

# Central Virginia Woodturners

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## November 2025 Newsletter

### Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 6:30 PM

**Spheres – Four Ways**  
**Jeff Corwin**

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

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## 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.

Pics by Dennis Hippen from the November 8, 2025 Skills Session, where we had seven first-time attendees, most from our Black Forest Open House demonstration.



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## Drop-In Saturday Skills Center Session

Members can use the Skill Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 always 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. Your donations are a valued source of income for the club and help to keep dues down.*

## 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.

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## Beads of Courage

We 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

Labor gives rise to ideas. ~ Jim Rohn

Every strike brings me closer to the next home run. ~ Babe Ruth

You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have. ~ Maya Angelou

## 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



Steve Smith



Jeff Corwin



John Mast



GARY PETERSON



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JIM OATES

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## Black Forest Sawmill Open House

We had four lathes set up and demonstrating woodturning at the Black Forest Sawmill Open House on November 1, 2025. It was a great success with several hundred visitors to the Sawmill and many interested in our woodturning. We are expecting several to attend our next Skill Session and one visitor already joined our club! Many thanks to Dennis and Gary for arranging and organizing this demo and thanks to the many members who demonstrated their skills and got folks interested, Also, special thanks to all who helped move the lathes and equipment back and forth. Below are pics taken by Bob Dennis.



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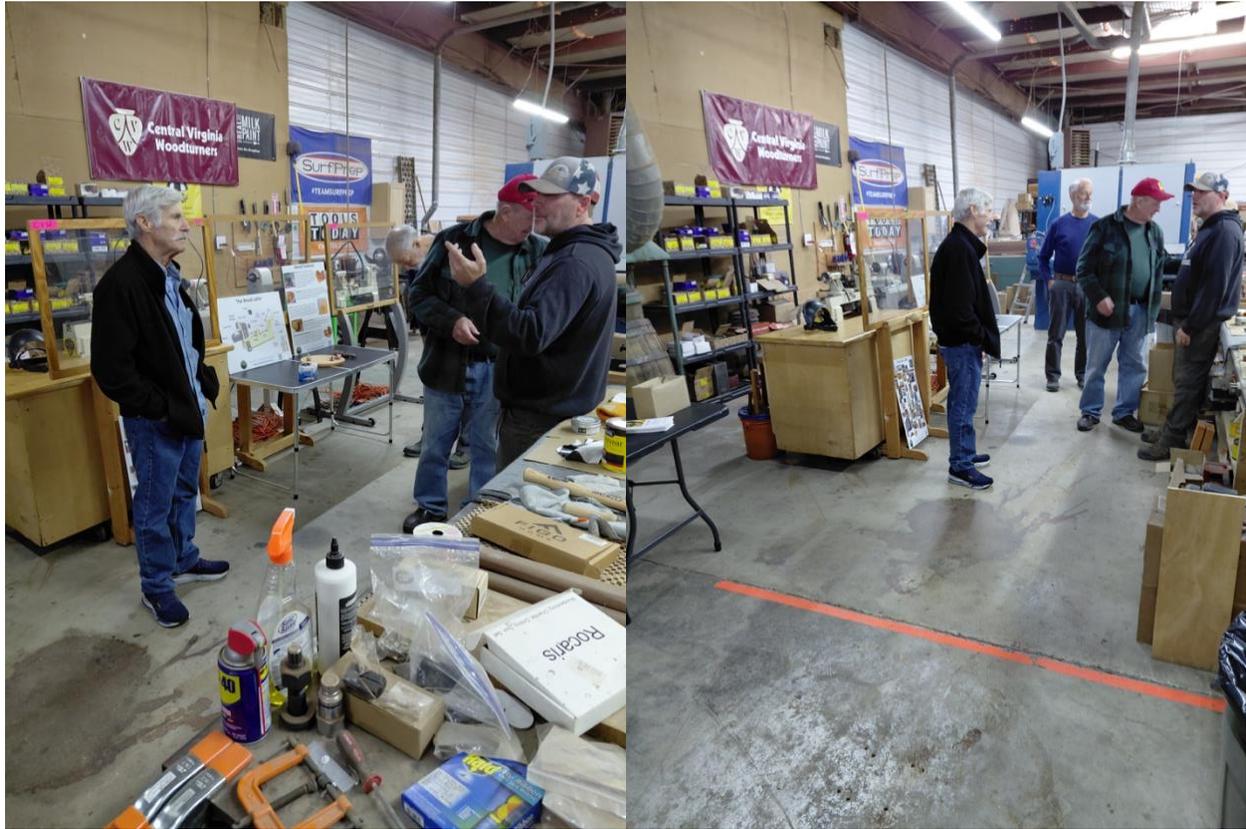
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## 2025 Artisans Studio Tour, November 8 & 9, 2025

The annual Artisans Studio Tour was on November 8 & 9, 2025 and both Alex Pettigrew and Fred Williamson opened their shops and studios to the public. Below are some pics. From what I hear the open house was rewarding to the participants.

Alex Pettigrew



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Fred Williamson

Here is a big ambrosia maple globe from a tree that fell at Alex Pettigrew's, and a natural edge bowl. "Never had a one day of sales like that first day, sold 2/3rds of my stock .Dennis brought me the new CVW tri-folds and I handed out a bunch. Wish I'd had them Saturday. I talked up the club to a number of very interested people both days."



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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](mailto:newsletter_editor@centralvawoodturners.org).

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

<b>Elected Officers for 2026 and 2027</b>	<b>Esteemed Staff &amp; Volunteers</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• President – Norm D’Allura</li><li>• VP Programs &amp; Demonstrations – Ken Koons</li><li>• VP of Membership and Activities– Gary Conley</li><li>• Secretary – John Schmidt</li><li>• Treasurer – Ron Burton</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Skills Center Director: Jim Oates</li><li>• Cheese Shop Coordinator: Tom Reeves</li><li>• SVAC Coordinator Marc Steck</li><li>• Video Lead: Open</li><li>• Store Manager: Buck Culver</li><li>• Librarian: Ward Warren</li><li>• AnchorSeal Coordinator – Fred Evans</li><li>• VA Symposium Board Members - Norm D’Allura &amp; Gary Conley</li><li>• Photographer: Bob Shiflett</li><li>• Webmaster: Norm D’Allura</li><li>• Newsletter Editor: Norm D’Allura</li></ul>



The Central Virginia Woodturners (CVW), located in the Shenandoah Valley in Crimora, VA, is an affiliate of the [American Association of Woodturners](http://www.aaw-woodturners.org), serving turners from Charlottesville to Staunton to Harrisonburg. Please visit our [web site](http://www.aaw-woodturners.org) and consider joining our interactive, informative, educational, and very friendly club.