

Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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April Meeting Notice and Program

The April meeting will be held on April 18th
at 9:00am

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

Monthly Demo – Annie Ogg - Turning
miniatures

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, April
25th, 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

Turners,

I hope all is well with each of you. Since we last spoke, our club has been moving at a breakneck pace. However, considering our average age, that means we successfully get out of bed each day.

Well, we bought four new lathes and a bunch of new audio/visual equipment. If all works out well, we'll have that up and running for our next meeting.

We're ordering kits for items to stock the online store for NWW. Please consider helping the club in this effort.

We're planning to have some weeknight sessions to make the items for the store. Please don't miss the next meeting, as we have a great demonstration. We'll also be presenting a new contest or raffle that will benefit at least one lucky club member.

See you soon.

Roger

From the Editor

IMPORTANT: As you know, the AAW Symposium is in Raleigh NC this year. They are offering Chapters a \$40 discount for each member who wish to attend. Send your name and email info to newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info and I will send you the code.

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.

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 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.

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- 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:

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. Contact Roger with your ideas.
June 20:	Jason Breach
July 18:	Christmas in July, Mike Fraser
August 15:	Charles Worton - Spheres and eggs
September 19:	Apple Harvest, no meeting
October 18:	 <p>– Stewart Furini. - IRD 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/</p>
November 21:	Mark Zimmerman
December 12:	Lunch, Business meeting, etc

The Saturday following the meeting is usually 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 January was a natural edge piece. The challenges set so far are:

April: “Variations on a theme”

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 March.

Program Report

The March 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 and of the meeting in general.







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 (4/1/2026)	\$ 7099.38
Deposits	\$ 720.00
Checks/EFT Cleared	\$ 4434.22
Checks Pending	\$ 0.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 3385.16
Pending Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Cash for Change:	\$ 50.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 471.12
Total available	\$ 3906.28

Tips and Tricks

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

YouTube Suggestions

Send me your favorite YouTube channels.

Guest Editorial

This month's guest editorial comes from June 2002 AVW Newsletter

THE BANDSAW

A misunderstood tool and likely as not a misused one.

A bandsaw is virtually a necessity for a woodturner. It shapes bowl blanks, then further reduces this scrap into blanks for the numerous small items that we turn. In general, it's the tool we use for our wood preparation,

I'm not going into makes and models as this isn't my purpose. My goal is to bring forth a few facts with regards to safe use.

First, a bandsaw does not require a lot of horsepower to run effectively. Once the saw is in motion, the band wheels act as flywheels, reducing the need for horsepower while still maintaining torque or thrust if you will. This is where the danger starts. When you offer the blade to an irregular shaped piece of wood, such as a bowl blank, a few things can happen simultaneously. The teeth pull the work piece downward onto the table while lifting or tilting the back of the piece. At the same time the blade becomes deformed, forcing an S shaped curve in the blade. This is caused by the rotational force of the band wheels. This curve is always on the right-hand side of the blade, just above the point of entry into the wood. The saw is trying to take the wood from your hands. Your right hand can be pulled violently towards the blade. We all know what a catch on the lathe is. This is a catch on the bandsaw. To minimize the danger, set your guide blocks so they just clear the wood. Properly tension your blade everyday of use. How many of you do that? Release the tension at the end of the day. It takes about ten seconds to tension a blade. Let's face it, bandsaw blades are a real pain in the neck to change, guide blocks have to be adjusted, as do the bearings, tracking adjustments made, table brought back to level etc. etc. Therefore, we tend to use a blade that suits a multitude of uses. Danger again.

For the type of wood we cut, wet and green, the proper blade is of a hook tooth design with very few teeth per inch and deep gullets. This acts the same as a rip blade on a table saw. The deep gullets enable the blade to get rid of the saw dust at a rapid pace when wet or dry, regular blades can't do this properly. They tend to clog up, now you're forcing the wood into the blade, the saw responds by leading off wherever it wants to go. Chances are that by now the blade is bowed in the wood. At this point your choices are very limited. If you try to back the wood away from the blade you pull the blade free of the guides. The best choice is to try to gently cut your way out of the wood. A few relief cuts would have served you well.

Table tops rust rapidly with green wet wood being cut. Treat the top. Brush it off immediately after use. Do whatever you can to reduce friction between the wood and the tabletop.

Don't saw by leaning your upper body weight on the wood, get comfortable, guide the wood gently, adjust blade tension, offer no more blade to the piece than needed, keep your tabletop smooth and friction free, and use a push stick on small pieces.

For Sale/Wanted

List your surplus woodturning related equipment or your needs here. Send an email to 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

June 4-7, 2026	AAW Symposium, Raleigh, NC. https://www.aawsymposium.org/about
July 30-Aug 2.	Turn on Chicago Woodturning Symposium, Hilton Hotel, Northbrook, IL
September 25-27	Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium, Lancaster, PA https://mawts.com/
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.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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