

Central Virginia Woodturners

A Registered Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

March 2026 Newsletter

Embellishing a Wide-Rimmed Shallow Bowl

Stewart Furini

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 6:30 PM

This is an IRD. Please check the web site for the Zoom link.

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

Executive Board Changes

During the last meeting we elected Don Oxley as Vice President: Member Services. Gary has moved to serve as the Assistant Skills Center Director. Thanks to Don and Gary for filling these essential roles!

Library Changes and Update

I've been through nearly all the Library's holdings, comparing what we have with what we think we have, and have rearranged/reorganized things significantly. Here's where it all stands as of March 2026:

- The woodturning books are now on the top two shelves of the left-most cabinet. Those that are by a single author (e.g., *The Woodturner's Companion* by Mike Darlow), are in one section that consists of the top shelf and about half of the second shelf. Those are arranged alphabetically by the author's name.
- The woodturning books by multiple authors, e.g., *Tips for Turners* (AAW Press), are in a separate section that takes up the rest of the second shelf. The two sections are separated by, appropriately, a chunk of wood.
- Below the books, on the third and fourth shelves, are the copies of *American Woodturner*, the AAW Journal. They're in boxes, roughly three years' worth in each box, and labeled as such. There are also some miscellaneous magazines on this shelf.
- There is another section of books, those that have to do with woodworking but not turning (e.g., *Cabinetry* by Robert Yoder). Those are on a shelf in the third bookcase to the right.
- The DVDs that are not commercially produced - recordings of club demos, etc. - are on the top two shelves of the second bookcase from the left. They were originally arranged alphabetically by topic, e.g. tool-related or project-related, and much of that structure

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remains. The labels on the edges of those two shelves indicate the topics and will help you find the one you're looking for.

- The commercial videos, such as those by Richard Raffan, are below the home-brew DVDs. They're arranged alphabetically by the demonstrator's name.
- Below the commercial videos are the notebooks from various symposiums - ours, the one in Richmond, etc. - as well as some miscellaneous videos. I've been through nearly all these holdings, checking against the master file to see what's missing. Most are there; some videos and a few books are currently checked out, and a couple are just plain gone. Members who have one or more at home and are done with them should bring them back sometime. Next on my list is to set up a specific area for returned materials; I will return them to the right place on the shelves when I come for Drop-In Saturday.
- This effort revealed that we had MANY duplicate copies of American Woodturner, plus a few other duplicate items. With Norm's endorsement, I left these in the middle of the meeting table. Members should paw through them and take whatever they want for their personal library, meaning **don't bring them back**. I'll take whatever's left to the recycling center in Harrisonburg. It's been suggested that the Club policy on library materials should be that an item should be returned in one month; check it out at the January meeting and you should return it at the February meeting. There should be a grace period of an extra month. I endorse this suggestion and encourage the club to vote on it at the next opportunity.

David Shombert
Esteemed Librarian

Next Skill Center Session

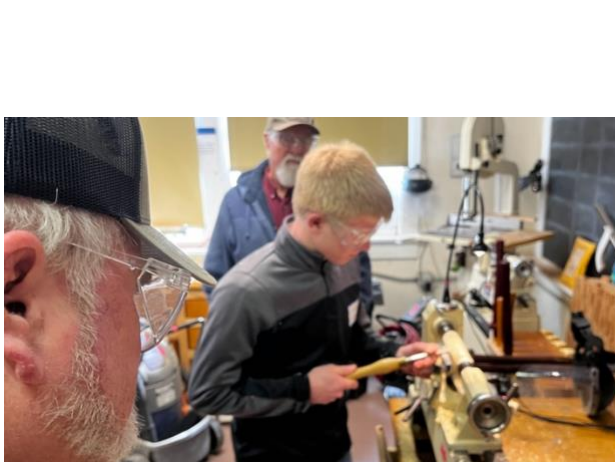
Skill Center and Mentoring Sessions are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9AM-Noon. The Club Store will be open at this time. New and prospective members are always welcome. Please contact [Jim Oates \(Woodturning Skills Center Coordinator\)](#) if you have a specific request.

