

Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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June 2026 Newsletter

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June Meeting Notice and Program

The June meeting will be held on June 20th at 9:00am

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

Monthly Demo – Jason Breach will demonstrate some of his work.

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, June 27th, 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

The club and its members have been very busy in the past few weeks. The A/V system has been the focus of much effort and should be fine-tuned for Jason's demonstration.

Please come and enjoy the demonstration this month.

See you then.

Roger

From the Editor

Most of you are aware of how lucky we are to be able to meet at the NW Works facility every month. While we do not pay a monthly fee for this, we are expected to “pay our way”. Dennis J. Dantro is our Special Projects Coordinator, and he has included an important message below for everyone to help make that payment.

You should have received a notification from our vice president recently telling you about a special deal that we have with Teknatool, the makers of Nova lathes, chucks and other tools. You can get a 20% discount by buying directly from their website. You must use the email that you have provided to AVW. I was able to order this week (after an initial hiccup) so go ahead and access their web site for your discount using the special coupon code that Mark sent everyone.

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).

Some of us just got back from the AAW Symposium in Raleigh NC. We had a great time, with some fantastic demos and some amazing pieces in the instant gallery. I have posted some of the pieces in my Instagram account ([@stevesstudiowoodturner](https://www.instagram.com/stevesstudiowoodturner)) if you want to see them.

Don't forget to send in your entries for the [gallery pages](#) on the web site. Download the [agreement form](#) and send the form and pictures to webmaster@applevalleywoodturners.info. NOTE: The pictures must be of your own work.

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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.
- 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:

June 20:	Jason Breach – An Offset Bowl
July 18:	Christmas in July, Mike Fraser
August 15:	Charles Worton - Spheres and eggs
September 19:	Apple Harvest Festival, 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.
January 16 and 17	Stewart Furini will give a demo at our monthly meeting (in person) and will hold a workshop the following day. Registration for the workshop will open in October and everyone will be given notice of exactly when. First eight paid applicants will be accepted. More details to come.

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 May was “An Embellished piece”. The future challenges set so far are:

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

July: Make a (or several) bowl(s) for the NWWorks Farm to Table Auction. See AVW Planning for the Future below for details. If you don't have the coin to insert on the bottom, cut a 1.25" recess, 1/8" deep so that it does not interfere with the foot. Bowls will be finished by the clients so follow the instructions below.

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 and he created this box as the "win one" for the May meeting. Roger won the box and will be turning something for next month.

AVW Planning for the Future

As some of you may be aware, the Board of Directors has been meeting regularly recently to plan for the next few years. The Board has already made some improvements to the club that you will have seen including upgraded lathes for the skills sessions and for workshops and upgrades to the AV system. The Board has agreed the following Goals and Objectives for the next few years. They are currently working on the Tactics to achieve these. There will be a Questionnaire to fill out at the June meeting that will help drive the work. More to come soon!

Goal	Objective
Logistics	• Inventory of equipment
	• Wood depository
	• Video AV
	• Maintenance
Communications	• Communications with members and others, (clubs, outside orgs press etc.)
	• Improved collaboration with other clubs
	• New member support
Education	• Professional Demos and workshops
	• Branding/marketing Training/education program
	• Special Interests group
	• Training/Education Program

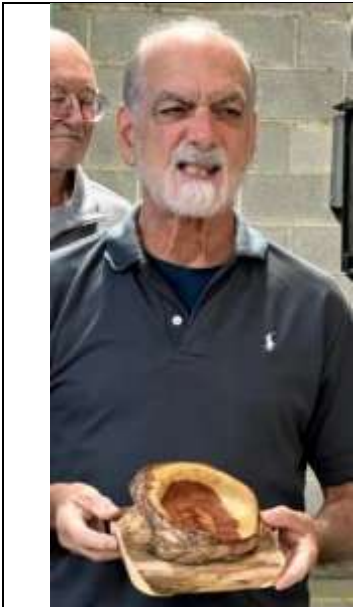
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing membership
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit Cohesion - Increase member knowledge (social interaction)
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record Keeping
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund Raising
Host Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment in kind
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure space for the future

Program Report

The May meeting was well attended with a lot of people participating in the challenge for the month (challenge was Embellish something). 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)	\$ 3751.59
Deposits	\$ 2509.08
Checks/EFT Cleared	\$ 18.48
Checks Pending	\$ 123.13
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 6062.19

Pending Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Cash for Change:	\$ 50.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 221.12
Total available	\$ 6210.18

Tips and Tricks

Did you know that there are several books on woodturning that are in the public domain. These books are older books (1922 or older). If you are interested in reading them, go to <https://www.craftsmanspace.com/free-books/woodturning-books.html> Some of them are classic learning guides.

