

Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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September Meeting Notice and Program

There is NO September Meeting. Apple Harvest Festival is at the Frederick County Fairgrounds 19-20th September. AVW will have a booth as usual

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

Monthly Demo – No demo. Bring Apples, spinning tops, and donations to be sold to the event. No private sales.

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, Sept 26th 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 and Funnel makers,

I'm happy to report that we have paid our rent for the next year. Last week, we turned over the bowls for the annual farm-to-table fundraiser. Additionally, we supplied NWWorks with the initial inventory for the online store. They (NWWorks) hope to have the store open and ready for business in October.

Thank you for the wonderful items you have turned in and donated to NWW. As the store comes online, we expect it to be a source of income for the club.

I must give a shoutout to Dennis for all the hard work he's done coordinating our collaboration with NWW. Additionally, he's the point person for the Apple Harvest Festival that we participate in each year. Your donations of turned apples and various other pieces of art will go a long way toward growing our club.

Through each of your efforts in fundraising for the club, we are buying another Bauer Lathe and stand. Also, we've asked Steve to purchase (with club funds) the equipment needed to finish the upgrade of our audio/visual equipment. Thanks, Steve, for the work you have done cobbling our system together.

I've mentioned Dennis and Steve in these notes. I'd be remiss if I didn't also mention that many of you have made behind-the-scenes contributions. You've built cabinets for monitors and the safety shield, and donated tools and audio visual equipment. Some of you have shared your skills by demonstrating to the club.

I mention this because we have elections coming up in December. Two officers, Mike and I, will not be seeking re-election. I urge you to please consider seeking either an elected position or one of the many open non-elected volunteer positions. All of us have our own strengths that we can share with the club.

Also, please consider helping out during the Apple Harvest Festival. Contact Dennis or any board member to volunteer.

Thanks for all you do.

Roger

A quick note from Dennis J Dantro, our NWWorks coordinator:

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NW Works Farm to Table Fund Raiser Bowls

Apple Valley Woodturners, with support from the staff at NW Works, completed an important classroom activity on Sep 02, 2026. With 8 students we oiled 25 bowls using good old fashioned elbow grease and walnut oil.

Our big thank you goes to the turners for helping to make bowls using their invaluable experience, skills, time and effort. You got it done!

AVW thanks you.

From the Editor

Apple Harvest Festival 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 Apple Harvest Festival 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. We still need a few helpers at the Festival, so contact Dennis if you can help.

As Roger mentions above, as September is upon us, we need to start thinking about elections for the Board of Directors. The election process will be held in December, so start thinking about if you would like to be involved in running the club. All executive officer positions will be up for election. There are four elected positions, president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Roger and Mike have stated that they will not be standing again in their positions of President and Treasurer, so we need some volunteers. Mark and Scott are still thinking about their positions. If you are interested contact one of the Board members.

In January we will have Stewart Furini demonstrating at the club meeting followed by a workshop the next day (January 16 and 17). There will be two workshops on Sunday (morning and afternoon) same content in each. This means we can have up to 16 people attend the workshop. The cost for each workshop will be \$50.00. Registration for the workshops will be at the October meeting (no advance registrations). The first 16 people who pay at that meeting will get a place at the workshop. The fee is non-refundable. We will also take an extra two people for the two sessions in case someone cancels. Their fee will be refunded if they do not get to take the workshop. If you have any questions about this please contact Roger or Mark. All attendees MUST be members of the club so make sure you pay your dues before the event. Good News. The Board has decided that due to the fantastic involvement of the members in NWWorks and Apple Harvest there will be NO dues increase next year.

If you planned on attending the now cancelled Virginia Symposium and you didn't see the Woodturning Weekender 2026 from Chestnut Products in the UK (it was very good), you can still buy a ticket (<https://chestnutproducts.co.uk/woodturning-weekender/>). Tickets are only £30.00 (about \$40) and you can watch for 12 months.

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:

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:

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.



