

# Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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## December 2024 Newsletter

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## Notes from the President

- We will be electing new officers during the December meeting. Our required key positions have candidates. There are several positions we need help with. Remember, only you can improve your club.
- Our dues are due on the first of January. I'm aware the website isn't working. Please renew at the meeting or mail your dues with the form in the back of this newsletter to Roger Marchant at 435 Fairmont Ave. Winchester VA. 22601. or Mike Frazier at 329 Russell Rd Berryville VA 22611.

## December Meeting Notice

December 14 is our annual meeting as required by the Bylaws. During this meeting we elect new officers (or renew old ones). It is very important that you attend the meeting, or that you give your proxy to one of the current Board members. The proxy must be in writing (email is OK) and can either be for specific people or can be for the proxy holder to vote as they wish. This must be specified in the email/letter.

The December meeting will be held on 14 Dec. at:

NW Works, Inc.  
3085 Shawnee Dr,  
Winchester, VA 22601

The meeting will start promptly at 9:00am and usually is done by noon. The doors will be open from 8:30am for people to come in and chat.

## December Program

### **Note New Date – Dec 14**

- Annual Meeting – election of officers, meeting notices
- Raffle
- Show and Tell (bring your latest turnings to share with the members) including the challenge for the month. December challenges are Battle Tops
- and Christmas Ornaments.
- Lunch
- Ornament Exchange
- Battle top competition

## Benefits of AAW Membership

AAW is a Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), the largest organization for woodturners in the world. You can enjoy a free 60-day trial membership by going to <http://www.woodturner.org>. In addition to home delivery of their award-winning bimonthly publications, American Woodturner and FUNdamentals, there is always something new to learn and discover on the AAW web site.

## Program Schedule

The meetings take place on the third Saturday of the month at NW Works, Inc. starting at 9:00 am and usually comprises the following events:

- Annual Meeting – election of officers, meeting notices
- Raffle
- Show and Tell (bring your latest turnings to share with the members) including the challenge for the month.
- Demonstration

The demonstrators currently booked are:

**January:** Charlie Wortman – Stirring Spatulas

**February:** Steve Halliday – a decorated bowl



The Saturday following the meeting is a skills event. Meeting at the same place, at 9:00 am, this is your chance to bring that troublesome piece and get some expert advice on how to solve your problem. Occasionally this session is used to hold a hands-on session to follow on from the meeting demonstration. There may be a small charge for this, and numbers are limited to the number of available lathes.

## **What's Going On**

### **AAW Symposium 2025:**

Every year the AAW holds a symposium with many demonstrators from around the world along with vendors for you to buy that new toy! The 2025 Symposium will be June 12-15, 2025, at the Saint Paul RiverCenter in St. Paul MN. Registration is already open, and you can get early bird pricing until April 11, 2025. For more information including a list of the demonstrators already confirmed and the hotel information go to:

[https://www.aawsymposium.org/?utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_source=woodturner\\_org&utm\\_campaign=2025symposium&utm\\_content=registration](https://www.aawsymposium.org/?utm_medium=web&utm_source=woodturner_org&utm_campaign=2025symposium&utm_content=registration)

For the last few years, AAW have offered the chance to attend virtually with a limited number of demonstrations available to watch from the comfort of your home. Details are not available yet but keep watching the AAW web site.

### Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium

Date: 09/19/25 - 09/21/25

Location: The Lancaster Marriott / Convention Center at Penn Square

Address: 25 S Queen St, Lancaster, PA 17603

Phone:(717) 239-1600

### Show-And-Tell

Every month at the main meeting, attendees are encouraged to bring their turned items to show the rest of the attendees. Every month we also have a club challenge. This is your chance to participate and show everyone your view of things. It is not compulsory and there are always lots of ways to meet the challenge. The challenges set so far are:

**December:** Battle tops and Christmas ornaments

**January:** A goblet, wine glass, champagne flute etc. Any wood, any style, long thin stems not required.

Challenges are usually announced at the meeting prior so there is a full month to get the piece made.

The Challenge for **November** was a lidded box, and here are some of the pieces shown at the meeting:





## Program Report



The demonstrator at the November meeting was Mike Fraser. He showed how to make several different styles of Christmas ornaments with details of how he makes them.

