

Central Virginia Woodturners

A Registered Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

April 2025 Newsletter

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 6:30 PM

Finial Turning

Cliff Guard (Tidewater Turners)

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

SCAM ALERT

A scammer has sent CVW members an email posing as Norm asking members to purchase a gift card. Please ignore this email as it did not originate from Norm. The giveaway is the email sender email address, which is clearly not Norm's. Please note that the spammer somehow got hold of an old email list and some ex-members are getting the email.

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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We are in need for donations for both the Shenandoah Valley Arts Center and the Cheese Shop. Please bring something the next time you come to the Crimora Community Center.

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

Method is much, technique is much, but inspiration is even more. ~ Benjamin N. Cardozo

A true artist is not only one who is inspired but one who inspires others. ~ Salvador Dali

A deadline is negative inspiration. Still, it's better than no inspiration at all. ~ Rita Mae Brown

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Turners' Corner Party Raffle Donors

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

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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Mike Sorge Items

Last weekend (April 5-6) Cindy and I exhibited my work in St. Petersburg FL at the Mainsail Art Show, was sunny, hotter than average, muggy, windy, but we enjoyed some very nice sales. The two photos are of fun customers who made homes for nice items. We've enjoyed some great art shows in Florida and split the grueling 13-hour drive into two days, but I think we're now finally done with shows all the way down in Florida.



I'm pleased to share that Cindy and I will be exhibiting my work once again at this year's Smithsonian Craft Show taking place at the beautiful Smithsonian National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW, Washington DC, Wednesday – Sunday April 24-27 (Wednesday evening is Patron's Pre-View Cocktail Party).

Finally, a tribute: Our terrific CVW membership, like all 300+ AAW woodturning clubs throughout the US, is weighted somewhat with older (more mature☺) folks. And perhaps we experience the passing of member friends at a higher rate than many other organizations. Recently, we lost Willie Simmons of Roanoke's Blue Ridge Woodturners, also a friend to CVW. Willie passed away suddenly in a vehicle collision on April 1. We often don't know when our time on earth is up, but we do know it's not how long we live, but how well we have lived and loved. Willie found much joy in sharing his woodturning experience and skills with CVW members and other clubs around the country, and will be missed. Cheers to a good man!

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Images from the Last Meeting

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.

Dennis Hippen

Reclaimed Heart Pine from a 106-year-old house remodel. Nice grains and nail holes too. New design that is heavy and useful for self-defense.



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Dennis Hippen

Garden tool sets with handles from Montpelier woods. Lighter colored sets are sweet gum and the other is osage orange. These will be donated to the SVAC or Cheese shop for club sales.

There are more kits in the club wood store and if you donate them, the kits are free. Plus, plenty of wood stock in the wood store too! I plan to have at the next meeting with directions and recommended adhesive. These were fun to make and a very good skills project.

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Dennis Hippen

All items are Scarlet Oak Burl from a huge burl (7' W X 3+" H) from the UVA Lawn area. Here we have a mix of small bowls, vessels, bottle stoppers and openers too!

Burk grew at the base of the tree and has a lot of grit in the wood that dulls your tool very quickly!



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Liz Browne

Mortar and pestle turned from a cherry burl



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Lis Browne

Black cherry bowl with a flared rim and a bit of wire burned embellishment



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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



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