

DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



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Mike Sorge, CVW President's Corner (November Symposium Issue)

In my humble opinion, the Virginia Woodturning Symposium was a great success! - due in great part by CVW's excellent volunteer force transporting/ setting up essential symposium equipment, working with/during the symposium, and taking down/returning all equipment! Great people lead by example, and CVW set another great example for all who attended. From CVW mem-



bers hosting out of state Demonstrators, Dennis coordinating work force efforts, Kirk's electrical wiring with insufficient tools, Roger's lathe retrieval, and so much more, too many to name, everyone naturally performed all variety of duties as they arose, absolutely well done!

Kudo's also to Richard Landreth, who not only led the symposium board through the best Virginia Woodturning Symposium to date, but also led each last minute challenge with success including sudden lathe shortage, security replacement, etc.... This symposium surpassed our last symposium's total attendance by about 100 attendees on the first day! Super job Richard!

With the symposium taking the place of our normal monthly CVW November meeting, mark your calendars for a great year-end celebration at our December Christmas Dinner Party (meeting) Tuesday evening December 11th (2nd Tuesday, not 3rd Tuesday), 6:30-9pm. In addition to good food and comradery, please consider bringing/donating a turned item for our Equipment Upgrade Fund Raiser Raffle. We will also have many items donated by our various 2018 demonstrators including Robin Costelle, Don Riggs, Charlie Wortman & Dave Robinson that will be "auctioned" off separately.

More great news! I'm very pleased to announce CVW member Mike Gilmore has volunteered to take over the CVW Monthly Newsletter duties from incoming 2019 CVW President Bill Hemminger beginning January 2019. Thank you Mike!

Cheers to all, and looking forward to seeing you all December 11th, Mike Sorge

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President's Corner

<u>CVW Meeting</u> <u>President's Corner</u> December 2018 - Mike Sorge

Greetings Everyone! This fast and fun CVW year culminated with a "roaring" (per Don Voas) Christmas Dinner Party with great food and fun fellowship. Food Czar Buck Culver and his most excellent helpers Dana Albrecht and Katie Lasher planned, prepped and provided terrific main course food to complement the also terrific variety of member made sides! Table decorations of votives and fresh greens provided by Fred Williamson, festive Christmas music provided by John O'Neil, PowerPoint TV slide show provided by Bill Hemminger, and many provided the Saturday preliminary set-up for the Christmas Party during/after Skills Session! Thank you all!

At the Christmas Party the Audio/Visual upgrade plans/costs were presented and approved. CVW will have 2 new HD cameras, each dedicated to one of the 2 new 65" TV screens, 4 new speakers, accessories, cables & wiring. "Permanent" installation of the 2 TV screens was approved by Teresa of Ruritans CCC in person with Bill Hemminger and Chris Culotta, and will be installed by a team led by Fred Williamson and Tom Evans - thank you!

In addition to the exciting Audio/Visual news, the "Equipment Upgrade Fund Raiser Raffle and Auction" raised \$825. Thank you to the many members who donated a turned item for the Raffle and to Seth Robinson for pulling the winning tickets. Thanks also to Tom Evans who's humorous auctioneer skills inspired a few good bidding wars and capped off the party with much laughter. Auction items from 2018 demonstrators Robin Costelle, Don Riggs, Charlie Wortman, Fred Williamson & Dave Robinson all found happy new homes. And thanks to Kirk McCauley for taking the time and doing a fine job finishing Robin Costelle items for the auction!

The New Year brings new leadership. We're thankful for the excellent leadership Bob Welch provided CVW for 3 years, and CVW is in great hands with Bill Hemminger as 2019 CVW President and Mike Gilmore as Newsletter Guru. Thank you Bob, Bill and Mike!

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President's Corner

<u>CVW Meeting</u> <u>President's Corner December 2018 - Mike Sorge, continued</u>

Thanks also to Norm Dallura for organizing our CVW Library of books, magazines & DVDs, and to Tim Quillen for ongoing website updates! And final thanks to all our contributing board members and executive members! 2019 promises to be another fun year of enjoyable woodturning comradery; check out the demo schedule herein beginning with demonstrator Joe Dickey turning "Ultra Thin Forms" on Tuesday January 15th.

