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Robin Costelle Demo & Class for Central VA Woodturners meeting and class
April 21 & 22



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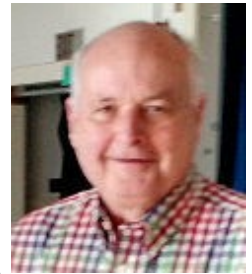
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President's Corner

CVW Meeting

President's Corner April 2018 - Bob Welch

Thanks to all members who pitch in to make our club a success and a special thanks to those who help set up and put things away afterwards.



April's Saturday meeting featured our paid demonstrator, Robin Costelle of Fern Creek near Louisville, KY. He showed us his special grind he used as he made hollow forms. He turned a piece, then parted it like when making a box. He used a flat board with sandpaper to flatten the two mating pieces. He then glued them together to make a hollow form with a hole for a finial. He then showed the group his technique for making finials'. Robin also put on a Sunday, limited size group training and hands-on session that was well received. We received many written compliments for the professionalism of his visit. He left chisels with his special grind for us to emulate.

Special thanks to our Mike Sorge and officers who put this meeting together who hosted our demonstrator. Also, special thanks to Buck Culver for arranging the lunches and to Jim Oates, who prepared the skills center for the Sunday session.

Chris Culotta continues to do a great job as our new Audio-Visual Coordinator. We really appreciate his taking this on and to Fred Williamson and John O'Neil for coaching and providing written documentation. Also, thanks to Jason Levinson for so often helping with operating the cameras during our presentations. We welcome some more volunteers to assist Chris with this.

Several persons have so volunteered to be on a committee to develop a proposed equipment plan for CVW. If you have items you wish the committee to consider, please email me at my address below. We will discuss priorities for items, cost, funding and budgets, possible fund raising, etc. I will be calling a meeting in the next weeks to develop a list of items and proposed plan.

A reminder to pay dues is you have not done so. Persons who do not pay by May will be removed from our member list.

Our skills center, managed by Jim Oates, has several new and continuing mentors. Several have gone through recent orientation on safety and other training procedures for our new visitors. Thanks to all volunteers and to Jim for continuing to spearhead this effort.

Best regards, Bob

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Pictures from Skills Session March 10, 2018



Caution, This machine has no brain use your own.



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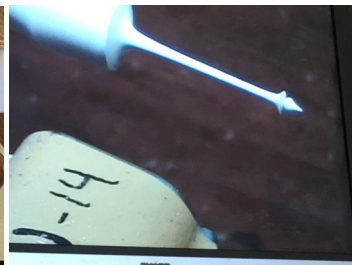
Saturday Meeting 4/10/2018



Sunday Training 4/11/2018



Please touch!



John Hinton



Alex Pettigrew



John Schmitt



Donnie Mauvin



Kirk McCarley



April 21, 2018, Meeting Minutes
Crimora Community Center
Central Virginia Woodturners Club

The April meeting, attended by 34, was called to order at 9 AM by president Bob Welch. Bob thanked all volunteers, including those helping with meeting setup, for their support.

During his introductory remarks, Bob noted the following points:

1. A committee will be formed to recommend future skills center and A/V equipment needs.
2. Bill Hemminger will handle anchor-seal in the future, relieving Tom Evans of this task. A volunteer is need to keep the area clean.
3. Dues are payable now.
4. Chris Culotta has taken on A/V duties. Additional help is needed in this area to provide back-up for Chris and to aid during setup.

Don Voas introduced one visitor and noted that we still need a coordinator for sales at the Cheese Shop.

During the safety minute, Jim Oates pointed out that chuck jaws should not extend beyond the chuck body, avoiding the possibility of a catch. Also, the tool rest must be close to the work piece so there is no possibility of anything, maybe a finger, getting between the work and the rest. Jim also noted that with so many new members, he may have 2 skills days per month.

Mike Sorge then introduced the guest demonstrator, Robin Costelle, whose topic was two piece hollow forms and finials.

During his presentation, Robin noted several key points:

Follow the “rule of thirds” for shaping the form. A major feature should be at a 1/3 point of the form. His work is all end grain, sometimes from a log with the pith at bottom center. He prefers a spindle gouge with long grind of his design. Sharpening was demonstrated in detail, to include a new, out of the box, gouge. Robin made a point of noting this is only his preference and that bowl gouges and carbide tipped tools can also be used. Working with green wood for twice turned objects, place the object in denatured alcohol for a few days, then dry in a paper bag for a few weeks. Leave a 3/8 - 1/2” flat for glue surface, then undercut to 1/4” +/- finished thickness. He uses Titebond Original Wood Glue . After the lunch break, Robin demonstrated a 3 piece finial. He pointed out that this can also be seen on his web site.

Key points included:

Crisp detail points enhance appearance.
Finials can be gently power sanded using discs that extend to the pad edge, ie, not scalloped.
The finial base should be of a shape that will accommodate finger and thumb as a point to hold the piece.

Show & tell was done after the lunch break. Participants were: Alex Pettigrew, John Schmidt, John Hinton, Dennis Hippen, Kirk McCauley, Fred Williamson, and Donnie Maupin.



CVW Robin Costelle Demo & Hands on Class “Reviews”

More thanks, Mike, for your foresight and dedication in bringing Robin Costelle to CVW. Outstanding demonstrator with woodturning tips for everyone in attendance. Although some of our members were unable to attend, I hope "the word" of what they missed Saturday will be spread far and wide so attendance will double for our next special demonstration.

