

Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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Notes from the President

Shavings slingers.

Please take a minute to pray for the people and their families who have died or are missing in the floods in Texas and the heartland of America.

The club is moving along not just in membership but in participation. That allows us to expand what we can offer the turners.

I promised to roll out the education or training program by August, and that's on track.

Our relationship with NW works is solid. Scott and Pauline have donated a very nice piano to NW Works. That will be a great help for their music therapy program. Also, Scott and Pauline donated a very nice bandsaw to the club.

Thanks to the volunteers, the arts and crafts projects have been a huge success.

See you soon.

Roger

From the Editor

Great service from Stockroom Supply (<https://stockroomsupply.com/>). About 9 months ago I bought a BladeLock for my bandsaw from them. This device helps to keep the blade straight and central when you are cutting.

Due to my stupidity, a few weeks ago I broke the plastic plate that everything mounts to. I had all of the metal hardware and the rubbing blocks. I considered making a new plate but thought I should check with them first (I don't have the right plastic for the plate). They agreed to send me a new plate for free if I paid the postage. The original device cost me almost \$50 plus postage, so I agreed. When it arrived, they sent me a new plate with the main hardware already mounted on it. Fantastic service in my opinion. If you need things for your bandsaw, consider them.

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

Don't forget to send in your entries for the gallery pages. Download the [agreement form](#) and send the form and pictures to webmaster@applevalleywoodturners.info. NOTE: The pictures must be of your own work.

Don't forget the special challenge to ALL members. Turn an apple for the Apple Harvest Festival. Donate them to the club to be sold at the event. They can be any size, colored or plain, and you can make one or 101 pieces. If you don't know how to turn an apple and you missed the skills session last month, then you can watch this YouTube video for an idea of one way to do it - https://youtu.be/t_9WhxpHOAU. Colwin Way is a well-respected turner in the UK.

If you would like to be included in a member spotlight, then send 500 – 1000 words about yourself and your involvement with wood turning. Include a photo of yourself and any other items you want us to publish (examples of work, workshop etc.). Send the article to newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info.

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 and “Win one – Turn one” (We have a “win one – turn one” raffle where, if you want to participate, you get a free ticket and if your ticket is drawn, you win the piece turned by someone else – BUT – you agree to bring a piece the following month to be raffled.)
- Demonstration

The demonstrators currently booked for 2025 are:

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

August: Joe Lehman from the Department of Forestry - Urban Forestry. Skills will be “how to turn a bowl”

September: No meeting – Apple Harvest Festival – volunteers needed see Roger or Mark. The skills session is tentatively set to be about sharpening.

October: To be announced. Skills session will be a battle tops workshop

November: Jason Breach - Japanese Box. This is an IRD (Interactive Remote Demo) and it will start



promptly at 10:00am (Jason is in the UK, so we will start promptly). To learn more about Jason you can visit his website at

<https://www.jasonbreach.co.uk/>, or his bio and examples of his work on The Worshipful Company of Turners website - <https://turnersco.com/craft/awards/yeoman-programme/jason-breach/>.

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, so sign up early.

July Meeting Notice and Program

The July meeting will be held on July 19 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 is 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 challenge for the month.
- Raffle and “win one – turn one”
- Monthly Demo – Mike Fraser will bring Christmas to July. He will demonstrate how to make Christmas ornaments. This is your chance to learn how to get ready for the ornament exchange in December.

Show-And-Tell

The Challenge for June was a toy.

Every month at the main meeting, attendees are encouraged to bring their turned items to show the rest of the attendees. Also, every month we 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:

July: A bowl – Lots of opportunities here for you to show off your work.

