

# Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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## January Meeting Notice and Program

The January meeting will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> at:

NW Works, Inc.  
3085 Shawnee Dr,  
Winchester, VA 22601  
<http://bit.ly/4oZpbme>

**Monthly Demo** – Steve Halliday will show how to make a bowl with a water drop effect. Special Meeting MONDAY Jan 19th – Emma Cook – See below

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. Plan on joining a group heading out for a sandwich after the meeting.

- 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”
- Demonstration

Skills session is the following Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00am

### Apple Valley Woodturners Mission:

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

## Notes from the President

Welcome to 2026.

2025 was a great year for AVW. We added new members and kept most of our existing members. We upgraded our audiovisual equipment, which helped us achieve our first IRD, and from all accounts, it was very successful. Our relationship with NWworks is very strong as we continue to help with their training programs. Thanks to everyone who helped AVW last year.

At the December meeting, we held our elections. The entire board ran unopposed and was reelected.

We have an exciting year planned with several great demonstrators scheduled. This month, we have a double header. First, our one and only Steve will be enlightening us with some exciting embellishing techniques, as only he can. Then, just as we catch our collective breaths on Monday evening, we'll get to watch Emma Cook, the Tiny Turner, work her magic.

Here's the CATCH! You must be current with your dues to enjoy these lovely events. Please pay your dues, as this is how we can continue bringing these high-quality events to our club.

See you Saturday.

Roger

And a quick note from the Vice-President:

**Monthly Raffle Items:** we're looking for woodturning-related items that we can use for the raffle at our monthly meetings, so if you have extra things in your shop that are in good shape, please consider bringing them in as a donation. This could include things like individual turning tools, packs of sandpaper, books, pen blanks or kits, unopened finishes, interesting smaller pieces of wood, or anything you can think of that you don't need or use anymore and someone else might want for their shop.

Thanks, Mark.

## From the Editor

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. Hopefully you all got some new toys for your workshop. I got a couple: a set of six airbrushes (so I don't have to clean up as much), and a battery powered, high velocity air gun (so I can clean up the sawdust mess without running the big compressor).

## AVW Officers:

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New look for the newsletter this month. Let me know if you see other things we can add/delete/change to improve the newsletter.

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](mailto: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. The theme for the month is a "natural edge". 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](mailto:newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info).

## Program Schedule

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 are:

<b>January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026:</b>		Steve Halliday will demonstrate a water drop effect on a bowl. He will show all the steps to make and paint the bowl
<b>January 19<sup>th</sup> (on a Monday night). 6pm – 9pm</b>		<b>SPECIAL EVENT - Live</b> Emma Cook – platter, turned and colored. 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  ( <a href="https://www.registerofprofessionalturners.co.uk/">https://www.registerofprofessionalturners.co.uk/</a> ) and is a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Turners ( <a href="https://turnersco.com/">https://turnersco.com/</a> ). You can visit her web site at <a href="https://www.thetinyturner.co.uk/">https://www.thetinyturner.co.uk/</a> Her bio is available at <a href="https://www.thetinyturner.co.uk/about">https://www.thetinyturner.co.uk/about</a> .
<b>February 21:</b>	Jeff Hughes - Refinishing	

<b>March 21:</b>	Mike Sorge - Topic to come
<b>April 18:</b>	Annie Ogg - Turning miniatures
<b>May 16:</b>	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. Contact Roger with your ideas.
<b>June 20:</b>	Jason Breach
<b>July 18:</b>	Open
<b>August 15:</b>	Open
<b>September 19:</b>	Apple Harvest, no meeting
<b>October 18:</b>	 <p>– Stewart Furini. - IRD          Best known for his decorated pieces, Stewart is a member of the UK Register of Professional Turners (<a href="https://www.registerofprofessionalturners.co.uk/">https://www.registerofprofessionalturners.co.uk/</a>). His web site is <a href="https://www.stewartfuriniwoodturning.co.uk/">https://www.stewartfuriniwoodturning.co.uk/</a></p>
<b>November 21:</b>	Charles Worton - Spheres and eggs
<b>December 12:</b>	Lunch, Business meeting, 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.

## **Show-And-Tell and “Win One-Turn One”**

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:

**January:** Natural edge piece. It can be a bowl or a vase or anything else as long as it is turned by you and it has a natural edge.

