

Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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

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July Meeting Notice and Program

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

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

Monthly Demo – Mike Fraser will bring us Christmas in July. Learn how Mike makes Christmas ornaments so you can be ready for the festive event.

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, July 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

Hi Turners,

Jason Breach's recent demonstration was both exciting and highly informative. We have the signed bowl he made, which will be auctioned off to a club member.

Thank you for the feedback regarding our audio and visual equipment. We believe the echo in the sound system has been resolved, and Steve has fixed the video delay. We will test these improvements at the next meeting. Additionally, we are looking into safely raising the video screens to improve viewing and have purchased a handheld microphone to enhance the raffle and show-and-tell experience.

As a reminder, Mike will be demonstrating this month, which is sure to be another great session.

With the summer heat and humidity here, please stay hydrated, let others know your whereabouts when outdoors, and check for ticks frequently.

Finally, we welcome your suggestions to improve the club. At the next meeting, we will distribute a questionnaire seeking your feedback on club activities. Please take some time to think about ways we can continue to improve.

See you soon,

Roger

From the Editor

As Roger has mentioned above, we will be auctioning off Jason Breach's piece and there will be a questionnaire about the club and your membership. You must be at the meeting for both events, so plan on attending.

Apple Harvest is fast approaching. As usual, the club will sell pieces that have been donated at this event. If you wish to donate pieces, please bring them to the August meeting (or July if you cannot be at the August event). The funds from the sale of pieces will ALL go to the club, there will be no individual sales made.

And continuing the theme. Apples! We need apples to sell at the Apple Harvest so, the challenge for August is apples. This event has been a good fund raiser for us in the past, so don't forget to participate and donate.

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:

July 18:	Christmas in July, Mike Fraser
August 15:	Charles Worton - Spheres and eggs
September 19:	Apple Harvest Festival, no meeting
October 18:	 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/
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.
February 20:	Jeff Hughes – Details to follow
March 20:	
April 17:	Barry Gross – Details to follow
May 15:	Pat Carroll – Details to follow

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

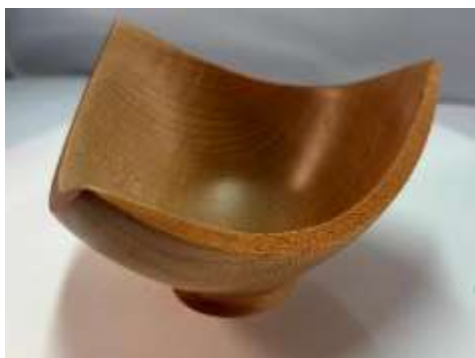
show everyone your view of things. It is not compulsory and there are always lots of ways to meet the challenge. The Challenge for June was a piece made from more than one piece of wood. The future challenges set so far are:

July: Make a (or several) bowl(s) for the NWWorks Farm to Table Auction. See the June Newsletter 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 in the last newsletter (<https://applevalleywoodturners.info/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/AVW-Newsletter-June2026.pdf>) .

August: Apples! The Harvest Festival event is fast approaching and we need apples. Make as many as you want and donate them to the club for sale at the event.

October: A Black and White piece. Any design, but it must be black and white. Natural woods or coloring is OK. (Note: There is no meeting in September – Apple Harvest.)

