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Hat turned by Kirk McCauley
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President's Corner

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March 21, 2017

Hello all you CVW members,

I'm filling in again for Bob Welch. We sure pray for his wife's full recovery, so they can resume normal living and he can rejoin us as the excellent president that he is.



Our club continues to be quite vibrant, with continual improvements happening. We have a wide base of active volunteers, witness the continuing monthly use and additions of the skills center, and the continuing improvements to our Crimora Community setting. As mentioned in the newsletter, a big round of recognition and applause goes to those who pitched in to clean up the wiregrass and spruce up the planter areas: in particular, Jim Oates, Lanny Campbell, Brian Rogers, Al Reaser, Chris Culotta, Dave Potter, Mars Campaign, and Tom Evans. What a turnout! It sure looks great.

The new big screen TV is also an improvement, and as we work out all the bugs with its settings and location. The second speaker is also an improvement, and we need to make that easier to set up. Our next challenge is to improve the lighting over the lathe/demo table, and that should happen soon.

Many thanks to Jim Sprinkle for his excellent presentation on his approach to segmented turning. It was his first demonstration, and he certainly rose to the occasion with his prepared photographs showing his entire process, the partially finished pieces illustrating the multiple steps, his assembly of one ring towards the end of his demo, and of course the wide selection of beautiful finished pieces. You'd never know he was a carpenter by trade, right?

Our next demonstrator May 16 is Ray Deyo, the former owner of Woodcraft in Richmond. He will be sharing his experience and skills on finial turning, and comes highly recommended.

See you there,

Fred Williamson

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Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017

The meeting, attended by 60, was called to order at 7 PM by Fred Williamson filling in for president Bob Welch who was unable to attend. Mark "Buck" Culver will become the "food czar" in response to Fred's request for a volunteer. Fred also noted that Bill Hemminger will publish the newsletter.

Don Voas introduced our visitors: Charlie Wortman, Bill Fox, Andy Dale, Betsy O'Brian, and Dennis Zimmerman. He also asked for continuing donations to be sold at the Cheese Shop.

Richard Landreth gave the treasurers report, noting there are currently 82 paid members. T-shirts and hats are available for pickup. Richard has a few extra shirts and hats available for sale.

Jim Oates gave the safety minute, discussing the precaution to inspect wood for insects and spray as appropriate before bringing into the house. He also reminded the group that the club has loaner lathes and tools available.

Tom Evans made several announcements of general interest. He has additional handouts from last month's demo by Barbara Dill. Jim Oates will forward information regarding high quality band saw blades made locally. On Saturday, March 25, 9 AM till noon, the club will restore the planter beds at the entrance to the community center. The turning & carving show at Richmond Woodcraft will be April 20-22. Members should bring entries to our April meeting.

Starke Smith noted an upcoming auction of tools from a Woodturners of Virginia member.

The demonstration of fractal burning was presented by Charlie Wortman of Capital Area Woodturners, Mike Sorge, and Kirk McCauley. Charlie gave a brief slide show that gave general background. Kirk described his microwave transformer units and demonstrated them. Mike gave a demo of his unit from Conestoga Works. Charlie then used his unit on some small items.

The meeting was concluded at 9 PM.



From the April 13, 2017 Skill Center Landscaping



Landscaping at the Denny Martin Skills Center





May 2017, CVW Meeting, President's Corner- Bob Welch

Thanks to officers for filling in for me due to my wife's illness the last couple months; and thanks to persons who help setup for the meeting and clean up afterwards.

Our guest demonstrator was Ray Deyo, who showed us several techniques for making finials such as turning smaller diameter portions of the finial first to leave larger diameter supporting wood as long as possible, sanding each part before moving on to the next larger diameter and other suggestions.

Fred Williamson brought an adjustable beam and slide pieces for a new, overhead lighting and camera setup similar to one we saw at last fall's symposium in Fishersville, VA. Several members helped with installation like John O'Neil; Jim Oates cutting post metal and connect pieces and several others. It worked well with some difficulty of the overhead camera's auto-focus zooming in on chips on lathe ways rather than the finial being demonstrated. We are working on fine tuning the setup. It is a great addition to our club.

