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AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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Notes from the President

To all,

One of the most exciting parts of being part of AVW is the camaraderie amongst the wood-turners. The tutelage from the more experienced turners to the newer turners is exceptional. We have secured a second television (Thanks to Randy Jolin and his family). No more waiting to switch views during demonstrations. The projects with NW works are moving along nicely. The first of the year starts today, March 5th and will continue throughout the year.

Look around your shops, perhaps you have a woodworking tool you're not using. If so, consider donating it to our tool sale in May. Also, look around not just your shops, homes, and cars for those safety things you may have neglected. This weekend is the time change. Have you checked your smoke and CO2 alarms? Do you have a fire extinguisher in your shop and your house? Just Saying.

Lastly, if you haven't paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible, the money from dues keeps the club running.

I hope to see all of you at the next meeting.

Roger

From the Editor

The newsletter continues to see minor changes and additions. If anyone has any ideas they want to see included, then let me know.

We have resurrected our web site. After some issues with the losing our original domain name (which has been taken and redirected to another site), we filed for and received "applevalleywoodturners.info". The web site is now active, and you can visit and send comments to webmaster@applevalleywoodturners.info. We desperately need someone who is familiar with Wordpress websites who can step in and help maintain the site. This shouldn't take more than an hour a month unless we decide to make any major changes. Visit the site at <https://bit.ly/4jXwCHI> and volunteer. Contact the president (president@applevalleywoodturners.info) if you can help.

Would you like to feature some of your turnings on the web site? We are thinking about setting up a gallery page so you can supply images of your favorite pieces. A maximum of five (5) pieces for each category. We have created the following categories, but we can add more if you have ideas:

- Vases
- Bowls
- Hollow Forms
- Boxes
- Miscellaneous

If you want to supply pictures, you can download the agreement form and send the form and pictures to webmaster@applevalleywoodturners.info. NOTE: The pictures must be of your own work. If you want to see a quick demo of the site, then come to the meeting on 15 March.

Remember: the deadline for entries for the newsletter is two weeks before the monthly meeting. You can send anything for inclusion in the newsletter to me at newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info.

Program Schedule

The Apple Valley Woodturners Mission is:

“To educate our members, other woodturners, and the public in and about the art and craft of woodturning.”

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

- Meeting Notices etc.
- Show and Tell (bring your latest turnings to share with the members) including the challenge for the month.
- Raffle
- Demonstration

The demonstrators currently booked are (more details on open months to come):

March: Rich Vossler. Finishing with CA glue. Rich will turn a bowl and then finish it, showing all the steps to create a shiny object.

April: Mark Wertheimer. Turning a bowl from a slab with a workshop during skills day

May: David Fry/Auction of woodworking tools (see president’s notes above)

June: Mike Sorge – Trillium Floral Box

July: Mike Fraser – Christmas comes early with Christmas ornaments. Get ready for the ornament exchange in December.

August: Roger Marchant (our president) will talk about and demonstrate how to core a bowl using the Woodcut Coring system

September: No meeting – Apple Harvest Festival

October: Open

December: Battle tops, ornament exchange, Dinner and Business Meeting.

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.

March Meeting Notice and Program

The March meeting will be held on March 15 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 notices, announcements etc.
- Show and Tell (bring your latest turnings to share with the members) including the tea light holder challenge for the month.
- Raffle
- Monthly Demo – Rich Vossler. Finishing with CA glue. Rich will turn a bowl and then finish it, showing all the steps to create a shiny object.

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:

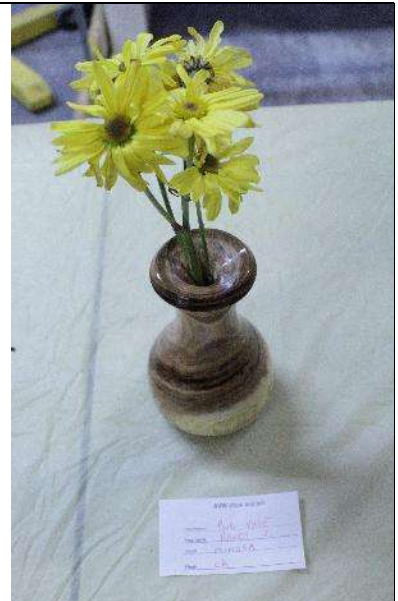
March: A tea-light holder. As usual, your choice of style, wood, decoration etc.

