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Stump Bowl by Phil Evans

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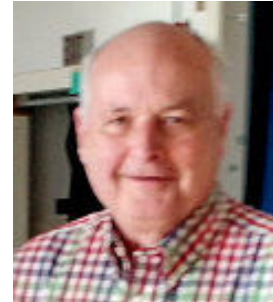


President's Corner

September 2017

CVW Meeting

President's Corner - Bob Welch



We appreciate members who come early help setup and stay a little while to clean up after meetings. Thanks also to mentors who come to our skills training and to all team members who work behind the scenes to make our club a success. such as Dave Potter making coffee for the club functions.

This month's meeting demo was pulled together by our Programs team headed by Fred Williamson to replace Jimmy Whitehurst, a scheduled paid demonstrator, who was scheduled to come but was unable to due to illness. Instead, as well summarized in our following meeting notes by Ron Capps, we had a well done presentation by three of our members on coring equipment and techniques. Thanks to Roger Chandler (Woodcut), Kirk McCauley (One-way) and Fred Williamson (McNaughton) for a great demo! So far we are making progress in finding candidates by October for a vote in November for our management team. We invite members to volunteer to for any of these positions. Position descriptions are available for each function. The slate so far is as follows:

The executive group must be AAW members:

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| President | Bob Welch |
| VP Programs | Mike Sorge (currently Fred Williamson) |
| VP Membership | Phil Evans (currently Don Voas) |
| Secretary | Jay Lindhjem (currently Ron Capps) |
| Treasurer | Jerry Jorgensen (currently Richard Landreth) |

Also the following management team members:

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| Newsletter Editor | Bill Hemminger |
| Web Master | Tim Quillen |
| Librarian | Judy Stock (currently Mars Champaign) |
| Audio/Visual Coordinator | Open (currently John O'Neil) |
| Club Store Manager | Kirk McCauley |
| Food Services Coordinator | Buck Culver assisted by Paul Tolar |
| Denny Martin Woodturning Skills Center Coordinator | Jim Oates |
| Ruritan Liaison | Dan Stogdale (currently Tom Evans) |
| Virginia Symposium Representative | Bob Welch, Richard Landreth |

Please volunteer for the Audio/Visual position. John O'Neil has been providing A/V for us for many years and has decided to step down. If we want to see the demonstrations and hear our speakers, we need a replacement. Please contact any of the above executive group or Jim Oates if you have an interest or recommendation.

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I invited and introduced our guest, Jennifer Trembley, Director of the Spitzer Arts Center in Harrisonburg, who invited club members to participate in cutting down of a pear tree at their center this fall and to use this wood to make turned creations for display at the center in one of their monthly shows in 2018. Space will be limited so we may have a drawing for who demonstrates. She also mentioned they could have members' turnings displayed at some of their other meetings. We will advise how this may be done fairly so not everyone tries to be there at the same time.

For the 2018 Virginia Symposium held at the Expoland Center, the board of directors has asked that all club Presidents ask their clubs to recommend two or three skilled turners for a chance to be selected as a demonstrator among a large group of nationally-ranked turners. These should represent "the best and the brightest" that Virginia has to offer

The current criteria to evaluate our nominees (you might not have every one) are listed here:

- 1) Be a regular demonstrator at more than one club.
- 2) Be an engaging demonstrator with good audience rapport.
- 3) Demonstrate at regional symposia.
- 4) Hold turning classes either in his/her shop or on the demonstrators' circuit.
- 5) Have a DVD or YouTube video.
- 6) Have been videotaped during a club demonstration.
- 7) Have a web site.

Proposed Programs VP, Mike Sorge, canvassed members present and the majority indicated willingness to pay for attending paid demonstrator meetings evenings or Saturdays at fees corresponding to the fame of potential demonstrators. He also described having a paid day class by a well-known outside expert. I welcome these expanded ideas from Mike and his team. Richard Landreth, Treasurer, provided a planning budget for these events based on various attendance and fees charged. We will hold a management team meeting the first of 2018 with new and past team members to firm up plans for next year. Mike will continue to proceed at this time to schedule demonstrators.

