

Central Virginia Woodturners

A Registered Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

April 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting

April 19, 2023, 6:30PM

Holly & Blackwood Bowl

Keith Gotschall

Interactive Remote Demonstration

Come join us in person at the Crimora Community Center or attend the Zoom Meeting.

Check our website for the Zoom meeting link: <https://centralvawoodturners.org/next-meeting/>

6:00 – 6:30 PM Eastern time – Social time for participants and set-up

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

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

9:00 – Meeting conclusion and clean-up.

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 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

Tool Sale

We still have several items for sale in the back room. Make an offer we can’t refuse!

Shop Tours

We are re-starting a new club activity where a member opens their shop for other members to tour, formally or informally, and socialize with other members. The Club will pick up the tab for coffee and pastries. Please see one of the Execs if you are interested in hosting a visit. You can even hand out brooms if you dare.

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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

"Cindy and I enjoyed exhibiting my work March 17-19 at the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival, one of the nation's oldest, largest and most prestigious outdoor art festivals. Lovely well managed area, excellent show, nice sales, received an award too. "Cascading Diamonds - Triple Diamond Pagoda" was selected for jury judging that garnered the award."



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Mentor's Corner

Dennis continues to hold pen-making mentorship sessions in his shop.

Hey Pen makers,

Some more spindle works for Ya! Tim Ketchmark with more pens and a ring caddie for his wife. My bud , John, did a seam ripper for his wife and bloodwood pens we hit with a torch to turn the wood purple. (beware torches in wood shops are a hazard and next time we will use a heat gun.)

Dennis



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More finished items today. The 2 piece pen is a Navigator Rollerball made from Ironwood and the wood lives up to its name too! John is our research arm and the other 2 pens are bloodwood that after 400 grit he hits with a heat gun and turns the wood purple! Then hit with a thin set CA/sand then finish. I was skeptical of the process in front of your eyes. Dennis



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Beads of Courage

We have an outlet for our Beads of Courage bowls! We have a courier (Bill Hemminger) to the Pittsburgh Children's Hospital and they are very glad to get our bowls. Keep em' coming! We have a box in the back room and plenty of beads for inserts.

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! If you have photographs for the Newsletter, please send to norm.dallura@gmail.com.

March Meeting Photos courtesy of Bob Shiflett



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Dennis Hippen

T handled bottle stopper/corkscrew combo with Montpelier woods- curly walnut, osage orange, ambrosia maple, and cedar. Six French Rolling pins with Montpelier woods- cedar, osage orange, curly walnut and hackberry. Six Niles bottle openers with Montpelier woods- cedar, osage orange, and ambrosia maple. These will in the gift shop next week



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Photos are a few of the first group of bowls I turned. I was not familiar with Scarlet Oak and it in the Red Oak family. If you check your various books/links you will not see the colors of this giant burl. We guessed that we started with about 2200# in giant chunks of this burl. My new chainsaw is broken in now as I gnawed on the smaller chunks.

As I owe Fred and Kirk a lot, I was able to get the pros here to block up the larger chunks. Wow, what a treat to watch these youngsters use their chainsaws and make quick work of the pile. Kirk took home several pieces for urns and you saw a couple in process at Feb. meeting.

Fred took home some very large heavy chunks. His first piece weighed 180#, after making round with his saw, it weighed 130#. He cored 2 pieces out. He started his lathe at 400 rpm to turn the outer bowl AND a wall took a WHACK! Burls with bark inclusions and grains every which way are a challenge. Lesson here, never stand in the RED zone when starting your lathe!

The largest bowl I made is 7" W X 8" H with bark on! I stopped just in time twice just before this bowl blew up and reglued to finish. There is a bowl with a chuck missing at a bark inclusion. This one will be the first to sell! Brown CA and coffee grounds are your friends to get to finish. Wood is VERY dense and must have grit as dulls tools quickly.

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Liz Browne

Been doing a little work with pyrography - this maple bole is a work in progress ...



These are 3 Lazy Susans - the first two are glued up cherry, one 15" and the other 13"; the lower one is a slab of oak 15"



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