

Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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August Meeting Notice and Program

The August meeting will be held on Aug 15th
at 9:00am

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

Monthly Demo – Charlie Worton will talk
about and demonstrate how to make
Spheres and Eggs

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, Aug
22nd, 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

Hello Turners.

First, I want to thank all of you for being club members. Each of you has contributed to our club's growth and success over the last couple of years. We've reached the point of being able to tailor our activities to appeal to the woodturning interests of all club members. At the last meeting, we asked you to fill out a survey to let us know which direction to guide the club. We've emailed that survey to those of you who weren't at the meeting. Please fill out the survey and either email it to Scott Reynolds or print it and bring it to the next meeting.

Second, we are demonstrating at the Art in the Alley this weekend. Our goal is to attract new members.

Third, we will have some new chairs for the next meeting,

Lastly, thanks for all your support making apples, bowls, and items for the online store.

Ride the bevel.

Roger

From the Editor

If you are looking for something to do at the end of the month, Chestnut Products in the UK will be holding another one of their Chestnut Woodturning Weekender programs. If you cannot be in the UK to see this in person, they are offering virtual tickets which allow you to watch the demonstrations from your home for the next few months. You can get more information here - <https://chestnutproducts.co.uk/woodturning-weekender/> and sign up for the event. It's only £30.00 (that's about \$40) and you have access to all the events and turners (don't forget to follow the instructions about postcode/zip). I have done this for the past few years and it has been great value.

Apple Harvest is almost on us. 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 along with the apples you have made. The funds from the sale of pieces will ALL go to the club, there will be no individual sales made.

The club has purchased cloth patches and stickers. Each member will get one of each as part of your paid membership. If you did not collect them at the July meeting, you can see Andrea at the next meeting to get yours. Extra patches are available at \$5.00 each if you want them.

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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.

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:

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 July was to make bowls suitable for the NWWorks Auction. The future challenges set so far are:

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.

September: No meeting in September – Apple Harvest Festival is the same weekend.

October: A Black and White piece. Any design, but it must be black and white. Natural woods or coloring is OK as long as they are black and white or as close as you can make them.



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

Win-one Turn-one

Steve won the bowl that Roger made at the June meeting. He made this “Emma Cook signature” bowl for July’s win-one turn-one.

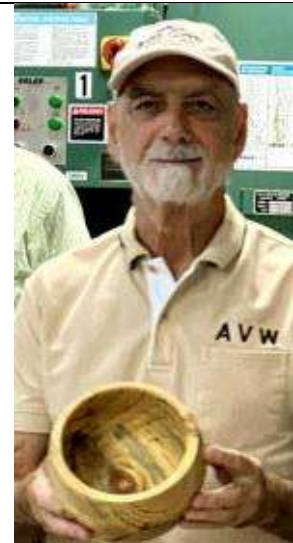
This was won by Phil Thomson. Phil will make something to be given away next month.

Program Report

The July meeting was well attended with a lot of people participating in the challenge for the month (challenge was to make bowls for the NWWorks auction). The photos below show the items brought for show and tell, the items made for the NWWorks Bowl Auction, the pieces made for the NWWorks Web Store and Mike’s pieces he has made as Christmas ornaments in the past.











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 (7/1/2026)	\$ 5112.50
Deposits	\$ 105.00
Checks/EFT Cleared	\$ 0.00
Checks Pending	\$ 0.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 5717.50
Pending Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Cash for Change:	\$ 50.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 239.93
Total available	\$ 5507.43

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 Dennis J. Dantro

Apple Valley Wood Turner's spinning top table

AVW will host a live wood turning demonstration at NW Works on November 04, 2026. This event is a continuation of **AVW's** commitment to build life learning skills in the classroom.

Shavings fly: NW clientele will watch a turner and wood lathe in action.

Hands-On Learning: Clientele will touch and feel the wood project at different stages. After completion, the clientele will decorate and embellish the turned items.

Safety First: A fully protected, clean and safe viewing environment for everyone.

The theme of the demonstration is “Let’s make spinning tops”. Roger, Mark and Dennis will work together to complete the task. The clientele will decorate the tops and spin them on **AVW’s** spinning top table to close the session.

So here is my tale of building **AVW’s** Spinning To Table.



I cut a 20”diameter plywood stock using my jig saw.



After sanding, I laid out and added the artwork and AVW logo.



I painted the bottom, added black embellishment around the edge and brushed a coat of epoxy on the top



After 3 days the epoxy is fully cured. I sanded the table smooth



Lastly, I cleaned up the epoxy drips on the bottom and added feet.



The table is complete and ready to spin tops.

Best regards,

Dennis J. Dantro

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 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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<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

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: third Tuesday 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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