

Central Virginia Woodturners

A Registered Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

July 2025 Newsletter

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 6:30 PM

Embellishing with Stencils

Steve Schwartz

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

Our June meeting was an extended Show-and-Tell with a good discussion on finishes. There are more finishes than turners...

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 shelf 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 on the shelf in the back room. 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

"Failure will never stand in the way of success if you learn from it." ~ Hank Aaron

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." ~ Gen. Colin Powell

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Turners' Corner

Skills Session June 14, 2025



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Drop-in Saturday – Dennis Hippen

June 28th 4th Saturday had 13 attendees, and all had good questions on their items. Much discussion and helpful hints.



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Restored Tea Cart

Jim Oates restored an old Tea Cart, and he had to do some research to understand what it looked like when new. The Club was given a very generous donation for his work.

Below is what he learned:

The teacart was sold by the H & S Pogue Co. based in Cincinnati, Ohio sometime around 1926. I found a similar tea cart pictured in a copy of their 1926 catalog but with a non-spoked third wheel. The picture showed a three-wheel cart with drop leaves on each side. This was the only place I could find a three-wheel cart so I could not identify the maker. The three-wheel version is very unusual as most have 2 small wheels and 2 large wheels.

The basic wood is Mahogany with a white wood inlay (probably Holly). The finish is orange shellac with dark tint and it was added to at least once. I removed the added finish which had crackled. That was probably the result of furniture wax which was not completely removed before refinishing.

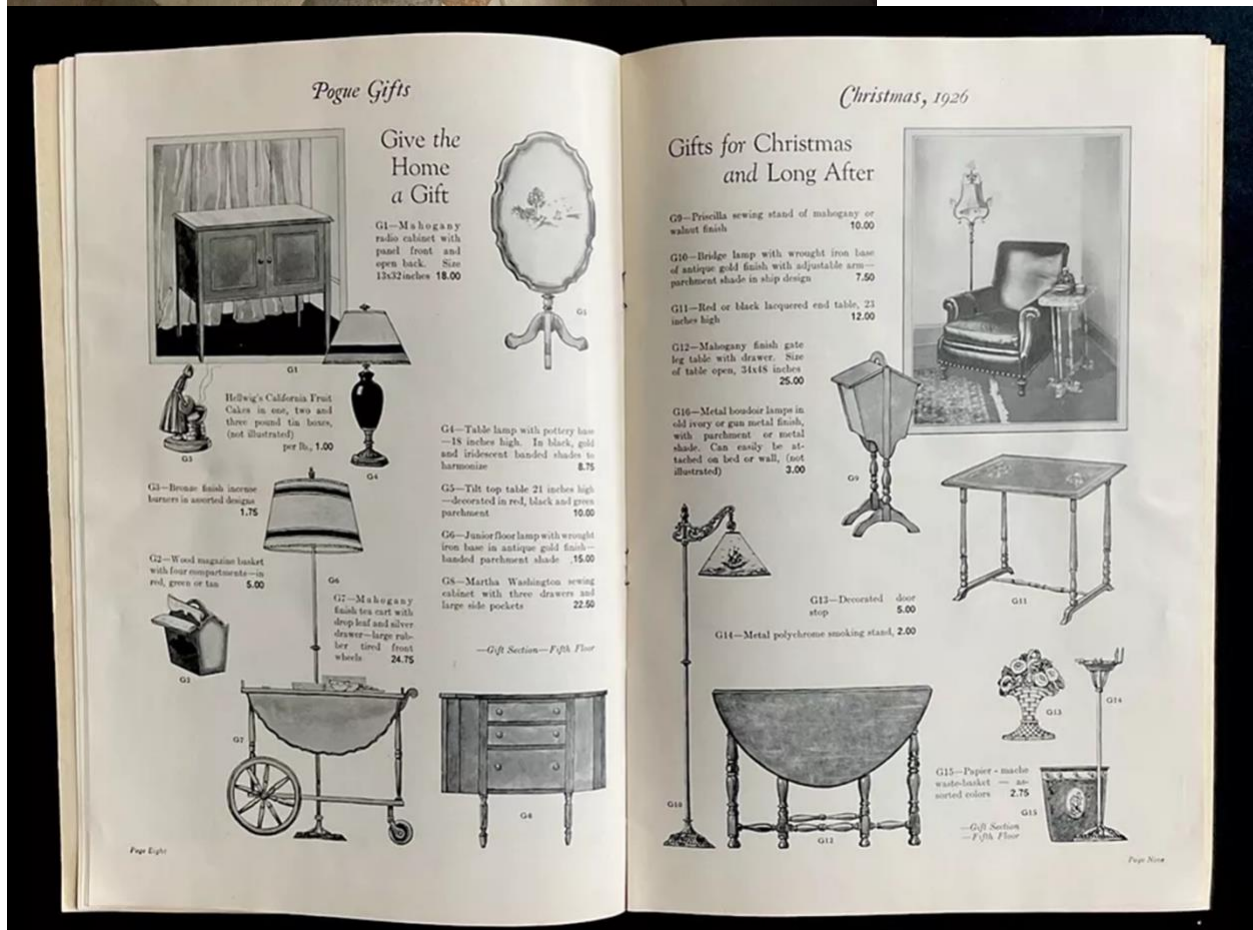
The wheels were a bit unusual since the spokes were not glued but were fitted into holes in the hub and rim and then the tire was held in place with a wire reinforcement. This was a bit unusual since it requires a two-piece wheel since the wire would not allow the tire to be expanded to fit the groove in the wheel. This also makes the wheel very delicate so much repair has been done over the years. I filled the gaps with pieces of split tubing reduced to correct size and then super glued into the original tire.

After cleaning I added a very thin coat of shellac after re-tinting some worn spots. The finish was then completed with matte varnish. I then buffed the finished to make it even.

The original store tag is on the bottom of the top shelf and is extremely hard to read since it was coated with the orange shellac that was used to refinish the cart previously.

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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....

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.

Everyone must be taking off this month...

Please bring your show and tell items to the next meeting – it is a lot more fun that way.

Dennis Hippen

Spalted Sugar maple natural edge bowl and a bell shaped Monticello Tulip Poplar vessel.



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Dennis Hippen

Two Cedar Bowls with several knots and the pith included in large bowl. Smaller bowl was cored from the larger one and has Blueberry powdered car paint as filler.



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Dennis Hippen

Marbled cedar Globe is about 8" diameter and 5" H. Very nice marbling.



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Fred Williamson

This vase and bowl are holly from the wood I got near the beginning of the year. She had the rest of the tree taken down mid-May. I got a trailer load and am happy to share at least half of it.



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