



Woodturners of the Virginias

Mount Jackson, Virginia

a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



August 2025

President John Andedrson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the days events. He thanked Faith and Jeff for providing refreshments. John introduced Jose for the Safety discussion.

Jose shared that he regularly leads safety forums at his place of employment, and shared some insights on housekeeping with the club. Jose focused on keeping work areas clean and free of hazards. He emphasized the need to keep walking areas open and clean. He talked about not leaving cords and tools lay around and to always be aware of tripping hazards. Jose stated this not only applies to the shop but at home. So be clean and stay safe.

John returned to the floor to update the club that the board is nominating future officers. John also stated two members at large are needed to serve with the nominating process. If you are interested, please let John, Hank, or another officer know. Wayne Sharp has resigned as the club's secretary so this position is open. Please consider volunteering to help our club continue functioning.

John led a discussion on supplies the club sells and stated some items that do not sell very fast will be phased out. He proceeded to let members know Hank has donated a clubs treasury. "Thank You Hank." We were also reminded that there are still some items from Charlie's shop are still available and will be sold for a reasonable donation. Other wise the club will donate remaining items to Goodwill or charitable organizations.

Treasury Report:

John did not have a full treasury report however the club is up to date on its bills and has \$1704.00.

Inspired by David Shumbart's rattle we had a discussion on safe vs toxic woods: Hank spoke a bit on the anti-microbial properties of wood and suggested the book Living with Wood written by Seri C Robinson.

Show and Tell:



Tim Smith shared with us a number of bowls he has turned and talked about applying multiple coats to build up the finish on this box elder bowl he created during a skills session.



Richard Allen chose a bowl for this month's show and tell. Richard discussed the figure and grain of the wood. Richard also mentioned the incorporation of the tenon as the base of a bowl.



Tom has certainly been busy as he stepped up with a total 20 pens completed for the troops. Way to go Tom, you are setting some high goals for the club. Keep up the good work.



Aaahh a platter from one of our turners who was too modest to step up front.



Jeff Reilley showed an apple bowl that was turned green at a skills session. The apple wood came from our own Peter Shumakers property. Jeff also had some mini birds he turned for some ornaments.

Demo:

David Shombart demonstrated captive rings, he created a baby rattle and discussed the use of a captive ring tool. Dave explained the steps necessary to create multiple rings. Dave

displayed some awesome goblets with captive rings on their stems. He shared with us one created out of pink ivory wood. Thank you, Dave, for sharing your knowledge and your work.



September Demo:

In September Seb Romano will be demonstrating kit less pens. We are sure this will be something you write home about.

October Demo:

Charlie Wortman will be doing a stirring spatula

November Demo:

Dale Bowers will present a Christmas Ornament turning.

December Demo :

Will be presented by Richard Allen on hollow forms

Skills Session:

August skills session was a follow up to Dave Shumbart's captive ring demo. The participating turners worked to create baby rattles which allowed for plenty of practice creating rings.

September's skill session will focus on turning basics following a program Hank Marian will lead. Hank also suggested reading [A Lesson Plan for Woodturning: Step-by-Step Instructions for Mastering Woodturning Fundamentals](#) by James Rodgers. He purchased the book through Amazon because he wanted to quickly review it. If the club decides to buy copies in bulk from the Publisher, the cost would be much less than the \$22 Amazon charges.

October's skill session will be Tool handles / Scribe

November's skill session will be a lead into the holiday season, by turning hollow Christmas ornaments.

There is no skills session for December

Events:

Our club participates in many community minded activities and we want to THANK YOU for your support.

We turned vessels for the Beads Of Courage Program adding lots of color to the turnings.

Currently we are working on pens for the troops, and bowls for the Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter – Empty Bowl Project. Please turn in your completed projects as soon as possible. You may inquire at any meeting on how to participate.

Shenandoah county fair is rapidly approaching and we still have room for volunteers and demonstrators. If you are interested please contact Dale Bowers. We will be loading equipment at 3:00 on Friday the 29th, and we will be off loading the equipment on Saturday the 30th. We will use the Ox Road entrance to access the craft building.

Thanks for reading and we hope to see you Saturday September 6th.