

Central Virginia Woodturners

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September 2025 Newsletter

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 6:30 PM

Multi-sided Boxes

Gary Peterson

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

Special News for Members

At the August meeting we discussed the proposal to obtain a larger storage area in the Crimora Community Center and provide HVAC in our back room and convert it to a meeting area. The proposal was carried with approval to spend \$5,000 on the HVAC and \$1k for the electrical work to be performed by the Ruritans.

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

UPDATE: We now have an outlet for Beads of Courage bowls. Please consider donating to the Cheese Shop or SVAC. There are BoC buttons in the collection box in the back room.

Quote(s) of the Month

Courtesy of Mike Sorge

“Science is the discovery of pre-existing laws; art is the creation of something entirely new – an unrepeatable expression of the individual.” ~ Neil deGrasse Tyson (astrophysicist)

“The whole difference between construction and creation is exactly this: that a thing constructed can only be loved after is constructed; but a thing created is loved before it exists.” ~ Charles Dickens

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Turners' Corner

Those who have attended Drop In Saturday the last 2 months have seen this blown bowl in 3 pieces and the completed bowl last meeting.

This Mango wood is from a tree on Boca Grande Island off the Florida Gulf Coast above Naples and below Englewood. The tree is 80+ years old and exposed to much wind and several hurricanes until Milton's damage did her in and had to be removed.

My Son-In-Law's cousins own the home this tree grew on. He stopped by when they were having it removed and he had the tree folk load several chunks unto his truck. He grabbed the large limb crotches and we make 12-15 bowls blanks in my shop. The tree was 36" Diameter at the base and had 3 large limbs. As I suspected many of the chunks had "wind shake" internal cracks.

Several generations enjoyed this tree and likely climbed it too! My son-in-law turned this first bowl blank at my Son's NC mountain house in July. He got the outside done with much glueing and had the inside almost done when I went to show him the pull cut to clean the bottom.....plop in three pieces. S**** fill in their blanks.

I brought it home and figured out how to attempt to glue it back into a bowl??? See photos. The Loctite adhesive is very good, but caused more work/time later on! Comment here, I only attempted this repair because it has sentimental memories otherwise it was firewood AND not recommended that others do this if not a lot of experience repairing!!!!



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These photos are of the repaired bowl after I returned it and yup more gluing and still in one piece. I let the bowl set before I turned it for almost a week while glued/clamped to make sure the glue hardened. After I got the outside turned, I used stretch wrap to insure it did not implode again. You can see the larger repaired cracks.



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Two of the photos show the largest crack that I had to dig out the Loctite glue as was rubbery and would not take a finish, I used 5-minute epoxy and coffee grounds to fill the gaps inside and out! Yup a mess! And really time consuming. Others crack needed some more brown CA too. While drying AGAIN the moisture was till 12-18%+ and the large crack happened overnight on the tenon....more glue!!! Return again and sand + sanding sealer and 4 coats of water-based finish. The finished bowl is 9.5" W and 5" H. I am sure this bowl will live in FL + later this fall there will be more bowls/pens/bottle openers made by my son-in-law for all the cousins and his Dad/Uncles. And wood will return to FL as Daughter/hubby now have a gifted lathe and all the tools to be makers at home!!!

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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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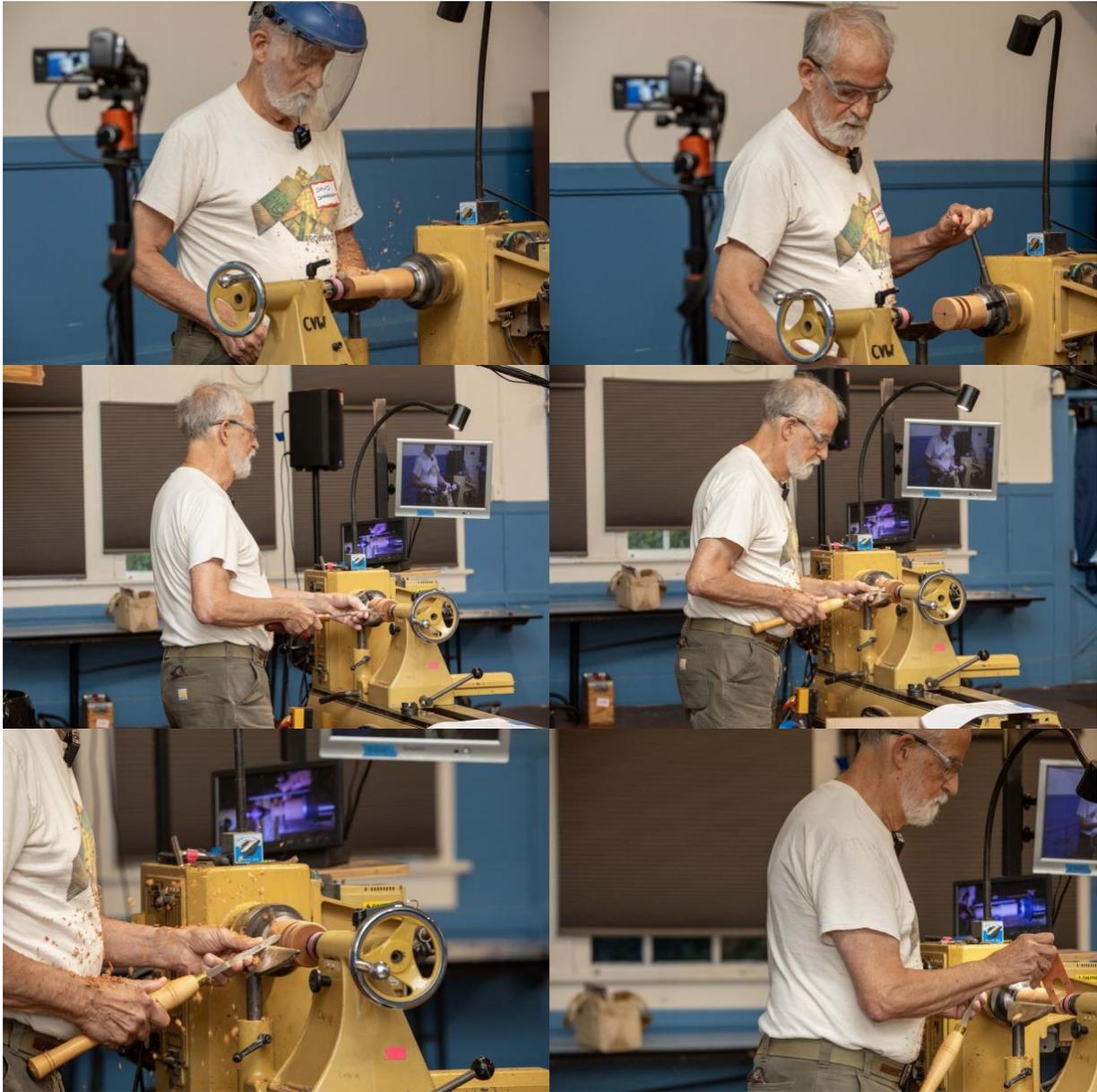
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Show and Tell

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.

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

Dennis Hippen

This a 12" platter type bowl with some whimsical wood burning surface abuse included.



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The platter with the carving/paint and wood burning is 8" diameter and the other is 10" diameter with a chatter tool between the burned lines made with floor sample chips.



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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.