

Central Virginia Woodturners

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November 2024 Newsletter

Holiday Party
December 15, 2024, 6:30PM
(No November Meeting)

CVW's annual holiday celebration dinner will be held Tuesday, December 17 - members, spouses and significant others are encouraged to attend! We will gather at 5:30 pm, with dinner starting at 6:00 pm. The club will provide main dishes and drinks. We ask that attendees bring a covered dish. If your last name begins with: A – H, Vegetables; I – P, Salad; Q – Z, Dessert. Please bring serving utensils. If your dish requires cutting, please do that at home. We will end the meeting with drawings for door prizes and hope to be on the way home by 8:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

Please check your email for the RSVP so we can plan the purchase of the BBQ and chicken.

Please check out the meeting plans on the website [Calendar](#) page.

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Next Skill Center Session

Skill Center and Mentoring Sessions are 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.

Drop-In Saturday Skills Center Session

Members can use the Skill Center on the 4th Saturday of each month from 9AM until 12:00 PM. Jeff Corwin and Alan Driver have organized an additional Saturday where members can utilize our Skill Center for projects or instruction. Members of all levels of turning skill are invited to work on challenges or get help with specific projects or techniques working with members of CVW's mentoring and instruction team. Members are encouraged to let Allen and Jeff know if they have projects or learning goals that they would like to have addressed in the upcoming session.

Shenandoah Valley Arts Center

Dennis Hippen has created an opportunity for the Club to sell items in the Shenandoah Valley Arts Center (SVAC) at 126 S Wayne Ave in Waynesboro. All woodworking items are welcome for donation from club members including bowls, spindle work (including pens) and flat work (e.g. cutting boards). Please use the box in the back room for donations. The Center will provide a display stand and manage the sales. This is a great opportunity for the Club to earn funds to offset the increasing costs of demonstrations and to keep our dues low. SVAC gift shop price points are \$40-80 range and often sell items that are \$150+. Marc Steck has volunteered to be the coordinator between CVW and SVAC. Thanks Marc!

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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 bring 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.

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 CVW Member.

Thank you for all your help in making The Cheese Shop a successful source of income for the Central Virginia Woodturners.

Call for Holiday Items

Please consider contributing turned snow people, Christmas trees and ornaments for SVAC and the Cheese Shop. The are some of our best sellers.

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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Quote(s) of the Month

Courtesy of Mike Sorge

“There is nothing impossible for him who will try.” - Alexander the Great

“The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.” - William James

“Art is unquestionably one of the purest and highest elements in human happiness. It trains the mind through the eye, and the eye through the mind. As the sun colors flowers, so does art color life.” - John Lubbock

Turners' Corner

Nothing this month....

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Virginia Woodturners Symposium

The 2024 Virginia Woodturners Symposium was held on November 2-3 at the EXPO center in Fishersville. <https://virginiawoodturners.com>. Central Virginia Woodturners was again the local host due to our proximity to the EXPO and we were pivotal to the Symposium's success. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped load and unload on Friday and Sunday. Special thanks to the videographers and AV team, the latter whom set up and tweaked the new audio system. Thanks to Alan and Jim for staffing the club's information table and demonstrating area with turning demos.

Images from the November 2024 Symposium

Thanks to our Club Photographer Bob Shiflett



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Show and Tell

The best 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. Members get to ask questions and see the work close up. 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 newsletter_editor@centralvawoodturners.org.

Jim Echols
Cherry Bowl



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Jim Echols
Maple Bowl



Jim Echols
Spalted Sycamore



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Scott Cassell

Whiskey stopper made with actual whiskey barrel staves in epoxy



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Scott Cassell

Cherry about 9.5". It is a little thick, but good for a first try



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Scott Cassell

The second platter is 14" and is butternut. This one is right where it like it to be. If I went much thinner, it would have been trouble as a resonance was building while working on the edge.



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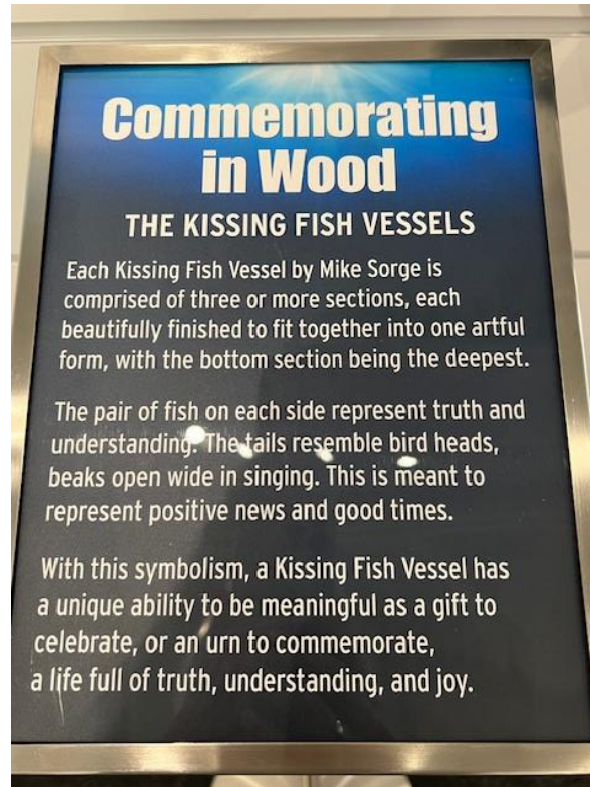
Mike Sorge

Photos of my work featured in the “Faces of the Water “exhibition at the Tribby Art Center in Fort Meyers FL running through December 28.



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Dennis Hippen

These Xmas themed turnings are for our small family and all the woods are from their respective homes/cabins.

Photo with the tall Xmas tree is from my Daughter/Husband's New Hampshire Cabin and is cherry from a downed tree. On the left (from FL) are tree ornaments from marbled cedar from trees that Ian took out in 2022. The ornaments on right are from Indian Rosewood trees that had to be removed as they aged/dying.

The other photo is from my son/wife's house in Charlotte and are all Heart Pine from when they remodeled and added onto their 106+ year house. I retrieved most of the frame timbers...many nails! We have from left to right Dad(son) , wife, and three grandgirls who are now 20,18,16 years old. Each grandgirl also gets a tree ornament with the initials on them.



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Elected Officers for 2024 & 2025	Esteemed Staff & Volunteers
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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.