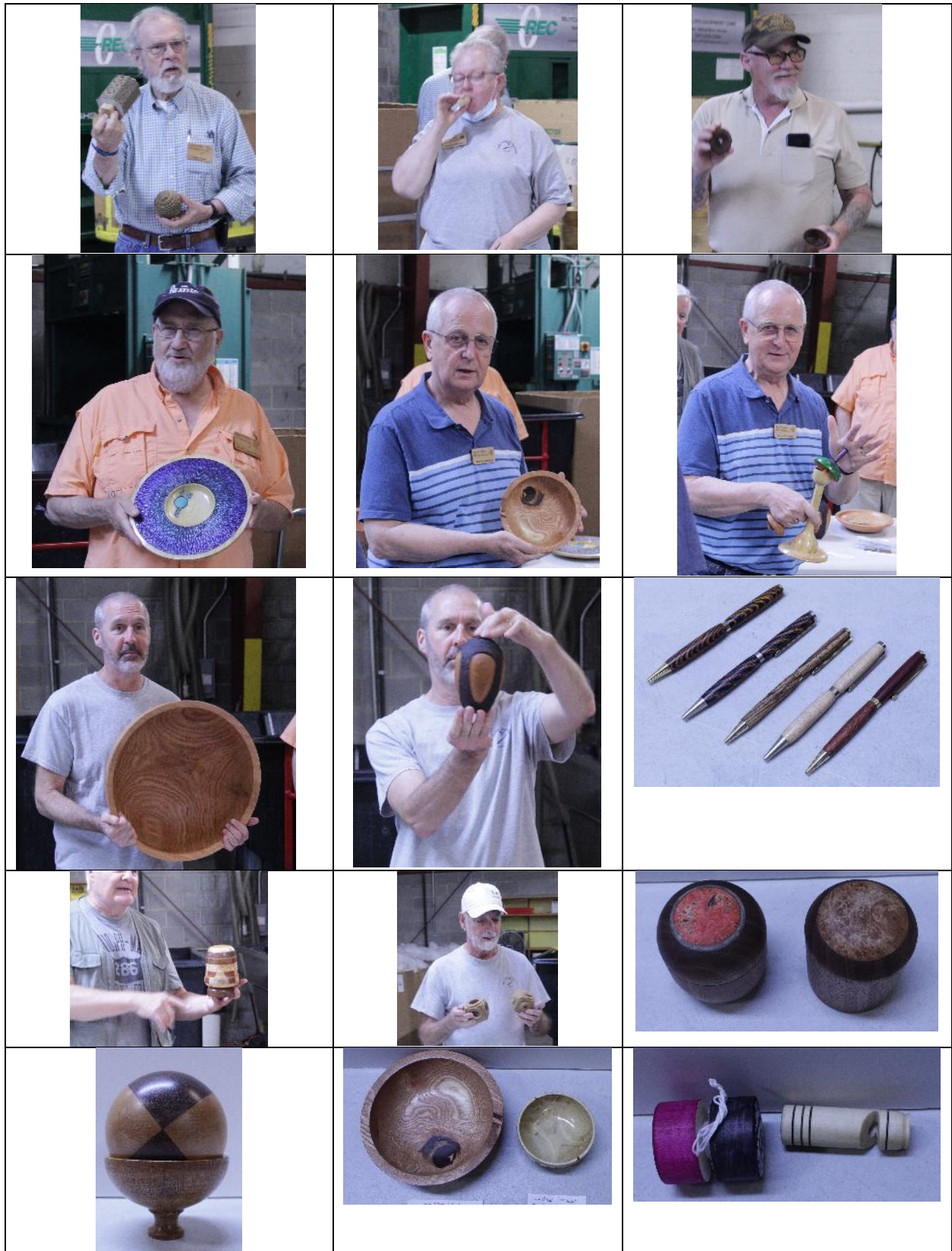
August: Fruit. Bring your turned fruit and then donate them to the club to be sold at the Apple Harvest Festival in September.

