

Central Virginia Woodturners

A Registered Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

May 2022 Newsletter

Next Meeting / Demonstration

Tuesday May 17, 2022, 6:30

Turning Spoons Neal Brand

Neal has a unique way of turning spoons from a 1" plank of wood.

This will be a hybrid meeting with the main meeting in the Community Center. For those who prefer to join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88180217779?pwd=b3dldHFqUWN5a3R2ZWdkMkg0LzJ6UT09>

We will have prizes for the in-person Community Center Show-and-Tell

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

The Program Team is always soliciting ideas/suggestions for demonstrations. Please contact [Joel Spring](#). We are looking for members who are willing to give a in-person demonstration in the fourth quarter. Please let Joel know if you are interested or willing.

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

Special Event! – Club Picnic

Saturday June 25, 2022 Noon-3 – Pavilion #2 behind the Community Center

The cook-out will replace the normally scheduled (6-21) Tuesday night meeting. The event is a way to meet family members and to sit and visit with your fellow woodturners. This will be a catered event and all you have to do is bring a chair. We anticipate the cost per person to be \$10 which includes: hamburgers, hotdogs, salad, drinks and all condiments and paper products. You will receive a more detailed email announcement the middle of May. The Cook-Out committee has been meeting and working hard to bring this fun event to the club and hope that you join us.

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Special Event – Cheese Shop Demonstration

CVW will be hosting an event at the Cheese Shop in Stuarts Draft on Saturday September 17, 2022 starting around 9 am til 3 pm. The event is to promote the club (CVW) and hopefully attract new members. Plans are to have two lathes to demonstrate turning of spinning tops which will be given away to the kids.

If you would like to volunteer there are several ways to help. We need demonstrators, equipment movers, and greeters (to explain to the observers about woodturning). If interested, contact Donnie Maupin. We're also in need of wood to use to turn the spinning tops.

We are low on inventory at the Cheese Shop so please consider donating a turned item.

Heart Shaped Bow Class

The class was a success well received. Thanks to Peter, Joel, Jim and Don for making it happen.

Hi Norm,

I am writing to tell you how much I enjoyed the heart bowl turning class on April 23. The instructors were great, very patient and demonstrated techniques quite well. Very professional all-around!!

Thank and Best Regards,

Paul Nelson

Next Skill Center Session

Skill Center and Mentoring Sessions will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9AM-Noon. The Club Store will be open at this time. New and prospective members are always welcome. Please contact [Jim Oates \(Woodturning Skills Center Coordinator\)](#) if you have a specific request.

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Elected Officers for 2022	Esteemed Volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President – Norm D’Allura• VP Programs – Joel Spring• VP of Membership – Larry Parker• Secretary – John Watkins• Treasure – Jerry Jorgensen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skills Center Director: Jim Oates• Cheese Shop Coordinator: Donnie Maupin• Newsletter: Norm D’Allura• Video Team: Chris Culotta, Steve Winkler, Ron Burton• Store Manager: Buck Culver• Librarian: Jeff Corwin• CVW- VA Symposium Board Member (VP): Peter Welch & Gary Conley• Ruritans Liaison: Dan Stogdale• Webmaster: Norm D’Allura

Christmas Party

We are planning on having our annual Christmas Party in the Community Center and it will be catered by the Ruritan Club or the Crimora Players. We need volunteers to run the event, coordinating activities and just making sure things go right. If you are willing to serve, please let one of the Officers know.

AAW Virginia Woodturners, Inc., Symposium

The Virginia Woodturners Symposium has been cancelled.

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Safety Minute – A Sobering Close Call

Several years ago a friend who'd worked in an emergency room insisted that I buy a set of chainsaw chaps. I told him that I'd been using a chainsaw for decades and cut many large and small trees without a problem. I'd never heard of chainsaw chaps. Then he described what chainsaw injuries look like and how much muscle they take.

I bought a pair of chainsaw chaps and several weeks later as I was taking them off at the end of a day of cutting trees on a slope I noticed a cut in my chaps where they covered my right knee cap. I called my friend and sincerely thanked him for keeping me safe.

Today another friend and I dropped three big ash trees, which I've been cutting up since he left. I had switched to my Stihl 440 to go through the larger stuff and as I was pulling the bar out of the log after taking my finger off the trigger I felt the saw tug a bit. I looked down and saw the cut in my newer chaps (photo) where the coasting chain apparently caught just as it passed under the sprocket guard. I'll patch them with tape and be thankful I'm not going to the emergency room.

