

Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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From the Editor

Welcome to the New Year. I hope you all had a fantastic holiday season and that you have a great New Year.

This issue of the newsletter brings in a couple of new sections. We have space for a guest editorial, so if you have a story to tell, then let me know. I can help with editing if you don't feel happy about your writing style.

We have a Tips and Tricks section, and a For Sale/Wanted section. So let me know if you want to include any information in the newsletter. The deadline for entries is two weeks before the monthly meeting.

You can send anything for inclusion in the newsletter to me at stevestudio2000@gmail.com.

Finally, if you are interested in taking the position of Newsletter Editor then let Roger or me know. Everything is set up in Microsoft Word, so it is just a case of filling in the blanks every month.

Steve Halliday

Notes from the President

To the best turners in the valley.

First: I want to thank all the board members who stepped down for doing an amazing job over the last years. Next: I'm grateful to all the new board members who stepped up to support our club in the coming year. Without you, we wouldn't have a club. Look for a short bio on the Board members soon.

The board are exploring several ways to help the club run more efficiently. We want to serve the club members in the best way we can. We're interested in streamlining our communication with the membership. With that, we are asking you to consider the best channel to get information out to the club. Also, we are trying to figure out how to best serve your individual needs during our skills sessions. We realize there is not a one-size-fits-all when it comes to skills development. You will receive an email from me (Roger) in the next few days with a link to an online survey. Please fill out the survey as soon as you can so that we can start planning for the new year.

Don't forget that your 2025 dues are now due. You can either pay at the January meeting or do it using the form at the back of the newsletter. Email Mike Fraser if you don't want to send a check.

Finally, we have two open spots on the Board. Steve Halliday is helping with the newsletter, but we need a full-time person to do this each month. See Steve at the meeting if you might be interested in more information. We also need someone to take over our social media activities. This includes the web site, Facebook, and any other social media we could/should be using.

More to follow at the next meeting.

Roger

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. Charlie will also do a skills session the following Saturday. If you wish to sign up for this, then you need to contact Andrea or Roger as soon as possible. Challenge for January is a the wine glass/goblet.

February: Steve Halliday – a decorated bowl. Steve will show how to turn and decorate a bowl/platter using acrylic paints. The challenge for the month is a Bud Vase.

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.

January Meeting Notice and Program

The January meeting will be held on January 18 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. There are often a group heading out for a sandwich after the meeting, so plan on joining them if you can.

- Business Meeting, announcements etc.
- Raffle
- Show and Tell (bring your latest turnings to share with the members) including the wine glass/goblet challenge for the month.
- Monthly Demo - Charlie Wortman – Stirring Spatulas

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:

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

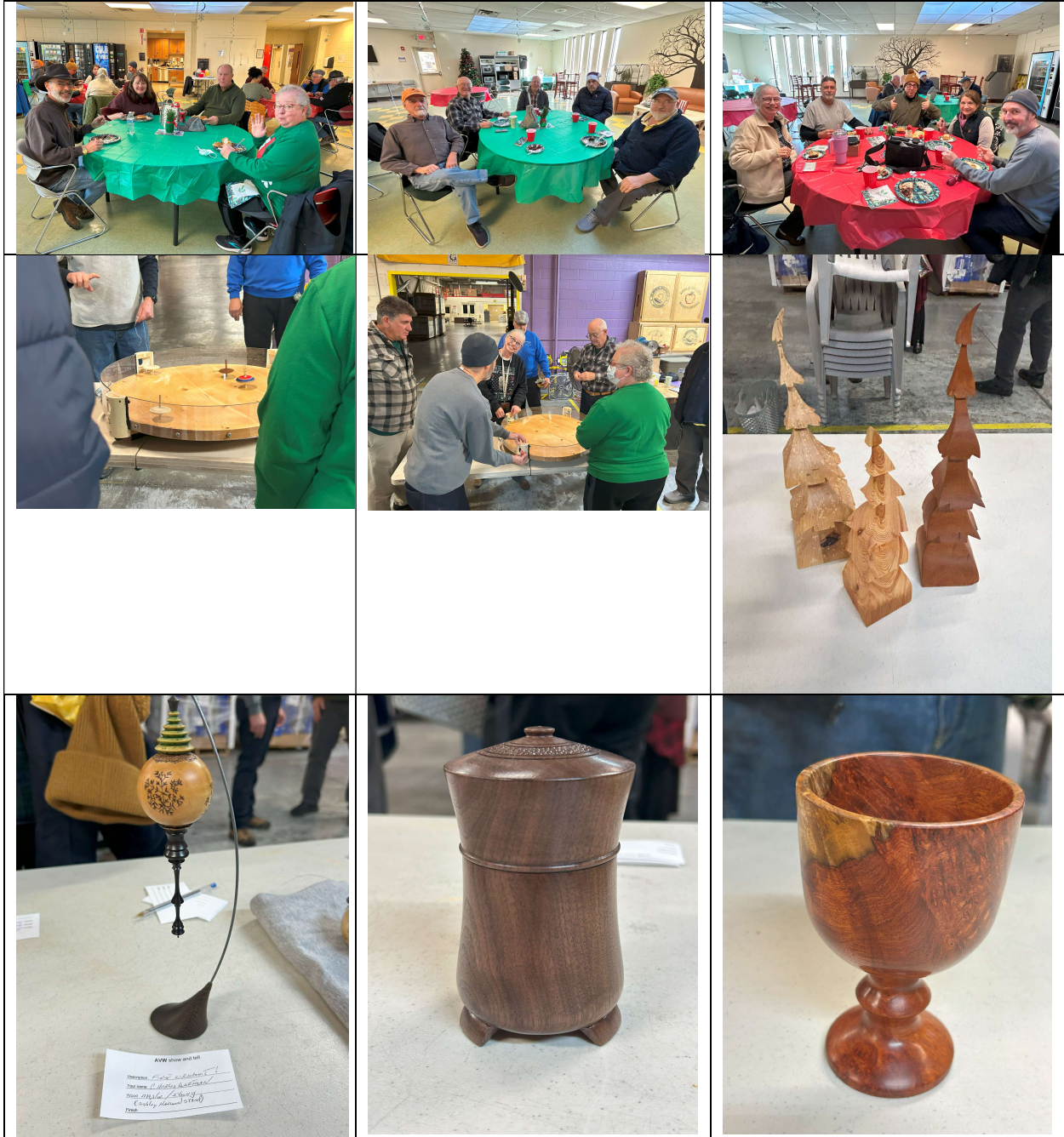
February: A bud vase. Any size, wood, decoration etc. Not sure what a bud vase is -

