

Central Virginia Woodturners

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December 2024 Newsletter

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 21 2024

6:30 PM

Twice Turned Bowls

Mike Sorge

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

Happy Holidays to all!

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.

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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!

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.

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Beads of Courage

We are backlogged on Beads of Courage bowls and do not have an outlet currently. Please consider donating to the Cheese Shop or SVAC.

Quote(s) of the Month

Courtesy of Mike Sorge

"Trees are magnificent, often living beyond several human lifetimes. When a tree dies its inherent natural beauty, its life filled timber can be an ongoing voice." - Mike Sorge

WHEN I AM AMONG TREES by Mary Oliver

When I am among trees,
Especially the willows and the honey locusts,
Equally the beech, the oaks and the pines, They give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.
I am so distant from the hope of myself,
In which I have goodness and discernment,
And never hurry through the world,
But walk slowly, and bow often.
Around me the trees stir in their leaves,
And call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.
And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come into this world to do this,"
"to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine."

Turners' Corner

Nothing this month....

Notes from the Annual Planning Meeting

The Executive Board met for our Annual Meeting on December 14, 2024. Ron reviewed our financial status of 2024 and presented a budget for 2025. We essentially broke even in 2024 and may run a slight deficit in 2025, which may slightly reduce our healthy bank balance. We voted to keep the annual dues in 2025 the same as in 2024 at \$50 for individuals and families and \$20 for Affiliates and Students. Please visit the [web site](#) to pay your dues or bring cash or check to a meeting. You can read other details of the meeting via the [minutes on the site](#).

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December Holiday Party

We had a wonderful turnout with about 50 celebrants in attendance. For the main courses, we had some excellent fried chicken and barbeque from The Barn in Waynesboro. Please consider visiting The Barn for a meal – they gave us quite a discount on the chicken and BBQ.

The following vendors provided the generous donations for our door prizes. Please share our appreciation with them with your patronage.

Party Raffle Donors

Carter and Sons	Craft Supplies USA
D-way Tools	Home Depot, Waynesboro
Lowe's, Waynesboro	MDI Woodcarvers
Packard Woodworks	Rockingham Ace Hardware, Waynesboro
Rockler of Richmond, Short Pump	Mike Sorge
Starbond	Thompson Tools
Treeline Woodcarvers	Woodcraft of Richmond, Short Pump
Woodturners Wonders	Brian, the Flutemaker....

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Images from the December Party

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.

Jeff Corwin

Charred ash vase with grain highlights rubbed with Chroma Craft gilding paste.

12" diameter wide rim maple bowl with Jo Sana iridescent (interference) paints spun on the lathe.



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Scott Cassell

Spalted maple bowl. Composite wine stopper. Composite tulip bowl (Purpleheart, ash, red oak, cherry, & walnut; 7" tall and 6" wide). Christmas ornament (zebra w/ walnut finial)