Membership VP, Don Voas, introduced a new club member and our two guests. He updated our 2x4 contest to use a lathe somewhere in the process of making something from a standard pine construction grade 2x4. We will judge two categories: up to and including two years; more than two years in October with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category. Don also noted that we need members to submit some more pieces for sale at the cheese shop, where revenues go to our club treasury.

During the safety minute, Alex Pettigrew showed us an emergency shutdown switch he made, how he sourced components and the members agreed we will make/obtain them for our lathes. Elbert Dale also presented a safety minute on the dangers of holding Forstner bits while the lathe is still turning.

Jim Oates, our skills center manager, reported the lowest attendance for the last few months with only seventeen persons. The skills center remains popular and a continuing source of new members. At the beginning of our meeting, everyone had to make way as we brought in another donated lathe for our skills center – thank you Mark Steck. We also loan lathes and tool sets to new turner members participating in our skills center.

Our 'Show and Tell' tables were full of spectacular creations by our newer and experienced turners. As always, this is one of the main highlights of our meetings. Well done to those who brought their items. Best regards, Bob – Rvjwelch77@gmail.com/540-248-6801



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Scenes From the September Skill Center Session



To learn about eye protection, ask someone who has one. ~Author unknown





CHEESE SHOP INVENTORY – NEEDS FRESH TURNINGS

The peak gift-giving season of the year is near, and the only items available to add to the Central Virginia Woodturners inventory for sale at the Cheese Shop are three bowls donated by Dennis Hippen, two ice cream scoops contributed by Don Lum and an unique winged turning by Tom Evans. Help!

About four years ago, CVW President Tom Evans and the executive officers wanted to provide a skills development center so our members could expand their woodturning capabilities and potential members could learn safe basic woodturning techniques. The “president’s challenge” was established to raise funds to undertake this objective.

Membership Vice President Jimmy Guynn at the time offered to accept the responsibility, in addition to his other duties, to identify one or more vendors willing to market CVW wood turnings, collect donated items from CVW members, and act as the CVW agent with the vendors. Jimmy contacted a number of retailers. The Cheese Shop was the only one interested in working with us.

The Cheese Shop is an Amish style store located at 2366 Tinkling Spring Road (Rt. 608), about a mile north of Stuarts Draft. It specializes in selling a wide variety of cheeses, baking ingredients, candies, bulk foods, deli meats, snacks, etc.

CVW wood turnings are the only craft items offered. We receive 70% of the sales price for our donated items. Our 2017 budget includes \$250 projected income with \$194 received by the end of September (includes some items sold in late 2016). About \$500 was received from donated turnings last year. Individual item pricing is set by a random panel of five to ten CVW members. Their suggested retail prices for each item are averaged and roughly rounded for the invoice submitted to the Cheese Shop which is allowed to offer up to 20% discount for special sales events.

The Cheese Shop does not want to sell pens, candlesticks, segmented turnings, weed pot/bud vases, bottle stoppers or anything that looks like or indicates social spirits. Bowls, platters and similar items seem to sell well. The vast majority of items sell for less than \$50; many for much less.

CVW members are encouraged to contribute their best turnings to this fund-raising effort which enables even better demonstrations, training and growth of our club. So, please go through your vast accumulation of wood turnings -- those that you admire with pride - and consider donating some of them to the growth of Central Virginia Woodturners. Only fully finished (not just rough turned) pieces should be submitted to Membership Vice President Don Voas for pricing and communication with the Cheese Shop. You are encouraged to visit the Cheese Shop, but do not take your turned wood items directly to them.



Central Virginia Woodturners Club Challenge Oct. 17

All Central Virginia Woodturners members are challenged to create “something” using all or part of one construction grade 2”x4”x8’ wood stud (pine, spruce, fir, etc.).

The wood may be cut to smaller pieces before or after working on the lathe and reassembling by gluing or any other means.