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.

NW Works Fund Raiser Projects

“Bowls for Farm to Table Auction”

A note to AVW members wishing to make and contribute bowls for the “Bowls for Farm to Table auction”

AVW will contribute: Up to 25 bowls handmade by Apple Valley Wood turners. All bowls are welcome.

Max bowl / platter size: up to 12 inch diameter max.

Surface preparation: Leave it raw, no finish, 320 grit max, clean surface. If you can - make a 1¼ inch recess on the bottom outside of the bowl. Install the NW logo. Get the logo at the June meeting on Saturday the 20th. Do not include a maker’s mark.

Drop off location: The AVW meeting area at NW Works during any meeting.

AVW deadline: August meeting on Saturday the 15th.

Classroom instruction: NW clientele will oil and finish all items.

Classroom date: Wednesday September 2, 2026.



AVW contact: Dennis, 540 664 3859, dennisjdantro@gmail.com

Roger, 540 323 0252, RLMarchant@gmail.com

Example of a bowl with a raw surface

“On-line store”

A note to AVW members wishing to make and contribute items for the “On-line store”

- AVW will contribute:** Miscellaneous items appropriate for the On-line store. Kits for AVW members will be provided by AVW. You can provide your own items if you wish.
- Items available:** Kits from AVW – ice cream scoops, seam rippers, key chains, bottle stoppers, pens, pizza cutters. You are welcome to make unique items such as a vase, apples, twig pot, kitchen spatulas or a work of art. Please no bowls.
- Item size:** An appropriate size for the On-line store. Small rather than large.
- Surface preparation:** All items should be finished to a professional quality. Be sure to include your maker’s mark.
- Listed retail price:** NW Works will determine the price.
- Drop off location:** The AVW meeting area at NW Works during any meeting.
- AVW deadline:** August meeting on Saturday the 15th. But no later than August 31.
- AVW contact:** Dennis, 540 664 3859, dennisjdantro@gmail.com
Roger, 540 323 0252, RLMarchant@gmail.com
- Classroom instruction:** None
- Classroom date:** None

“On-line store” Examples



example - screwdriver kit or vase



example – apples in a bowl



example – twig pot



example - kitchen spatulas

Guest Editorial

This month's guest editorial comes from Roger Marchant:

Turning a table.



Around October of last year my wife asked if I would turn a pair of small chair-side tables like the ones pictured here. This seemed to be a nice challenge, so I said, “yes dear” We agreed on the species of wood and off to work I went. Out in my seemingly never-ending pile of logs, I found two Cherry logs that were the right size. The ends of the logs showed some cracks, but I sawed one or two inches off either end to determine how badly the logs were cracked. Both were fine.



My first step was to get the log trimmed square and to locate the approximate center of the log. My plan was to turn the tables in an end grain orientation so I paid close attention to centering the pith because I was sure the wood would split as it dried. It did! Getting this thing mounted on the lathe was a challenge. I ended up putting several scraps of wood under it until it was at the correct height. I used a One-way big bite on the head stock and a live center on the tail stock.



Next, I cleared the bark off the blank. By the way, once the log is on the lathe, it graduates to the rank of blank. I tried using the rule of thirds to lay it out but couldn't feature how it would look. Fortunately, I had a picture to guide me.



As you see in the pictures, I gradually shaped it into a pleasing shape. The right-hand picture shows the dado I cut in the neck. My plan was to make a tenon on either end, then part the table into two parts. In that way I could hollow down to within 3 inches of the bottom and to within 2 inches of the top. Then I glued them to give the appearance of solid wood.



In the first picture I'm preparing to drill out the base. That took a very long time because I had to keep clearing the drill bit and twice



I had to let the bit and the wood cool. Make sure to not let the wood cool when the drill bit is in the piece as it will grab the bit making it difficult to remove. Second picture is my hollowing rig.

I can safely hollow to 12 +/- inches. Cherry isn't too hard to hollow. Next is a view of the inside of the table. The last picture is of the table glued back together. I used Titebond II and the lathe as a clamp.





These are pictures during the sanding. I gave it a good cleaning with mineral spirits and



put it away to dry. After it dries, I will fill the cracks with Milliput then sand again. Final finish will probably be several coats of

semigloss polyurethane.



I will share this at the July or August meeting.

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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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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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

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 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

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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