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Roger Chandler's small box elder vessel

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President's Corner

We had a very good-sized crowd despite the snowy weather and postponement from prior week. Ten guests attended along with 31 members. Jimmy Guynn had his hands full trying to meet all the guests and 4 also joined as new members. Welcome.

Thanks for bearing with us on our trial run of new demo wall location/set up. By next meeting we hope to have the regular screen mounted on the wall. Business portion of meeting will be much shorter in the future too.

Jim Oates did double duty with our new Secretary absent (gaining a new grand kid is an OK excuse), Roger Chandler handled Show/Tell for us as Phil Evans was Ice fishing in Florida and Tom Evans/Jason Levinson handled the Treasurer job. Thanks guys.



We had a little fun with our excellent past president, Tom Evans. Tom was gifted a new bright yellow stocking hat and an orange T-shirt to wear at our Woodturning Skills Center mornings so we can see him coming and BEWARE!!! As a small token of our appreciation of job well done, we also gave Tom an AAW smock so now he has a respectable turning smock.



Mike Sorge provided our demo of turning geometric diamonds. He had a great selection of finished items for us to view. The air turbulence sound from a diamond shaped geometric board at 2500 RPM was ear and eye popping. I bet we will see some new ones next meeting. Thanks for great demo Mike.

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January 29, 2014 Minutes

Crimora Community Center
Central Virginia Woodturners Club (CVW)

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Skills Room Cord.	Jim Oates	Ruritan Liaison-	Tom Evans
VA Symposium Bd	Tom Evans		

Attendance: 41, Members: 31, Guests: 10

The following officers were not in attendance:

Jim Kueck, Richard Landreth

The General Meeting:

Dennis Hippen opened the meeting with his objective for the club: "Have more fun" and turned the meeting over to Jim Guynn to introduce guests

Finis Carroll – Charlottesville

Gary Filmore – who is a member of Apple Valley Woodturners in Winchester – does flatwork and turning

Jonas Hostletter – owner of Appalachian Woods and brought by Starke Smith

Charles David Weismann – Fishersville

Seth and David Robinson – Seth is our youngest woodturner in the skills room

Eric Jones – who does mainly mission style flatwork

Craig Martinelli - from Staunton who is a novice turner

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Jason Hostletter

Cindy Sorge who is the wife of tonight's demonstrator Mike Sorge

Since Richard Landreth was sick, Tom Evans gave the treasurer's report. He reminded all that dues are due and are \$25 for individuals and \$40 for family memberships. He then discussed Tee shirts for sale and polled for interest.

Jim Oates gave an update on the mentoring session which had 5 attendees and 6 mentors and appears to be off to a successful start. He also thanked members for their donations to the club. Dennis Hippen has donated an area dust collector and Lanny Campbell has donated a Grizzly dust collector for pick up at the lathes. Dave Potter donated a vacuum chuck set up which, with the addition of home-made chucks, is ready to use. Jim also thanked Starke Smith for a donation.

Dennis pointed out the library survey that Matt Shapiro is using to improve the library.

The Virginia Symposium is September 13-14 and Dennis has received a request for 5 demonstrators from the club to participate. This will include free entry to the Symposium.

Dennis also reminded us that the cancellation policy is the meeting will likely be canceled if Augusta County schools are closed. A notice will be emailed out that day and if no email you can call the contact number in the club brochure.

Tim Quillen will place the schedule of events on the web site as they are scheduled and also the slide show at Christmas Party from CD made by Mars Champaign.

We are still working on the liability insurance and are considering incorporation.

Show and Tell:

Roger Chandler managed the show and tell and introduced **Mars Champaign** who presented a natural edge cherry burl bowl and a shallow ambrosia maple bowl. His lidded pin oak box was marked by a catch



Mars' three pieces



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Dennis' stemmed chalice

so before finishing he re-chucked it but the warping produced an eccentric lid which only will fit in one direction.

Dennis Hippen showed the two piece stemmed chalice he obtained from the North Carolina Symposium demonstration. He had finished the piece nicely. He also showed two Monticello tulip Poplar bowls and several nice compacts and magnifying glasses he had turned.



More pieces by Dennis



Bruce's wine coasters with Roger's box elder vessel caption

Bruce Stilwell showed two wine bottle coasters turned from cherry and box elder that also were made to support the bottle stoppers he had also turned. He also showed us a box elder vessel that he was concerned was losing color in spite of not being placed in the sun.



