



THE WOOD SPINNER

JUNE 2021

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President's Corner

My first comment for this President's Corner article is to acknowledge all the talent we have in the CVW group. Not only skills in woodturning and woodworking but talent in the operation of our club. The unseen and sometimes seen group of people who set up the interactive remote demonstrations. The people who know how to connect which wire to which to make the magic of Zoom work. To the people who tirelessly look at websites for deals and opportunities. The people who have a gift to teach old dogs new tricks. But most of all the folks simply just give of their time and energy for what it takes to make an organization run. I feel a great thankfulness to our new newsletter editor who has brought a professional look to our communications like a high-end magazine. And most of all our precious membership-at-large, who attend meetings, participate in the show and tell and offer their life experiences for the betterment of themselves and others.

I do want to touch on a positive note about our talent: Dennis Belcher was a demonstrator for our club in April and he observed some of our technology

and some of the challenges we faced. He talked with the AAW executive director, Phil McDonald, and a panel of experts was chosen to discuss the changes necessary to continue meetings and demonstrations. Our own Norm Dallura and Mike Sorge were asked to be subject experts for Zoom meetings. Mike, as Program Director, for his unique ability to get some of the best and most sought-after talents in the woodturning world. Mike committed and asked me to take his seat on the panel. What an eye-opener for me, I was nothing more than a placeholder on the panel, but I did learn how blessed we are. Some clubs simply quit meeting. Others lost membership and communication was limited and difficult. The clubs that have embraced technology (like ours) are doing well and growing. CVW is a great resource and learning venue, mentoring and learning are keys to our success and longevity. A big attaboy to Norm and Jim for keeping the information and tutelage flowing.

As the COVID storm seems to be passing, mask restrictions are being lifted and government mandates are disappearing. We are opening up the

skills center for normal mentoring on our regular "Skills Day" on the second Saturday of each month. Thank you, Jim.

Jerry sent me a note saying we now have 102 paid members, what a milestone! Our finances are good and spring is here, no wait, it's summer. Time to go out and start cutting wood for next year's projects. If you do cut wood from woodpiles there are some cautions everyone should consider: snakes, spiders, and ticks. I saw this past week due to the cicada emergence and warmer weather, the snake population is on the rise. Virginia is one of the top five states for a copperhead. Remember, even the baby copperheads have a venomous bite. Ticks are everywhere again; brown recluse spiders and black widows are also lurking to cause pain and irritation for the unaware.

This is your club. Be part of the success.

Bill Hemminger

President

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On Saturday, June 19, 2021, we will be having our planning meeting at the Denny Martin Skills center aka the Crimora community building to discuss the balance of 2021 and 2022 meetings, demos, budget, review Roles & Responsibilities (R&Rs), bylaws, dues, rent expenditure, insurance, inventory and anything else as an open discussion item. All members are invited but voting is limited to the executive team and staff. This is not our skills day session and not a regular CVW monthly meeting. We will start at 9:00 AM and hopefully will be done in a few hours.

Our woodworking thought for the day is: "Wood is a gift from God/Nature that maintains its beauty forever via the hand of a woodworker." (Author unknown.)



TIGER MAPLE CREMATION BOXES

BY ALEX PETTRIGREW



"Cremation boxes made for a neighbor. Tiger Maple with book matched Walnut. The 'lid' does not open. The cremains are placed through the bottom."



**TIGER MAPLE
&
WALNUT**

turning MANIA

BY KIRK MCCAULEY

"Corian coasters. Turned and epoxy-poured. And of course some beer drinking!"



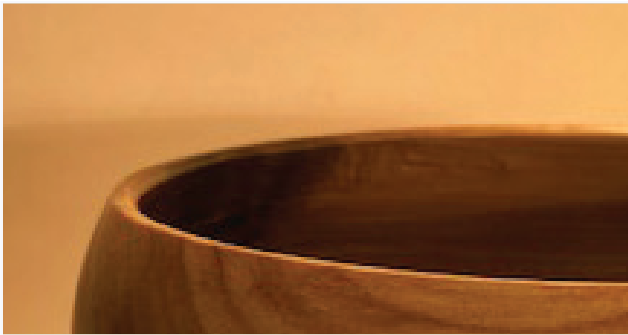
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**85 letter openers with Tulip
Poplar handles made for
Monticello.**

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Boxes & Bowls



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monticello TULIP POPLAR

BY DENNIS HIPPEN

Liriodendron tulipifera
"American tulipwood"



"These pens are Monticello Tulip Poplar pens. Out of a batch of 20 pens, these 10 had [lots of] spalting and fun grains."



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A small artsy urn I just finished.
Maple and walnut.



BY KIRK MCCAULEY



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JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS



June 14 **Donations for the Cheese Shop**

Larry Parker will be visiting the Cheese Shop on Monday, June 14th. If you have donations, please leave them in the tote in the Skills Center for pickup. Thank you everyone for your contributions.

June 19 **Planning Meeting**

On June 19th, we will be having our planning meeting at the Denny Martin Skills Center to discuss the following: balance of 2021 and 2022 meetings, demos, budget, review Roles & Responsibilities (R&Rs), bylaws, dues, rent expenditure, insurance, inventory and anything else as an open discussion item. All members are invited but voting is limited to the executive team and staff. This is not our skills day session and not a regular CVW monthly meeting. We will start at 9:00 AM and hopefully will be done in a few hours.



June 15 **Chuck It Up!**

Mike demonstrates the multitude of ways to hold wood on a lathe. This comprehensive demonstration covers between center essentials and securing work with and without tailstock support including: safe use of scroll chucks, wood worm screw, face plates, and a variety of alternative shop-made methods to hold different turning projects like screw chucks, glue blocks, jam chucks, friction chucks, collets and mandrels. He also demonstrates vacuum chucking.

Special Word **from our Program Team**

CVW always looks forward to having our own members share what they do. If you have a project or skill that you are interested and willing to demonstrate and share, please let any of us on the Program Team know. We would love to work your subject into our program schedule.

Program Team: Mike Sorge, Fred Williamson, Kirk McCauley, Alex Pettigrew, Don Voas, Norm Dallura, Bill Hemminger