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Snowman pepper grinder by Jim Oates

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President's Corner

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March 21, 2017



Our March meeting was a full house, with some 60 attendees showing up for the Lichenburg Fractal Burning demo. Fred Williamson filled in for Bob Welch, who's wife is ill. We all were delighted that Buck Culver agreed to be the food czar, filling in our last vacancy in leadership after Bill Hemminger stepped up to the plate for the newsletter. Many many thanks to them.

Once again our show and tell table was most impressive. I feel this is one of the strongest aspects of our club, as the creativity and talent on display stimulates us all to do more and better. Keep it up!

The time just flew by as we watched the dramatic demonstration by a three member crew. Charlie Wortman came down from the Captital Area Woodturners with a fine slideshow on the overall project and the safety considerations. Kirk McCauley showed us what happens when you rob a microwave of its transformer and make the sparks fly. On display on the show and tell was a large bench table slab Kirk had burned with Jason Levinson that was most dramatic. Then Mike Sorge demonstrated the much safer and lower powered system from Conestoga Works. Finally Charlie did some fine detail burning with his own hybrid unit. It is clear that they all enjoyed the random spontaneity of the fractal burning, the creative choices it gives you, and the challenge of imagining all the different ways it could be used.

Safety is a real consideration in this process. If any members decide to add this to their repertoire, please be very cautions. Although a neon transformer by its very nature limits the amperage flow to a relative trickle, the voltage is quite high, hence the creeping sparking burn line on the wet wood, and would readily leap from hand through your heart and down out your feet or your other hand. Not good.

I close this president's corner hoping the best for everyone it their turning, and particularly for Bob Welch so he can return to being our active president.

Fred Williamson

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February 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes, Crimora Community Center
Central Virginia Woodturners Club (CVW)

The meeting, attended by 65, was called to order at 7 PM by president Bob Welch. He discussed the selection of the new flat screen TV, a welcome addition to the AV set-up.

Don Voas gave the membership report. We have one new member this month, Joe Hunter.

Richard Landreth presented the treasurer's report. We had 55 paid members prior to this evenings payments. Richard announced a wood sale tonight, "2 for 1". The date for the 2018 Virginia symposium is November 3 & 4. This symposium will have a minimum of 36 rotations, a significant increase over 2016. He also thanked Fred Williamson and Don Voas for constructing the set-up for the new TV.

Jim Oates reviewed skill center activity. Jim and Katie Lasher (10 years of age, turning 4 months) conducted a session for 18 children from the RAW Learning Center focusing on tops. The tops were painted, followed by a spinning contest. Much fun for all. The skill center band saw has been refurbished and is ready for use. Jim told the group that mentors are needed at all skill levels.

Dennis Hippen gave the safety minute on grinding wheels focusing on three points: Keep the tool centered on the wheel. Wheels on a grinder must be similar in size. When dressing aluminum oxide wheels, a vacuum and/or dust mask is necessary, the dust is toxic.

Fred Williamson conducted the show & tell. The participants are listed on the following page. At the conclusion of show & tell Fred announced that we had received a cake, complete with the CVW logo, from Katie's mother, Dana Albrecht, to be enjoyed by all during the break.

Following the break, Fred introduced Barbara Dill's demonstration of multi-axis turning.

Barbara's presentation included an in-depth discussion of the 4 types of multi-axis turning and the resulting profiles accompanied by a detailed handout. She also discussed her primary tools and sharpening profiles. To conclude, she turned a twisted axis piece.

Barbara Dill donated 85 CVW brochures to replenish our inventory.

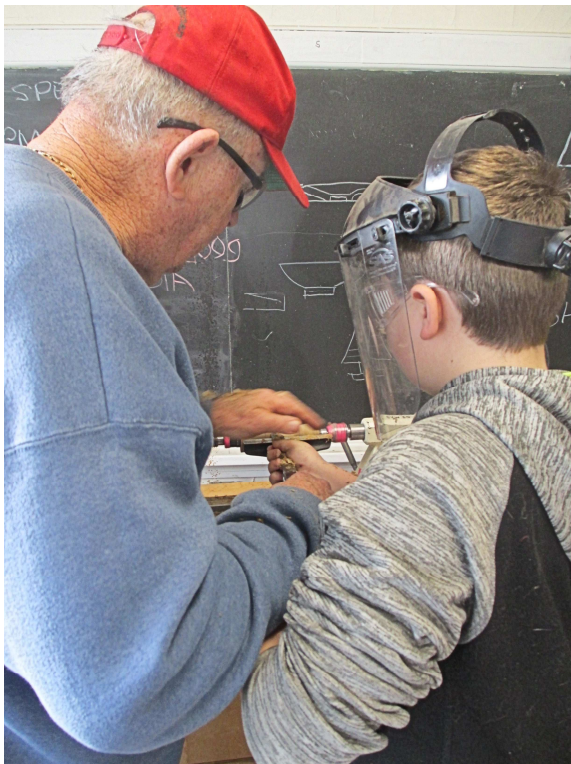
The meeting was concluded at 9 PM.

Scenes From the February 11 Skill Center Session



Top Left: Mike Sorge Demo— Top Right: John Schudt

*Bottom Left: Jim Oats Mentoring—Center Right: Lanny Examines Mikes Bowl Bottom Right
Dennis Sharpening*





Scenes From the March 11 Skill Center Session



Top Left: Shaun Hollingsworth— Top Right: Jim & Katie

Bottom Left: Introductions—Bottom Right: Lee Albright, Don Voas & Ramona Miller



Photos from the January 17 Meeting



Kirk McCauley - Platters



Photos from the February 21 Meeting

Barbara Dill

Functional multi-axis pieces





January 17 Show & Tell





Proposed CVW 2017 Programs Schedule

Mar 21	Mike Sorge	Lichtenberg Fractal Woodburning
Apr 18	Jim Sprinkle	Segmented turning
May 16	Ray Devo	Finials
June 20	Fred Williamson	mounting burls, closed fors
July 19	Alex Pettigrew	peppermills
Aug 15	Multi Station	Various coring systems. Buffing
Sep 16	Jerry Whitehurst	Wall hung ornamental platters,
Oct 17	Panel Discus-	
Nov21	TBA	
Dec 11 or 18?	Christmas Dinner	