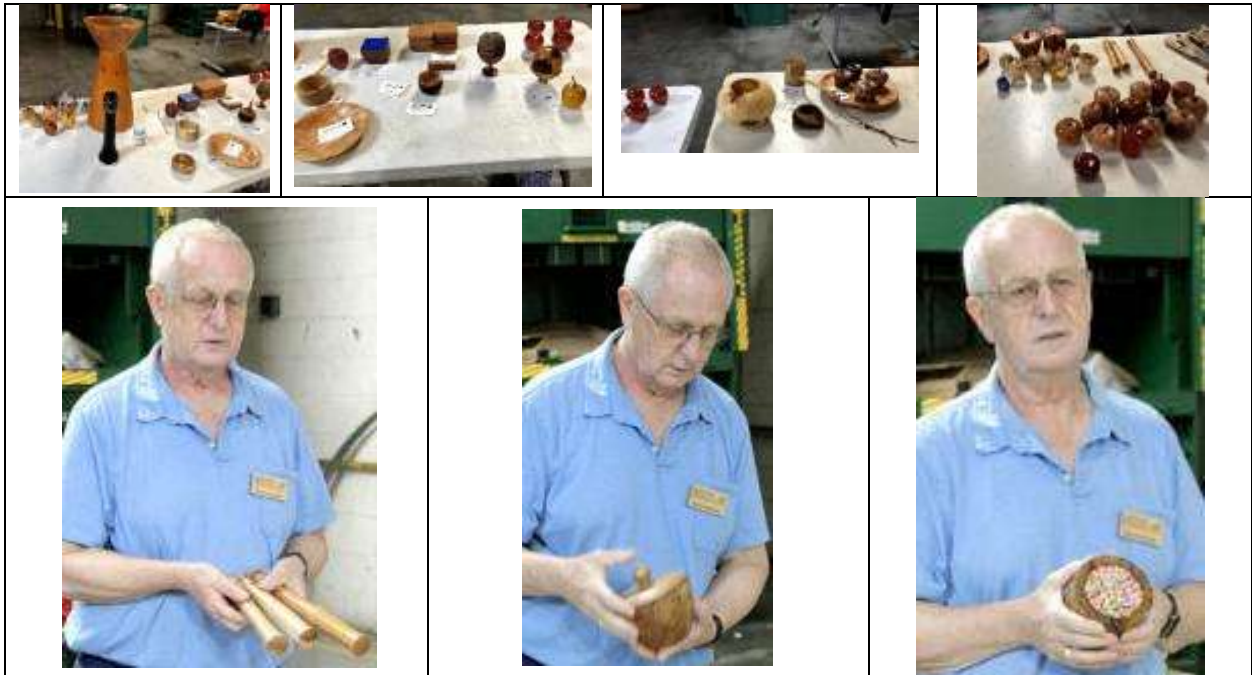
Win-one Turn-one

At the August meeting, Phil made the bowl shown here .

This was won by Jeff who will make something to be given away next month.

Program Report

The August meeting was well attended with a lot of people participating in the challenge for the month (challenge was to make apples for the Apple Harvest Festival event in September). The photos below show the items brought to show and tell, the apples, and Charlie's pieces he has made in the past (spheres, eggs, and comfort medallions). Also shown are the pieces that will be donated to NWWorks for their on-line store.









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)	\$ 5217.50
Deposits	\$ 368.00
Checks/EFT Cleared	\$ 315.78
Checks Pending	\$ 0.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 5269.72
Pending Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Cash for Change:	\$ 50.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 316.35
Total available	\$ 5636.07

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 Steve Halliday:

Making Veneers or just processing logs

I used some veneers in one of my projects and discovered how difficult it can be to get exactly what you want. I ended up buying something close and then modifying it.

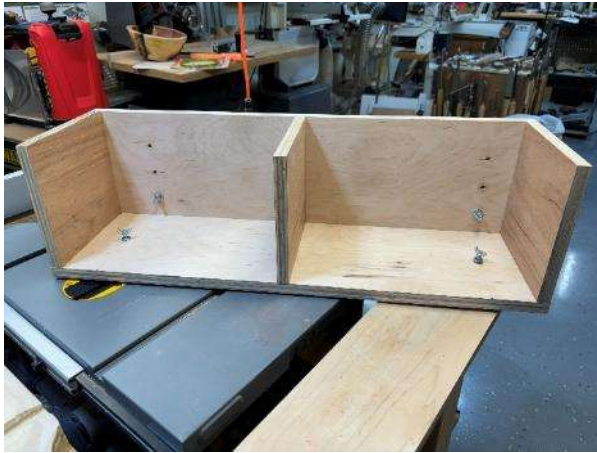
To help get round this issue, I decided to get a jig to make my own veneers. I tried just cutting the wood very thin on the bandsaw, but this was difficult, so I made a jig out from some $\frac{3}{4}$ inch plywood. Here's how I did it (sorry for the photos, I forgot to take photos as I went along and had to recreate them).

