

Central Virginia Woodturners

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December 2021 Newsletter

Next Meeting / Demonstration

Tuesday December 14, 2021, 6:30

Annual Christmas Party!!!!

Golden Corral

This year's Holiday party will be on the 14th of December. We have changed our venue to the Golden Corral, where members can purchase their own dinner and drink. The buffet costs \$14.29 with the Senior Buffet (55 and older) at \$13.59. Soda and iced tea are an extra \$2.65. We have reserved a private room in the back of the facility.

We will have a raffle of items donated by members and vendors. Please let [Jerry](#) or [Bill](#) know if you will be bringing an item. We will not be having an auction.

Please let [Buck](#) know if you will be attending.

Please see the [CVW Website page](#) for more information.

Next Skill Center Session

The Skill Center and the Club Store will be open on December 11, 2021 and December 11, 2021, from 9:00 – 12:00. Please contact [Jim Oates \(Woodturning Skills Center Coordinator\)](#) if you have a specific request.

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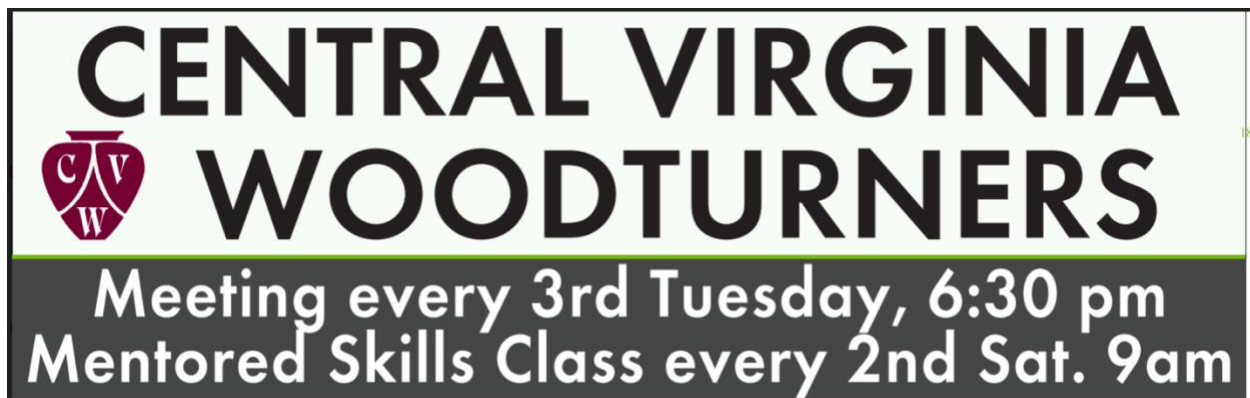
Officers for 2022

President – Norm D’Allura
VP Programs – Joel Spring
VP of Membership – Larry Parker
Secretary – John Watkins
Treasure – Jerry Jorgensen
Skills Director – Jim Oates
Symposium Representatives - Peter Welch & Gary Conley
Club Store – Buck
Cheese Shop – Donnie Maupin
Food Coordinator (Czar) – Open - *Serious need*
Newsletter – Norm D’Allura till we find someone
Librarian – Jeff Corwin

We are still in need for a Food Coordinator, without whom we will not have refreshments for meetings nor a mid-year Picnic.

New Skill Center Sign

The new sign is up outside the Community Center, designed and built by our own Peter Welch.



2022 Demonstration & Meeting Program

Please check out the meeting plans on the website [Calendar](#) page.

The Program Team is always soliciting demonstration ideas/suggestions for 2022. Please contact [Joel Spring](#) your ideas/suggestions.

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Cheese Shop

We are need of more items for the Cheese Shop, especially with Christmas approaching. Please consider items other than bowls. Boxes, vases, and unusual items sell well, plus provide a variety for customers to consider buying.



If you have items for The Cheese Shop, please bring them to the Skills Center when it is open and leave them in the yellow tote located in the lathe area. Please to not take them to The Cheese Shop yourself so we can manage inventory. Donnie Maupin will be the Cheese Chip liaison for 2022.

If you haven't visited The Cheese Shop, please do so to see what we offer. Feel free to straighten the display if it seems in disorder. If there are easels without items on them, you can place them in the tote under the shelf. While you're there, feel free to introduce yourself to the manager, Todd Anderson, and thank him for working with club.

He is an Honorary Member and is great work with. This is your club so feel free to make suggestions on the display as well.

Thank you for all your help in making The Cheese Shop a successful source of income for the Central Virginia Woodturners.

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President's Corner December – Final * 2021 – Bill Hemminger

This Presidents corner is emotionally filled with thoughts, dreams, a story or two and no regrets. This will be my last president's corner article as president of the Central Virginia Woodturners. I have had this privilege of helping lead a group of individuals who do not need led, but only required keeping the momentum going for our craft and passion for excellence.

In some clubs it is about membership rolls, making money and checking boxes. This club is about sharing information, helping and mentoring others, and realizing dreams. Yes, it was a dream of mine to learn a craft that creates as well as heals. This is an outlet to forget yourself in as much as it is to make a vase or pen or bowl. Here we may make all these things, but we also make a difference in people's lives. There are not too many things I look forward to more than turning and spending time with creative problem solvers.

