

Central Virginia Woodturners

A Registered Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

August 2025 Newsletter

Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 6:30 PM

Captive Rings

David Shombert

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

Special News for Members

CVW requested from the Ruritans additional storage space, and they have offered us a large room just behind our back room. This opportunity allows us to vacate our overcrowded storage room and move the Anchor Seal, video equipment and Wood Store into the new storage room. As a result, this opens considerable space in our back room which we are proposing converting into a conditioned permanent meeting area. We have been required to use the back room for Skill Session and Drop-In meetings when the main auditorium was occupied by other groups, and the temperatures have been rather uncomfortable, plus it is crowded. This move provides us with the opportunity to convert our back room into a permanent meeting room and move the small lathes and a demonstration lathe for courses into the back room. Jim Oates and Norm D'Allura have met with three HVAC companies soliciting estimates to install much needed heating and air conditioning in the back room. We will present the estimates (about \$5k for the HVAC) and our proposal at the next meeting where we will solicit discussion and approval from the membership for funds to get the HVAC and electrical installed.

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.

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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

"Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky." ~ Khalil Gibran

"If you would know strength and patience, welcome the company of trees." ~ Hal Borland

"Ancient trees are precious. There is little else on earth that plays host to such a rich community of life within a single living organism." ~ Sir David Attenborough

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Turners' Corner

Drop-in Saturday July 26, 2025



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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....

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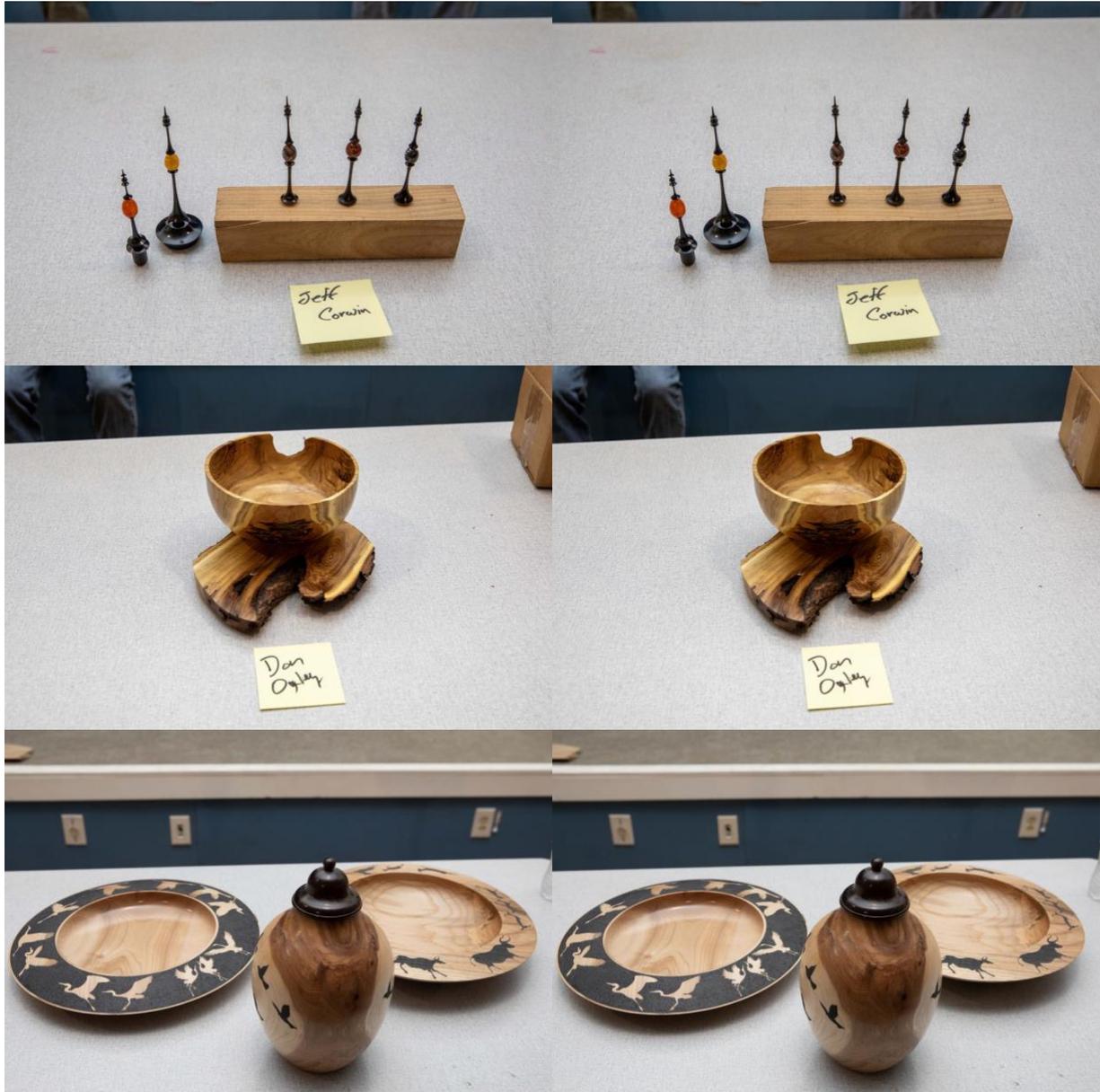
Images from the Last Meeting

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.

Everyone must be taking off this month...no images.

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

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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.