Pat Steele, Ray Tilghman, Douglas VanLear, Dan Wachpress Peter Welch, Fred Williamson, Ryan Williamson, Tim Wright, Thomas Knoll, Jim Higgins, Hal Green, Frank Biscardi, Jim Hodge, Clyde Shrewsbury, Craig Shrewsbury, Jack Watson, Frank Deckert, Ray O. Jones, Lowell Palmer, Glenn Elliott, Ron Dearing, Mark Sondrol, William Schutte, Patti Riker.)

Bert Smith with his very active officers and “ball of fire “ programs committee did a bunch of activities that first year.

- Club had turning booth at Waynesboro Fly Fishing Festival with many turners demonstrating. Miles Everard was top man in sales
- A handful of Saturday open turning sessions were conducted.
- Two/three members had opened their shops
- Four Saturday open turning sessions including Fred Williamson’s fine shop.
- Had a cherry bowl challenge to members with prizes.
- Had a June Club Picnic with a very good turn out.
- Had two professional turners demonstrate: Tom Crabb and Ashton Waters.
- The REALLY big event was the First Virginia Woodturners Symposium held at the ACV area in November. Bert Smith was the driving force to get this huge undertaking accomplished through many hours of work from CVW members and help from other clubs. 208 woodturners paid to attend when 100 were expected. BIG success!

Meanwhile, Bert Smith conducted Spring and Fall woodturning classes for beginners and also a bowl turning classes in the Red Barn at ACV in 2004 , 2005 and 2006. Ask for show of hands of who took the classes and the helpers.

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January 2005 Newsletter indicated 49 paid members.

-Programs and Show/tell grew by leaps and bounds throughout the year.

-Fred Williamson spearheaded the birth of club video equipment from used surveillance items to donated TV's /VCR's and creativity. John O'Neil was likely involved about this time too and has carried us through to today with by far the "BEST" video system in the State of Virginia.

2006 started with new CVW Officers with Ron Dearing as new President and John O'Neil as Vice President. Balance of group remained the same.

-Bad news came that the Red Barn and all buildings near the ACV were to be demolished for new shopping center.

-The good news was that Peter Welch, then current Wood Shop Director at Miller School, assisted with gaining approval for Club to move to the Wood Shop and have our meetings conducted onsite. Whew!

-About mid-year Dennis Hippen took over the Treasurer duties from Scott Koehn.

-John O'Neil as VP ran many of the meetings for Ron.

-Club met at Miller School for a year or so and sometime in 2007 Miles Everard alerted us that The Crimora Community Center may be a viable meeting facility. Move was again completed by many members. And here we are today.

2008-2009 Had Fred Williamson as President and John O'Neil took over the video activities.

-Somewhere in this timeline the Club purchased the new VS 1642 Jet lathe. (February 2007..Ed)

2010-2011 Had Peter Welch as President.

-Somewhere in this period the club purchased a used seriously dirty/abused Powermatic lathe. Anybody remember cleaning/tuning that lathe up??

2012-2013 Had Tom Evans elevated to President from Treasurer. Many activities were accomplished with his motley crew of rowdy officers/management team members mostly in tow! We will get these listed for next meeting.

The last 10 years had their ups (mostly ups) and downs and we have grown as better turners/mentors to today with 86 paid members. Thanks to all for your efforts and time!!!!



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Social Meeting Set-up

Right: Set-up well underway for the December Social meeting/Christmas party,



Left: Jim Guynn and Tom Evans at work preparing the auditorium for the CVW December social party.

Right: Dennis Hippen, Jim Guynn, and Tom Evans in a decision making mode with Jason Levinson quietly observing.



Left: Set-up virtually complete. Looks purty nice for a bunch of guys. Note the neat table-cloths!



Tom Evan's Weird Glasses

Many people have asked me where I got my weird "break apart" glasses. Often people actually think my glasses are broken when they see me pull them apart to place them into position. They are not broken. I purchased them at the Rockfish Outfitters store at 1461 E. Main St. in Waynesboro. That part of Main St is Rt. 250 from Delphine Ave. (Hess station and Napa auto parts), going up the mountain to exit 99 of I-64. There is a magnet in the two-piece nose bridge; each eye piece is hinged to an adjustable length arm; and the arms adjustable width is joined behind the head. They stay in place and don't swing out like a pendulum like glasses on a cord and don't fall out of a shirt pocket into a bucket of paint or tile mortar, or onto the lawn when mowing- ask me how I know! Mine are simple reading glasses but the frames will hold prescription lens. The adjustable glasses, like mine, sell for \$50 +/-; non adjustable glasses sell for \$40 +/- . My glasses are one of the better purchases I have made in a long time.

Thanks Crimora Ruritans

The Denny Martin Woodturning Skills Room could not have been completed without the generous support of the Crimora Ruritans. The normal \$25 room rent was reduced to \$15 and they did not expect payment all the while we were working in that space. Payment of rent won't start until the room becomes operational, which will be January 2014. The electrical upgrades include: new outlets along the wall out side of the Denny Martin room, which will allow a reorientation of the meeting lay out; a new circuit panel in the mentoring room; and all of the new 120vt and 240vt outlets in the mentoring room. The Ruritans absorbed 100% of the cost of that electrical work. Todd Fisher, a licensed electrician, of Fisher Electrical Service, Inc, who is also a Ruritan member, did all of the electrical work. If any one needs electrical work done, you can contact Todd at 540-487-9241. Thank you again Crimora Ruritans and Todd Fisher.

For Sale

Delta midi model LA200 1/2 hp. with 10" swing and 22" bed. I will take \$150 for it.

Kirk McCauley, 434-953-6309, ngvawoodart@aol.com

About the cover photos

CVW member Roger Chandler's work continues to be recognized by others. Roger named the walnut hollow form with finial on the left "*Aspirations*." It received cover honors from the **World of Woodturners** website. At top right is a peppermill Roger donated to the gift exchange of his church for a fund raiser. The lidded bowl is of walnut with an elm lid.



December Social Meeting Shots



Above: Tom expresses pleasure at receiving the “safety” award from Richard Landreth.

Right: Richard thanks John O’Neil for his years of service as CVW video/audio guru.



Below left: Tom enjoying the dancing elves video provided by Richard Landreth who obviously spared neither expense nor time in its preparation. *(Sorry about the quality of the photo. Ed)*

Below right: Dennis Hippen’s hollow “holey” piece provoked a critique from the holey vessel master, Tom Evans, captured here sharing his view of Dennis’ work.





Top left: The gathering crowd

Top right: Incoming Secretary Jim Kueck addresses the members and guests.

Above left: Tim Quillen and Barbara Dill at the appetizers table

Above right: Ray Quillen samples the appetizers



Calendar

January 21, 2014: New 2013 member, Mike Sorge will demonstrate making geometric turnings from planks and geometric bowls and boxes. Safety tips for turning geometrics along with tools/grinds will also be reviewed. Mike will have his patent pending templates and his fast drying finish on display and for sale. Check out www.mikesorge.com for many more turnings.

February 18, 2014: Demo by Nate Jenkins who uses a treadle lathe.. Come see how lathe-swere operated years ago.

March 18, 2014: Clinton Spencer is the demonstrator

April 15, 2014: Bring your tools night. Phil Evans remembers the first CVW meeting he was at three years ago then the members brought all kinds of favorite and homemade tools. He was impressed by the unusual array of items. .

Lamps by Phil Evans

If you were at the December Social Meeting you saw the lamp Phil Evans had at Show and Tell and is pictured on page 6. Here is a collection of Phil's beautiful lamps.





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