Roger watches as Bruce describes his wine coaster

Roger Chandler discussed a collection of pieces includ-

ing a walnut stem with an ebonized maple stem and a box elder vessel. They turned in the World of Woodturning web site recently. His tall with 3 emphasis lines in it was also impressive. His walnut vessel with an elm lid was the grain and make a from a laminated



Roger's pieces

med hollow form ple stem and a box had both been featured in the World of Woodturning web site. His maple stemmed cup that he wire burned sive. His walnut vessel flared to emphasize pleasing shape. He pepper mill made blank.



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Jay Lindhjem brought two bottle stoppers made from California myrtle wood which comes in a variety of colors and is easy to finish and can be easily dyed to improve the look. He also showed a cherry bowl with very nice grain.



Jay Lindhjem

Starke Smith showed a spalted beech platter and an apple dish with the bark on. He showed a large lazy-susan made from Monticello tulip poplar with key brass filler finished with Danish oil and he has some for sale. He also showed a wal-



Starke Smith

nut bowl and a small tulip poplar bowl with completely different color than the lazy-susan.

Jason Levenson showed an ash vessel with the irregularities nicely filled with turquoise and a small natural edge burl. His natural edge bowl had separated from the



Jason Levenson

chuck boss and he was having trouble gluing it back to finish the bowl. His winged bowl was made from 4 pieces and nicely finished.



Jim Oates' modified vase

Jim Oates showed a modification of a flower vase returned to make it a pedestal vase to make his wife happy. It worked. (My apologies to Jim for my inept photography. The photograph in his exhibit was of the original and I did not capture it in my photo...Ed)

Kirk McCauley showed two natural edge bowls. One was Monticello mulberry and the other Monticello tulip



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Kirk's natural edge bowls

poplar. He had used a torch to heat the mulberry and emphasize the grain. He also had a large natural edge Monticello tulip poplar bowl with the edge from the edge of the rotten core of the tree and a "holey" bowl from the same wood. He also showed an Oak lidded container he made early in his turning to compare with



Kirk's exhibit

a current one but sold the cur-



Tom Evans Seth Robinson with show and tell.

rent one just before the meeting.

He discussed using Arm-R-Seal finish which polished nicely but is a bit slower drying than the other food safe finishes.

Seth Robinson: brought a basket of his recent work for show and tell. He had many turned pieces in the basket but he especially highlighted a cribbage board and markers he had made for his dad and granddad. The basket also included pieces he turned in our first skills training session. Seth has made a table saw and several other shop tools and has converted a drill press into a lathe. We should all be this

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talented!

Jim Oates and Bruce Stillwell won the gift certificate drawing.

Library:

Remember to complete the library survey.

Demonstration:

Mike Sorge, www.mikesorge.com, whose specialty is turning odd shapes such as triangles and diamonds also does rounds but after four years has perfected geometric shapes and sells templates to make the blanks in Ohio at Woodcraft and soon in Virginia. He has been turning for 4 years. He prefers balanced



Some of Mike's Lidded Boxes

Mike's templates



shapes since they must be turned at higher speeds to avoid break out. He usually starts with 5 quarter planks free of defects since he turns at approximately 2500 rpm. His principle tools are 1/2 and 3/8 inch bowl gouges although he uses some carbide scrapers to finish the inside of his bowls. He uses a food safe finish that penetrates the wood so he sands through 400 and sometimes 600 grit to achieve a smooth finish. He starts by drilling a 2 1/2 inch center hole

to mount the piece in an expanding chuck with two teeth depth. He also uses a modified bearing cup center in the tailstock for safety. The modification is a small washer to limit the penetration of the center. He recommend cryo-hardened tools to limit the need to sharpen. He reminded us to avoid the danger

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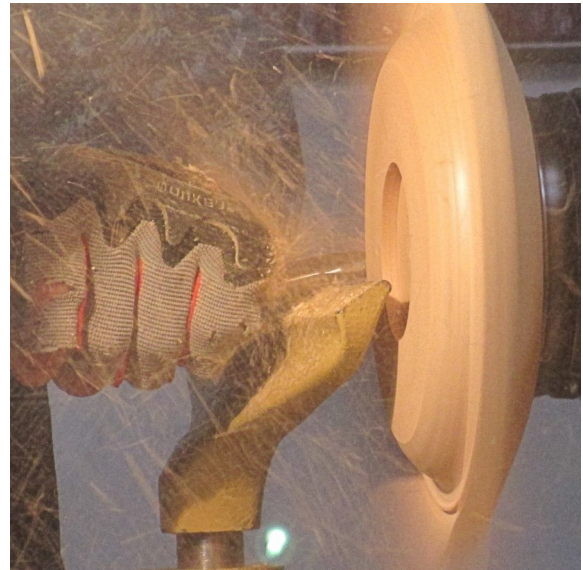


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zone, wear a safety shield and to frequently check the set up to avoid problems. This type of turning is not for the faint of heart but produces beautiful pieces.



