

Central Virginia Woodturners

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January 2026 Newsletter

Flute Making
Brian McReynolds

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 6:30 PM

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

Items up For Vote at the January Meeting

The following are proposed changes to our By-Laws and thus need membership approval. We will discuss and vote on these at the January meeting.

- Make the Skills Center Director a voting member of the Executive board. This position is an essential role in the club and should have voting rights like the other Execs.
- Remove the requirement of election of staff members at the biennial elections.
- Change the requirement for expenditure approvals:
 - Authorize the VP Programs 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.

Storage Room Update

We are in the process of establishing a new storage room behind our back room. The lights have been repaired, and we started work to replace the 16 broken windowpanes. On a future warmish day we will convene a work party to install the new panes, remove the remaining trash, move our equipment from the old storage room to the new one and move items from the back room to the new storage room.

HVAC and Meeting Room Update

We have experienced delays and scope creep in getting the HVAC installed in the back room. To supply power to our panel, the Ruritans need to upgrade a fuse panel on the right of the stage before wires can be run into our area. We agreed to pay for the new breaker panel to expedite the work. The Holidays and cold weather have contributed to the delays.

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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.

Images from the December Skills Session



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Images from the January Skills Center Session. We had ten beginners come to learn woodturning!



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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.

Great toy made of walnut and maple that drives a couple kids on a swing when pulled along the floor.



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Turners' Corner

Three members made pens in Dennis Hippen's shop on Wednesday January 7th. Photos are of Peter Spring (new member on left) with 2 pens and Ken Koons made 4 pens. Rolf Gebel made 2 pens later after family left. (not pictured)



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Members Seana and Jeff Powell had a mentoring session in Dennis Hippen's shop on Friday 11-24-2025. They now have his and her lathes and Seana made her first twist pen and a seam ripper.



Member Jeff Powell made a French rolling pin during a mentor session Dennis Hippen's shop.



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Tool Making Workshop

After the December 13th Skills Session, Allen Driver, Jim Oates, and I guided five members of CVW through a toolmaking workshop. The goal was for each member to make two tools modelled after a Do-It-Yourself (DIY) carbide-tipped boring bar and a DIY swivel-tipped hollower that Allen had made. Participants paid only for the materials.

Participants were asked to bring and wear respiratory protection from the metal dust generated in the cutting and grinding processes, leather gloves to protect from the hot steel, and face shields. Allen had designed clever jigs that the participants used for marking cutting and grinding angles on the steel stock for the two tools.

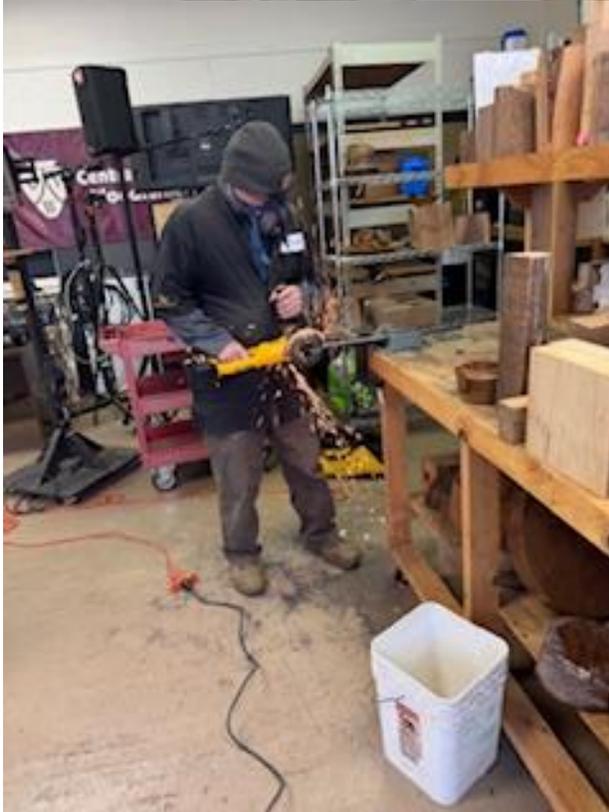
After marking their stock, Ron Bijeau, Ken Koons, Jerry Martin, Jeff Reilly, and Bob Shifflet got down to cutting, grinding, drilling and tapping the steel for the boring bars, then switched over to making swivel-tipped hollowing tools. As each participant finished the two tools, Allen used one of the Powermatic lathes to give them a brief individual mentoring session aimed at introducing the versatile uses of the tools they'd just made.