As you know the added benefit of chaps is that they take a whole lot of the dirt and oil, keeping laundry and marital relations a lot better.

Jeff



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Preferred Vendors - Vendors who donated to the Christmas Raffle

Please thank these vendors with your continued patronage

- Home Depot
- Black Forest Sawmill
- Advantage Lumber
- Starbond Glue
- Woodturningz, Inc
- Craft Supplies
- Ruth Niles
- Thompson Lathe Tools
- Highland Woodworking
- Packard Woodworks

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Ron Burton, Chris Culotta, Jim Oates, Steve Winkler Jerry Jorgensen, Liz Browne, Buck Culver and Allen Graves for spending their Saturday morning updating our inventory list. It was long overdue and the team did a great job. There are a lot of valuable tools and equipment in the Skill Center and we need this list for insurance purposes and to keep track of our assets in case of theft or fire.

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Cheese Shop



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

Please items 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 is 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

Another month gone by, and we have had some fabulous spring days. I'm glad we are getting rain for the gardens and crops

The Heat Bowl class was a huge success. Thanks to Peter for volunteering to conduct it and to Jim Oates, Joel Spring, Don Voas and Liz Browne for making it happen.

Our next special event will be our Club picnic on June 25th. See more information below and on the web site.

I'm delighted with the varied contributions to the Newsletter such as for the Turners' Corner and Safety Minute. Keep 'em coming!

Happy Turning and Happy Spring!

Norm D'Allura
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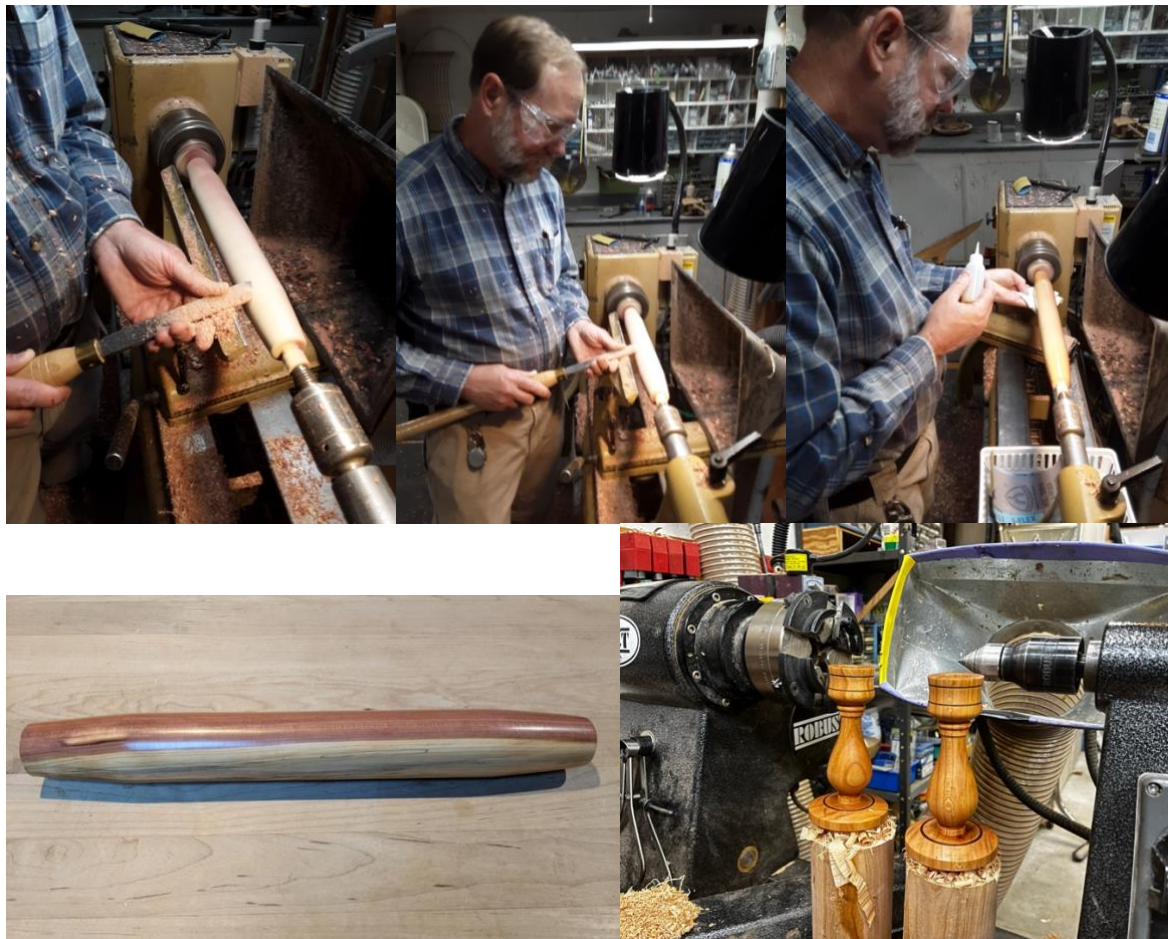
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Turners' Corner