https://www.google.com/search?q=bud+vase+images&rlz=1C1RXQR_enUS1133US1133&oq=bud+vase+image&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUqBwgAEAAyGAQyBwgAEAAyGAQyBggBEEUYOTIICAIQABgWGB4yCAgDEAAyF

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

The Challenge for December was both Christmas ornaments for the exchange and battle tops for the competition at the event. Here are some photos from the meeting, showing the lunch, the Battle Top competition, and some of the pieces shown at the meeting:





Program Report

The December meeting was the Annual General Meeting of the club, along with the Christmas Party and a Battle Tops competition. Everyone had a great time and as you can see from the photos above, the food was great and the competition for the battle tops was intense. Plan on attending the meeting in 2025 for some fun and food.

Treasurer's Report

We will usually include a report from the Treasurer each month so that you are aware of the financial state of the club. This month, the old treasurer and the new treasurer have not got together to complete the handover so we will get the first update in February's newsletter.

Tips and Tricks

If you have a tip or trick you would like to share, send it to stevestudio2000@gmail.com.

Guest Editorial

If you would like to write an article or editorial for the newsletter, let us know. Must be woodworking related. This month we have an article written by Dennis Dantro.

Safety words that begin with “P”

Patience – You need patience to make progress. During this endeavor you may take two steps forward and one step backward. Patience needs to be developed. Therefore, patience requires practice.

Practice – Practice requires small consistent steps. It will improve your skills and progress. It is OK to make mistakes along the way. Small steps are better than no steps at all. If you are serious about turning then you want to be in it for the long haul.

Progress – You will see improvement in your skills. You will feel it. You know your confidence is building. Remember the saying – “practice makes perfect”? Don’t believe it? How about “perfect practice makes perfect”? Well, don’t try it. Perfection is not attainable. Just do your best and be happy with the results. Progress comes with perseverance.

Perseverance – There may be times when you just want to quit. Or you lose interest. Maybe life takes you in another direction. But if you are determined and focused on being successful then you may move forward, backward, side to side, and even tack at times. Nobody said the journey is a straight line. There will be challenges along the way. Perseverance is a character trait that you develop over time. Therefore, perseverance requires patience.

Perception – Perception consists of 5 keen senses: sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch. Perception is a brain process that allows creatures to take in sensory information from local surroundings. That information is assimilated to make sense for an appropriate response.

Protection – Protection comes in many forms. You have your PPE (Personal Protection Equipment), you have safety switches on your equipment, your natural ability, your situational awareness, your common sense. Can we do without these concepts? If you value your body, brain and health then think “NO”.

Priority – Keep it close to you on your game table. Develop a routine of using your lathe or workshop. One successful priority builds upon the next.

Pigeonhole - Pigeonhole refers to a concept whereby you stay focused on the task at hand. As if you are in a tunnel only looking forward. To learn anything requires practice, but unguided practice may lead to hours or maybe years of slow ineffective learning. Whereas having a mentor to guide you can allow for the rapid improvement of your skills. After that you can go on to customize the basic skills to meet your own creativity.

Dennis J. Dantro

For Sale/Wanted

List your surplus woodturning related equipment or your needs here.

Wanted – A belt sander. Looking for something that will take up to 16 inch boards in one or two passes. Contact Steve Halliday – sghalliday@gmail.com

Support Our Friends



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Hours: Mon-Wed, Fri 7:00-3:30; Thu 7:00-6:00; Sat 8:00-1:00

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.

Benefits of AAW Membership

AVW 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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)? _____ (\$10 discount)

Club name: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: _____ Date: _____

Mail form to the Treasurer with Check or contact mike.fraser.1945@gmail.com for other payment methods.

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