



Woodturners of the Virginias Mount Jackson, Virginia

a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



June 2026 WOVA Newsletter

Club Officers:

President: Seb Romano

Vice President: Bob Mathis

Treasurer: Tim Smith

Secretary: John Anderson

Seb Romano brought the meeting to order. Opening remarks included an expression of gratitude for a successful annual picnic. The club was reminded that we have

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We were reminded that first weekend of the month is a holiday weekend therefore the business meeting will be canceled. The skills session will be held on the third Saturday of July.

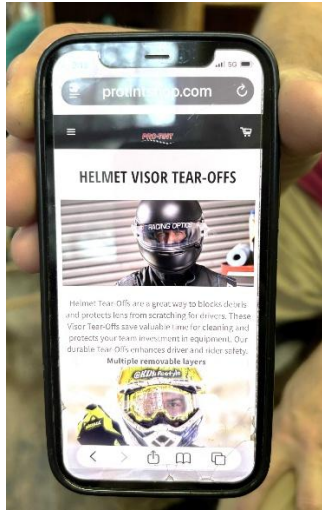
50/50 Raffle:

A great way to support the club is to participate in the 50/50 raffle when you can. This may help grow your tool collection. Tickets are a \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The Board will be holding a meeting on June 22nd, please contact the club if you have any concerns that should be addressed.

Seb turned the meeting over to Hank for the monthly safety minutes.

Hank Marien discussed the need for an appropriate face shield and what to consider when making a purchase. If you would like guidance in making a purchase, please ask or send an email to the club. Tear away screens were also mentioned as a method of preserving the lens of your face shield. Please review the picture as a reference. It may be necessary to conduct some research to find the correct size to fit your face shield.



Club Store:

A general reminder about the club store and sale items was given.

Library:

The club maintains a library which brings you a vast resource for turning information and inspiration.

Noteworthy Events:

Virginia Woodturning Symposium will be held on October 24–25, 2026, at the Augusta Expo Center in Fishersville, Virginia. This is a two date event you do not want to miss. Make your plans early. As many of our members attend this event it may be possible to carpool.

Specifics for the 2026 event include:

- **Date:** October 24–25, 2026
- **Location:** Augusta Expo Center, 277 Expo Road, Fishersville, VA
- **Key Events:** Live woodturning demonstrations, tool and equipment vendor displays, and skill-building sessions.

For ticket purchases, vendor participation, and the full schedule of demonstrators, you can visit the [Virginia Woodturning Symposium](#).

Special Note*

The club will need help to deliver equipment to the site. We will also need help for set-up and clean up. If you can help please send an email to the club.

Shenandoah County Fair:

WOVA will be participating in the Shenandoah County Fair in September and volunteers for demonstrating and setup/cleanup are needed. So jump in, be active, and send the club an email so we know who is onboard. This is a great event and an opportunity to show off a bit, while having fun and meeting the community as a whole. Members are also encouraged to enter items in the fair for display. You may even win a ribbon for your entry.

Alliance for Shelter:

Empty Bowl Project; Yes we will be participating in the annual event and ask members to turn those bowls. We really want to make quite a showing this year so let's think in volume. This is a great community project and a great way to share your talent as a wood-turner. On a side note, the club will also receive \$8.00 for each bowl we contribute.

Skills Session:

This month the skills session features turning bowls. Each available lathe will come with its own mentor, so all of you newer turners can step to the plate knowing you will have support. Hope to see a full house.

Show and Tell:



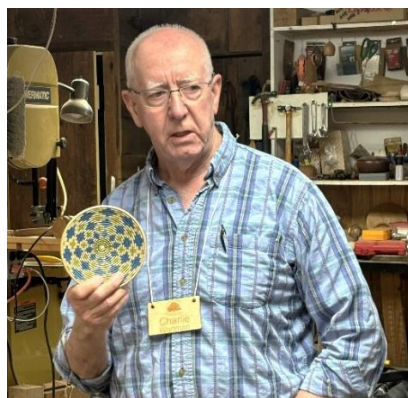
The “Show and Tell” table is being set, which draws the club into friendly discussion and interaction. Way to go everyone, sharing is a great opportunity to learn and interact with our community.



Matt Wending, happily shared his work with us showing a rolling pin and some pens he has turned. Matt we enjoyed seeing your work and thank you for sharing your talent with us.



Steve Nurkowski continues to impress us with his bowls. Thank you for generously sharing with the club.



Charlie Wortman crafted several pieces for us to view. He used some cherry and maple while creating these items. Charlie employed some wood burning techniques to create a basket weave on a piece. Great work Charlie.

