

Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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Notes from the President

I want to thank everybody in AVW for a super year in turning. As a club, we have increased our membership. Our bank account is healthy. Our host, NW Works, is very pleased with the activities we've presented to their clients. We have greatly improved our audio and video capabilities. We're going to have our first IRD (Interactive remote demonstration) this month and next year promises to be even more action-packed.



Our group buy of Ack's Wood Paste has arrived and will be available for pickup at the November meeting. The 3-part kit has wood treatment, sanding sealer, and paste wax for a beautiful finish. Simple instructions are included along with other goodies. The final price, including shipping and handling, is \$50 per kit. If you ordered, then please bring the funds to the meeting.

Our end-of-the-year meeting and lunch promises to be the best yet. We have club elections next month. If you're interested in running for office, please let me know.

Roger

From the Editor

Autumn is here and the holiday season is fast approaching. St. Judes Children's Hospital is a great place that helps children and families with health problems and at this time of the year they need our help to give those kids a great holiday season.

Turners Warehouse is hosting a competition to raise money for St. Judes. They are hosting a contest for the best Christmas Ornaments. These ornaments will then be auctioned to raise money. So, you can help in two ways. Make an ornament and send it in to Turners Warehouse to enter the competition. There are eight categories you can enter and there are prizes for the best in each category. The event is sponsored by some great names, so you know the prizes will be great. They include special "one off" carbide tools from Easy Wood Tools (these tools will never be made again, so you could have a very special tool). Once all the judging is done, there will be an auction of all the pieces submitted (you do NOT get your piece back unless you bid on it). Your ornament is due at Turners Warehouse by November 14th and the on-line auction will be held December 2nd to 6th on eBay. If you cannot make an ornament, then join the auction and buy one of the pieces. Some of the pieces will be donated by some well-known turners. This is a great way to help a very worthwhile cause, so get turning. For more details visit <https://www.turnerswarehouse.com/pages/ornamentcharityauction>.

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:

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 17: Steve Halliday will demonstrate a water drop bowl. He will show all the steps to make and paint the bowl.

Then, a special event. The following Monday evening (January 19, 6 – 9pm) – 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.thetinyturner.co.uk/>. Her bio is available at <https://www.thetinyturner.co.uk/about>.



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| February 21: | Jeff Hughes - Refinishing |
| March 21: | Mike Sorge - Topic to come |
| April 18: | Annie Ogg - Turning miniatures |

May 16: Tips and Tricks and our tool auction. Start thinking now what tips and tricks you have to share and what tools you don't need any more and can donate to the club for the auction.

June 20: Open

July 18: Open

August 15: Open

September 19: Apple Harvest, no meeting

October 17: Stewart Furini, IRD Topic to come



October – Stewart Furini. This is an IRD (Interactive Remote Demo). 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/>

November 21: Charles Worton - Spheres and eggs

December 12: Dinner, etc

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. Only paid up members may attend the skills sessions due to insurance restrictions.

November Meeting Notice and Program

The November meeting will be held on November 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 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 – Jason Breach with demonstrate one of his Japanese boxes.

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 challenges set so far are:

November: Snowman. Get ready for the holidays and show us what you can do.

December: As usual we will be having an ornament swap, so the challenge is to make Christmas Ornaments.

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

Program Report

The meeting was well attended with Tim Gregory demonstrating how to make a pepper mill using staves. Here is a list from Tim of the sources for the project:

Chefspecialties.com -10" pepper or salt mill \$20.50	https://chefspecialties.com/products/copy-of-chef-specialties-10-professional-series-pepper-mill-mechanism https://chefspecialties.com/products/chef-specialties-professional-series-salt-mill-mechanism?variant=32956066922576
Rockler -10" pepper mill with saltshaker top \$24.99	https://www.rockler.com/salt-shaker-and-peppermill-hardware-kits
Woodcraft – pepper mill \$15.99 salt mill \$14.99	https://www.woodcraft.com/products/woodriver-pepper-mill-grinder-turning-kit-mechanism-stainless-steel https://www.woodcraft.com/products/woodriver-salt-mill-grinder-turning-kit-mechanism-ceramic

Below are some pictures of the event including show and tell and Tim's pepper mills demonstration.