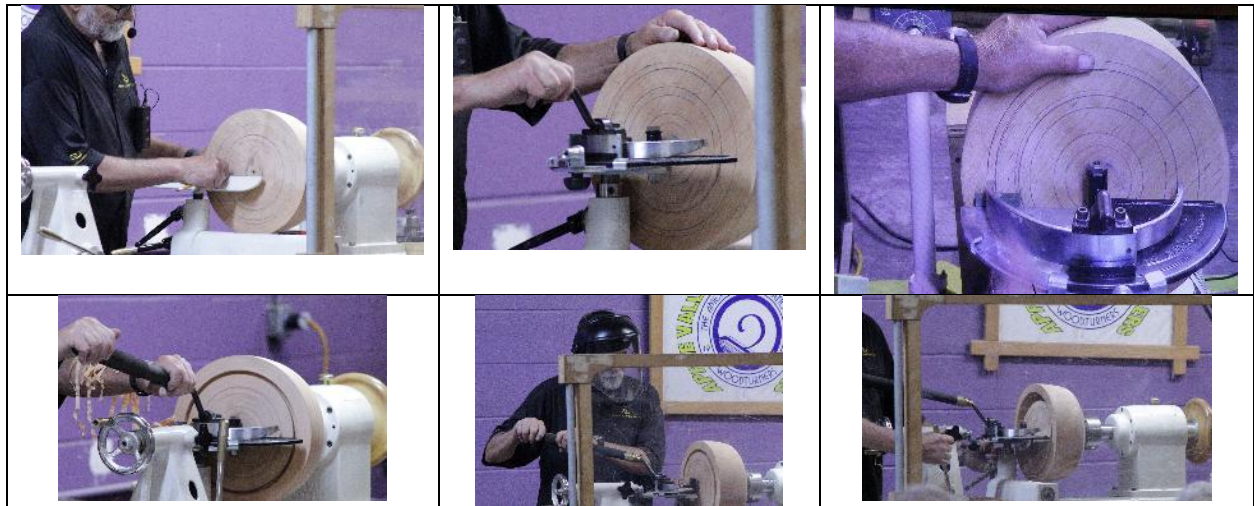
Challenges are usually announced at the meeting prior so there is a full month to get the piece made.

Program Report

The June meeting was well attended with a lot of people participating in the challenge for the month. The photos below show the toys plus other items brought for show and tell. The June meeting demo was done by Roger Marchant. Roger showed the Woodcut Bowl Corer and demonstrated how easy it is to use and how you can get more than one bowl from a piece of wood. Below are some pictures of the event including show and tell and Roger’s coring session.







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.

Beginning Bank Balance (6/1/2025)	\$ 6489.45
Deposits	\$ 0.00
Checks/EFT Cleared	\$ 152.12
Checks Pending	\$ 0.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 6337.33
Pending Deposits:	\$ 80.00
Cash for Change:	\$ 50.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 630.56
Total available	\$ 7097.89

Tips and Tricks

This month's tip is provided by Steve Halliday:

Are you confused about the wood you are about to turn? The Virginia Department of Forestry has a publication that can help you.

https://dof.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/Common-Native-Trees-ID_pub.pdf

Each page gives you details about the tree, its size, habitat, leaves, bark etc. often with pictures to help you identify the trees that grow in Virginia.

If you need more info, you can always go to the Wood Database - <https://www.wood-database.com/>

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

YouTube Suggestions

How to use scrapers: <https://youtu.be/9h1P9ud9XBo>

<https://www.youtube.com/@woodturningwithtimyoder>

<https://www.youtube.com/@GlennLucasWoodTurner>

<https://www.youtube.com/@TheTinyTurner>

Send me your favorite YouTube 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's article comes from Ron Brown.

What the customer wants

Taking the Mystery Out Of Selling Your Work

If you are a hobby wood turner making things strictly for your own enjoyment and never intend to make gifts for loved ones, friends, or neighbors, and if you have all the money you need to buy all the Woodturning toys you could ever want, this message is not for you. If, on the other hand, you would love to have all of the wood-turning gadgets you can imagine without taking up every penny out of the family budget what follows is pretty good advice.