You are invited to write something to share with fellow woodturners, be it amusing, informative, instructive, or scary. It can be personal, anonymous, or professional.

Dennis is one of our notable Mentors who hosted Gary Conley in his show where Gary made a French Rolling Pin for the first time. Just in time for Mother's Day for his wife. Gary showed Dennis up with his skew skills. Wood is Cedar from Montpelier and is 14" long. Also shown are a pair of candle sticks Gary made for a friend.



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Gel Pens for Marking Wood

One can use a white gel marker from Michaels on your dark wood markings. Marker is a Gelly Roll 10. Write slowly when using. Also, this Rosewood is very naturally oily. Use your favorite sanding sealer liberally and wipe excess off and let dry/sand with 600 before applying any finish. I learned the hard way. – Dennis Hippen

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Show-and-Tell

Liz Browne
Cherry Burl Vase



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Liz Browne
Black Locust salt cellar



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Mike Sorge

Makore & Wenge Manta Ray Box - 21" wingspan x 4" high



Black Walnut Manta Ray Box - 25.5" wingspan x 4.5" high

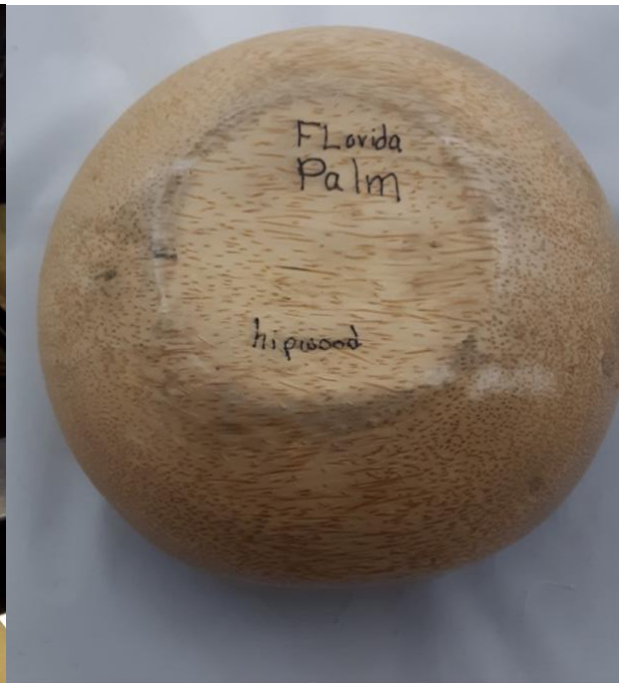


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Dennis Hippen

Florida Palm brought back from Florida in February. A 9" diameter log of a palm tree cut wet from my daughter/son-in-laws home. This wood was very heavy/dense, and one had to clear the chainsaw at least twice for each cut as wet dust acted like a gluey mess. I had never turned palm and an interesting experience. One needs to sharpen tools more frequently as suspected sand in the wood dulls tools quickly like the Indian Rosewood from the same property. Bowl is very heavy and has 5 coats of sealer/finish. Will be residing in Florida soon.



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Spalted Hackberry bowls with natural fungus growths in the wood. Fungus colors are a nice bonus and I used thin super glue to keep the colors from fading (I hope). Bowls are about 10" diameters. I have 2 more half logs to turn too.



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Log of Willow Oak has nice spalting/bugs homes, but was very close to firewood and lost the top end on one bowl as too soft. These are about 7" diameter bowls.



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Norm D'Allura

Black Oak vase, trunk wood at the base of a 4' diameter rotten tree. The wood is surprisingly (to me) dense and heavy and I had to do a lot of frequent sharpening to hollow it out. 14" tall.



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The Central Virginia Woodturners (CVW), located in the Shenandoah Valley in Crimora, VA, is an affiliate of the [American Association of Woodturners](#), serving turners from Charlottesville to Staunton to Harrisonburg. Please visit our [web site](#) and consider joining our interactive, informative, and very friendly club.