Fred said there are a few changes to our programs for the balance of the year. Tim Quillen will put this on our website, so be sure to check it.

Alex Pettigrew reported the recent Richmond competition found several of our club members in high standing:

Kirk McCauley:

- Spiney lamp w/ turned wood lamp shade - 1st place.
- Wood hat - 1st place.
- Globe - 1st place.
- Platter - 3rd place.

Phil Evans:

- Natural Edge root "bowl"- 1st place *and* Best of Show
- Cedar, end grain natural edge bowl - 2nd place

Alex Pettigrew:

- Walnut/maple wand - Honorable Mention
- Cherry bowl with walnut tree inlay - 2nd place
- Pair of ink pens with Lichtenberg figures - 2 place

Jim Oates:

- Bowl/box with carved walnut lid - 2nd place.

Tom Evans:

- Spalted White Birch lamp - 1st place.



May 2017, CVW Meeting, President's Corner– Bob Welch, continued

Treasurer Richard Landreth indicated we are in good financial standing. He also mentioned that AAW is having a 50% discount on membership for first time chapter members through June. This is a terrific offer and I urge all of you to look on the AAW website and take advantage of this.

As usual, we had a great 'Show and Tell', with members showing wonderful creations they made. This continues to be a highlight of our meetings. Congratulations to those who participated for nice work. I encourage more members to bring items to show us.

Fred Williamson will host the SATURDAY June 24th meeting at his shop near Crozet. Members voted the charge for the demo and food will be \$10. Directions to his workshop can be found on Fred's website and will be published by Jim Oates to members.

Jim Oates' safety talk highlighted a potential deadly risk creating Lichtenberg fractal figures on wood turnings. It is AAW's and our club's position that nobody use this technique, especially with several recently reported deaths associated of persons doing this. It is not our club or an AAW sanctioned event even if done offsite. Though we had a demo of the process before Roger Chandler brought recent reports of deaths to our attention, CVW accepts no responsibility should anyone be injured doing this. It is dangerous. We advise everyone not to do it. AAW's policy follows:

It is the policy of the American Association of Wood turners (AAW) that the process known as Fractal Burning is prohibited from being used in any AAW-sponsored events, including regional and national symposia, and that AAW-chartered chapters are strongly urged to refrain from demonstrating or featuring the process in chapter events. Further, the process of Fractal Burning shall not be featured in any written or online AAW publication, except for within articles that warn against its use. AAW publications will not accept advertisements for any products or supplies directly related to the process.

Jim also reported that we have a new, Beale Buffing System installed on the lathe just inside the Skills Center donated by Dennis Hippen, whom we thank for providing this and giving instruction on its use during our last skills session.

If you did not pay your 2017 dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$30 individual and \$40 for family (under 17 free). These are reduced to half after July first for new members.

Bob Welch, CVW President (rvjwelch77@gmail.com)



Fred Williamson demo for Central Virginia Woodturners

Fred Williamson will be hosting the monthly demo for CVW at his studio **Saturday, June 24th, 9:00 am to 3 pm**. The demo is open to all turners in the general area who wish to come. Lunch will be served. There is a \$10 fee to cover food and expenses. Fee can be paid upon arrival.

Please **RSVP** to Jim Oates (oatesjim@comcast.net), as soon as you can if you wish to attend, so CVW can plan for the food and seating at the event. Deadline 6/19/17.

Topics to be covered will include:

- Preparing and mounting burls and odd shapes using the electric chain saw.
- Turning large open natural edge bowls, focusing on various gouge grinds and cutting techniques.
- Turning closed forms, using the boring bar.
- Providing instructions on various homemade tools, such as making your own sanding discs, making a boring bar, customizing your tool handles with neoprene, and the bowl bottom flattening sander.
- Some thoughts on the aesthetics as well as the practicalities of a bowl turner's philosophy of work and what guides the creative impulse.