April: Something Easter related – an egg, an easter basket etc.

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

The February meeting featured Steve Halliday – a decorated bowl. The Challenge for February was a bud vase. We had lots of entries and here are some photos from the meeting.





Program Report

The February meeting was well attended with a lot of people participating in the challenge for the month. The photos above show many of the bud vases plus other items brought for show and tell. Steve's demonstration of a decorated bowl was very interesting and very thorough.

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, a brief summary as the changeover to the new treasurer continues.

Beginning Bank Balance (3/1/2025)	\$5320.55
Deposits	\$ 110.00
Checks/EFT	\$ 170.68
Ending Bank Balance	\$5259.87
Pending Deposits:	\$ 80.00
Cash for Change:	\$ 50.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 454.48
Total on hand	\$5844.35
Paid members as of 2/5/25	33

Tips and Tricks

If you have a tip or trick you would like to share, send it to newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info.

Mike Fraser supplied the following for this month:

What is this wood?

We have all had the 'What is this wood?' discussion with fellow turners (or with ourselves). How do you resolve the question? The best support site I have found is also one of the oldest. Dig around in the pictures & files at the link below and I'm sure you will answer the question.

<http://hobbithouseinc.com/personal/woodpics/>

Here are a couple of books that are equally useful.

"A Guide to Useful Woods of the World", published by the Forest Products Society, Madison, Wisconsin, edited by James H. Flynn, Jr. & Charles D. Holder of the International Wood Collectors Society (IWCS). (ISBN 1-892529-15-7)

and the 2nd volume

"A Guide to More Useful Woods of the World", published by the Forest Products Society, Madison, Wisconsin, edited by James H. Flynn, Jr. (ISBN-13) 978-1-892529-47-3)

Both books appear to be out of print now but are often available through used book channels.

