

# Central Virginia Woodturners

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## December 2025 Newsletter

### Holiday Party!

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 5:30 PM. <<< Earlier Time

**Please check your email for details**

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

### New Audio/Visual Control Center

We now have a new audio/visual control cart which consolidates equipment from two carts onto one. This allows for faster and consistent setup as many components are now permanently connected and gives the operator ready access to all the components during a demonstration. If you are interested supporting your club by running this system during a demonstration, please let Norm know.



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## Annual Meeting

We held the Annual Meeting of Central Virginia Woodturners on December 6, 2025. Minutes will be sent out shortly. Here are a few highlights:

- We voted to make the Skills Center Director a voting member of the Executive board. See the current organization on the last page of this Newsletter
- We established a framework for selling tools through the club resources
  - Sales by members on the For Sale Google Mailing list is at no cost to members.
  - For members bringing in tools they may set up a table and mark all items with prices, revenues will be collected by the store's manager, and 85% net will be returned to the seller. The seller is responsible for removing unsold items and cleaning up the area after the sale
  - If an estate sale or similar requires club members to bring items to the Skills Center and set them up for sale with prices, revenues will be collected by the store's manager, and 70% net will be returned to the seller.
- Removed the requirement of election of staff members at the biennial elections. Executive Board members will still be elected every two years. The thinking here is because the Staff positions turn over on a variable basis and having an election when there is only one volunteer seems superfluous.
- Changed the requirement for expenditure approvals:
  - The VP Programs has authority to spend up to \$500 for a demonstration. Over that amount requires the approval of the Executive Committee and not the membership at large.
  - General expenditures over \$300 require Executive Board approval and not membership approval. General expenditures over \$500 require membership approval.
- We decided to keep dues at \$50/year. With the expenses to add HVAC to our meeting area and increasing demonstrator expenses, we felt we need to slowly rebuild our bank account.

These By-Law changes will be discussed at the January meeting and put up for vote then. Once approved they will be submitted to the AAW as per our Charter.

## 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 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.

Pics from December 11, 2025

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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

"Craftsmanship is love in action." ~ Dale Dauten

"Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas."  
~ Dale Evans Rogers

## Party Raffle Donors

The following vendors provided the generous donations for our 2024 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



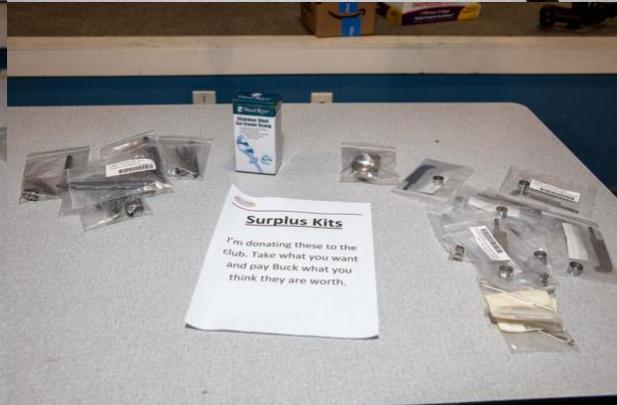
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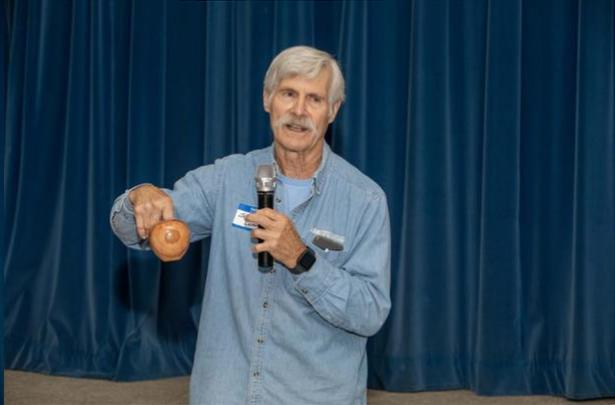
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## Show and Tell

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](mailto:newsletter_editor@centralvawoodturners.org).

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

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Dennis Hippen

These are 2 " rustic" bowls made of support timbers from a boathouse on Boca Grande, FL when the covered boat slips (3) had to be restored with new pilings and wall based timbers. The boathouse was built in 1920 with Dade County Pine timbers. These bowls are from the last chunk of beam that was about 8" X 8" with a bolt hole in the center. I brought the chunk to Drop In and asked for suggestions to make. Allen Driver suggested I make 2 bowls and it was a good idea. Rustic is a polite term as I used about 3 oz of CA to hold these together. These are Xmas presents to my daughter and son-in-law this year. My son-in-law is project manager for this boathouse for house family. The covered section from 1920 was completely destroyed by a hurricane 2 years ago and few remnants were found. Now rebuilt with just 7 boat slips for fishing Captains



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These 2 Apple Bark On bowls are from the same crotch round for Xmas present to my Son and Wife. This wood is from the mountain house they have in NC. We had to cut these dying trees last summer. These are his and her bowls. I also cored these two bowls.



These are 3 natural edge "Blrd's Mouth" shaped bowls from 2 apple trees we had to take down last summer at my son's family mountain house in NC. You know how baby birds in the nest always have their mouths open for food, Feed me ....feed me! I have 3 grand girls ( now 17-21) that have been fed/kept/ and now have cash and cars( they all work in summers) from their parents. Symbolic gesture for Xmas!



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## Dennis Hippen

This Hard rock Maple French Rolling pin is 15" long x almost 2" diameter in middle. It is a thank gift for my PT Therapist who has again fixed me.



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Cherry natural edge bowl is a funnel and I just call it a flower pot! The 3 small apple bark on bowls were turned at the Black Forest Open House



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For those of you not at the last meeting show/tell, I had 9 apple bowls and 6 bottle stoppers from the same tree in Bridgewater. This was a very time consuming commission job for a next door neighbor of the house the tree was taken down from due to trunk rotting. The tree owner is a widow with 2 sons. The largest bowl was 13+\" diameter for the widow, 2 bowls were 8+\" diameter for the 2 sons, 6 bowls were 5-7\" diameters and 6 bottle stoppers for the close by neighbors who frequently gathered under this apple tree for years. All this wood went through a 2 day alcohol bath after turned to force out the moisture and then dry for 5-6 day. Still had a little cracking, but only on 2 bowls. One seldom gets feedback on these efforts. But the widow got goosebumps and then teared up! Love it!



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Liz Browne

A happy Elm Bowl with a natural edge and a bird working to shore up a crack in the wood



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Starke Smith

My latest turning! It is unique because I place it in a sealed container with industrial ammonia! The ammonia causes the summer grain to darken, but the winter grain stays white. It is actually darker than Walnut!



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<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><li>• Skills Center Director: Jim Oates</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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: Dave Shombert</li><li>• AnchorSeal Coordinator: Fred Guendel</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](#), serving turners from Charlottesville to Staunton to Harrisonburg. Please visit our [web site](#) and consider joining our interactive, informative, educational, and very friendly club.