



Woodturners of the Virginias  
Mount Jackson, Virginia  
*a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners*



**August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

**Treasury Report:**

Thanks to a great board and our Treasurer, Peter S. the club continues to maintain good fiscal standing with \$ 1059.45 in our account. Approximately half of the club's funds were used to purchase stocks for our store. If you need CA glue we have several options just let us know at the next meeting. Peter can assist any member with dues, and payment for purchase items or fiscal matters. He is available at most meetings.

**Safety Minutes:**

Safety minutes was actually a discussion focusing on checking your work piece for cracks and proper mounting before turning on the lathe. The discussion included stepping back while bringing the work piece up to speed and the dangers of flying off pieces from the work. Our guest Mike Sorge testified about an experience where a section of his work was imbedded in the ceiling. So be safe and follow known safety procedures to protect your well-being.

**Show And Tell:**

Tom presented the segmented vessel he did for the "Beads of Courage" program. Tom shared with us how he used a texturing tool on the lid. Great job and thank you for participating in the program.



Don Voas presented a walnut bowl he created and shared some of his finishing tips with us. Thank you for sharing.



Stark was up next and shared a bit of history on a lamp he turned for a family member. He gave it away 10 or so years ago and has gone full circle to be reunited with it's creator. Great job Stark and thank you for sharing your story.



We limited “show and tell” to one item per person to save time for this month’s demo.

**Demo:**

The demo followed the business meeting and was attended by a full house.

**Mike Sorge** led us through his process of creating winged bowls. His exquisite work is functional; however it is so pleasing to eye one would be very comfortable referring to it as fine art. Mike covered many aspects from safety to preparing the wood blanks. He demonstrated each aspect of the work from turning to sanding and finishing. Mike shared how he started in woodturning and developed his style of work, which he says reminds him of Asian artistic styles of creativity. Mike thank you for a great demo, the Woodturners of the Virginias really appreciate having you at our club.



**September 1<sup>st</sup>** : Hank – Will be doing a demonstration on sharpening.

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** : Mike Fraser – Integrating CNC into Turning

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**:

**December** Tom Croaker – Christmas Ornaments

**Skills Sessions:** Please remember to sign up for the sessions you want to attend, this helps us with planning.

**August 17<sup>th</sup>** – Bowl turning, “Empty Bowl Project”

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** – Pen turning, “Turning for the Troops Project”

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Pizza cutter

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Ornaments

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** – No Skills Session

#### **Activities and Events:**

**August 30<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup>** Shenandoah County Fair – We will be participating this year with demos and a sales table for members who wish to sell their work. If you have the time we have the place so volunteer now.

**Empty Bowl Project:** We will be participating in the empty bowl project and hope to donate – bowls this year. Our donations for bowls last year were an overwhelming success. Thank you to

those who were able to give. You are welcome to donate other turned items that will be auctioned off to help raise funds for the organizations work.

**Pens for Troops:**

Okay let's spin up those lathes and show our service members we support them, they keep America Strong.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Turning Symposium 2024**

Expoland – 277 Expo Rd Fishersville Virginia 22939

**Pre-Registrations Rate**

2 Day Registration \$85

1 Day Registration \$60

2 Day Family Member \$50

1 Day Family Member \$40

**At The Door**

2 Day Registration \$95

1 Day Registration \$65

2 Day Family Member \$55

1 Day Family Member \$45

Sat. Half Day (after 1:30) \$40

Sun. Half Day (after 12:00) \$20

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