

# Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



<https://www.applevalleywoodturners.info>



<http://www.woodturner.org/>

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## May Meeting Notice and Program

The May meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

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

**Monthly Demo** – Tips and Tricks and  
Tool Auction

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, May 23<sup>rd</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

To all my favorite gougers,

It's exciting watching the Apple Valley Woodturners grow and evolve as a club. We've dramatically improved our abilities to host professional turners and conduct workshops.

On a different note, please consider being a guest writer for our newsletter. It's not difficult. Simply journal a project or share a story that's important to you as a turner. One or two paragraphs is all. Think about it, won't you?

Remember, this month is our tool auction. Scan your shop for turning tools no longer needed, then bring them to the meeting. Also, bring plenty of money so you can replace the tools you just sold.

Lastly, thank you to all the board members who do all the work needed to keep this club going and to all the members who donate their time and talent to the club.

Roger

## From the Editor

We have upgraded our AV system with the ability to



switch between 4 cameras and record the session. The meeting in April was our first use of the system and other than

a few teething problems, it worked well. We now need some people to help with this system, getting it setup at meetings and controlling the cameras. If you are interested in helping contact me ([newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info](mailto:newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info)).

The Board of Directors is also interested in having a presence at more outside events (Apple Valley Blossom and Harvest Festival, Blandy Craft fair etc.). We need someone who will lead us to be able to do this. The person will help identify potential places and coordinate with the event people and the Board. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Roger ([president@applevalleywoodturners.info](mailto:president@applevalleywoodturners.info)).

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.

**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).

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## 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>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>	Christmas in July, Mike Fraser
<b>August 15:</b>	Charles Worton - Spheres and eggs
<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>	Mark Zimmerman
<b>December 12:</b>	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 April was “Variations on a Theme”. The future challenges set so far are:

**May:** Embellish a piece. No restrictions on the type of embellishment. Use your imagination or copy something you have seen. If you are looking for inspiration, checkout Steven Parker in the Northeast Florida Woodturners Association video on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/A8Q-jGfP5IE>

**June:** Make a multi-part piece. At least two pieces of wood, glued or pushed together. Any shape, any finish.

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

Terry won the Win One-Turn-One in April.