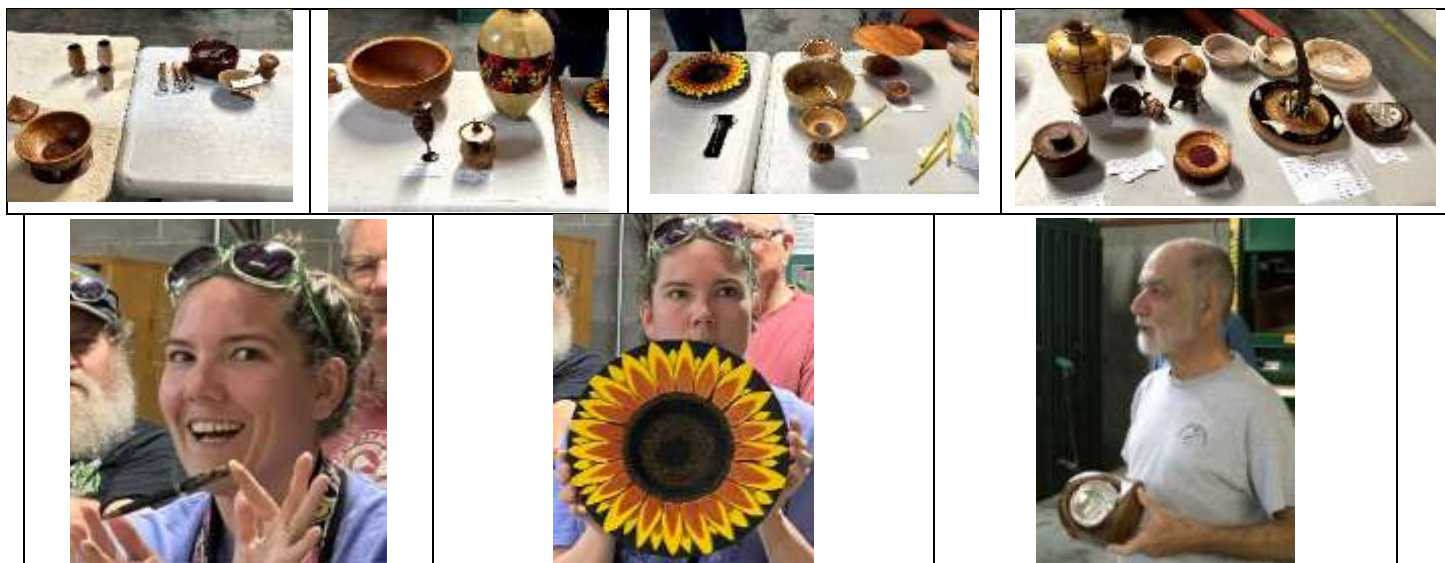
Challenges are usually announced at the meeting prior so there is a full month to get the piece made.