Clockwise from top left: Mike checks the mounted blank, the outside nears its final shape, hollowing well underway, the lid nears completion..

The next club meeting will be Tuesday February 18, 2014 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.



Interesting Web Sites

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/1yWmqbltB-c> Turning beautiful trees

<http://www.youtube.com/chan...> Carl Jacobsen demonstrates using a scraper as a shear cutter.

<http://www.thewoodshop.tv/> Carl Jacobsen makes a custom gear shift knob

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcnPjNFdLX4> Three sided lidded box (strong accent)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7obdn9xDVaA> Friction polish (Obie's Shine)

New AAW Series: Elements of Woodturning series

http://woodturner.org/Shop/Products.asp?tCID=9&utm_source=Newsletter+%2318&utm_campaign=newsletter+%2318&utm_medium=email

Lathes for Sale

Jet 1442 with 57 inch extension bed and legs for \$1,700; Powermatic 3520 lathe with standard accessories, extra 3 inch faceplate and accessories. \$3,000 All in excellent condition.

Bob Davis, rbd4n@virginia.edu, 434-996-0379

DENNY MARTIN SKILLS CENTER

Our initial training session was held on Saturday, January 11. With the arrival of coffee, doughnuts and muffins spirits blossomed and the room was checked out and changed a bit to improve the flow and one lathe was adjusted to meet the height requirements of our youngest turner.

We got off to a good start even though some of the new equipment had not been set up when we started. We had five "mentees" starting at 9 years old and enough mentors to work with them one-on-one. The session started off with safety training and tool basics shown with a large set of model tools and blanks. Lathes were set up for those that wanted to turn spindles and the band saw was quickly put in motion preparing blanks. Thanks to Dennis Hippen, who brought a set of circle templates he had made and donated. As soon as the grinding station was set up properly, tool sharpening training was started and continued throughout the session.

Heat was provided by three portable electric heaters that members have provided for the sessions. All the activity soon made them unnecessary. Thanks to all the donations there were plenty of tools and equipment to set up all the lathes. There were also many items purchased through the generous donations made by members like tools, a new vacuum cleaner and lathe accessories. Some people brought their own tool to check and improve and we quickly learned that good tools and proper sharpening techniques rapidly improved the skills levels. We had enough mentors to provide individual instruction requested.

At the conclusion of the session a feedback sheet was passed to all attendees to collect suggestions for improvement. As a result we will move ahead with bowl turning in addition to more spindle work and will continue the tool sharpening sessions.



Photos of Jan 11 Mentoring session in the Denny Martin Skills Room



Top left: Joe Jarrells, Dave Robinson and his son Seth, Bob Davis, Jason Levinson, and club President, Dennis Hippen.

Top Right: Skills Room Coordinator Jim Oates opens the session.

Above: Bob Davis sharpening his sharpening skills.

Right: Miles Everard demonstrates his "magic pencil" technique for finding the center. After finding the center he uses the bandsaw to cut both a horizontal and a vertical slot through the center for mounting on the lathe when using a 4 prong drive spur.



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Left: Richard Landreth gives 9 year old Seth Robinson instruction on spindle turning.

Below: Seth gives spindle turning a try. We were thrilled to have Seth as our first non-



member mentoring client. He is an amazing young man who has used the web to learn about tools, what they are for and how to use them. Shown at right and bottom right are two of Seth's initial woodworking projects. He built both the table saw and the workbench by himself using the Web for guidance and information. *Table saw & workbench photos by David Robinson.*



Left: Richard Landreth, Don Voas and Jim Oates enjoy a coffee break.





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Left: Tom Evans at work on Jan 11 on the stand for CVW's newly acquired low speed sharpening system. Dennis Hippen was able to purchase the grinder and rolling stand through the WoVA club. The grinder



and stand are shown at right after Tom's repairs.

Calendar

February 18: Demo by Nate Jenkins who uses a treadle lathe.. Come see how lathes were operated years ago.

March 8: 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

March 18: Clinton Spencer is the demonstrator

April 12: 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

April 15: 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. .

May 10: 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

May 20: To be determined

June 14: 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

June 17: TBD

July 12: 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

July 15: TBD

August 9: 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

September 13-14: Virginia Woodturner's Symposium. No CVW club meeting.

October 11 – 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

October 21 – TBD

November 8 – 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

November 18 – TBD

December 9, Christmas Social . Note this is 2nd Tuesday

December 13 – 9 AM to Noon – Woodturning Skills Center