The fun 3-hour workshop involved focused activity, a lot of learning, and camaraderie. Our plan is to offer a similar toolmaking workshop in April. -Jeff Corwin



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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

“Age is an issue of mind over matter; if you don’t mind it doesn’t matter.” ~ Mark Twain

“The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm.” ~ Aldous Huxley

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. Frank Lloyd Wright completed 1/3 of his life’s work after age 80.” ~ C.S. Lewis

Party Raffle Donors

The following vendors provided the generous donations for our 2025 Holiday Party door prizes. Please share our appreciation with them with your patronage.

Niles Bottle Stoppers	Woodcraft Short Pump*
Ace Hardware Waynesboro*	Thompson Tools*
Penn State	D-way tools/ Boxmaster*
Black Forest Sawmill	Craft Supplies USA
Klingspor	Sunnyside Resident
Lowe's Staunton	Treeline Woodcarvers
Home Depot Waynesboro*	Grottoes Ace
Lowe's Waynesboro*	Packard Woodworks*
Home Depot Harrisonburg	Woodturners Wonders*
Rockin R Harrisonburg	Mike Sorge*
Dave Wampler	Willie Simmons

*Repeat donor

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Images from the Holiday Party!

Thanks to our Club Photographer Bob Shiflett



Many thanks to the list of those who made donations for our 2025 raffle.

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| Menu | Welder |
| \$25 gift card | Wiley Bottle Stoppers |
| 500 Carving Chain Bar | Axis Hardware Woodworkers |
| 20 pack sliding pen sets | Sunshine Seemans |
| Cutting board with Resin trim | Black Forest Sawmill |
| \$25 gift card | Phrogger |
| \$25 gift card | Lorenz Stauber |
| 4 1/2" bar clamps | Lorenz Woodworkers |
| 3 1/2" bar clamps | Home Depot Wynneboro |
| Wooden toaster | Home Depot Farmhandburg |
| 8 bar clamps | Home Depot Farmhandburg |
| LED light | Resin & Resinburg |
| Pizza phone | Woodcraft |
| \$50 gift card | Thompson Tools |
| 1/8" on shaped fluke hand gauge | DeWalt HomeMaster |
| \$25 gift card | Craft Supplies USA |
| 5-25 and 5-500 gift card | Sunshine Handcut |
| Christmas basket | Griffiths Art |
| 100 bar set | Joan Woodcut |
| Sugarcane bowl Blank | Willa Simmons |
| 5 Eggs | Albie Sarge |
| Yellow birch bowl | Therese Woodworkers |
| 5 - 50 gift cards | Packard Woodworks |
| 100 center | |

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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.

Starke Smith

The large dish is fumed White Oak The bowl on the left is Tiger Maple and the bowl on the right is walnut crotch! The fuming is done with Ammonia, industrial grade!



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Elected Officers for 2026 and 2027	Esteemed Staff & Volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President: Norm D’Allura• VP Programs & Demonstrations: Ken Koons• VP of Membership and Activities: Gary Conley• Secretary: John Schmidt• Treasurer: Ron Burton• Skills Center Director: Jim Oates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cheese Shop Coordinator: Tom Reeves• SVAC Coordinator: Marc Steck• Video Lead: Open• Store Manager: Buck Culver• Librarian: Dave Shombert• AnchorSeal Coordinator: Fred Guendel• 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.