Embellishing, coloring and finishing may be done at the artist’s preference.

Bring entries to the CVW October 17 meeting.

Entries will be judged to receive 1st (\$15), 2nd (\$10) and 3rd (\$5) awards in two categories: (1) turners with less than two years experience and (2) those with two or more years experience. All members attending the meeting will receive a ballot to select their choice of the top three entries in each of the two categories.

All CVW members are encouraged to participate in this challenge to expand your creative artistic mind beyond the normal pen-platter-bowl-etc., turnings. Experience the joy(?) of turning cone-bearing softwood instead of deciduous hardwoods most woodturners use. A woodturning lathe must be used in making the finished item.

Need ideas and directions for objects to make? Go to the CVW web site:
www.centralvawoodturners.org/info-pages-sawg-pdfs/sawg-pdfs.html.

Questions: contact Don Voas (540) 433-1518 or drvoas@gmail.com.

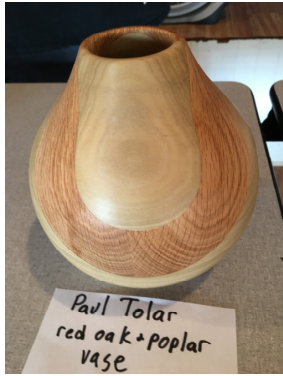
Have fun and happy safe turning!



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Photos from the September Meeting



Woodworking minus patience equals firewood.





CENTRAL VIRGINIA WOODTURNERS

MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2017

The General Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Welch at 7 PM. He thanked all who are serving the club: volunteers who set up and take down our meeting equipment, officers and management team members, etc. He reminded attendees that next month he would be presenting a slate of officers and managers who will serve during 2018 – 2019. Candidates are still needed for Audio/Visual Coordinator and for a representative to the Virginia Symposium Board. Please speak to any officer if you are interested and might be willing to serve our club.

Don Voas introduced our newest member John Hinton and welcomed our guests Betty Early and Jennifer Tremblay. He introduced Jennifer Tremblay, Director of Spitzer Art Center in Harrisonburg. She described an opportunity for our members to create objects from a pear tree to be cut down at their center that would then be displayed in the gallery. There could also be demonstration opportunities to turn onsite for visitors attending the show next year. Don also reminded us that the club's 2" x 4" challenge judging will be at next month's meeting.

Mike Sorge, who is working on programs for 2018, wanted feedback from the attendees on paying for professional demonstrators. He surveyed, by a show of hands, if members would be willing to pay a \$5, \$10 or \$20 fee to cover the cost of these demonstrators. There was a majority of hands raised at all levels.

Jerry Jorgensen reported in our treasurer's absence that our accounts remain in good shape with no major expenditures in the past month.

Tonight's Safety Minute was in two parts. Elbert Dale spoke about the use of Forstner bits on a lathe. He cautioned that they should not be run at a speed to cause smoke to rise from the wood as he had seen recently. Also, you should not be holding the drill chuck with your hands. Alex Pettigrew showed the "Kill Switch" he has made in order to have it easily reached in the event of an emergency at his lathe.

Jim Oates reported that we have a new loaner lathe donated by Marc Steck. There were 17 attendees at last Saturday's Skill Session.

Following Show and Tell the demonstration tonight will be Coring Systems and Techniques by Fred Williamson Kirk McCauley and Roger Chandler. Certificate winners tonight were Hunter Morton and Joel Spring.

There were 46 attendees at tonight's meeting. Our next meeting will be October 17, 2017.



Proposed CVW 2017 Programs Schedule

October 14	9:00AM to Noon	Woodturning Skills Center
October 17	Elbert Dale	Best Skew Demo Ever All the uses of the skew—including the fine points of keep-
November 11	9:00AM to Noon	Woodturning Skills Center
November 21	Multi station on Christmas	Christmas: ornaments, snowmen, trees.
December 9	9:00AM to Noon	Woodturning Skills Center
December 12	"Note: date is second Tuesday and not third Tuesday."	Holiday party and big show and tell.