

Central Virginia Woodturners

A Registered Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

September 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting

September 27, 2023, 6:30PM

This is a different meeting time than usual – The date has been changed to accommodate our demonstrator.

Two-Step Turning of a Large Platter

Tom Wirsing

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87119518658?pwd=cndUNzMybHp2akJHc3U5MWJDZhiZz09>

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 Tom Hanson. 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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Upcoming Elections

The current slate of officers are:

- President – Norm D’Allura
- VP Programs – Joel Spring (outgoing)
- VP of Membership – Gary Conley
- Secretary – Tom Hansen
- Treasurer – Scott Cassel
- Video Team: Chris Culotta (outgoing), Ron Burton

To optimally match skills and interests with positions, the following nominees for 2024 are proposed. The slate of nominees will be formally proposed at the October meeting and we will have elections at the November meeting. Please bring suggestions for other nominees to any of the execs.

- President – Norm D’Allura
- VP Programs – Tom Hansen
- VP of Membership – Gary Conley (second year, not up for election)
- Secretary – John Schmidt
- Treasurer – Rob Burton
- Video Team: Scott Cassel and one other

Please note: We still need volunteers to help with the video team. We cannot possibly have demonstrations in the community center without more help!

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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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.

Thanks to those who donated items for the Cheese Shop in the 2nd Quarter: Dennis Hippen, Allen Driver, Jim Oates, Larry Parker and Gary Peterson.

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August Meeting



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.

Quote of the Month

Courtesy of Mike Sorge

"No matter how good we are, it is always a start. As I learned more, I did better, and so will you." - **Frank Sudol** (Early mentor to Binh Pho – famous for his pierced and painted wood turnings.)

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Turners' Corner

Cindy (Sorge) and I enjoyed sharing/selling my work this past Labor Day weekend at Gypsy Hill Art in the Park. And it was great fun seeing many CVW club members including Tom Evans, John Watkins, Roger Davis, Allen Driver, Don Kersch, Jim Oates and many others. Cheers



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Shop Tips

There are many methods that turners have used to add stability/weight to their larger lathes. The CVW Skills lathes have several different methods that work. The Jet 16" VS 2HP lathe in the photos came from a turners shop purchase in Greenville, SC. now in my son's shop in Cashiers, NC mountain house.

First we removed the wheels from the lathe and placed levelers on the feet. A \$30 scissor jack from Harbor freight powered by a drill was a must.

We used the lower/wider bracket with 2" (1.5") thick boards and width was 16", cut to length. (one could make this bottom section wider in the back for more pails of sand.) For a bigger lathe like the powermatic 3520b, I would opt for wider bottom and more pails of sand.

We made a 2 section shelf of plywood (2 sections so we could install to max length) with a underside scab board to make level. The pails do not have lids which gave us a lower shelf for tools along with the VERY easy to brush off the chips. Again, if make for a powermatic make shelf wider to. 4 pails of sand+ 1 bag of dry play sand gave us about 500 #s of weight.

FYI. For weight on my powermatic I used real sandbags and covered with a small tarp. Downside is the bags get nicked and no more sand/mess to. Please use/improve as you want.
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 your creations, but this medium 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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Mike Sorge

23" wingspan Manta Ray Box in Wenge w/ Zebrawood Lid featuring a beautiful, captured artisan glass sphere.



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Liz Browne

This is a red oak bowl ebonized and embellished with acrylics



And this is a red oak natural edged bowl



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Starke Smith

The effect industrial Ammonia has on Red Oak. These two pictures are of the same plate, one before fuming and the other after. It really highlights the winter grain!



John Lowdermilk

More rollerball pens, The one on left is purple heart with maple accent and the other is Bacote with mystery accents. Satin nickel trim.



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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• 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



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.