I love God, my wife, my family, my dog, woodturners and woodturning. I enjoy the wry humor we share, the bantering and kidding, the sharing of a coffee and treat at skills. I enjoy the challenge of the shaping and finishing of the project. I also enjoy seeing the progress we have made as well as being a part of the new normal that we have come faced with. To borrow a United States Marine Corps declaration "Adapt and overcome". COVID has caused angst and frustration for some, to CVW it was a gauntlet thrown down and we picked it up and not only accepted the challenge, we embraced it and became a recognized leader in the National AAW Community. It was Norm, Chris, Jim and others who rescued the meetings from the jaws of apathy and acceptance of isolation into an opportunity via Zoom to increase our membership rolls and have meaningful virtual get togethers. It was Mike Sorge who through his amazing relationships with skilled, famous and creative turners from around the world who helped bring interesting and new ideas to the club.

(For those of you who do not know your medieval history, a gauntlet was the long-sleeved glove a knight wore for protection in battle. When the gauntlet was thrown down, either you accepted the knight's challenge by picking the glove up or leaving it lie on the ground and submit to his authority.



As I once heard, there were 3 wood turners who passed and were all waiting for their induction into Heaven. Saint Peter asked the first one what he would like to hear his friends and family say while in front of his casket, the first guy responded. "He was loved and a great wood turner". The second turner was asked the same, he said. "He loved his family, will be greatly missed and was a great turner" When Bill Hemminger was asked what he wanted said about him, while in the casket, it was "I think he's moving".

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Well, I am moving, geographically and mentally, but as I said in the beginning of this missive, you do not need led as much as you need purpose. From the words above it is with great pleasure and honor I turn this group's leadership roll over to Norm Dallura, a great turner, problem solver and leader. There are all kinds of jobs to do in an organization, all help is appreciated. Even in fairy tales everyone has a specific job. All of you I'm sure remember the seven dwarfs. Each had a specific job to do in the diamond mines, Grumpy, Happy, Bashful, and Sneezy dig to unearth diamonds; Sleepy collects the diamonds in a mine cart and transports them to Doc, who determines which diamonds should be kept; rejected diamonds are swept up and thrown away by Dopey. Simply remember this, six of the seven dwarfs were not Happy. I'm sure we all know who is like a specific dwarf, but like the seven dwarfs, we are all blessed.

Again, no regrets, only heart felt appreciation for the acceptance you have all given me during my tenure.

This is your club. Be part of the success.

Bill Hemminger, Lame Duck President

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Turners' Corner

Mike Sorge - Clear coating VerDay patina metal finishes to seal and protect:

What type of clear coat protective finish can be applied that will not discolor the four VerDay metal (brass, bronze, copper & iron) patina colorations?

I turned 4 round maple cylinders and painted the complete surface of one with brass, one with bronze, one with copper and one with iron. Once dried, I sponge painted a stripe of each of the 4 metals on the surface of each cylinder and sprayed with the activating agent to "patina color" the 4 metals on each cylinder. This demonstrated/revealed the patina color that resulted from each of the 4 metal paints on each of the 4 metal undercoats.

Finally, to test the two types of clear coat protective finishes, lacquer vs polycrylic, I sprayed the left side of each cylinder with lacquer and the right side with polycrylic. The left lacquer side changed and muddled the patina metal colors badly, but the right polycrylic side gave a protective clear coat without changing the patina metal colors!



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Dennis Hippen - Tips for colder weather and unheated shops- finishes

Many of us do not heat our shops 24/7 and that can cause many problems when trying to apply finishes. I am sure there are other suggestions and please share.

The tip(s) are to make sure you follow directions as to the best temperature of the finish and also the wood items to have finish applied. Most products fall into the 65-70 degree range per instructions. Humidity is another issue, but good luck controlling that. You chemists can tell us if cold shops extend the finish cure time. I have a guess but chemists are always right!!!!

I use an old hair dryer to heat my quart cans of finish before use. Same goes for wood bowls in the process.

In addition, if you are doing the epoxy castings, read the label as notes the similar warm temps for best results. I am still on a steep learning curve on this topic. You can also place containers in pots of hot water, but do not take your spouse's best pots in the house!

Show-and-Tell

Alex Pettigrew

Natural edge autumn olive (or could be crepe myrtle) bottle openers. Hardware from Ruth Niles.
White Oak Toothpick holders



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Starke Smith

Two Box Elder Maple bowls.

Both finished with General Finishes Danish oil.

Don Voas was nice enough to allow me to have the wood!



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Jeff Corwin

Sparred ash bowl, a walnut vase, and shoehorns with bubinga handles.



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Mike Sorge

First 2 photos: Blossom Vessel - spalted maple, black walnut & glass

3rd photo: Cherry Manta Ray Box with Jarrah Manta Lid

4th photo: Spalted Sugar Maple Heart Platter

5th photo: Mike's Booth at the Piedmont Craftsmen's Art Show (November)



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Rex Buel

A few of the lamps I have made. One is black walnut and cherry with red cedar.
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Dennis Hippen - French Rolling Pens

French Rolling Pins are made from Red Maple Burl wood. They are functional and 11-12" L X 2 1/4" wide. These are my Xmas gifts to my Daughter and Daughter-in-Law. Man do I wish I had more of this wood. I have one blank left. These were made from cut offs from the larger burl which sold rapidly



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Dennis Hippen - JMU & Other Acrylic Pens

The Blue and Gold Custom blended acrylic pens are the JMU colors were made mixed/casted by a friend in FL and the other pens he casted or sent me from his collection. Pen kits are the quality Woodcraft Wall Street II kits. JMU pens are for sale now at wholesale price and will go into a Retail gallery soon.



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Buck Carver

Small ambrosia maple bowl



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