

Central Virginia Woodturners

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May 2026 Newsletter

Live Edge Bowl Turning by George Jones, III

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 6:30 PM

This is an in-person demonstration at the Crimora Community Center.

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

News Items

We have a rather large donation of wood working equipment most of which CVW will be selling. Please come to the meeting Tuesday to see what is available.

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.

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>.

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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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Turners' Corner

Two photos from VisArts Rockville MD Arts Festival from May 2-3 and two photos from Crozet Arts & Crafts Festival from May 9-10.



Cindy and I will be showing my work again May 16-17 in the very cool Reston VA town square at the excellent Tephra Institute of Contemporary Arts Festival."



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Paige Payne with her 60V Chainsaw wailing on weeping cherry. I do not think I smile when I cut wood??? She ended up with about 18 bowl blanks ready to make chips. That is a loaned torch for burning wood for effect. Yes, we covered the safety aspects too. Paige and Helen have about the same # of bowls blanks. Ladies creating here. Dennis



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Member Helen l'Anson gained 12 bowls blanks in my shop. She has 10 green weeping cherries and 2 maple bowl blanks for her Jet 1221VS. of the weeping cherry blanks are for Bird's Mouth bowls. Dennis

P.S. She showed me 2 of her projects and the best I have ever seen was a funnel repair/replacement + a saw tooth edge vessel with pigments. Some people have too much talent!!! D



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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

“An ounce of practice is worth tons of preaching.” ~ Gandhi

“The teacher’s task is to initiate the learning process and then get out of the way.” ~ John Warren

“Teaching is only demonstrating that it is possible. Learning is making it possible for yourself.”

~ Paulo Coelho

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 up close. 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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Demonstration Images

An Introduction to Contrarian Embellishment - Bill King



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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.

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](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.