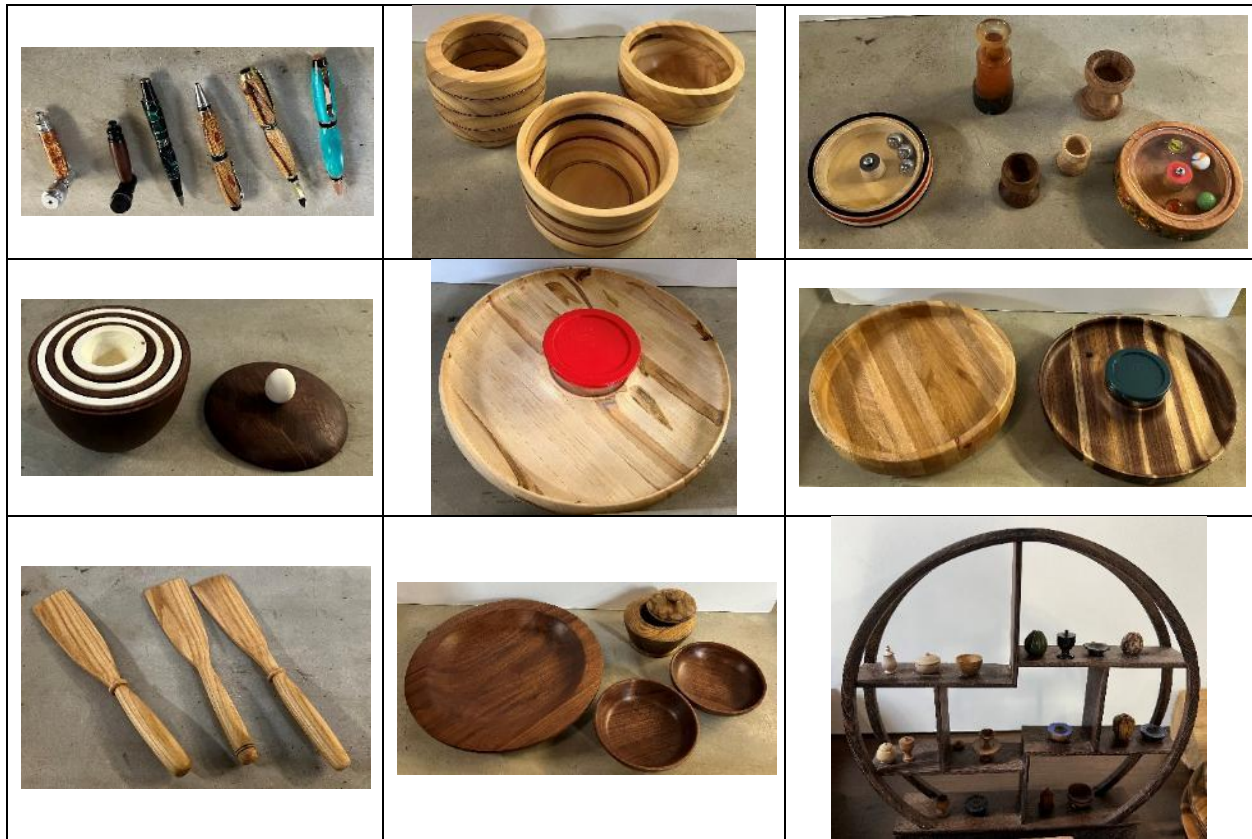
## Program Report

The April meeting was well attended with a lot of people participating in the challenge for the month (challenge was "variations on a theme"). The photos below show the items brought for show and tell.









## 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)	\$ 3385.16
Deposits	\$ 205.00
Checks/EFT Cleared	\$ 18.57
Checks Pending	\$ 0.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 3571.59
Pending Deposits:	\$ 405.00
Cash for Change:	\$ 50.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 221.12
Total available	\$ 4247.71

## Tips and Tricks

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

## YouTube Suggestions

Send me your favorite YouTube channels.

## Guest Editorial

This month's guest editorial comes from Dennis J. Dantro.

### Let's talk about fire extinguishers

Fire starts as a chemical combination of three things: fuel, ignition and oxygen.

If left unattended the fire will eventually consume its entire fuel source and then it will become extinguished.

### The danger as a fire gets hotter

A residential fire can range from 100 degrees floor level to 1,200 degrees at the ceiling.

Skin can burn with permanent injuries at 160 degrees. The heat can be lethal. If super-heated air is inhaled, it can scorch lungs.

That brings us to the subject matter

### **"Let's talk - Fire Extinguishers."**

Household extinguishers are classified as A, B, or C. The label indicates which types of fires.

- "A" is ordinary combustibles (wood or paper).
- "B" is flammable liquids (gasoline or oil).
- "C" is electrical.



Learn how to use your fire extinguisher as if your life depended on it.

### Some Stats

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fire departments respond nationwide to over 350,000 home structure fires each year, causing almost \$7 billion in direct damage. Annual property destruction is devastating. But more tragic are the 2,500 civilian fire deaths and 12,300 civilian fire injuries. Don't become a statistic. To prevent a devastating fire, it's important to have a basic understanding of the 3 types of fires and related dangers.

- "A" is ordinary combustibles (wood or paper).
- "B" is flammable liquids (gasoline or oil).
- "C" is electrical.

Fire extinguishers are rated by weight, you can purchase a 2-pound container for your car, a 5-pounder for your kitchen or barbeque and a 10-pounder for your garage or workshop. A heavier extinguisher has a larger volume of CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide).

Cause for fire - Woodworking facilities are inherently prone to fires and explosions, for the following reasons: They contain copious quantities of fuel in the form of wood and wood products, sawdust and flammable materials such as paints, oil finishes, adhesives, solvents and liquid propane.

Cause for fire - Carelessly installed wiring, outlets, switches, cords, plugs, power supplies lighting, and careless smoking.

### **Credits from the following websites**

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 2022.

Hartford, 2022.

<https://www.thisoldhouse.com/home-safety>, 2022.

Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Woodworking, eTool 2022.

Stay safe,

Dennis J. Dantro

### **For Sale/Wanted**

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

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 <a href="https://mawts.com/">https://mawts.com/</a>
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](https://www.catoctinareeturners.org/content.aspx?page_id=4&club_id=779723)

Meetings: Thursday before the 3rd Saturday each month, 6:30-? pm at VFW Post 1177 - Loudoun County Post, 401 Old Waterford Rd NW, Leesburg, VA 20176 (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](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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