



Woodturners of the Virginias



April 1, 2023

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o April Fools here. Even though we met on April 1st at Peter's Phoenix Shop, there were no pranks only talk of woodturning and plenty of fellowship. The weather was mild for April 1st in the Shenandoah Valley and we had 30 in attendance this



The Woodturners of the Virginias is everywhere...

On the web: www.woodturnersofthevirginias.org/

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WoodturnersOfTheVirginias/>

On YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChaCH9U2bxtVb5haSE_0Ayw

How can you participate?

The Woodturners of the Virginias have been working hard over the last year or so to ensure everyone can participate in our meetings, have access to our resources and social media . Did you know that you do not have to come to the Phoenix Shop to attend our meeting? That's right, Club Webmaster and all around AV expert Jeff Fleisher connects our monthly meetings with members on Zoom. He typically sends out an email with the Zoom link prior to the meeting. You don't know what Zoom is or how to use it? No problem, in the near future Jeff will be recording a Zoom "How to". Our wish for 2023 is that every member that wants to attend a meeting (in person or virtual) is able to and we will do what it takes to make that happen.

2023 Dues

It is that time again. Please see Peter to pay your annual dues. For at least the 6th year in a row we have maintained our dues at the following rates: Individual \$25 and Family \$35.

AAW Membership

If you are not already a member of the American Association of Woodturners please consider researching the benefits of membership. You can find out all that the AAW has to offer by visiting <https://www.woodturner.org>.

Treasurer Report

Peter reports a balance of \$2,781.48.

Skill Session

Do you want to learn a new skill or improve a skill you already have. The Woodturners of the Virginias Skills Session is the way. In order for the club to plan resources and mentors, all Skill Session participants must sign up ahead of time. Sign up sheets are at the monthly meeting or you can contact 2nd Vice President Seb Romano.

Coming Up

It's Picnic Time!! That's right, the annual Woodturners of the Virginias Picnic is coming,. The picnis will be May 6th, location will be the Mount Jackson Park and we will start at about 10 am. If you plan to attend, please bring a side dish or a dessert . The club will provide the meats, drinks, plates, condiments etc.

Alexander Brothers Virginia Maker's Swap

The club has decided to demo at the Alexander Brothers Virginia Makers Swap June 17th, 2023 from 8-4. We will run this event much like the Apple Harvest Festival. We will need a transportation and set up crew (Friday June 16), demonstrators and a tear down crew (Saturday June 17). If you are interested in participating please let Wayne know, wsharp2@shentel.net. More information to come.

The Empty Bowl Soup Supper

The Empty Bowl Soup Supper is coming in November. The club will be making items for this event again this year. The skills session on Aug 19th will focus on bowl making for the Empty Bowl Fundraiser. *More to follow*

Pens for the Troops

WoVA members are invited to participate in The Pens for the Troops program this year. We will focus on pen making at the September Skills Session. Seb has secured 25 kits from Woodcraft for this event.

Mount Jackson Apple Harvest Festival

The Mount Jackson Hometown Partnership has canceled the 2023 Apple Harvest Festival scheduled to be held in October. Lack of volunteers was listed as the reason.

Symposiums

The Tennessee Association of Woodturners will present their 2023 Woodturning Symposium at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, TN January 27th and 28th, 2023.

Additional information can be found at their web site, tnwoodturners.org.

The Louisville KY AAW Symposium is scheduled for 1-4 June 2023.

WoVA Demonstrations

The Woodturners of the Virginias has openings this summer/fall for club demonstrators at our monthly meetings. If you are interested, contact John Anderson and he will get you scheduled.

Show-N-Tell

The Show-N-Tell table was over flowing this month. Check out what club members have been up to:



Richard Allen was first up this month. Richard showed canning lids from various woods. He also presented a camphor bowl, shown here, he finished his bowl with wipe on poly.

Tom Coker was next. Tom showed walnut and box elder bells. Tom used bees wax and oil as a finish. Nice work Tom.



Tony DeMasi stole the show with this birch burl hollow form. Tony used the Lyle Jamison hollowing system for this project and finished it with Danish oil. Impressive Tony!



Jeff Reilley presented his oak and rainbow poplar bell he recently completed. Nice work Jeff



Dan Moore brought in two very nice walnut bowls he turned. The picture doesn't do these beauties justice. Nice work Dan.

Scott presented box elder bowls he finished up recently. He used a simply wax finish on them. They look great Scott. Evidently our camera man gave Scott a haircut, sorry Scott we will dock his pay....



Roy Good made a clock from mixed wood species. He made it to assist a few special young folks learning to tell time.



Dale showed us a walnut and brazilian cherry lidded box as well as this small oak platter. Pens plus was the finish of choice for Dale's projects this

month. Good looking projects this month Dale.



Starke Smith this cherry dish as well as a maple bowl. Starke finished these beauties with Danish oil. Looking good as usual Starke.



Charlie brings up the end of Show N Tell. Charlie showed us this small bowl as well as a lazy susan he turned this month. Both projects are finished with Danish oil.



Demonstration

This month the demonstration was Pen Making by yours truly (Wayne Sharp). I will attach the handout I prepared for the demonstration. We discussed stabilizing wood, casting wood and snake skin as well as pen turning start to finish. I also showed pre recorded video of me demonstrating each segment of the program.



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