



# Woodturners of the Virginias



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he Woodturners of the Virginias came together for our monthly meeting on June 3rd at Peter's Phoenix Shop. We had 24 members and guest present.



**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?*

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.

## Treasurer Report

The June Treasurer Report for the month of June is that all bills are paid including insurance and we have \$2,685.40 in the bank.

## Virginia Maker's Swap

There was no skill session for the month of June. Instead, the Woodturners of the Virginias participated in the Virginia Maker's Swap at The Alexander Brothers in Timberville. The Maker's Swap had a handful of groups demonstrating their craft, food and drink vendors, folks selling items from personal shops and vendors selling their wares.

Speaking with long time member, Peter Shoemaker, he states that "this is the kind of event our club needs to participate in". Peter goes on to say, "the

club typically has about a 20% member turnover rate year to year." Events like the Maker's Swap helps get community exposure for WoVA. I wanted to thank everyone that helped with this event, whether you loaned equipment or you helped in person at the event. These types events have a lot of moving pieces and it is not a success based on one person but the efforts of the team. So, a BIG thanks to the team. Peter, Larry, Hank, Jay, John, Seb, Jeff, Steve, Tony, everyone did a GREAT job. We had a lot of people stop to watch the demos and over 20 kids that actually got on the lathe and turned a piece of wood! A special thanks to Jeff Reilley for taking the pictures below.



Steve got on the lathe early and worked on turning a bowl



Hank came out and went right to work sharpening our tools.



We had a few items for sale that drew a lot of attention.

I was shocked with how many kids wanted to turn some wood with us. John and I immediately started brainstorming for next year.



John demonstrating turning a top. John kept getting kicked off the lathe by

the rush of kids wanting to try it out, sorry John...

It will be up to the club as a whole if we participate next year in the Virginia Maker's Swap, my vote is YES!

## 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. *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.

### 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

We had another good Show-N-Tell in June.

Starke was out of commission last month so I think he went into overdrive this month! He showed us not one but seven different items.

Here he is showing members a bud vas made from 150-200 year old red oak from Hebron Presbyterian Church. Starke also showed five bowls and an additional bud vase. Great work Starke but you are kind of making the rest of us look bad...





Tom turned a small hollow vessel from yew. He tells us he has only sanded and polished it,

no finish is on it. Nice work Tom



Adrian has been busy turning boxes lately. Here he shows us a box he turned from ash. Great work Adrian.

Dale turned a vase this month and also made a kaleidoscope out of PVC shown here. There is no lack of creativity from our members that's for sure.



Another unique item from Roy. He showed two pens this month and this apple basket. Yes, he turned the basket and added some paint. Looks good Roy.



Richard made ear-ring stand (and a bunch of them) this month as well as this cherry bowl. The bowl was finished with lacquer.



Steve showed this cedar and oak lidded bowl he finished recently. The finish on his project was tung

oil and varnish.

Wayne showed this pen he made from pressure laminating decommissioned fire hose.





Last up,  
Charlie and  
his maple  
bowl. This  
one was a  
very nice.

Great color. You did good Charlie..

## Demo time

This month Hank demonstrated the Skew.



I have attached Hank's handout so everyone will have it.

That's it for June, see everyone on July 1st at the Phoenix Shop.

## WoVA Officers

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