

Central Virginia Woodturners

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October 2026 Newsletter

Next Meeting

Multi-station Demonstrations by Club Members

These demos include buffing (Liz Browne); use of a laser device for engraving turning projects (John Schmidt); use of a mandrel for spindle-turning projects (Alex Pettigrew); and signing your work, burning with a small tool, and carving initials as a decoration (Jim Oates).

Tuesday October 20, 2026 at 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.

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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More Pics from the Lidded Boxes Workshop/Class by Tim Tucker



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Virginia Woodturners Symposium

The Virginia Woodturners Symposium has been cancelled due to a low number of pre-registrations. The Virginia Woodturners, Inc, has been dissolved, so there will not be any future Symposiums by this organization.

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

Photo attached of demonstrators for September 2026 Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium, perhaps for the "Turner's Corner"? - from right to left: Pat Carroll, Colwin Way, Derek Weidman, Mike Sorge, Heather Marusiak, Michael Kehs (missing is Danielle Barbour)



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Phil Adams and Dennis Hippen

Display at Oasis Fine Arts & Craft Gallery In Harrisonburg, Va. Members Phil Adams and Dennis Hippen are featured artists for the next 2 months at Oasis Main Street window.



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Quotations

“The greatest obstacle to my learning is my education.” ~ Albert Schweitzer

“When your education limits your imagination, it’s called indoctrination.” ~ Nikola Tesla

“It is through imagination that we transcend understanding and travel into the world of possibilities.” ~ Danielle Pierre

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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*
Penn State	D-way tools/ Boxmaster*
Black Forest Sawmill	Craft Supplies USA
Klingspor	Sunnyside Resident
Lowes Staunton	Treeline Woodcarvers
Home Depot Waynesboro*	Grottoes Ace
Lowes 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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Demonstration Images



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Platter Class Photos



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Show-and-Tell Newsletter Submissions

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

NH Ambrosia Sugar Maple. The wafer/coin for this bowl was from a tree that fell on a power line and burned through the core of tree before it fell to the ground. This is an end grain turning which I will likely NOT do again as the dry wood came off as powder and had a burnt smell + the bonus of like burnt freckles in the wood. Yeah, one of a kind and DONE!



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Dennis Hippen

October challenge is Holiday items. Here are a few snow peeps.



Dennis Hippen

The bell-shaped bowls are my attempt at trying different rims on bowls. All bowls here are from weeping cherry.



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Dennis Hippen

Here are 2 natural edge bowls with bark on of Weeping Cherry. Both are about 8+" long and 6" W. These are also called Bird's Mouth bowls.



Starke Smith

Last turned platter! It is wormy Sycamore, Walnut and Figured Cherry! The platter is 11 inches wide and 1 1/2 inches high!



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Fred Williamson

Finally have a few images for the newsletter. The first one is persimmon with a lot of bark, the second open form is plumcot. It's a cross between plum and apricot, from on the way to Crozet. The last three are from an ancient hollow pear tree on Afton Mountain. Surprisingly rich reddish heartwood, more like plum, but it was a pear tree for sure.



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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.