



# Woodturners of the Virginias



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elcome to July! The Woodturners of the Virginias came together on Saturday, July 1st at Peter's Phoenix Shop for our monthly meeting. We had 24 members/guest in house and three joined us via Zoom.



**We are everywhere, check the club out at...**

On the web: [www.woodturnersofthevirginias.org/](http://www.woodturnersofthevirginias.org/)

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

On YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChACH9U2bxtVb5haSE\\_0Ayw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChACH9U2bxtVb5haSE_0Ayw)

## *How can you participate?*

Cant make it to a meeting but you don't want to miss out? No worries, Jeff Fleisher has established a Zoom account for the club. Prior to the monthly meeting he will typically send out the Zoom invitation so you can join us from the comforts of your own home.

## Treasurer Report

The June Treasurer Report for the month of July is we have \$2,685.60 in the bank. Peter also reports that we have a new supply of Anchor Seal and Danish oil in stock thanks to Starke.

## Snacks

Thanks Dale Bowers for bringing the snacks Saturday. Peter always has the coffee going but it is nice to add some sugary goodness along side.

## Facebook

We as a club are always trying to get the word out about what we do. In the past year our Facebook page has really taken off. As of the meeting time, the Woodturners of the Virginias Facebook page has 885 people that follow us. The word is getting out. If you are on Facebook and have never looked at our page, give it a look (and of course "Like" us) You can find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/WoodturnersOfTheVirginias/>

## Safety Minute

Hank discussed a Fine Woodworking article published by Seri Robinson titled Dangerous woods and woods to be weary of. It was a good discussion. If you get Fine Woodworking check out the article in the most recent edition.

## Coming Up

### 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. Last year the club provided the fundraiser with 28 bowls. The goal for this year is 50 bowls. Time to get turning.

### 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. If you want to turn some pens ahead of the skills session contact Seb for kits.

### Audio/Video Update

Jeff tells us that shy of a few "quirks" that are still to be worked out, the system is running pretty well.

## Time to Golf

Do you golf? If so, Dale bowers tells us that the Family Promise of Shenandoah County will be holding their 4th Annual Golf Tournament at Bryce Resort on Saturday August 5th. The cost will be \$100

per person/\$400 per four person team. Contact Norma Barb at 540-459-7629 for more information.

### Show-N-Tell

Following the business portion of the meeting, it was time for members to show off their talents with Shown-N-Tell.



Tom was ready to go with a mini bird house this month. The top and bottom was made from yew.

The center of the birdhouse was FOG wood (found on ground). Looking good Tom.



John Anderson was up first with a Natural Edge bowl he turned from a piece of maple he found in his yard.

Finished with satin poly, this bowl turned out nice.

Adrian has been honing his pen turning skills. This month he presented a couple of pens turned from Zebra wood.



Seb has finished his firefighter training and certification (congratulations),



now he can get back to turning.. This month Seb presented two walnut bowls he turned.. These bowls were turned from pre-turned blanks that Dale Winburn gave the club for the empty bowl fundraiser. They look great Seb



Jeff Reilley showed us two bowls this month. One from cherry and the other from a piece of pine

that came out of an old barn.

Starke a platter turned from poplar. He got a little deep so instead of turning it into a funnel he



turned a small bowl for the center and made it a chip and dip platter.



Tony DeMasi showed us this beautiful bowl he turned from maple. Tony tells us that this ma-

ple was called "Virginia Maple" even though it came from Maryland. The story goes that since the wood came from the property of a lady named Virginia, they thought is fitting to name it Virginia Maple. Nice touch Tony. By the way, Tony has donated this piece to the Empty Bowl fundraiser as well.

Don was up from Florida and showed the club this winged box he turned from Australian Burl and Ebony. Great work Don.



Don Voas was up next with 3 bowls. He showed a 8" bowl from Red Oak (that ended up as a 3" bowl, opps) a rimmed bowl made form a burl and this nice

bowl turned from a piece of Stonewall Jackson Prayer Tree. This SJPT bowl was turned from a pre turned blank from Dale Winburn's stock.

Dale Bowers showed us this cedar vase he finished up. This piece of cedar was found as a support post in a shed that was being torn down. Dale says there is nothing better than a shinny piece of cedar, I believe I agree.



Once again Scott has brought his "A" game. Here he shows us shot gun shells he turned. They were turned from yellow heart and Brazilian cherry. They are not just shot gun shells, they are lidded boxes with threaded lids! Great work Scott.



Richard Allen showed a Maple bowl he recently finished. He had rough turned this one a few years ago and just re-

cently came back to it. Wipe on poly was the finish of choice on this one.

Peter has been busy making letter openers from recycled poultry plant knives. One of these were made from spalted beech, one from black oak and the third from a piece of laminated wood. All the wood was sourced from Starke.



As is typical, Charlie finishes off Show-N-Tell. This month he turned a bowl from ash and this one from a piece of bradford pear that he was able to maintain



the bark on.

## Demo time

After a short break, Jeff Fleisher led a very detailed and informative discussion on surface preparation and finishes.

We discussed:

- 1 The different types of sand papers and the best practices for each
- 2 The safety aspects in the shop when sanding and applying finishes
- 3 Coloring (stains and dyes)
- 4 Different types and uses of finishes



I got lucky this month in two ways. First, Jeff provided detail handouts (which I will attach to the email) and the session was recorded so at some point it will be made available to view again.

That finished this month's meeting. Have a great month.

- Wayne