In closing, I'd like to re-emphasize the Virginia Woodturning Symposium was a big success! - due in great part by CVW's excellent membership volunteer force transporting/ setting up essential symposium equipment, working the symposium, and taking down/ returning all equipment! Great people lead by example, and CVW set another great example for all who attended. From CVW members hosting out of state Demonstrators, Jim organizing CVW equipment, Dennis coordinating work force efforts, Bill's big moving truck, Mars' directional assistance, Kirk's electrical wiring with insufficient tools, John & Chris hooking up Audio/Visual, Fred bringing/setting up his Powermatic lathe and video projector, Roger's additional lathe retrieval, and so much more, too many to name, everyone naturally performed all variety of duties as they arose, absolutely well done!

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to All, with cheers to the joy of turning! Mike Sorge (CVW VP Programs, Interim President)

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Central Virginia Woodturners

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2018

Mike Sorge, interim president following the resignation of Bob Welch, called the meeting to order at 6:30. Mike thanked all who help with the many setup functions needed to prepare for the meeting. He then thanked Bob Welch for his service of nearly 3 years as CVW president. Following, he announced that Bill Hemminger has volunteered to become president. A motion was made and seconded to approve the nomination. Voting was by show of hands and Bill was unanimously approved to serve as president in 2019.

Kirk McCauley briefly discussed the Artisans Tour in November and noted the he, Fred Williamson and Alex Pettigrew will be on the tour.

Join Hinton talked about the Beads of Courage program. He has a supply of the medallions to be placed on the boxes and asked that completed boxes be turned in at the January meeting.

Phil Evans introduced visitors Mark Zollinhofer and Gene Potter. He also talked about the Cheese Shop noting that cutting boards are another item that can be donated for sale there.

Librarian Norm Dallura gave an update on his activities updating the library data base, both in a booklet and online. He described the wide range of materials available and asked that members please sign items out.

Christine Jorgensen, filling in for Jerry gave the treasurers report.

Richard Landreth and Dennis Hippen discussed the upcoming November symposium. Members are encouraged to pre-register. At present, the Tidewater club is ahead of CVW in registration numbers. Jerry Jorgensen will fill in for Bob Welch to coordinate the A/V function. Volunteers are needed to move equipment to and from the expo site and assist with setup Friday and takedown on Sunday. Volunteers are asked to contact Mars Champaign.



Central Virginia Woodturners, Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2018, Continued

During the safety minute, Jim Oates talked about the "Safety is your responsibility" sheet. This should be posted in our shops and reviewed regularly. He suggested mounting it on a piece of plywood and hanging in a conspicuous place. The dust collection system needs additional parts totaling \$140 to complete the system for the 3 large lathes. The voice vote to spend the \$140 passed.

Mike Sorge conducted show and tell. Participants were:

Bruce Stillwell *	Bill Hemminger	Peter Welch	John Hinton *
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Jeff Long Donnie Maupin Mike Sorge Jim Oates

Dennis Hippen Norm Dallura Don Voas Kirk McCauley

Dave Goering Phil Evans * gift certificate winners

Following the break, Mike Sorge introduced Arnie Wright for his demonstration of a goblet with captive rings.

Arnie explained that the tradition of a goblet with 3 rings dates back to the 17th century. The gentleman would present the goblet to his bride, the rings signifying engagement, marriage, and eternity.

Tight, close grained wood is preferred. The rings should be formed near the base for stability while turning.

Arnie uses a beading tool followed by a captive ring tool. After forming the bead, he uses a parting tool alongside the bead to provide clearance for the ring tool.

