

# Central Virginia Woodturners

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## June 2026 Newsletter

### Next Meeting

**Tuesday, June 16, 6:30 PM**

### Tools, Tips and Tricks

**Please bring ideas, tools, stories, etc. that you use and are willing to share with the membership to make their woodturning a tad bit easier!**

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

Home School Community Construction Club (HSCC) Turning Day will be held June 20 for 10 students, and all are beginning turners so we need at least 5 mentors and more if possible. We will be using 5 lathes and others will be discussing things that can be turned in addition to tops, honey dippers and candle sticks. We will also demonstrate sharpening. Please contact Jim if you are available.

### Crimora Community Center Repairs



Five members replaced fourteen broken windows of our new Storage Room. Thanks to Jim, Mike, David, Candy and Norm for a productive morning. Candy not shown in the pic.

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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.

## 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 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.

## Turners' Corner

CVW received two generous donations from folks for whom Jim has repaired furniture or made things.:

*"I enjoy making things and restoring antiques, but I don't do it for money, I do it for my entertainment. I have made baby rattles, restored antique bird assemblies and furniture for various people. The first thing I do with antiques is research to find where and when they were made so I can use the proper finish and wood to repair missing or broken parts. This is always included in information for the owner. I have attached a copy of a recent information summary.*

*For baby rattles they are made of various woods that are food safe as are the finishes. Some have hearts as finials for girls and rattles like a baseball, a tennis ball or some other activity their parents have participated in.*

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*A recent project was restoring a wooden duck that was feathered with pine cone seed scales. It took a while to find similar seed scales since there is quite a variety.*

*I suggest that the owners make a donation of their choice to CVW and they always come through.”*

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New member David Lassiter in my shop sharpening his awesome new Carter Bowls gouges. David bought a European-made lathe Alex found on Facebook and a mass of accessories came with the buy. David also worked on a weeping cherry log to practice bowl gouge beads and coves. Davis has not turned bowls yet but was a production spindle turner.

Bob Shiflet harvested 12-15 wood chunks of Maple and Weeping Cherry. Bob has all the best safety gear with helmet, chaps and gloves. He is very good with his 2 chain saws (Stihl 18" and a 24"). Always fun to watch someone that knows what they are doing and done safely! He also took home a couple blanks for Bird's Mouth bowls.



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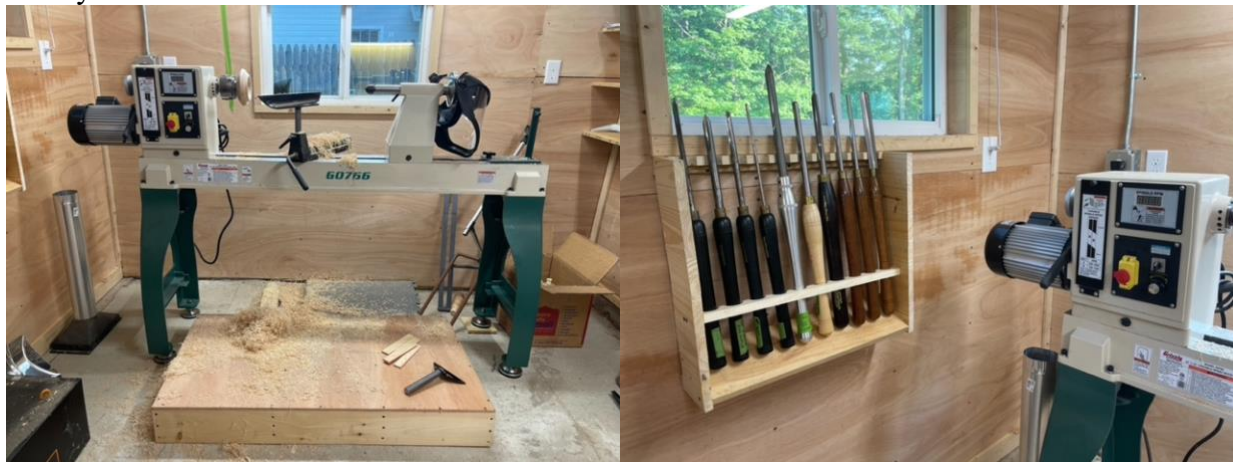
Mike Sorge received the "Popular Choice Award" and an "Honorable Mention Award" at the 2026 VMRC Art Exhibition. The exhibition is open to the public through June 26th in the Park Gables Gallery at the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Center, Harrisonburg.

From Deba Traverse:

Well, I'm finally getting my shop set up properly! New lathe seems like a behemoth compared to the Laguna 15/24. The Grizzly is *not* an elegant machine. But it has power and makes shavings. Hated the tool rest that came with it. Switched it out for a Robust comfort rest. Had to knock off the sharp edges and paint overspray from the bedways which was annoying. But I finally got it clean and leveled - and my head and tailstock are lined up.

I had to build a freakin' 6" tall platform before I could even stand at it properly! No height adjustment in the legs. But it's got more power and wider swing which means bigger potential work. I've got decent lighting, heat in the winter, and cooling in summer. Air filtration and dust collection are next on my list. Making progress! What more could a girl ask for?

Miss you all.



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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

“Imagination without skill gives us modern art.” ~ Tom Stoppard

“Art is contemplation. It is the pleasure of the mind which searches into nature and there divines the spirit of which nature herself is animated.” ~ Auguste Rodin (French Sculptor)

## 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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## Meeting Demonstration Images



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## Monthly Meeting Show and Tell

Thanks to our Club Photographer Bob Shiflett



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## Newsletter 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!

Dennis Hippen

A three set natural edge bark on bowls I made/cored. Wood was a crotch and very nice grain.



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Dennis Hippen

Cored 5 set of bowls with interesting sections of spalted. Largest bowl is 16 " diameter.



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Dennis Hippen

A 4 set of bowls. Largest bowl is 15" diameter



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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: Don Oxley</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><li>• Assistant Skills Center Director: Gary Conley</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.