

Central Virginia Woodturners

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November 2022 Newsletter

November 16, 2022, Meeting 6:30

Election of Officers for 2023

Nominees are:

- 1. Treasurer – Scott Cassel**
- 2. Membership VP - Gary Conley**
- 3. Secretary – Tom Hansen**
- 4. Ruritian Liaison – proposing no replacement**

If there are any other nominees, please let Norm norm.dallura@gmail.com know ASAP or at the meeting. Twenty members are required to be present for voting. We will count in-person votes. If you want to vote by proxy, please send an email to both Norm norm.dallura@gmail.com and Joel Spring jspring13@hotmail.com. Votes must be sent to both of us by Monday Noon, November 14, 2022. Please use the email Subject: CVW Proxy Vote

Multi-Station Demonstrations and Interactions

- Tom Evans - 3-legged base for bowls
- Jim Oates - Hand carving and pyrography
- Scott Cassel – Acorn Ornaments
- Joel Spring – Caving and Inlay
- Fred Williamson - His 40/40 grind to obtain smooth bowl bottoms
- Allen Graves – Ornaments

6:00 – 6:30 PM Eastern time – Social time for participants

6:30 – 7:00 PM Eastern time – Club business meeting, show & tell, etc.

7:00 – 9:00 PM Eastern time – Demonstration

No Zoom Meeting this month.

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.

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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.

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

Annual Planning Meeting

Panera Bread Waynesboro
November 19, 2022 9:0 AM

All are welcome to participate and bring suggestions.

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Thank You Mars!

The Central Virginia Woodturners want to thank Mars not only for his years of contributions to the Club, but also for his recent donations of wood and tools to the Club. The wood is available in the Wood Store for donations and the tools will be available for donations at the next Skill Center session. The tools are itemized in Dennis Hippen's recent email to the members. Thanks to Dennis for all the time and effort he put in to make Mars' sale a success and for coordinating the donations to the club.

It is interesting to note that the lathe belonging to our oldest member, Mars was sold to our newest member, Seth

Thanks Mars!!!

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

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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

This month we have elections for officers who will serve the club for the next two years. I am delighted with the folks who stepped up to fill these roles. It seems that every time we have a vacancy the Execs must make a concerted, personal canvassing effort to find volunteers to fill the positions. With a club of over 115 members, it is unfortunate that it takes such an effort, but I see this in other clubs as well. Thanks to Scott, Gary and Tom who stepped up to fill the positions.

The next big role to fill is the videographer, as Chris steps down. We need someone to help set up and run the cameras during meetings and in-house demonstrations. Please consider helping in this role as Chris has given us over a year's notice. Chris is most certainly willing to train his successor starting immediately.

Steve Winkler has withdrawn from the Video Team. We desperately need some volunteers for the team. We will be most happy to train you and you will not be running blind as the system is well documented. We are still working through some kinks with the WIFI, but that is not reflective on the team. I also need to take a step back on the video team as I need to address other matters at the meeting. In case you didn't know, we were one of the first clubs to offer hybrid meetings as a result of Covid.

I also want to express my acknowledgement and sincere appreciation of the significant donations the club continually receives, most recently by Mars (see above). We have received wood for turning, many fine tools and jigs, several lathes and, as always, knowledge, time and experience. This is what makes the club run and fun. Thanks to all to have contributed.

November is the last meeting of the year. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in January!

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Turners Corner

My Wood Turning Journey with Mike Sorge

By Deba Traverse

I recently had the great pleasure of visiting Mike Sorge for a tour of his work shop and a learning/turning session. Mike and Cindy are gracious hosts, and Mike was not only generous with his time, but also with his knowledge.

I came away with insights beyond what I expected:

*For every “problem” you have, there is a product you can buy. There are a multitude of tools marketed to wood turners to address particular situations. But you can keep it simple, develop your skills working with basic gouges/chucks and achieve success without all the extras. The simplicity of Mike’s approach, proven by the elegance of his work, has changed my perception of where best to invest my money as a new turner.