He uses a tool rest fashioned as "table" to keep the tool angle consistent as too steep an angle is likely to cause a catch.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00



2019 Officers

Executive Officers

President	Phil EvansJay Lindhjem	
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The management team will be as follows:		
Newsletter editor	Mike Gilmore	
Webmaster	Tim Quillen	
Librarian	Norm Dallura	
A/V Coordinator		
Store Manager	Kirk McCauley	
Food Services	Buck Culver	
Skills Center	Jim Oates	
Ruritan Liaison	Dan Stogdale	
Symposium Rep.#1	Open Position	
Symposium Rep.#2	Open Position	

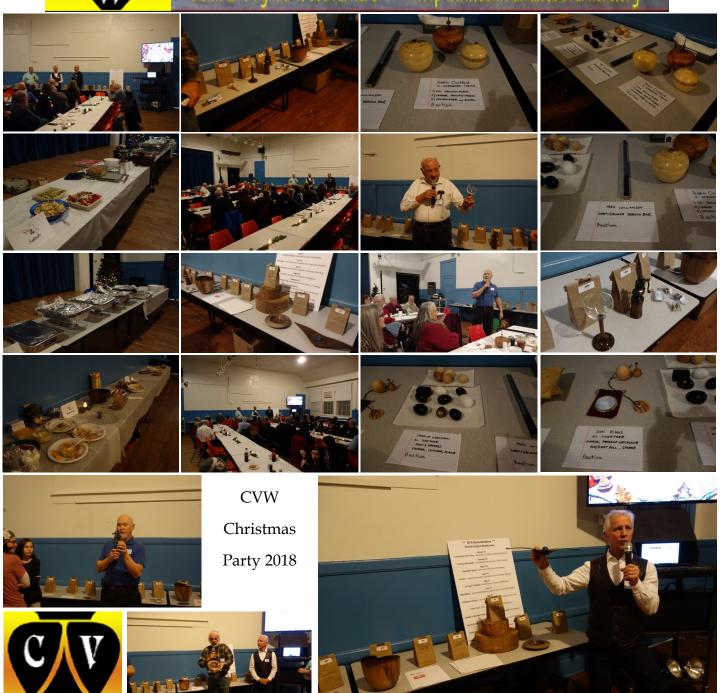
The CVW Equipment team will be as follows:

Mike Sorge Bill Hemminger Jay Lindhjem

Jerry Jorgensen Jim Oates Richard Landreth

Fred Williamson Buck Culver Chris Culotta





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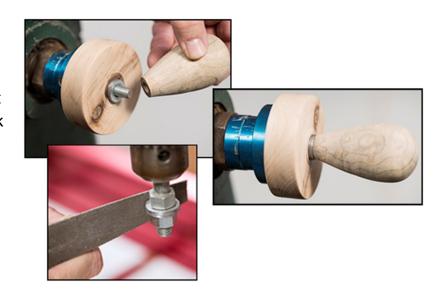
An Easy Way to Take Measurements at Your Lathe

We often need to take measurements at the lathe. Rather than constantly worrying about carrying a tape measure, simply use a piece of double-face tape to adhere a rule to a flat spot on your lathe. You can also use self-adhesive rules like those used on a table saw and bandsaw fence guide. If the tape protrudes beyond the edges of the rule, trim is flush with a crafts knife.



Washer does double duty

When turning bottle stoppers and other projects where the outside diameter of the wood to the mating metal part is important for a flush fit and you don't have an existing chuck with the necessary diameter, washers make an inexpensive and reusable guide. For example, when turning the bottle stopper shown, the end that mates with the chrome stopper looks and feels best when the surfaces are perfectly flush. To accomplish this, file or grind one or



two washers to the same diameter as the mating section of the chrome stopper. Slide the washers over the threaded mandrel. Then, turn and sand the stopper bottom end to same outside diameter as the washers. Not only do the washers provide an exact diameter guide, but they allow clearance to turn and sand the stopper's bottom end without turning into the auxiliary wood faceplate.

