

Central Virginia Woodturners

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January 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting

January 17, 2023, 6:30PM

Lidded Box

Mike Peace

Mike Peace will demonstrate the basics of turning a lidded box from rough turning a box blank from green wood to finish turning. He also discusses design aspects of box making.

For those of you that watch YouTube videos, Mike Peace is no stranger to you! Here is a great opportunity to watch Mike via a remote demonstration and ask questions regarding his version of how to make a lidded box. This is perfect timing for all of you working on your Beads of Courage boxes!!

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82451018235?pwd=MERlaFREUzE3dFRQSGhJbWtFUGpSQT09>

For more information about Mike, please check visit the meeting web page:
<https://centralvawoodturners.org/next-meeting/>

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

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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Work Session – Volunteers Needed

We are planning on holding two Work Sessions with the ultimate goal of creating breathing room and space in the main Lathe room. To that end, we first need to create space in the back room and the storage room, identifying what items we need to purge. For example, we have a duplicator that is just taking space and has never been used. We also have a surplus of loaner lathes and some high-speed grinders that need to go.

The first Work Session will be coincident with a Skills Center Session on **January 14th**. We will focus on rearranging the back room, moving the wood store and making a permanent home for the grinders. We will also be moving the Symposium supplies to the storage room and then moving a dust collector from the storage room into the closets. Our goal is to not disturb Jim, the Mentors or the students on that day.

On **January 21st**, we will move items from the main lathe room into the back and storage rooms and do some rearranging. For example, we will move the drill press into the back room and move the bandsaw out of the way and into the corner.

We request you help to accomplish this task. All helpers will get first crack at all excess items, so plan on being able to make a donation and haul stuff away. We will have a For Sale session at a later date for the general membership. Please let Dennis (hipwood1@gmail.com) know if you will be available and for which dates.

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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.

We had a great turnout for the December meeting and demonstrations. But PLEASE we need a better photographer...will someone please volunteer to bring a camera with a flash?



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Elected Officers for 2023	Esteemed Volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President – Norm D’Allura• VP Programs – Joel Spring• VP of Membership – Gary Conley• Secretary – Tom Hansen• Treasurer – Scott Cassel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skills Center Director: Jim Oates• Cheese Shop Coordinator: Donnie Maupin• Video Team: Chris Culotta, Ron Burton, Mike Garrison, Fred Gruendel• Store Manager: Buck Culver• Librarian: Jeff Corwin• CVW- VA Symposium Board Member (VP): Peter Welch & Gary Conley• Webmaster: Norm D’Allura• Newsletter Editor: Norm D’Allura

News for Members and Potential Members

At the Annual Planning Meeting, we voted on two items regarding membership:

1. Members over the age of 90 will be granted an Honorary Membership and dues are waived. Mars has been inducted into that Membership. Please let one of the Execs know who else may qualify.
2. Individuals under the age of 25 will be Youth Members with the reduced membership and donation amount. This is an attempt to make membership attractive to younger folks. Please let one of the Execs know who may qualify.

Time to Renew Your Dues

You may pay your dues at any Regular Meeting or Skill Center Session or on-line. Scott Cassel will be at most meetings to meet with you or see Buck. Our web page has more details:

https://centralvawoodturners.org/donations_dues/ for details.

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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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Turners' Corner

Lathe Maintenance – Tail Stock

Alex Pettigrew

You probably never think about your tail stock. But does it advance and retract as easily as it once did? Probably not!

I do a lot of drilling on my lathe for pepper mill bodies. This puts dynamic pressure on the threads in the tail stock. To keep the metal from galling and provide for smooth operation the mechanism needs to be clean and well lubricated.

I recently acquired a used Laguna 2436. This is what I found when I disassembled the tailstock.



Fortunately, that is dirty, oil-soaked wood chips and not metal fragments. However, the screw effectively had no lubrication. Cleaning is as simple as removing the handle and sliding the quill/screw assembly out. Then take those apart and thoroughly clean everything. I use WD-40 and a toothbrush. You can lubricate either with a light oil or grease. I am currently using a spray white grease. It moves smoothly now even when pushing a 1 1/4" big into end grain.

Here are some videos you should find helpful. If you have something different, try contacting the manufacturer or searching for you specific lathe on YouTube.

Jet: [Lathe Tailstock Maintenance | #TipTuesday](#)

Powermatic: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfCuTB32RQ8>

General: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lhp_kmryRNg

Happy Turning!

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Mentors' Corner

Sonja is a very new CVW member and she designed and turned her very first tapered candlestick in Hipwood's shop on Saturday. Candlestick is for her Mom's Xmas present. Cedar candlestick was made from a repurposed porch railing post. Sonja is a spring graduate from UVA and after interning in her field, decided to work with her hands crafting as that seems to run in her family.

Sonja is Head of Woodware at Blanc Creatives here in Waynesboro. She is an eager and quick learner with a few barks from me correcting unsafe actions at the lathe. Dennis.



Add Dennis' pen mentoring session

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John Lowdermilk in the photos made his fist cherry bud vase today in my shop. He is tethered to a walker and I have been mentoring about once a week for about 3 mos. and ha made about 25 pens. Helping him has challenged me beyond my normal mentoring process. Dennis



Show-and-Tell

Our primary way to share Show-and-Tell items is at the monthly meetings. Here all members get a chance to share their work, solicit suggestions as well as creative criticism and learn something new. The newsletter is also a way to share but is missing the interactive element. Please bring your work to the meetings to start a discussion!

We are looking for a member or two to volunteer to take pictures at the meetings and Skill Center sessions for inclusion into the newsletter. If you have photographs for the Newsletter, please send to norm.dallura@gmail.com.

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Shoe-and-Tell from the December Meeting



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Starke Smith

Been turning lots of things in December! Several Tiger Maple, some figured Maple, and some others. I was able to get some very nice Tiger Maple at the mill last week! Also some beautiful rainbow poplar 4/4 by 11 inch. The Tiger Maple is 5/4 and 6/4, 7 inches wide.



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Fred Williamson

Here are three of some amazing red oak burl I got to work with in December.



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Debra Traverse

Small cherry bowl. First time using a wire to burn in decorative lines.



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Dennis Hippen

Last palm bowl for a while. This one had started to spalt.

Pens were from the cutoffs and were cross grain. Wood presents new challenges in almost every cut. Pen blanks required thin super glue 3+ times to then sand /finish. Nice product.



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Mike Sorge

Red Oak Burl & Wenge Pagoda Double Box



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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, educational and very friendly club.