



Woodturners of the Virginias

Mount Jackson, Virginia

a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



February 12, 2024

Greetings everyone, lets welcome our newest members Alan Mann, Terri Musterman, Jessi Musterman, and Porter Sherman. Great to have you aboard. We also had two new guest Bryan and Marvin Berrios both who are brothers of our very own member Jose Berrios. Thanks for coming guys hope you enjoyed your visit and will consider joining the club.

Treasurer's Report:

Peter Shoemaker delivered the current treasure report with the bills being paid the club still has a little over 2 thousand dollars in the bank to cover expenses for the upcoming year. Want to know more attend our meetings the first Saturday of each month. Can't make it in person, check us out via zoom.

A Word About "Safety"

Steve led our safety discussion this time about being aware of where you position yourself in respect to the work piece. He used a personal experience as an example while turning a walking stick It threw a section off as he was turning . Apparently there was a crack along the grain which allow this to happen. But all was not lost, Steve is safe because he used best pratices and was not positioned in the line of fire. He was also focused on the task at hand which enabled him to be clear of flyingde bris. Steve happily reported that he was able to do a glue up to save the work piece. Great job Steve thanks for sharing your experience.



This Month's Demonstration by Peter:

The Weed Pot :



Peter showcased a demonstration on creating a weed pot from old fence post which surrounded his property. Essentially giving new life to the wood. Peter led us through the demonstration with verbal cues on portions and other factors that affect the eye appeal and outcome of the work. Peter first shared this demonstration 20 years ago at this very same club, what an unforgettable experience. Thank you for sharing Peter we really appreciate you.

Skills Session:

Come learn with us.

Sign up for our skills sessions which follow our monthly business meeting on the third Saturday of the month.

A Club Discussion:

John Anderson led a discussion on the results of the club survey and plans for future club activities.

The picnic this year will be in May 4th with a start time of 10:00 AM, at the Mt Jackson Community park. More information to come.

We are working towards some challenges for the club with a name sake recognition for participating winners.

Skill sessions are still scheduled two weeks after the club business meeting. We are working on diversifying the skills sessions so we can accomodate both the beginner/novice turner and have a more challenging session for seasoned turners as well. Stay tuned we will get you all sping some wood.

We are working on setting up Demos for this year, so if you want to present a demo please contact Seb to be included on the schedule. Lets see what YOU can create.

The club will be participating in the Shenandoah County Fair and would like some volunteers to help with demonstrations and manning of the booth at the fair. Please let us know if you are interested.

The empty bowl project and the pens for our troops were so successful and such a large participation we will do it again. More details to come.

WOVA had such success at the makers meet held by the Alexander Brothers we plan on participating this year again. We are waiting to hear final plans and date from the Alexander Brothers and will post the information as it becomes available.

Anyone interested in working the booth or doing a turning demonstration please let us know.

A discussion was held to determine if members would be willing to participate in donating a turned work piece which could be sold to help support the club. The overwhelming majority of those who returned our survey said they would be willing to. As details are worked out the information will be presented to the club.

Show N Tell:

Peter presented his birdhouse which incorporated a gourd in his turning. He explained the difficulty in using a gourd and how fragile it can be. I guess he is setting a new bar for all of us.



Dale shared several wonderful turnings with us. Starting with a Hickory Bowl and a Walnut plater he created with artistic rings as a high light, along with some ornaments using oak and walnut to create some contrast. You have been busy Dale, well done.



Tony Demasi out did himself with a truly unique hollow form created from a good sized “Cherry Burl”. Tony retained the natural aesthetics yet sculpt a very artistic piece. Excellent job Tony.



Adrian Impressed us with his acrylic penmanship and capped it off with a maple box. We are impressed.



Steve N Shared his walking sticks and a cherry bowl he has been working on. We were briefed on some of the challenges he had with the walking stick in his safety minutes. Great Job Steve.



Jerry rolled us over with his French rolling pin turned from a glue up. Great job, you can bring those baked goods to the meetings anytime.



Richard presented the club with 12 bowls to the club turned from various woods. He capped off his work with a couple of jar lids. You have been extremely busy, great work.



Stark continues to bring amazing work in to share. He really knows how to read the woodgrain. Great work Stark.



Tony G showed a couple of bowls he turned, one in rain popular and the second one from walnut. Excellent work Tony



Jeff shared a couple of vases turned from a nice piece of cherry the other from an old piece of juniper found on the tree line from an adjacent property. A mechanical pencil was included in the lineup.



Special Note: Mark Your Calendar!!!

2024 Virginia Woodturning Symposium

- Saturday, November 2, 2024
- 8:00 AM 5:00 PM
- Expoland 277 Expo Road Fishersville, VA, 22939 United States ([map](#))

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