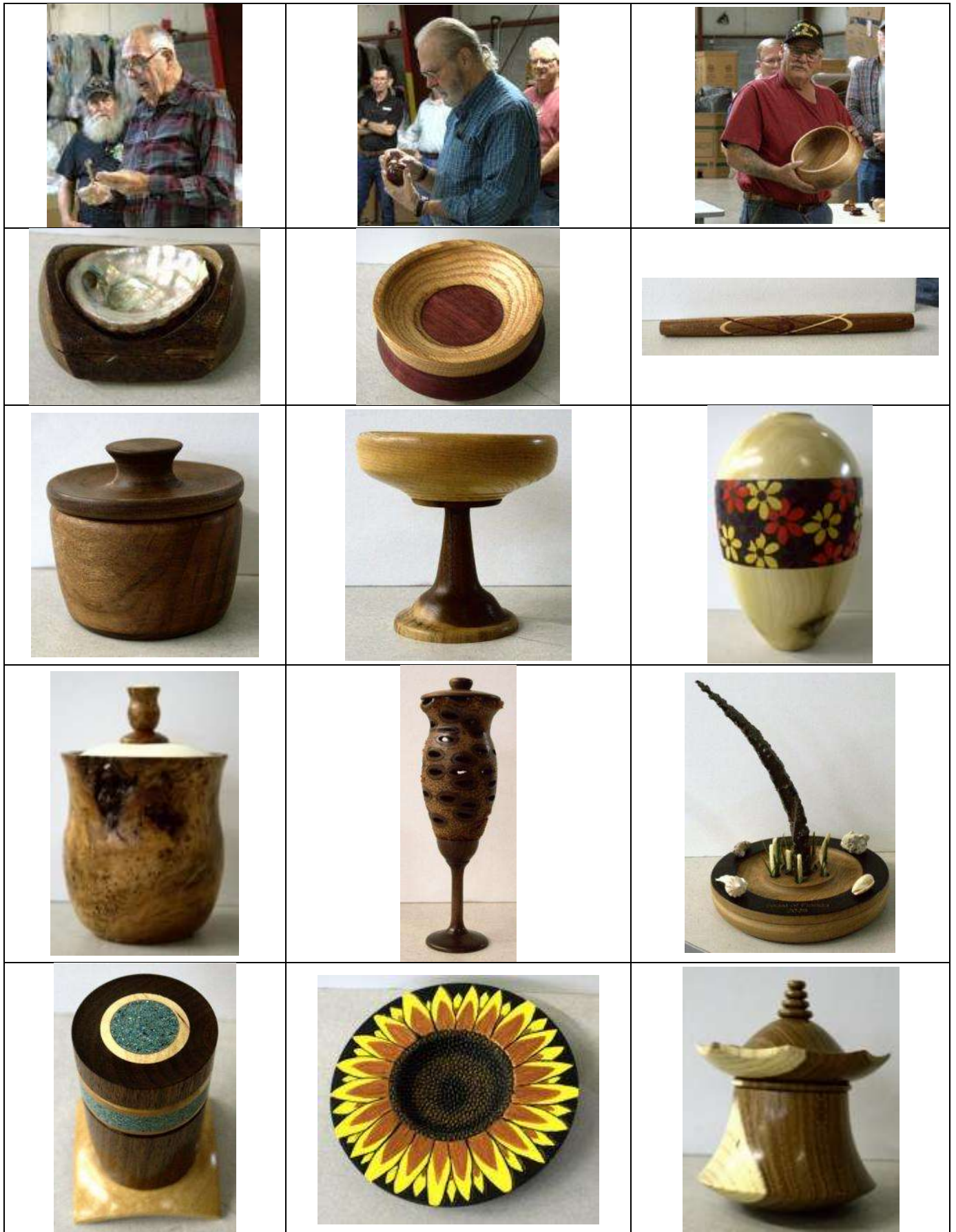
Roger won the Win One-Turn-One in May and he created this three-cornered bowl as the "win one" for the June meeting. Steve Halliday won the bowl and will be turning something for next month.

Program Report

The May meeting was well attended with a lot of people participating in the challenge for the month (challenge was something made from more than one piece of wood). The photos below show the items brought for show and tell. The last few rows show some examples of Jason Breach's work and the offset bowl that he made during the meeting.











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 (6/1/2026)	\$ 6062.19
Deposits	\$ 120.00
Checks/EFT Cleared	\$ 1069.69
Checks Pending	\$ 225.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 5112.50
Pending Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Cash for Change:	\$ 50.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 239.93
Total available	\$ 5177.43

Tips and Tricks

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

Most of us have heard of Stuart Batty and his 40/40 grind. Stuart also invented negative rake scraping and his latest video explains the reasons and the techniques behind it. He also shows an easy way to make a sphere. <https://youtu.be/TbLO3hO61Ws>

YouTube Suggestions

Send me your favorite YouTube channels.

Guest Editorial

This month's guest editorial comes from our Vice President - Mark Zimmerman:

Woodturning Safety

I saw a post with a great sticker that was attached to a lathe – it read “CAUTION – THIS MACHINE HAS NO BRAIN, USE YOUR OWN.” Maybe we should order some for all of our AVW lathes???

Safety in the shop and at the lathe is something we hear about frequently, including at our AVW club meetings, but we all sometimes either get tired, or in hurry to finish a project, or figure “I’m just going to do this one small step so I don’t need to bother putting on all of my personal protection gear.” Sound familiar? I know these are issues that I try to stay aware of every time I’m in my shop, and even so I’ve

had a number of close calls at the lathe over the years that I've been fortunate to walk away from with only some minor cuts, scrapes and bruises. And a few of those mishaps have been small ONLY because I was wearing my air-powered face shield.