February 14, 2026 Skills Session



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Virginia Woodturners Symposium

The next Virginia Woodturners Symposium will be held on October 24-25, 2026 at the Augusta Expo Center, in Fishersville, VA. More information and registration are available at <https://virginiawoodturners.com>.

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.

Drop-In Saturday Agenda Update

The Drop-In working committee has proposed mini demos after the first hour of Drop-In round table discussions. These mini demos are targeted for about 15 minutes with hands-on and/or more discussions thereafter for interested members. Members attending can choose to opt out and proceed to Skills or leave.

For the March 28th Drop In mini topic, D. Hippen will use the Carter Guide to Sharpening for a 15-20 minute overview/ handout and then hands-on. This is the club approved guide that all mentors need to consistently apply to beginners and any intermediate members wanting assistance.

For the April 24th Drop In mini topic will be led by the Alan Driver on various methods of sanding.

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Renovations Update

The back-room HVAC and electrical work is complete, and we held our first meeting there for the Drop-in Session.



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Turners' Corner

Jim Oates

The second picture is the bowl I demonstrated filling the void to mount it on the lathe. The hole was deeper than any I had done before, so when I started turning it I hollowed it about an inch deep and the filler started to crumble. I realized the wood was wet and I realized that I should have filled it about an inch and let it dry overnight and then filled it another inch. After repeating this several times it would have been solid all the way through. So, this time I reversed the process 6 times to hollow it completely. The first picture is the filled and finished bowl. Just shows you can learn something every time you turn something.



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Dennis Hippen

Mary Noffsinger made a nice wet cherry 6" bowl in my shop. Mary resides at Sunnyside Retirement facility in Harrisonburg along with her mentor, our own Don Oxley, the tall guy in the photo. Mary may join CVW too. This was Mary's 5th bowl and wanted to try wet bowl turning. Good Job Mary. Don and Cindy are a couple of the turners in the facilities on site workshop.



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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

“The beginning is the most important part of any work.” ~ Plato

“Be brave. Take Risks. Nothing can substitute for experience.” ~ Paulo Coelho (*The Alchemist*)

“Explore, experience, evolve; dream more, learn more, do more, become more.” ~ mjs

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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Monthly Meeting Show and Tell

Thanks to our Club Photographer Bob Shiflett

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!



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Dennis
Hippen



JOHN



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WARNER



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DATES



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Echols



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Demonstration Images

Safe Turning of Wood with Knots, Cracks, or Punky Areas by Jim Oates



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Show-and-Tell

Please bring your show and tell items to the next meeting – it is a lot more fun that way. If you have photographs for the Newsletter, please send to newsletter_editor@centralvawoodturners.org.

Dennis Hippen

Don Voas gave me this end grain turned challenge. I knew he was chuckling!!!! Wood came from Don's neighbor and Don was able to cut these 2" thick stump coins at ground level. I never turned this wood before and it has amazing grain patterns. Don just gave me another chuck and He was chuckling again. Thanks Don!



Dennis Hippen

Two Spalted Maple bowls and two Sweet Gum Bowls. Both of the smaller bowls were cored from the larger ones. All bowls have feet and large bowls are about 10" diameter each.



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Dennis Hippen

Heart Pine Bowl is about 10" diameter and wood was reclaimed from a 106 year old house. Yup. Sanding exercise for sure. The marbled Cedar globe is about 7" diameter, and I bought this from Mars when he sold out his shop.



Dennis Hippen

Cherry bowl is about 12.5" wide and shallow. Surprise bug colony that has the inside filled with brass pigment and bottom with coffee grounds.



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Jeff Corwin

Toy tractor I made for my grandson following the instructions in the book on Lathe Turned Toy that John Mast gave me.



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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: Don Oxley• 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• Assistant Skills Center Director: Gary Conley



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.