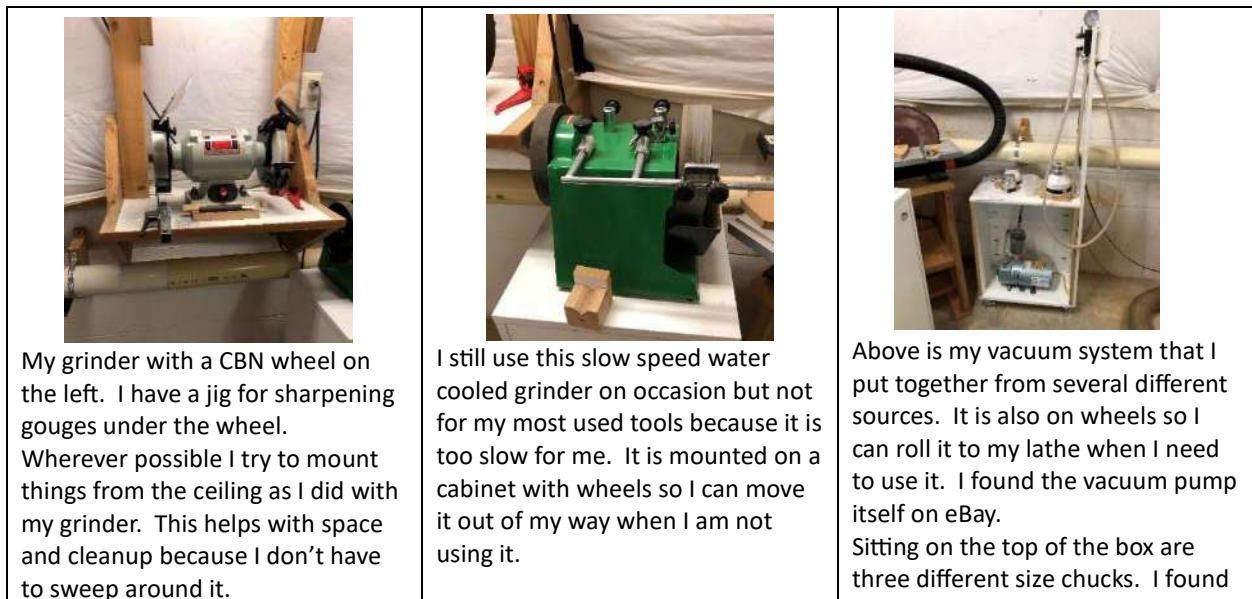
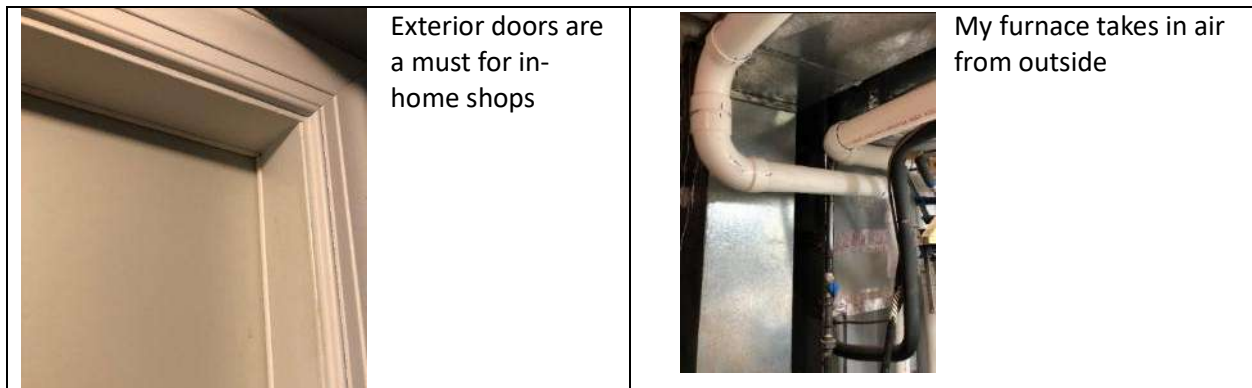
Guest Editorial


If you would like to write an article or editorial for the newsletter, let us know. It must be woodturning related. This month we have an article written by Rich Vossler.

Welcome to my Shop



My shop is in my basement so the first thing I did was install exterior doors with weather stripping to keep the dust from spreading throughout the house.




I also had my furnace vented to breathe air from outside rather than from the shop air in my basement. Note the two separate PVC pipes. One is incoming air, and the other is exhaust. I learned of this necessity the hard way when my furnace burners got so clogged with wood dust ash that I had to replace the furnace.



	<p>This is the on/off switch for the vacuum system. Behind it is a suction relief valve and pressure gauge, all at eye level for easy reading. The hook on the right holds the hose that attaches into my lathe, when it is not being used.</p>	<p>aluminum mounts that accept 3-inch PVC adapters. They have a gasket that the PVC seats on to hold vacuum and the PVC is held in place with set screws. I attached foam on the ends that contact the wood so it doesn't lose vacuum.</p>
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Tool Cabinet

	<p>The scoop of the day</p> <p>I use this cabinet all the time and it works great. It is one of the most useful things I have made. It rolls easily to wherever I want it, so my tools are always handy.</p>	 <p>Plastic sheet keeps the chips out.</p> <p>I reach into the center part of the cabinet often so the plastic covering (see above) is more convenient than would be a door. I have been using this cabinet for over 10 years and have not yet needed to replace the plastic cover.</p> <p>A Magnetic strip on top holds the tools in place.</p>
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 <p>The view with the plastic lifted</p>	 <p>Inside the cabinet door I keep most of the lathe accessories and rarely used lathe tools inside the cabinet. The large chuck (far back on the right-side shelf) is a Vicmarc chuck from Australia. I like it better than the Supernova chucks.</p>	 <p>Side view with more commonly used accessories. Notice the back of the cabinet has 2" x 4" extensions that the wheels are attached to. The extensions give the cabinet more stability when I am rolling it</p>
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Dust collection