Directions:

5623 Sugar Ridge Road, Crozet, VA 22932. Off Sugar Hollow Road up the Moormans River, west of White Hall, and straight out Barracks Road from Charlottesville.

If you're coming from I-64 take Crozet Exit 107, go east on 250, go to third light, and turn left onto 240 to Crozet. Go straight through the stoplight and the four way stop, and the road turns into 810 north. White Hall Road in due course. Follow 810 north from Crozet 5 miles to dead-end into 614 at White Hall, facing Wyant's Store. Turn left onto 614.

If you are coming from Charlottesville, go 12.5 miles out Barracks Road (Rt. 614) to White Hall.

After about 100 yds. you will see The Piedmont Store and Post Office. The main road 810 swings 90 deg. to the right there, but instead you go straight ahead, passing on the **left** side of The Piedmont Store and Post Office, to head up Sugar Hollow Road (still 614).

Go 2.2 miles up 614, crossing one bridge. Turn right on Sugar Ridge Road (Rt. 674). Go 0.3 miles to big blue metal mailbox on the right with a red cardinal on it, Box 5623. Drive in past lots of logs. For more details call 823-1882.



Show & Tell, May 16, 2017

William Bowman - 2 Bowls, sycamore, walnut

Alex Pettigrew - Cherry platter with inlay

Mike Sorge - Nested diamond form that included a box with opal inlay in the lid

Roger Chandler - Ambrosia maple lidded hollow form

Jim Oates - Steady rest with inline skate wheel

Dennis Hippen - Walnut bowl with thin bottom needing an overlay

Jim Adamek - Textured platter, lidded hollow form, 2 boxes, finial, and small ambrosia tiger maple plate

Don Voas - A chestnut "whats it" with finial and 3 Japanese kokeshi dolls with ball & socket heads

Kirk McCauley - Set of nested box elder bowls, mulberry hollow form, and a wall hanging from a stump

Cheese Shop Update

I delivered 13 new woodturned items to the Cheese Shop on April 13 on behalf of Central Virginia Woodturners and collected a \$68.60 check for three items that sold since January. A dozen items, mostly bud vases and candlesticks, that did not sell for more than a year were removed from the shelf and will be returned to their makers. Four other pieces remain for sale.

The new items, almost all bowls, were donated by Roger Chandler, Richard Landreth, Jim Oates, Fred Williamson and Don Voas. Pricing (except Fred's bowl) was determined by the average of evaluations by Tom Evans, Jim Oates, Mark Culver, Bryce Connelly, Dennis Hippen, Alex Pettigrew, Mike Sorge and Don Voas at the April 8 Skills Development Session. Seventy per cent of proceeds from sale of these hand-crafted pieces will be added to the CVW treasury to benefit our members. Please thank these contributors and the Cheese Shop.

Details can be found in the attached Excel spreadsheets. Note the code at the bottom indicating the date when items were delivered.

Please encourage other CVW members to contribute their best turnings to this fund raising effort which enables even better demonstrations, training and growth of our club. Bowls, platters and similar items seem to sell well. The Cheese Shop has specifically requested that pens, bottle stoppers, weed pot/bud vases, candlesticks and segmented turnings not be submitted. Only fully finished -- no rough turned -- pieces should be submitted to me for pricing and communication with the Cheese Shop.

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed. Thanks, and safe turning!

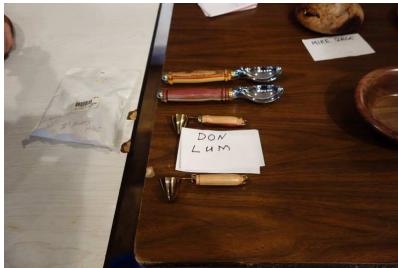
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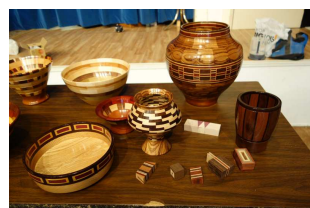
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April 13, 2017 Show & Tell



Jim Sprinkle
Segmented Bowls



May 16, 2017 Show & Tell



Ray Deyo, demonstration on turning finials





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	