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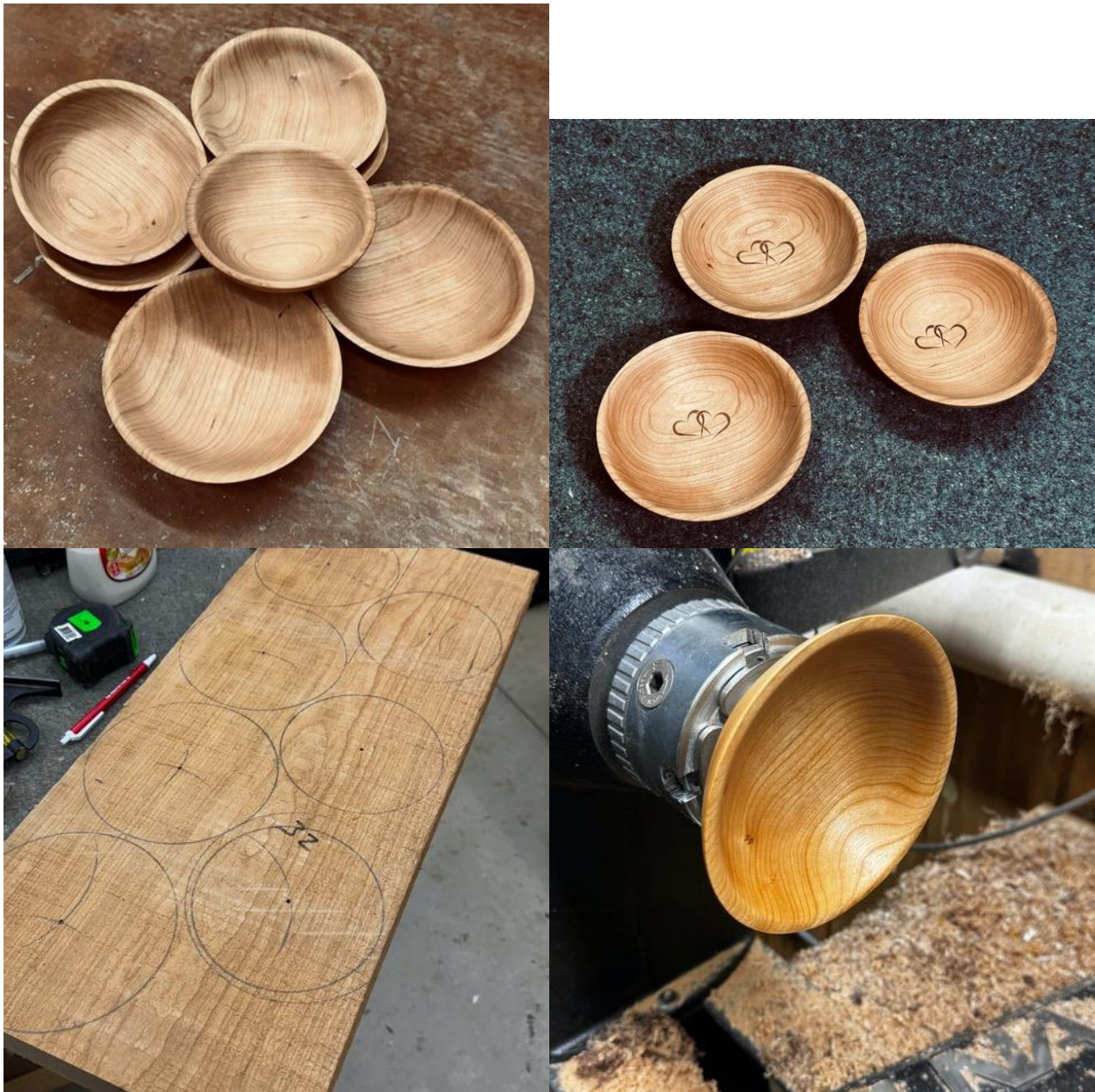
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Alex Pettigrew

At a recent Saturday morning members only get together we talked about bowls and I urged new turners to think about starting small. Here is an example of doing that. I had a piece of 5/4 kiln dried cherry left over from a project. I was able to cut seven 4 & 5" bowl blanks. Here is one on the lathe and all seven after turning. They are finished with TY oil. The final shot is some of the bowls laser engraved with an interlocking heart graphic designed by my wife. They are now "Sweet Heart Bowls".

The lathe shot shows the true wood color.



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Elected Officers for 2025	Esteemed Staff & Volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President – Norm D’Allura• VP Programs & Demonstrations – Jeff Corwin (2025)• VP of Membership and Activities– Gary Conley• Secretary – John Schmidt• Treasurer – Ron Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skills Center Director: Jim Oates• Cheese Shop Coordinator: Tom Reeves• SCAC Coordinator Marc Steck• Video Lead: Open• Store Manager: Buck Culver• Librarian: Jeff Corwin• CVW- VA Symposium Board Members Norm D’Allura & Gary Conley• Photographer: Bob Shiflett• 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.