

Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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To all,

Recently, during a "Skills" session I was lucky enough to see one of our turners beaming with delight as he turned his first ever bowl. Our hobby has been around since at least 300 BC, so perhaps we've discovered all the technical aspects of turning wood into functional pieces of art or everyday items needed in our lives. What hasn't been fully realized is the joy or sense of accomplishment we feel when we master a new cut or technique or display our latest creation. More enjoyable than that is helping a fellow turner discover something new. We have such an abundance of talent in our club, and those talented turners are eager to share their knowledge with the rest of us. Aren't we fortunate to have a built-in cadre of teachers willing to guide us on our creative journey?

NW Works is now in possession of a beautiful piano donated by Scott and Pauline. Thanks so much to them.

Last week several of us converged on NW Works and attacked our club possessions. Many items were thrown away. At our upcoming meeting on the 16th several items will be offered to the members via raffle.

I'm still not happy with our audio-visual capabilities and will discuss this with the club.

Don't forget, apples and bowls will be collected at our next meeting.

See you soon.

Roger

From the Editor

This month I have an action item list for you. All members:

1. 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. This month's club challenge is "fruit" so you can do two things in one go.
2. Turn a bowl for the NWWorks auction, this will help us fulfill our "payment" to NWWorks. The bowl can be any size from 4 – 10 inches diameter. Sand the bowl to 320 grit BUT DO NOT put any finish on it. This will be done by the NWW clients. Put the identification coin in the bottom. If you don't have a coin, drill a hole in the bottom 1 5/16" about 1/8 – 3/16" deep. Bring the bowl and the apple to the August meeting.
3. September is Apple Harvest Festival. No meeting as the club has a booth that weekend at the festival. If you would like to help the club, you have two options (not mutually exclusive):
 - a. Help to run the booth. See Roger or Dennis to sign up.
 - b. Donate some of your work to the club to be sold at the event. Mark the price on each piece, up to \$50. The festival is unlikely to bring customers for higher price pieces. All the money goes to the club to help us bring in more demonstrators next year. There will be NO personal sales.
4. 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.

A busy time for all. As I write this, you have just over a week until the next meeting. Get going.

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:

August: Joe Lehman from the Department of Forestry - Urban Forestry.

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.

2026 Demonstrators currently booked.



January (on a Monday night, January 19) – Emma Cook.

From England, Emma is a very talented woodturner. Known as the Tiny Turner, she is currently the chair of the UK Register of Professional Turners (<https://www.registerofprofessionalturners.co.uk/>) and is a

Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Turners (<https://turnersco.com/>). You can visit her web site at <https://www.thetintyturner.co.uk/>



October – Stewart Furini.

Best known for his decorated pieces, Stewart is a member of the UK Register of Professional Turners (<https://www.registerofprofessionalturners.co.uk/>). His web site is <https://www.stewartfuriniwoodturning.co.uk/>

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.

August Meeting Notice and Program

The August meeting will be held on August 16 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 – Joe Lehman from the Department of Forestry will talk about the work of the department and how urban forestry works.

Show-And-Tell

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 Challenge for July was a bowl. The challenges set so far are:

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

September: No challenge as there is no meeting.

October: A chance for something different that everyone can participate in. The challenge is “**Big and Little**”. You must make two nearly identical items, though one should be large and the other small. Think bowls, candle sticks, vases, etc. Your choice.

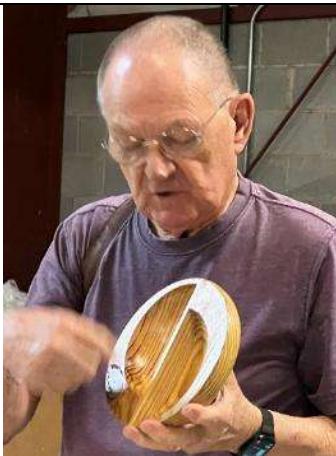
Challenges are usually announced at the meeting prior so there is a full month to get the piece made.

Program Report

The July meeting was well attended with a lot of people participating in the challenge for the month. The photos below show the items brought for show and tell. The July meeting demo was done by Mike Fraser. Mike showed how easy it is to make Christmas ornaments. Below are some pictures of the event including show and tell and Mike's Christmas ornaments 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 (7/1/2025)	\$ 6337.33
Deposits	\$ 0.00
Checks/EFT Cleared	\$ 0.00
Checks Pending	\$ 0.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 6337.33
Pending Deposits:	\$ 150.00
Cash for Change:	\$ 50.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 630.56
Total available	\$ 7167.89

Tips and Tricks

This month's tip is provided by Steve Halliday:

If like me you have several chucks, and you tend to leave your favorite jaws on a chuck remember to tighten the screws on the chuck jaws. I recently noticed a wobble on a piece in the chuck and found that a couple of the screws had worked loose. Not dangerous (yet) but certainly detrimental to my turning.

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

YouTube Suggestions

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

<https://www.youtube.com/@mayukowoodturning7644>

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

Send me your favorite YouTube channels.

Guest Editorial

No article this month. If you would like to write an article or editorial for the newsletter, let us know. It must be woodturning related.

For Sale/Wanted

List your surplus woodturning related equipment or your needs here.

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.

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<p>Shane Wagoner, 540-364-2401 P.O. Box 398, Marshall, VA 20116</p>	

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

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 13-14	Long Island Woodworkers 27th Annual Woodworking Show, Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, NY
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
October 10-12	Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild Symposium 2025 West Harrison, IN
Jan 9-10, 2026	SW Florida Wood Art Expo Charlotte Harbor Event Center Punta Gorda, FL
Jan 30-31, 2026	Tennessee Association of Woodturners 2026 Symposium Franklin Marriott Hotel and Convention Center Franklin, TN
Feb 20-22, 2026	Florida Woodturning Symposium RP Funding Center Lakeland, FL
June 4-7, 2026	AAW Symposium, Raleigh, NC,

Virginia Clubs

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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