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 (10/1/2025)	\$ 6908.12
Deposits	\$ 0.00
Checks/EFT Cleared	\$ 0.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 6908.12
Checks Pending	\$ 52.64
Pending Deposits:	\$ 105.00

Cash for Change:	\$ 50.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 630.56
Total available	\$ 7635.04

Tips and Tricks

Do you sell your work? Carl Jacobson of Niles Bottle Stoppers (nilesbottlestoppers.com) has posted a ten minute video on Marketing your “stuff”. He includes some good tips along with a suggestion to visit the Niles Bottle Stopper web site where there are some more great tips. Go to <https://nilesbottlestoppers.com/marketing-tips/>

YouTube Suggestions

No YouTube suggestions this month. Don’t forget to send me your favorite YouTube channels.

Guest Editorial

This month’s article comes from Roger Marchant.

The Journey

Way back when I was in the eighth grade at Hialeah Junior High, I was introduced to woodturning as part of a woodworking shop class. The result of that class was a bowl that looked as though I hacked it round with a machete and scooped the inside with a garden hoe. But I was very proud of it. So proud that I gave it to my mother. That was the extent of my turning for the next 28 years. My sister has that bowl to this day, and I’m even more proud of it because it’s the piece that brought me back to wood turning.

During the break in my woodturning life, my memory of turning morphed into a fantasy of an accomplished turner able to create wooden masterpieces worthy of being displayed in the finest galleries worldwide. My father played an important role in my fantasy when he gifted me a lathe. It was a Craftsman lathe with a complete set of Craftsman tools. Yes, it was one of those with the 3-inch pipe connecting the headstock to the horribly misaligned tailstock.

I drove from Kansas City, Kansas, to Leesburg, Florida, to pick up the lathe. 1200 miles each way to pick up the free lathe pops gave me. All the way home, I dreamed of an entire home filled with turned masterpieces. I got it (the lathe) home, set it up, and somehow put a chunk of wood between centers and started trying to turn a bowl with what I now know to be a spindle roughing gouge.

The resulting catastrophe shattered my dreams and my roughing gouge. Additionally, my ego took a big hit. Why was it so difficult? My memories of turning had failed me. I checked out some books from the library, and away I went. Turning was becoming an addiction that I had to share with golf, fishing, running, and any other activity that struck my fancy. Because I was splitting my time among all these hobbies, I wasn't happy with my progress with any of them.

To improve, I figured a new lathe, boat, or golf clubs would help me enhance my skills in all of them. That certainly wasn't the case. During the winter, my turning skills improved, and my golf and fishing skills deteriorated. Was I going to play on the senior PGA? Not likely. Was I going to fish professionally for Bass Masters? No. Run in the Boston Marathon (HaHa). Oh, what a vicious cycle! After a series of new lathes, clubs, and an assortment of fishing gear and running shoes, it finally struck me that I needed to set some realistic goals.

My first and most important goal is to have fun and enjoy the journey. Like the golfer, the fisherman, and the runner, I needed to choose a primary hobby. For a number of reasons, I chose woodturning. Next, I actually read some of the books I mentioned earlier. Finally, I found a group of woodturners who took great joy in sharing their accumulated knowledge (AVW).

Why do I share this tidbit of info? After a recent skills session, a club member expressed their frustration with the seemingly slow improvement in their turning skills. Building skills takes time and practice. None of us was born with a gouge in our hands. The very best turners, golfers, fishermen, runners, etc., started their journey at the same place.

Relax and enjoy the woodturning journey. The skills will come, maybe not as fast as you'd like, but they will come.

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.

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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.

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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: 09/25/26 - 09/27/26

Location: Wyndham Resort and Convention Center

Address: 2300 Lincoln Highway East (Route 30), Lancaster, PA 17602

Other symposiums:

Nov 7-9, 2025	North Carolina Woodturning Symposium, Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, NC
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,
July 30-Aug 2.	Turn on Chicago Woodturning Symposium, Hilton Hotel, Northbrook, IL
September 25-27	Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium, Lancaster, PA
October 24-25	Virginia Woodturning Symposium, Augusta Expo Center, Fishersville, VA

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://woodturnersofthevirinias.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.woodturnersofthevirinias.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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