

Central Virginia Woodturners

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June 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting

June 20, 2023, 6:30PM

Experts from Ace Hardware will join us to complete our discussions on chainsaws and maintenance. You don't want to miss this one!

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

Zoom

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83875434115?pwd=V0Q0dEhaNzNWRmkwck2NHlrcE9jZz09>

You can always find the Zoom link on our website: <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.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Jesse Wasserman who donated many tools to the Skill Center. We have two complete sets of tools for beginners. Thanks to Denis Hippen for brokering the donation and helping Jesse liquidate his shop and seeing tools going to new homes with happy owners.

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 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

Buck sold the Craftsman lathe, leaving the grinder and duplicator still up for sale.

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.

Club Discount Program

Due to minimal interest, we are putting club purchases on hold.

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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.

The first quarter of 2023 we had donations from the following members. CVW would like to recognize and thank you for your support. Donnie Maupin

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.

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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.



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Turners' Corner

Bandsaw Blade Finishing Aid



Bandsaw blade finishing aid

From a worn-out bandsaw blade, you can make an inexpensive and practical shop helper to support projects while the finish dries. The teeth of the blade leave no detectable marks on the bowl finish.

Cut the bandsaw blade into appropriate lengths, about 10" (25cm) works for me. Bend these lengths at their midpoint to form arms at about 45 degrees, as shown *above*.

One support easily props up a small turned piece. Larger turnings may require two or three "bandsaw-blade trivets" to support the piece.

*John D. Williams
Kingston, Ontario, Canada*

Illustration: Roxanne LeMoine

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Log Processing Platform

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Log processing platform
After numerous struggles with a chainsaw and wobbly, rolling logs, I designed a platform for processing logs that not only holds logs steady but has a drop-down feature that prevents the saw from sticking or hitting the ground or other wood.

As the saw passes through the middle of the log, the kerf behind the cut begins to close and frees the bar, allowing the cut to move to completion. The log remains in its original

position, ready for removal or further processing. The platform can be used to make crosscuts as well as longitudinal slices.

A heavy base is essential, but that can be constructed from just about anything—a large piece of timber (as shown), a flattened log, or a weighted-down frame.

The 45°-cut two-by-fours (5cm × 10cm) are bolted to the base. I am using a 7" (18cm) gap between the

four upper supports, and, for smaller limbs, a 4" (10cm) gap over to the two shorter supports. The height of the platform can be designed to your comfort level—my upper points are about 33" (84cm) from the ground.

A platform such as this will make chainsaw processing of logs quicker, easier, and safer.

—Emmett S. Manley, Jr.
Lakeland, TN



Mentor's Corner

Mick Lambert and mentor Jeff Corwin at the Skill Center



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2023 AAW Woodturning Symposium

The Kentucky Expo Center was filled with a wonderful combination of wood turnings on exhibit, 50 different vendors selling tools and equipment, talented instructors teaching their craft, and most importantly, hundreds of woodturning enthusiasts who traveled from all over the country to participate in a lively and educational event.

Instructors, generously willing to share their “secrets” impressed me most. Instead of guarding their personal techniques, to protect their unique styles of turnings, they offered step-by-step instruction to anyone interested in learning and improving their own work. Generosity is a term I’ve often used to describe woodturners. Generosity was on display in every corner of every classroom at the event. There was no shortage of topics to delve into and the opportunity to learn from the best was inspiring.

The exhibit space was filled with amazing turnings. Established artists showed their best work. But AAW also offered every attendee the chance to show their own work in the “Instant Gallery”. The variety of pieces, ranging from beginners to seasoned turners was a sight to behold. Many turners are using pierced work and carvings to enhance their work. Here are just a few of the pieces that caught my eye:



I came away from the event inspired. It was well worth the trip. I appreciated the opportunity to rub elbows with the best of the bests. Keep on turning... - Deba Traverse

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Show and Tell

Mike Sorge

1. Tiger Maple Manta Box w/ Walnut Manta Lid (2 photos)
2. Cherry Manta Box w/ Walnut Manta Lid (1 photo)
3. Wenge Manta Box & Lid (1 photo)
4. Black Walnut Manta Box & Lid (1 photo)
5. Mahogany Manta Box w/ Wenge Manta Lid (1 photo)
6. Wenge Manta Box w/ Zebrawood Manta Lid (1 photo)
7. Black Walnut Manta Box w/ Tiger Maple Manta Lid (1 photo)



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Kirk McCauley

Ring boxes for weddings, Ash dog urn to match his human father's, Scarlet maple from UVA urn with natural edge top.



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Dennis Hippen

Largest of this group of burl bowls is about 6+'' diameter. Each wood chunk has a surprise bark inclusions/swirling grain awaiting the turner. I get a lot of CA glue work.



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Fred Williamson



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John Lowermilk

This week's Heart Pine bud vase by John. Grain is fun and left the nail holes + new feature with a see through section to the plastic tube.

The cracks were very deep and we glued 2-3 times with brown CA.

Lesson learned is do the glue in thin layers, hit with the accelerator.....we filled the hole crack and hit it with the accelerator and turned down.. You guessed it....John's t-shirt has CA speckles, 2x safety glasses ruined, easy finisher tools abused with CA, tools rest splattered.

Some days you are the bug on the windshield! Dennis



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Liz Browne

Small box elder hollow form colored with trans tints.



Cherry burl bowl



Catalpa hollow form colored with trans tints



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This is a small stash box made from redbud and embellished with pyrographic doodling



Black Cherry hollow form painted and decorated with foil



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Travis Miller

This is my vase I worked on from Christmas through mid-May. Thought it would eat up more scrap wood than it did. 832 pieces. 17.5" tall. Includes: chestnut, white oak, walnut, juniper, Brazilian mahogany, maple, cherry, and not sure what the dark red/brown is (maybe some type of mahogany)? Can't get enough of segments.



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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.