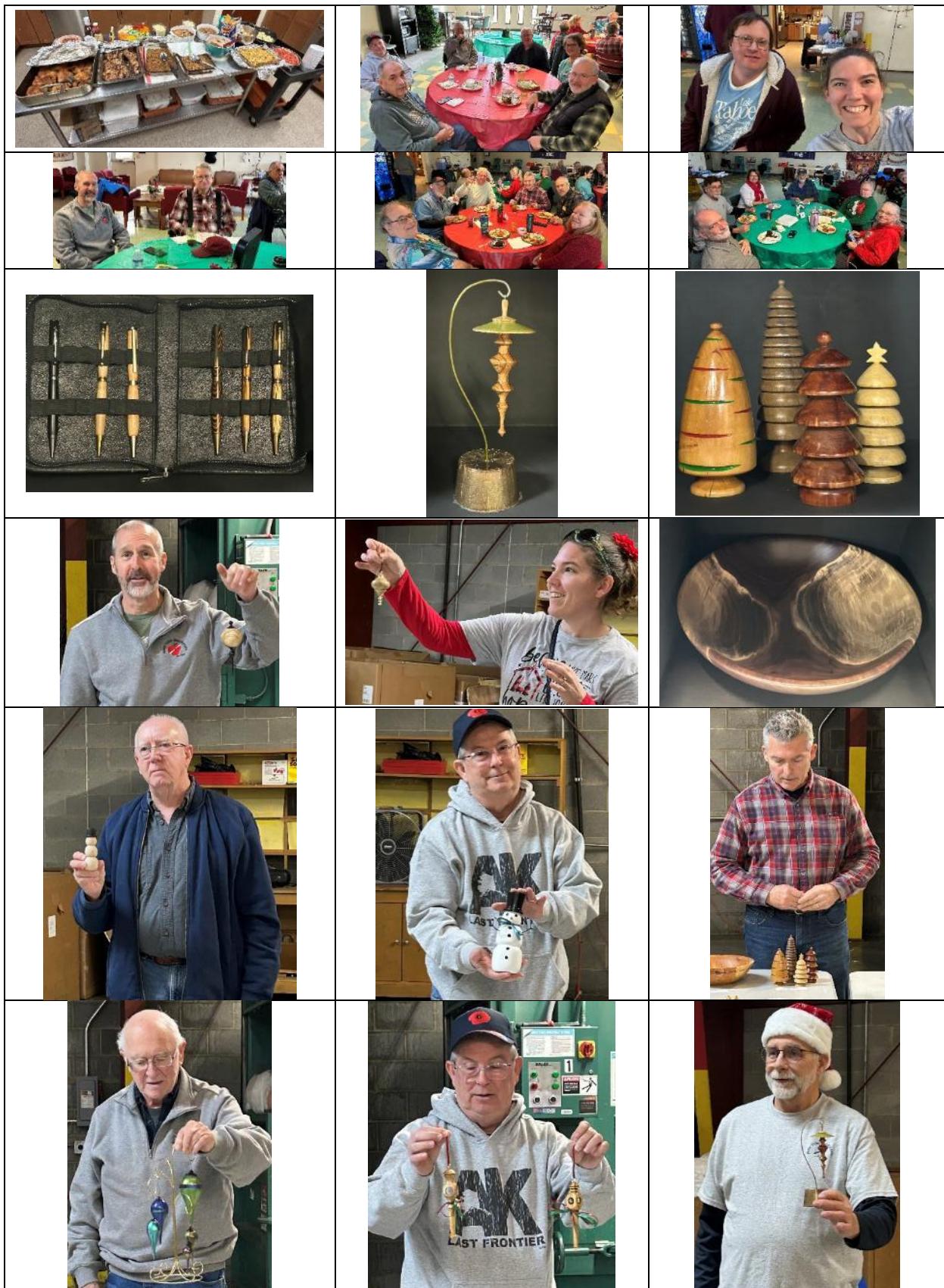
**February:** Something “interesting and/or different”. No standard bowls or vases for this one. Make it a challenge to you, decorate something, or chose a different style that we don’t see at the club.

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

There was no Win One-Turn One in December

## **Program Report**

The December meeting was our annual meeting with the business meeting and a lunch. It 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 and the participation in the lunch.





## 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 (12/1/2025)	\$ 7465.48
Deposits	\$ 60.00
Checks/EFT Cleared	\$ 1313.45
Checks Pending	\$ 0.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 6612.03
Pending Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Cash for Change:	\$ 50.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 714.01
Total available	\$ 6976.04

## Tips and Tricks

### **Protect your lathe with a paint shield**

By Dennis J. Dantro

Do you spray paint on the lathe? Protect your lathe with a shop made paint shield. It's easy to make from 2 sheets of cardboard.



Step 1: Cut 2 sheets of cardboard to the same size. Large enough to cover your lathe.



Step 2: Cut a slot in the cardboard large enough to slip onto the **spindle body BEHIND your chuck**. Location is important for a secure fit. So remember, measure carefully. I used a pencil, ruler and square to layout my slot.



Step 3: After the slot is cut and tested, lay the 2 pieces flat on the table to create the hinge. Tape on both sides of the cardboard creates a hinge. Allow a small gap between the sheets so you can fold it in half for better storage.



