

Central Virginia Woodturners

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September 2026 Newsletter

Next Meeting

Platters with Multi-Axis Bases Andy Gunning

Friday September 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Please note that the September meeting is on Friday, not our normal Tuesday

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

Andy Gunning's September 19 hands-on class is on "Turning Platters with Multi-Axis Bases." If you'd like to join, please let Ken Koons know as soon as possible. Only a few slots remain.

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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Last Skills Center Session

We had a surprise family visit at Skills on Saturday. I was about to leave and a van with a family stopped and asked about the sign and woodturning club. I invited them in and hailed Jim down and he gave the father and son a tour with Mom and 2 daughters in the meeting room.

The father was very interested in woodturning, and we will probably see him soon.

Jim gave Kalib the 4-year-old and sister spinning tops which they did not let go of. Jim told the family to come back when Kalib is 8 years old too. All had a good time.

Family has just moved to Staunton from N. Virginia. We then went to Black Forest Sawmill and stayed there for an hour. Good time had by all.

Dennis



Virginia Woodturners Symposium

The Virginia Woodturners Symposium has been cancelled due to a low number of pre-registrations. Those who pre-registered will be getting full refunds.

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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.

Lidded Bowl Class



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Turners' Corner

Staunton, VA Art In the Park – Mike Sorge



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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.

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*
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Rockin R Harrisonburg	Mike Sorge*
Dave Wampler	Willie Simmons

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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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Demonstration Images

Lidded Boxes

Tim Tucker



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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.

Deba Traverse

I attended a 3-day workshop at the Adirondack Folk School with Matt Monico. He's a wonderful teacher. I came away with ideas for alternative bowl gouge grinds, and an appreciation for light cuts (that's an understatement). Also met a turner from my area that I'm visiting with. It was a great weekend. Here's my most recent bowl after learning from Matt. As always, I miss my CVW club...



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Dennis Hippen

The 2 bowls are weeping cherry with bark on. The larger bowl is from the crown area (where the crafting takes place) which has burl like grains and colors.



Dennis Hippen

The Scarlet Oak Burl tree was on the UVA Lawn area in Garden #4. These are the last 5 bowls from this giant burl. These will be scotchguard buffed and then wax buffed.



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Tried making some more Salt Cellars and been a while so retraining involved. Alex gave me some good tips too. These 3 cellars are 3.5-4" diameters and left to right are heart pine (100+ years old) from Son's family house in Charlotte after remodel/addition, next has a base from big leaf maple with tigerwood top, and base from African blackwood (hard as a rock!!!) with lid of white oak.



Dennis Hippen

I recently had gotten 3 dying weeping cherry trees and one maple tree from a neighbor. Photos are of 2 bats I made for their 2 young grandsons from weeping cherry. I started with dogleg branches about 5" diameter. The chips filled 2 55 gallon trash bags. To say the least I had much practice spindle turning. I also made and gave them a natural edge bowl, bottle opener and a 4 set nested bowls for actual use. Yeah, I worked for these trees and several members got a good supply of fresh woods.



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