## Tips and Tricks

If you have a tip or trick you would like to share, send it to [stevestudio2000@gmail.com](mailto:stevestudio2000@gmail.com).

This month, I will share a bad experience I had. I was using a new (to me) brand name bowl gouge on some non-round wood. As I was trying to get the wood round, I had a kick back. My thumb was resting in the flute of the gouge and the kickback resulted in a nasty cut on my thumb. With further investigation, I found that the edges of the flute were very sharp. None of my other gouges were sharp, so I took a fine file to the edges and blunted the flute edge away from the cutting edge. Take a look at your gouges and check.

Steve Halliday

## Guest Editorial

If you would like to write an article or editorial for the newsletter, let us know. Must be woodworking related.

## Support Our Friends



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We all know and appreciate what McFarland's Mill does for our club. Please stop by to thank them for their help and, even better, purchase your turning supplies from them to support them for supporting us! Stephanie and Robert will appreciate your patronage, for sure.

In case you don't already know, they carry a variety of items from the Rockler catalog and, if they do not have something in stock, they will order it for you (sale prices, discounts, and specials apply) and you will not have to pay for shipping -a good deal! Contact Stephanie by phone or email.

## Virginia Clubs & Events

### **Catoctin Area Turners**

Areas served: Serving western Loudoun County, Maryland

Contact: [https://www.catoctinareeturners.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4&club\\_id=779723](https://www.catoctinareeturners.org/content.aspx?page_id=4&club_id=779723)

Meetings: Thursday before the 3rd Saturday each month, 6:30-? pm at the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Department, 215 W. Loudoun Street, Leesburg, VA (Note: See web site for meeting exceptions in January and July.)

Web: <https://www.catoctinareeturners.org/>

### **Capitol Area Woodturners**

Areas served: Northern VA, DC, and MD.

Contact: <https://capwoodturners.org/membership/#contact>

Meetings: Pimmit Hills Center located at 7510 Lisle Ave, Falls Church VA 22043... second Saturday of each month, 8:00 am for "Social & Donuts", 8:30 am for show and tell and 9:00 am for business meeting and demo.

Web: <http://www.capwoodturners.org/>

### **Central Virginia Woodturners**

Areas served: from Charlottesville to Staunton to Harrisonburg.

Contact: <https://centralvawoodturners.org/contact-us/>

Meetings: Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30-9:00 pm, at the Crimora Community Center, 1648 New Hope and Crimora Road, Crimora, VA 24431,

Web: <http://www.centralvawoodturners.org/>

### **Mid-Maryland Woodturners Club**

Areas served: Serving the Frederick, Maryland area.

Contact: [https://www.mmwtc.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4&club\\_id=840995](https://www.mmwtc.org/content.aspx?page_id=4&club_id=840995)

Meetings: Wednesday before the third Saturday of each month at 6:45 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 9664 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick MD 21702

Web: <http://www.mmwtc.org/>

### **Tidewater Turners**

Areas served: Serving the Norfolk, Virginia, area.

Contact: [tidewaterturners@gmail.com](mailto:tidewaterturners@gmail.com)

Meetings: Fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Woodcraft of Norfolk/Virginia Beach 5802 E. Virginia Beach Blvd, Suite 152, Norfolk, VA 23502

Web: <http://tidewaterturners.net/>

### **Woodturners of the Virginias**

Areas served: Serving the foothills of the Shenandoah Valley and neighboring West Virginia

Contact: <https://woodturnersofthevirginias.org/contact2/>

Meetings: First Saturday of each month, 9:00 am at Peter Shoemaker's "Phoenix Shop" at 5906 Main St., Mount Jackson, VA.

Web: <http://www.woodturnersofthevirginias.org/>

## AVW Membership Renewal Form

Membership Type (check one): Individual (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$45) \_\_\_\_\_

(check one): New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_ - \_\_\_\_\_

AAW Member (yes/no): \_\_\_\_\_

Active-duty Military (yes/no)? \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10 discount) Branch? \_\_\_\_\_

Already a member of an AAW affiliate club (yes/no)? \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 discount)

Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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