I use the yellow vacuum attachment when sanding on the lathe. It works quite well for that, but it is of little worth when I am cutting wood, and the chips are flying. You can see the vacuum plumbing and air shut offs for other items in my shop.



The JDS Air-Tech 2000 at the top of the picture is for general air filtration in the shop. This is important for shops that don't have doors to the outside that can be opened to vent wood dust.



I recently updated the vacuum system by converting it from a bag filter system to a HEPA certified canister filtration system from Oneida Air Systems. I also added the cyclone into the system. These are changes I should have made years ago. This has really helped lower

the dust in my shop. No more wood dust everywhere. Notice the air hose hanging from the ceiling. Having it nearby makes it easy to back flush the canister with air to keep it functioning well.

Plastic Enclosure

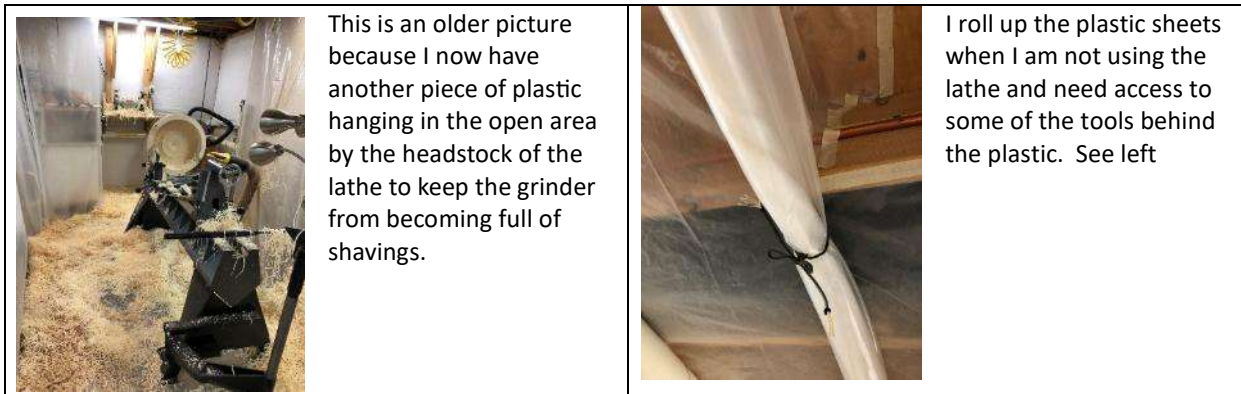


I have plastic on the ceiling above my lathe. This keeps the water from green turning from going up into the rafters.

Shavings everywhere!

Not any more

I use plastic sheeting hung from the ceiling to contain the shavings. My shop is cramped for space so my jointer, router table, radial arm saw, drill press, etc. are all surrounding my lathe. The plastic enclosure makes cleaning up after turning so much easier. The shavings are pretty much contained so I don't have to clean shavings from my other tools.



Storage



My lathe - Robust American Beauty



I highly recommend Robust lathes and tools.

From the time I bought this lathe some 10 plus years ago, Brent English, the owner of Robust has been very helpful. He is easy to get in touch with and he is always willing to help solve any problems I have had. But in reality, because his lathes are so well built, I have had very few problems.

This hunk of wood weighed about 125 pounds. A lesser lathe could not have accommodated a piece this big. It became a large hollow form. This is also a more recent picture that shows the new plastic sheeting behind the headstock.



I also recommend his tool rests. They are well engineered, comfortable to use, and you can't beat the hardened steel bead that the lathe tools rest on. They never get nicked and cause catches on that final cleanup cut. The tool-rests shown in these pictures are from Robust.

