



## Welcome to the Central Virginia Woodturners!

Central Virginia Woodturners (CVW) was started in 2004 by a group of woodturners who wished to share ideas, techniques, etc., with hobbyists, amateurs, craft persons and professionals from Charlottesville to Staunton and Waynesboro to Harrisonburg. CVW is an affiliate of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW).

**MEETINGS PLACE, DATE AND TIME:** Members meet at the Crimora Community Center on Rt. 612 just west of Rt. 340 in Crimora, Virginia on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM and usually conclude by 9:00 PM. Many members arrive a half hour or earlier to discuss woodturning with friends. It is requested that some members arrive early to help set up the meeting space and some stay after the meeting to return the items back into storage.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER RULE:** A CVW meeting is cancelled if Augusta County schools are closed on the date of a usual and customary CVW meeting. Watch your e-mail if the meeting is cancelled during the day or check the web site.

**MEETING CONTENT:** The meeting takes place in the auditorium of the Community Center. Each meeting is comprised of a business portion conducted followed by a "Show and Tell" where members bring some of their projects to display and discuss. These is an excellent learning opportunity for all members.

**DEMONSTRATIONS:** After the business portion of the meeting, there is a demonstration, either by a club member or by a paid demonstrator. Techniques of turning, wood preservation, safety, coloring, evaluation of wood projects, sharpening of woodworking tools, chain saw safety, etc., can be expected to be among the many woodturning subjects that may comprise this "learning" part of each meeting. Professional demonstrator programs may be in-person or viewed via Zoom as an Interactive Remote Demonstration (IRD). Members are asked to a small contribution for Professional demonstrations to help defray costs. Club member demonstrations are held in the Community Center on the organization's wood working equipment with a Zoom feed for members who cannot attend in person. There is no contribution requested for Club member demonstrations. All members are welcome to make a demonstration of their skills at one of the meetings.

**CVW WOOD STORE:** Many members donate various wood species in all shapes and sizes for the membership to buy by donation. Proceeds from these donations help defray cost of rent, professional demos, new equipment, equipment repair and general operating cost. A member need only pay the Treasurer for what they have selected.

**CVW STORE:** At each meeting and skill session a mobile store will be open. The store sells products many woodworkers use including CA glues, sanding discs, Anchorseal®, finishes, etc. CVW buys in bulk and passes the savings on to members. Any small financial gain from the store is used to offset the organization's operating expenses.

**CVW LIBRARY:** The CVW maintains a library of woodworking books, periodicals and videos. Only woodturning items are accepted from the membership for inclusion in the library. Library materials can be borrowed for review at home. The member videos are also available on the web site.

**MENTORING:** Some more experienced CVW members, are willing to mentor beginning woodturners. There is no charge for this assistance and instruction. Students must be a member of CVW and comply with all Lathe Safety Guidelines. Just ask one of the Club leaders or the Skill Center Director and an introduction will be arranged.

**DENNY MARTIN WOODTURNING SKILLS CENTER:** In December 2013 a mentoring room was dedicated to a long-time member, Denny Martin. This room is dedicated to mentoring prospective and other members who wish to learn or hone their wood turning skills. This room and the use of it are managed by the more experienced CVW woodturners. Classes are held the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM to noon.

**MEMBERSHIP:** There are three levels of membership: Individual, Family and Associate (member of another woodturning club). You can find an on-line application form on the web site which also lists the membership fees for each of the levels. There is also a small equipment assessment to cover maintenance costs as well as tool and lathe additions. CVW recommends that all members join the AAW.

**CVW SITE:** The Club website is at <https://centralvawoodturners.org/>. The site contains this information as well as notices of upcoming meetings and demonstrations, newsletters, membership applications and it has extensive resources for woodturners of all levels. Certain sections of the website such as demonstration videos and a member roster are only accessible by CVW members. Once you have joined the club, a member of the leadership team or staff can provide you with a password.

**ORGANIZATION:** CVW has by-laws that set forth the basic rules by which the organization is run. A Board of Directors (BOD) is elected every two years by the membership. The Board of Directors is comprised of a President, a Program Vice President, a Membership Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Staff members include the Newsletter Editor, Web Master, Club Store Manager, Audio Visual Leader, Skill Center Coordinator, Ruritan Liaison, Food Services Coordinator and the Virginia Woodturners Symposium Leaders. The current leadership and staff members are listed on the web site. The Club is always looking for members to serve in these positions – please see a member of the BOD if you are interested. The organization has a budget process with monthly accounting presented to the board and membership by the Treasurer. CVW carries an insurance policy covering its activities.

***SAFETY FIRST . . . ENJOY TURNING . . . BE CREATIVE. . . HAVE FUN!***