Back in the days when I was making simple furniture mostly in the plantation country style, I approached the proprietor of a retail store specializing in wooden furniture, shelving and more. He granted me a short appointment, and I laid out samples of my goods before him hoping to establish a commercial relationship. He liked my quality, he liked my prices, but he didn't like any of my designs. Just about when I thought all was lost, he posed an interesting question which was "Would you be interested in supplying me with some of the pieces I used to carry that were good sellers, but that I can't get anymore. Some of my suppliers have retired, one died, and the other fellow is too sick to work anymore.

This fellow had been smart enough to save the sample of each of the items he was looking for and I use them to reverse engineer my new product line. I didn't know it, but he had been looking for suppliers for these items at the same time I was looking for customers for my handmade wooden furniture items. When he told me what he would be willing to pay per item it began an eight-year relationship that was extremely lucrative for both of us. In fact, my oldest son took over much of the manufacturing while he was still in high school.

The moral of this story is "make what the customer wants to buy regardless of what you have to sell."

Over the years I have built a number of workshops. The first four were built with proceeds from items I sold without taking money out of the family budget. So, if you're looking for a way to buy those new jigs and fixtures, lathe chisels, sharpening systems, sphere jigs, Longworth chucks, etc. without taking money out of the family budget, just figure out what you can make that people in your local area want to buy and are willing to pay a reasonable price for. Then learn how to make them efficiently and effectively and in large quantities and who knows pretty soon you might be thinking about that brand-new Powermatic or Robust American beauty.

A simple formula

There are two parts to this formula:

1) things you already know how to make, things you would be willing to learn how to make if someone showed you, and things you don't know how to make but could probably figure out. Plus,

2) items others want that are willing to pay and economically feasible price to obtain.

SUPPLY + DEMAND = SALES

In my case, that means making spinning tops, acorn lidded boxes, Christmas ornaments, and a dozen other things which have long since ceased to be fun and cool and exciting but still sell like hotcakes everywhere I go. My friend Nick Cook gave me some sage advice when I first learned to turn and was thinking that I might be able to sell some of my merchandise. Nick said, "Find something to make which is fast and inexpensive and sell a million of them. Nick said that was the advice given to him by his friend Rude Osolnik." By the way, Nick has made over 250,000 bottle stoppers so it's obvious he's taking his own advice. Everyone has different tastes, that's why there are so many different kinds of music. Don't fall in love with pieces you have made when you are trying to sell something. If you love it that much keep it and make something else to sell, something folks want to buy. By the way the number one selling turned item in the world are utility bowls for the table.

Your friend, Ron Brown

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Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Good friends are hard to come by. When you are lucky enough to find one, be a good friend back to them.

If you are interested in Ron Brown's tools that he makes, you can visit his web page at <https://longworthchuck.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=87>

For Sale/Wanted

List your surplus woodturning related equipment or your needs here.

WANTED: A piece of Elm. Minimum is enough to make a pen for a gift. Contact Steve at sghalliday@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

1): Stuart Batty turning tool set:

- 16-inch taper lock handle (each piece screws into the handle for quick change)
- 3/8 inch bowl gouge
- 3/8 inch bowl gouge
- Negative rake scrapper with replaceable cutter

Asking \$200 for the set. The pieces new are \$610 on Stuart Batty's website (handle: \$90; 3/8 gouge: \$160; 3/8 gouge: \$200; negative rake scrapper: \$160; <https://stuartbattytools.com/buy-woodturning-tools>). Everything is in prime condition.



If interested, please contact Mark Zimmerman at 540-247-8721 or mbzimmerman@comcast.net

2): Lathes:

- Grizzly 16 44 bought new last year. Variable speed with tachometer, rotating and sliding head. Working perfectly, I just got a larger one. Was \$1200 will take \$700 OBO.
- Jet 10 15 used very good condition. \$175 OBO

If interested contact Lyle at 540 247 1161 text is best.

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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.

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publications, American Woodturner and FUNdamentals, there is always something new to learn and discover on the AAW web site.

What's Going On

Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium <https://mawts.com/event/>

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:

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.catoctinareaturners.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.catoctinareaturners.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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