*Duplicate tools are not redundant. 3 or 4 sharp gouges, ground to the same shape and angle, means you can keep cutting without having to stop to sharpen mid-bowl. Duplicates may seem like a luxury, but very helpful for production turning. I’d rather reach for the next sharp gouge than stop to sharpen. Plus, when it’s time to sharpen, tackle them all at once. Very efficient.

*Selecting gouges. Steel quality matters of course. But the lifespan of gouges also depends on the length of the flute. A terrific (and expensive) gouge with a short flute length will grind down and need to be replaced sooner than one with a longer flute.

*Lathe speed. Sometimes slower is scarier than fast. Especially when turning air. As a beginner, this is something I’ve had to wrap my head around. Faster speed reveals the shape more clearly, and using fine cuts, reduces the potential for catches.

*Light matters. I have one light and a window I rely on. But Mike’s light set-up changed my attitude about buying “expensive” light fixtures. You can’t fix what you can’t see. The more you see, the better your results.

I could say much more about my visit with Mike. Shop layout. Dust collection. Compressed air. Organization. Efficiency. A bonus session on coring. And of course, technique. But my main take away is the knowledge that wood turners are generous, supportive, and good people.

Thank you, Mike.

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AAW Women In Turning (WIT) Grant, by Deba Traverse

The AAW has a subcommittee called Women In Turning (WIT). WIT is dedicated to encouraging women in their pursuit of turning skills and to increase participation of women in the field of woodturning.

I recently became an AAW member with a WIT grant that paid for my first year membership fee. If there are any women in the CVW club, who have never been an AAW member, take advantage of this grant to access AAW's vast educational material and other benefits. Feel free to contact me for more information. (deba.trav@gmail.com)

Visit to Rob Andrews' Abode – Jeff Corwin

My secondhand lathe had fixed legs that made the spindle height uncomfortable for me. In talking with my CVW friend, Rob Andrews, I found out that he turns at exactly that spindle height, but on a more recent model of the lathe that came with adjustable legs. In early October I trailered my lathe up to Rob's home in Shenandoah and spent the afternoon touring his new shop, learning about his sawmilling operation, and getting to try my hand at sawing a log into lumber for the first time. I was amazed by the beautiful quartersawn lumber that came from a red oak log that had rot in the sapwood. Then we swapped lathe legs without even needing to take my lathe off the trailer thanks to Rob's Kubota tractor. Here are a few photos from that fun afternoon.



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Bill O'Brien - First Segmented Bowl

Here is a series of photos from my first segmented bowl using the Wedgie Sled I showed at the September meeting and other associated jigs as indicated.

Wedgie sled, stop block and ring glue-up jigs



Segmented bowl blank, made from Sapele Mahogany.



Outside turning set-up on a Shopsmith Speed Reducer and Standard Tool Rest



Inside turning set-up on a Shopsmith Speed Reducer and Universal Tool Rest



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Turned outside



Turned inside



Sanding



Lacquering and polishing



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Completed top view



Completed bottom view



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Show-and-Tell

Mike Sorge

Spirit Bird with Captured Marble. Ebony wood. 23" Wingspan. Beautiful marble made by Kenan Tiemeyer.



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Mike Sorge

Blossom Vessel. 20" diameter Spalted Maple Vessel. Black Walnut Center Box. Black Walnut Blossom. Available with choice of stone, glass or wood sphere topper.



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Kirk McCauley

An order of pecan for a customer



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Glen Stanley

Figured maple bowl I finished up recently. The finish is friction finished shellac over Artisans light blue die.



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Scott Cassell

I got this blank from Starke Smith and the bottle stopper from Niles. I think I am going to keep this one for myself. The others are my acorns so far although I have done a few more.



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Jim Oates



Blank from Black Forest Open House

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Starke Smith



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