In my humble opinion, it's always worth periodically reviewing the safety procedures for working with a wood lathe, and for new turners it's essential. Here are some safety recommendations that I pulled from the American Association of Woodturners* website, with some of my own commentary in italics:

Safe, effective use of a wood lathe requires study and knowledge of procedures for using this tool. Read, thoroughly understand, and follow the label warnings on the lathe and in the owner/operator's manual. Safety guidelines from an experienced instructor, video, or book are a good source of important safety procedures. Working safely involves:

- Use a full-face shield whenever the lathe is turned on.
- Tie back long hair, do not wear gloves, and avoid loose clothing or objects that may catch on rotating parts or accessories.
 - *While I agree with not wearing loose fitting gloves while turning, I do use a tight-fitting golf glove on my left hand (I'm right-handed) whenever I'm turning dried wood (which is most of the time except for roughing out bowls and platters from wet wood). The glove protects the outside edge of my palm and pinky finger from dried wood chips coming off the turned piece, which can get hot very quickly.*
- Always check the speed of the lathe before turning it on. Use slower speeds for larger diameter or rough pieces, and higher speeds for smaller diameter and pieces that are balanced. Always start a piece at a slower speed until the work piece is balanced. **If the lathe is shaking or vibrating, lower the speed.** If the work piece vibrates, always stop the machine to check the reason.
 - *Also stop the lathe and check the reason if you hear a sudden change in the pitch of the cutting sound coming from your piece of work. I recently had an ambrosia maple bowl explode off the lathe in pieces while it was jam-chucked and I was finishing the bottom; turns out there were worm holes across the bottom, from the ambrosia beetles that had infested the wood, that I couldn't see from the outside. Right before it came apart, I heard the cutting sounds get higher, but I didn't realize why. And this was one of the times that my face shield kept me from getting hurt. It did not, however, save me from the heartache of having almost finished the bowl, all for naught.....*
- Check that all locking devices on the tailstock and tool rest assembly (rest and base) are tight before operating the lathe.
- Position the tool rest close to work, almost touching the wood. Check tool rest position often and as wood is removed, **turn off the lathe** and re-position the rest.
- Rotate your work piece by hand to make sure it clears the tool rest and bed before turning on the lathe. Be certain the work piece turns freely and is firmly mounted. A handwheel on the outboard side of the headstock simplifies this process of spinning the lathe by hand before turning on the switch.
 - *I've also found it important to periodically check the tightness of my chuck on a tenon or in a recess when working with wet wood; wood fibers compress more easily when they're wet, and as a piece dries the fibers will shrink, possibly leading to loosened grip in the chuck.*
- Be aware of what the turners call the "red zone" or "firing zone." This is the area directly behind and in front of the workpiece - the area most likely for a piece to travel as it comes off the lathe. A good safety habit is to step out of this zone when switching the lathe to the "on" position. When observing others turn, stay out of that area.

- Hold turning tools securely on the tool rest, holding the tool in a controlled and comfortable manner. Always contact the tool rest with the tool before contacting the wood.
- It is safest to turn the lathe “off” before adjusting the tool rest or tool rest base (banjo).
- Remove the tool rest before sanding or polishing operations.
- Never leave the lathe running unattended. Turn the power off. Do not leave the lathe until it comes to a complete stop.

*Finally, for those who aren’t already members of the American Association of Woodturners, please check out their website and consider joining the organization. The online materials, the monthly magazine, “Beyond the Bevel” email newsletters, and “Woodturning Fundamentals” are all excellent.

Mark Zimmerman

For Sale/Wanted



List your surplus woodturning related equipment or your needs here. Send an email to newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info.

Nova 3000, 1 hp 1624 variable speed, standard extras - \$350. Email Douglas Lowery <dougswood@icloud.com>

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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

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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