I have a 14-inch bandsaw with a riser, so that gives me a maximum of 12 inches height. That's the maximum diameter log I can process. It also means the table is only 14 inches square so as you will see at the end, I had to make some extra supports for the jig.



First, I cut some plywood to size, 36 inches by 18 inches was my choice. I routed two slots in the top for some T-Track (\$19.00 at amazon -

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B098LG3Y6Q?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_fed_asin_title&th=1). I then made a wooden piece to fit in the track on the bandsaw (old piece of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch plywood) but you could buy something if your track is a standard size. This was screwed on to the baseboard in the right place so that the long edge of the base was against the saw blade.



Next, I made the box that will hold the log. Again $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood. I cut a case, front, and three supports to make a box 36 inches long by 8 inches square. The dimensions are not critical. I screwed this together and drilled some holes in the base and front. The base holes must be clearance for a $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20 bolt that rides in the t-track. The front holes (two sets of three) that will hold the clamp.

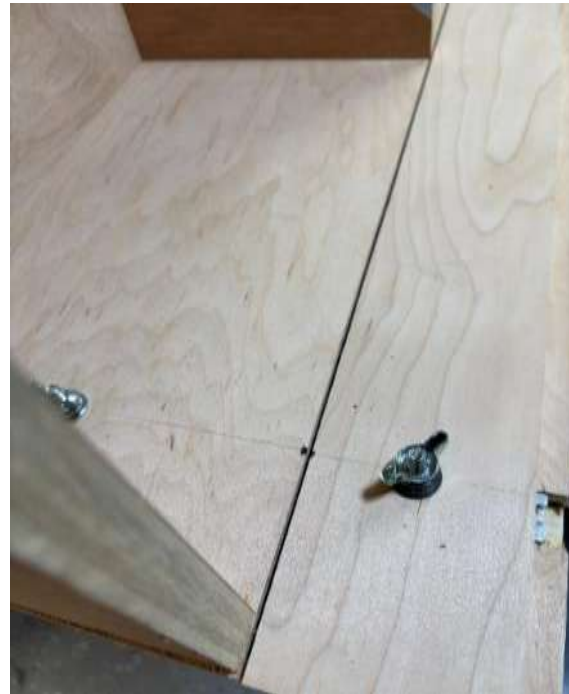


The clamp is from Harbor Freight. (\$13.00 <https://www.harborfreight.com/36-in-aluminum-bar-clamp-60539.html>). I bought the 36 inch version. There are other lengths available. I took a couple of off cuts from the T-Track, filed them down to make them fit inside the Aluminum bar and used $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 20 hex head bolts to attach it to the front of the box. I had to cut a couple of pieces of plywood to hold it off the box front so that the clamp ends could move freely. Finally, I made a reference edge bar from the plywood, (36 inches by 3 inches) with two holes for the $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 20 bolts to go through.





My first attempt at using the jig showed that the base was wider than the deck of the bandsaw and that supporting it and pushing it through at the same time was not feasible. So, I made some supports from angle aluminum that I had. A few holes drilled to attach it and then a cut out for the guide channel.



I placed the jig on the saw table and added the reference edge on it as well. The reference edge was tightened up hard against the base and I made my first cut. This produced a flat edge along the log. Next I moved the box forward without moving the reference edge. A 1/16 inch gap was carefully measured along the length of the base and the box tightened down. Another cut gave me a 1/16 inch thick slice of the log – my veneer.



I am now set to make whatever I need.

Steve Halliday

For Sale/Wanted

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

Vintage Greaves Lathe for sale

Circa 1900 Greaves lathe passed down in the family 3 generations. Still in good shape and it works.



total length 8 ft 4 in. est wt. 1,600 lbs.

Includes all accessories like calipers, gouges, etc.

Cost: \$1,000

Contact: Warren Racey
2930 N Frederick Pike
Winchester, Va
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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 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

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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