Robust lathes are expensive but if you plan on doing a lot of turning it is money well spent.

Oneway lathes would have been my second choice in lathes. They are also quite good, and they have some useful accessories too. Well worth checking them out. The revolving tail stock shown in the top picture is from Oneway. It is large enough and well-built for handling wood of this size.

Another shot of the lathe with the plastic containment sheets rolled up. It also shows the outboard turning tool rest at the back of the lathe. It gets very little use.

Hollowing

Big hollowing needs big equipment

The latest updates

I have two hollowing systems. A small one made by Lyle Jamison that I use for small to medium size projects and this large one by Brian McEvoy that you see in these pictures.



Unfortunately, Brian is no longer making hollowing tools and I am unaware of anyone else making hollowing systems of this size.

Big hollow forms are interesting and not a lot of people make them because of equipment and time limitations. It can take days to hollow out extremely large hollow forms. To cover time and expenses they must be priced quite high, and this eliminates most potential customers. Better to stick with smaller hollow forms if you are interested in an easy sale.



This is my steady rest. I had it made to fit my lathe so it can accommodate some big pieces of wood.






I hang it from the wall when not in use.





Very pretty wood. I was very pleased with the finished product.

Laser guidance

 <p>Notice the red laser dot on the wood above the cutting tip. This eliminates the need for calipers to help determine wall thickness deep inside a hollow form. Lasers are huge time savers.</p>	 <p>Above is the laser pointer unit. It can be adjusted to the size of the project that you are working on and to the wall thickness you are trying to achieve.</p>	<p>This air hose is directly above the</p>  <p>lathe. It is needed to blow the shavings out of hollow forms, when I am sanding in preparation for final finishing, and blowing off the lathe when I am finished.</p>
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		<p>I have a Grizzly Band saw and buffers. I am not a huge Grizzly fan in general, I would not buy a Grizzly lathe, but the saw works well, and the buffers work great. My buffing supplies are hanging from the ceiling right above my buffers. This makes grabbing rouge and charging the wheels easy. They are up and out of the way and there is no footprint on the floor to sweep around.</p>
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The last of the tour -The work bench isn't pretty, but I use it all the time.

	<p>I have a power strip across the top portion of the pegboard on the wall. Very handy to have it there. Inside the workbench I keep supplies and most of my hand tools.</p>	 <p>I don't use the radial arm saw or the router table for woodturning but I do use the rotary tool at the far left of the picture when I need to carve my turnings.</p>
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I hope you enjoyed the tour. If any of you would like to see my shop in person, please feel free to contact me. 540-327-6455.

For Sale/Wanted

List your surplus woodturning related equipment or your needs here.

Wanted – A drum sander. Looking for something that will take up to 16-inch boards in one or two passes.

Contact Steve Halliday – sghalliday@gmail.com

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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

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.

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

Other symposiums:

March 14-16 Fifth Oregon Woodturning Symposium, Albany OR

March 29-30 Totally Turning, Saratoga Springs NY

March 29-30 Idaho Artistry in Wood, Boise ID

April 11-12 Midwest Penturners' Gathering, Chicago Marriott Northwest, Hoffman Estates, IL

May 3-4 Alaska Woodturners Symposium, Anchorage, AK

August 22-24 Southwest Association of Turners Symposium, Waco Convention Center, Waco, Waco TX

Sept 19-21 Rocky Mountain Woodturning, Loveland, CO

Sept 20-21 Apple Harvest, Clearbrook Fairgrounds, (AVW is participating)

Sept 26-28 Segmented Woodturning Symposium, Crown Plaza Hotel, Northbrook, IL

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)? _____ (\$20) Branch? _____

Already a member of an AAW affiliate club (yes/no)? _____ (\$20 discount on Individual and family))

Club name: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: _____ Date: _____

Mail form to the Treasurer with Check or contact treasurer@applevalleywoodturners.info for other payment methods.

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