



Woodturners of the Virginias



October 17, 2023

In Memoriam



The Woodturners of the Virginias mourn the loss of one of the Charter members of the Club. Charlie Galambos passed away on Saturday October 14th at his home.

Excerpts from Charlie's Obituary: Charlie was born November 23, 1933 in Kispest, Hungary. His family emigrated to the United States after the second World War in 1948.

He received his Civil Engineering undergraduate degree from The University of North Dakota and his Master's degree from the Clark School of Engineering, University of Maryland. He was a lifetime member of ASCE.

Charlie was a bridge Engineer in the Senior Executive Service in the United States Government. He was the Chief of Applied Mechanics and Structures at the Turner-Fairbank research Station in Langley, VA., Federal Highway Administration. He was on the task force that investigated the Point Pleasant Bridge collapse in West Virginia. He authored the final report of the investigation.

He became an accomplished Wood Turner and demonstrated at the Shenandoah County Fair for many years. He was a charter member of the Wood Turners of the Virginias.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene; sons, Terry (Laurie), Mitchell (Teresa), and Adam (Christine); grandchildren, Tiffany Galambos Theriault, Kayley, Kyle, and William Galambos, Addison and Ethan Galambos; and two great grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Steven Theriault.

The following are a few reactions from Club Members after receiving the news of Charlie's Passing:

"The Lord came today to take Charlie to his heavenly home. Thanks to all his turning friends who shared his journey- you gave him joy. We will surely miss him. - Faith P

"Charlie was a charter member and past president of Woodturners of the Virginias. He will always be remembered for establishing the outstanding friendly atmosphere of our club with his quick sense of humor, photography, and generosity in sharing free West Virginia turning timber and woodturning skills. He was known for creating outstanding rather "thick wall" turnings. "If I wanted thin-wall bowls or platters, I'd buy Milmac at the Dollar Store!" He'll be missed for sure leaving many great memories behind." - Don V

"Charlie was a fine Christian man that brought many years of joy, humor, and pleasure to our Woodturners. He was a charter member and our first Treasurer who seldom missed a meeting

and mentored many new turners. His humor was unique and livened up every meeting.

As so many have already said - Charlie's presence will be missed.

Thank you, Charlie, for your presence and caring thru all these years." - Peter S

"Charlie was a Past President and Treasurer of the Club. At the time of his passing, Charlie was the Club's Photographer. I always enjoyed listening to Charlie explain how he achieved his 1000 grit finish, "I sand to 600 then to 400 and that equals 1000 Charlie would say." He kept the meetings light with his humor and always had a story ready." -Wayne

"I'm very sorry to hear the news about Charlie. He was a wonderful person and everyone enjoyed his quick and delightful sense of humor. You could always tell that behind the humor was someone dedicated to not only his own woodturning projects but someone who wanted to help others enjoy the hobby as well. He will be missed!" - Jeff F

"He will be missed by many." - Tom C

"I had several engineering discussions with Charlie, and while I did not know Charlie professionally, I got the idea that he was a pretty good engineer as well as a good woodturner and part time comedian. He brought a lot of fun and laughter to our meetings. He will be missed." - Larry N

"Very sad news! We will miss him very much! He was a great man and we all enjoyed his humor!" – Starke S

"I really got to know Charlie the last few weeks he was there. I will miss him too. He gave a few tips and for that I am grateful. Charlie you will be missed!" – Harry H

"He will be missed. I so enjoyed his person as I got to know him. Blessings to his family." – John A

Charles Frank Galambos was a friend to many and will be missed by all of us. Rest easy friend we will take it from here.

Treasure Report:

We currently have \$2,133.15 in our account. All bills have been paid. We have a fresh shipment of Anchor Seal and Danish oil at Peter's Shop.

The club bought a used Jet lathe. It will be re-conditioned then offered for sale to club members as a package with accessories and lathe tools.

Check the club out at...

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?

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.

Coming Up

The Empty Bowl Soup Supper

The Empty Bowl Soup Supper is coming in November. The club is making items for this event again this year. Last year the club provided the fundraiser with 28 bowls. As of the meeting we had close to 40 bowls ready to go. The goal for this year is 50 bowls. Time to get turning. Seb needs the bowls by November 4th.

Pens for the Troops

WoVA members are invited to participate in The Pens for the Troops program this year. Seb has secured 25 kits from Woodcraft for this event. If you want to turn some pen kits contact Seb for kits. As of the meeting we have more than 30 pens completed. Seb needs finished pens no later than November 4th.

Skill Building:

October 21: Multi Axis Turning

November 18: Christmas Ornaments

2024/2025 Slate of Officers

Nominations are:

President: John Anderson

1st Vice President: Seb Romano

2nd Vice President: Jerry Jorgensen

Secretary: Wayne Sharp

2024/2025 Slate of Officers (cont)

Newsletter/Photographer: Jeff Reilley

Equipment Manager/Librarian: Dale Bowers

Audio/Visual: Jeff Fleisher

Treasurer: Peter Shoemaker

Membership Chair: Don Voas

Web Page Manager: TBD

*** Please note that nominations are OPEN until October 21st. Email/call Larry Nottingham with your nominations.**

Show-N-Tell

We nearly had a full table this month. Jeff Reilley has stepped up to take over the role of Club Photographer. The following pictures are from Jeff's camera. Thanks Jeff.

Wendy Boyd was first. She presented a gourd bowl. Wendy tells us that she grew the gourd, cleaned it and decorated it. Great work Wendy.



Dave Shombert presented a bud vase he recently turned from figured maple and walnut.

Adrian showed a selection of 6 pens he turned. All of his pens today were finished with a CA finish. Three of today's pens will be donated to the Pens For Troops effort.



Don Dougherty showed us a selection of water oak cored bowls he turned. All of these bowls were finished with Tung Oil.



Dale Bowers was up next. Dale showed a jar lid he turned from cherry and a bowl from hickory. Nice work Dale.

Jeff Reilley keeping in the spirit of the season turned Ghost for the meeting. They are finished with Danish oil and wax.



Ray showed a bud vase. His wife asked why the top isn't level, Ray responded that is the way Starke sold it to me...

Nice work Ray

Speaking of Starke. Starke was up next with a hand full of items. He presented 3 cherry bowls for the empty bowl fundraiser, a box elder bud vase, a fumed red oak bowl, a wormy white oak bowl and



5 Christmas trees. Slow down Starke you are making the rest of us look bad..

John presented this nice natural edge maple bowl. Finished with poly spray.



Steve showed us 3 pens for Pens for Troops, a segmented bowl and this walnut platter. Steve has been busy this month also.

Don showed the club small holy bowl from a tree branch. He also presented a small bowl made from the Stone-wall Jackson Prayer tree white oak.



Demo time

This month Richard Allen provided an in depth look at the art of Stave Canisters. I will attach Richard's notes to the newsletter email for all to view.

WoVA Officers

President	Larry Nottingham
1st Vice President	John Anderson
2nd Vice President	Jay Munnikhuysen
	Seb Romano
Secretary	Wayne Sharp
Treasurer	Peter Shoemaker
Librarian	Jay Munnikhuysen
	Tom Binstead
Photographer	Charlie Galambos
Webmaster	Jeff Fleisher



You will be missed...