Step 4: When you have finished spray painting just unscrew your chuck or slip the paint shield off the lathe. You can store it flat

## Preventative Maintenance on your lathe

Steve Halliday

It's a new year and now is a great time to give your lathe a quick once over to make sure it is working well. Take the tail stock and the banjo off the lathe and give them a good clean. Take the two items apart as much as you can (don't worry, they are easy to put back together). Use some denatured alcohol to clean everything, make sure you get all that caked on dust. Now clean and polish the mating surfaces with a good metal polish, use a dry lube on the bearing surfaces of the cams. Next lean the bed of the lathe, get rid of all that old dust and any paint or CA glue that has fallen on the lathe. Give the bed a good clean with the metal polish. Reassemble everything and there, you have a nice new looking lathe with the tailstock and the banjo operating properly.

If you have a tip or trick you would like to share, send it to [newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info](mailto:newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info).

## YouTube Suggestions

No suggestions this month. Send me your favorite YouTube channels.

## Guest Editorial

Dennis J. Dantro, AVW special projects coordinator has an update for everyone about our relationship with NW Works for 2026.

As you know AVW has an obligation to provide skills development in a classroom setting for NW Works clientele. We are planning six sessions through the coming year. The first class starts the year off in January as a New Year's celebration with bud vases and party highlights. AVW's instructors are Roger, Mark and Dennis.



*Bud vases and party highlights*

Sessions will continue during March, May, July, September and November. Here is an opportunity for AVW members to contribute to a noble cause. We are looking for simple projects that can be done. Each project should consist of enough items for a class of 10 to 12 people.

In the past AVW provided holiday snowmen, bird houses, garden dibbles, bowls, vases and wobble mushrooms. Use your imagination to produce a themed project. Please contact Roger, Mark or Dennis with questions or ideas. Your help and support are appreciated.

## **NW Works On-Line store for 2026**

NW Works plans to open an On-Line store. This will provide an additional source of revenue for NW Works. Our leadership has agreed to provide small personal items for the store with 10% of sales coming back to AVW.

We will take a two-fold approach by providing items that are finished with professional quality and raw wood items that can be finished by NW Works clientele. We are open to your suggestions. Please contact Roger, Mark or Dennis with questions or ideas. Your help and support are appreciated.

The following are some suggestions for the NW Works On-Line store, but we are only limited by your imagination.



*Multi-purpose screwdriver kits*



*Tea light vases*



*Jewelry stand*



*Pens*



*Keep sake boxes*



*Spatula kits*

AVW wants to thank all of those turners that contribute time, effort and energy to further the goal of making AVW a preferred local partner. We can't do it without you.

If you would like to write an article or editorial for the newsletter, let us know. It must be woodturning related.

## **For Sale/Wanted**

Sears lathe for free, if you know anyone interested please have them call me. It runs; it has a couple of issues that need to be fixed. My name is Bob Jacobs and I am a member. My phone number is 540 327 8721. [bbj194545@gmail.com](mailto:bbj194545@gmail.com).

Powercap Active IP respirator for sale. Used but in great condition. Includes many extras:

- [Powercap Active IP PAPR](#) -\$654.16
- [Pre-Filters](#): - \$25.55
- [Particulate filters](#) (2 pack): - \$56.60
- [Peel Off Visor Protectors](#) (10 pack): - \$43.32
- [Spare Battery](#): - \$224.26

Cost new is over \$1000.00 (Prices from Peaksafety web site).

It needs a new [Face Seal](#) - \$13.93, though there are a couple of older ones supplied with it to get you going.

This respirator is better than the Trend unit in my opinion, it is much lighter for a start. Only selling it as I bought a new unit with protection from chemicals. Bargain at \$500.00. Contact [sghalliday@gmail.com](mailto:sghalliday@gmail.com).

List your surplus woodturning related equipment or your needs here. Send an email to [newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info](mailto:newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info).

## Support Our Friends



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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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## **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:**

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
January 22-25, 2026	Colonial Williamsburg 28th Annual Woodturning Conference, Colonial Williamsburg, VA
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
March 21-22, 2026	Idaho Artistry in Wood Show, Jack's Urban meeting place, Boise, Idaho
June 4-7, 2026	AAW Symposium, Raleigh, NC. <a href="https://www.aawsymposium.org/about">https://www.aawsymposium.org/about</a>
July 30-Aug 2.	Turn on Chicago Woodturning Symposium, Hilton Hotel, Northbrook, IL
September 25-27	Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium, Lancaster, PA (See above)
September 25-27, 2026	Segmented Woodturning Symposium, Hilton Northbrook Hotel, Northbrook, IL
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](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](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](mailto: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](mailto:treasurer@applevalleywoodturners.info) for other payment methods.

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