At the end of Robin's presentation Saturday, he was offering to give away the new spindle gouge he demonstrated how to sharpen with the unique grind he (and I believe Cindy Drozda) use to create delicate finials. I hope that gouge will find its way back to our Denny Martin Skills Development Center so all our members can study the grind and try it on a lathe. Don Voas

Here's a photo from the Hands on Class... Please put the photo with any of the reviews in the next newsletter. Thanks, Mike Sorge

Hi Mike, enjoyed both days immensely. Robin is a great demonstrator and teacher. Lots of laughs and even taught an old dog a few new tricks!! Kirk

Hi Mike, Thank you very much for setting up the Robin Costelle demo and class. I also was very appreciative of the hands on help given by you, Kurt and Jim Oates.

The class was a wonderful experience. Robin was very entertaining and a highly skilled turner, and I hope that we can offer similar classes in the future.

I liked the format of providing a demonstration the day before so that we had a good overview of the class content before the instruction began. And while the major subject of the class was "hollow form", I particularly appreciated the instruction that was given on sharpening and various types of cuts. Thank you again for setting up this event., Don Kersch

Mike, I want to let you know how much I enjoyed both the demos yesterday and the class today. Robin was an excellent demonstrator and instructor. So knowledgeable, so competent, so personable. I learned a lot. Let's do more of this type of program.

Alex Pettigrew

I agree 100% with Alex. Although I've never turned a finial and might not have many opportunities to do so, because of the type of turning I do, I enjoyed the experience. I especially like his presentation style- a lot of humor mixed with professional instructions. Tom Evans

Mike: First let me thank you for organizing the demo and the class. I recognize and appreciate the time and effort you, Jim and Buck put in on behalf of the students and the club.



CVW Robin Costelle Demo & Hands on Class “Reviews” continued

I thoroughly enjoyed the both the class and the demo. Robin is a skilled and personable instructor. He explained things clearly and effectively, taking the time to include everyone in the class, bringing us through the steps to make a really neat turning form starting with the basics. Learning how to hold the tools and how to sharpen them is a key and essential wood turner skill and Robin covered them well. Robin designed the class so both beginners and advanced turners were able to learn, practice and make something to take home while having fun. Having the demo session before the workshop was incredibly valuable since it allowed us to see what we were going to learn in the class, making the class instruction more efficient. The class was well thought out and bringing dried forms for us to finish was an excellent way to learn. My confidence level went up significantly as the class progressed. Again, thanks, Norm

As a novice woodturner, and a first time demo/class attendee, I would like to extend my thanks to the entire CVW club for voting to sponsor this type of event. Mike did an excellent job making Robin Costelle feel ‘at home’ with all the class attendees. With the patient tutelage from Robin, and the more experienced members (Jim, Kirk, and Mike), I left the demo/class with a great deal more knowledge and confidence. A special thanks to Buck (and All the unmentioned volunteers) for making this experience so memorable! Thank You ALL, Brian R.

Mike,

Both clubs (Smith Mountain Lake & Blue Ridge) enjoyed Robin’s demos. Thanks for including us in the plans. He was a delightful house guest also. Hopefully we can coordinate a few next year to come to all three clubs. I will go to Portland and hope to make contact with Keith Gotschall. CAW is interested also. Will keep you informed. Willie Simmons, BRW & SML Programs Director

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[Announcing the 2018 Virginia Woodturning Symposium!](#)

Nov. 3rd and 4th, 2018 - Fishersville, VA

The 2018 Virginia Woodturning Symposium will feature:

Cindy Drozda	Rudy Lopez	Donna Banfield
Nick Cook	Barry Gross	Frank Penta
Graeme Priddle	Mark St. Ledger	Lyle Jamieson
Joe Fleming	Dick Hines	Mike Sorge
	Fred Williamson	

In our 31,000 sq. ft. venue, there will be a total of 41 rotations covering a wide range of turning techniques for turners of all levels. If you pre-register before October 26, 2018, the price is only \$80 for the weekend!

If you want to turn instead of watching, visit the Skills and Future Turners area where experienced turners (and our demonstrators) can help you work on your techniques.

Expanded Vendor areas will have a wide selection of tools and supplies for all your shop needs and desires. There will also be an Instant Gallery for you to view and/or display your turnings.

Mark your calendars to reserve the dates of November 3rd & 4th, 2018 to attend the Virginia Woodturners Symposium at EXPOland in Fishersville, Virginia. Check us out for details on the web at

<http://www.virginiawoodturners.com>



2018 Calendar of Events

By a show of hands, CVW members at the February 20 favored changing the official starting time of our monthly 3rd Tuesday meeting from 7:00 p.m. to **6:30 p.m.**

May 15 — 6:30PM — Don Riggs - Turning Pendant Necklaces, etc.

June 9 — 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

June 19 — 6:30PM —Multi-Station?

July 14 —9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

July 17 —6:30PM — David Robinson - Octopod (double-sided square platters)

August 11 —9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

August 21 —6:30PM — Fred Williamson - Turning Deep Vase & Hollowing w/ Boring Bar

September 8 - 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

September 18 — 6:30PM — Dave Swiger - Carbide (Easy Wood) vs Standard Tools

October 13 — 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

October 16 — 6:30PM - To Be Determined

November 10 — 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

November 3 & 4 - Note: no meeting on the 20th — VA Symposium Nov 3-4 [Click Here](#)

December 8 - 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

December 11 - "Note: date is second Tuesday and not third Tuesday." — Christmas Party w/ Auction and Show & Tell.

In case of inclement weather check the website for announcements of possible cancellation.