



Woodturners of the Virginias Mount Jackson, Virginia

a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



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May 2026 WOVA Newsletter:

WOW, WOW, WOW. What a Great Time as we were able to enjoy our annual picnic in the comfort of Peter and Wanda Shoemaker's barn. I hope everyone had an opportunity to say hello to Peter and thank him and Wanda for their hospitality. Let's also give Bob an outstanding shoutout for organizing the event and preparing the delicious meats for our meal. Bob you have done an outstanding job organizing this year's picnic. Okay everyone give yourselves a pat on the back for all those sides and desserts you brought. A round of applause is needed to thank our volunteer members that helped with the setup and cleanup. Congratulations to Lori Wakeman on winning the 50/50 raffle. The proceeds were split between her and the club. We appreciate all of those who participated.

Overall, this was a wonderful event.

Bob walked us through the paces of a quick business meeting as a few items were addressed before the party could get started.

Introductions:

Our newest members, Nicky and Chris were warmly welcomed to the club so don't be a stranger to them.

Noteworthy Information:

A reminder was given to check out the goodies we have in our club store. This saves you some \$\$\$ while supporting the club.

Seb, Hank, and John have taken the time to inventory our tools and are working on arranging a sale for some items. The goal is to reduce duplicate or unused items and allow for some funds to buy some updated tools. A proposal for a tailgate sale was also introduced and Wayne Sharp volunteered to help organize this event. If you have items for sale, you can email Wayne. Feel free to inquire further at our next business meeting.

The floor was turned over to John for an update on our treasury report. Currently we have \$1800.00 in the bank with an outstanding bill of \$700.00.

Currently we have 40 registered members. Six members are leaving for various reasons, and 6 members are still pending. Our club depends on you to grow and serve so be active and spread the word. We are always looking for new members so don't be bashful bring a friend next time.

Show and Tell:

We had a fantastic array of items for the show and tell segment of our meeting. However, there is room for more. We encourage you to bring your work in and share with the club. Small or larger we appreciate all.

Dale intrigued us with a segmented kaleidoscope, a corn cob pen, a crafted turning tool, and yes, a small keepsake box. Dale, you inspire us to do and try new things. Please continue to share your inspiring work.



Hank shared a few bowls with us that he has done over a period of time. He talked about the elegance of wood and how it has moved over time. He shared turning a thinner wall on the bowls helped reduce the splitting around the pith his bowls contained.



Tom lit up the party with his turned candle holders of variuios sizes. He explained his process of including a bearing insert to support the candles. Well done Tom.



John presented several bowls describing the wood grains and patterns he used to create highlights and design in his work. He employed both natural grains and creative patterns through the use of segmented pieces. Very nicely done, we look forward to seeing more of your work.



Ray showed us his exquisite inside out ornaments. He builds these on both large and small scales, offering endless possibilities for display. Ray mentioned adding detail and acquiring a superb finish. Job well done.



Steve presented a well-formed bowl highlighting the medullary rays of the wood. Very nicely done.



A few more pictures.

Discussing items of interest



A Full House as we discuss club business.



More club business as Bob presents.



time for friends to connect



Your attention "Please"



We held a 50 / 50 raffle and Yes we have a winner. Congratulations to Lori Wakeman



Cleanup after a good time