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The History of Woodturning



Woodturning originated during the Nineteenth Dynasty of Ancient Egypt when emerging developments of a two-person lathe began to surface. A two-person lathe required one person to turn the wood using rope while a second person used a sharp-edged tool to create different wooden objects. The Romans improved the two-person lathe design by adding a turning bow. Germany, France and Britain capitalized on this design by making early bow lathe deviations.

During the Middle Ages, a foot pedal was created to replace hand-operated lathe turning, which freed the craftsman's hands to fully grasp the woodturning tools. The foot pedal was connected to a straight-grained sapling pole, which was termed the "spring pole lathe." Spring pole lathes grew in popularity during the early twentieth century. Bodgers, a pole lathe turner, earned a self-entitlement by making custom chair legs and spindles. Bodgers would purchase every tree on a plot of land, establish a place of business, then cut down the trees one by one before turning the wood. The furniture legs and spindles produced from the plotted trees sold in bulk, oftentimes a pence per dozen. A bodger's job description drew criticism due the inability to produce complete constructions, instead of only component parts. The term "bodger" carriers a modern connotation of a procrastinator or someone who leaves a particular job unfinished or completes it incompetently.

The Industrial Revolution motorized the lathe, thus minimizing the amount of time needed for woodturning. Motorized lathes also increased the overall rotational speed, allowing craftsmen to produce high quality work faster than manually powered lathes. Modern commercial woodturning uses computer-operated machinery to mass produce wooden objects with precision, at the same time eliminating expenses to hire specially trained craftsmen. Despite the industrial conversion, small niches of customers seek out hand-turned products. Fortunately, woodturning survives as a hobby for many people. Professional wood turners either produce large quantities of utilitarian pieces or smaller, aesthetic pieces as a means of artistic expression.

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Extended jaw tips

I love my jumbo jaws when reverse chucking a large vessel to finish the bottom, but all too often the rubber tips that come with it are just too short for some of my oddly shaped edges. In looking for a suitable solution, a simple and readily available item came to mind—a wine bottle cork—not the actual cork kind, but the synthetic stoppers made from plastic compounds. They have the correct properties and the size is perfect. You could probably even stack them using a longer bolt for taller applications.

I drilled a ¼" (6mm) hole through the middle of the stopper (which is 1¾" [44mm] long) and inserted a 2¼"- (57mm-) long bolt. Make sure you use the right thread match for your particular jaws and use washers to help spread the pressure across the stopper end.

I also have a set of stoppers with the holes drilled off center for use with warped or slightly odd-shaped vessels—simply turn the stopper to achieve a snug fit. I have used these stoppers for a number of turning applications, and their non-marking surface is excellent for already finished edges.

Do not drink the wine until after you finish your turning session.

-Michael J. Colella, Maryland









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Calendar of Club Events

2019 Schedule

2nd Saturday Morning of each month from 9AM -Noon, the Denny Martin Woodturning Skills Center room will be open for you to work on your woodturning skills.

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.**

January 16— Annual Executive Meeting at Panera Bread in Waynesboro

January 22 — "Note: date is forth Tuesday and not third Tuesday."

Turning Ultra Thin Forms - Joe Dickey

February 9 — 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

February 19 — Turning a Wine Bottle - Greg Schramek

March 9— 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

March 19— Plexi-Wood Bowls - Phil Evans

April 13 — 9AM - Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

April 16 - Finishes - Don & Alex

May 11 — 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

May 21 — Carving & Texturing - Jim Oates

June 8 — 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

June 18 — Multi-Station - Don & Alex

July 13 —9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

July 16 - Full Blown Coloring - Alex & Don

August 10 — 9AM - Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

August 20 — Topsy Turvy - Fred Williamson

September 14 - 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

September 17 — Carbide vs Standard Tools - Dave Swiger

October 12 — 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

October 15 — From the Tree to the Table - Mike, Fred &?

November 9 —9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

November 19 - Ornaments & Small Hollow forms

December 14 - 9AM -Noon - Woodturning Skills Center

December 10 - "Note: date is second Tuesday and not third Tuesday." Christmas Party w/ Auction and Raffle.

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

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