



# Newsletter

October 2014

We are a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

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## **Club Officers**

*President – Jim Stottlemeyer*

*1st Vice President – Bob Robinson*

*2nd Vice President – Carroll Stottlemeyer*

*Secretary – Bill Caldwell*

*Treasurer – Grant Wheeler*

## **Chairpersons**

*Web Site Liaison – Ruth Niles*

*Photographers – Ruth Niles,  
Carroll Stottlemeyer*

*Newsletter Editor – Bill Caldwell*

*Library Manager – Joe Wertner,  
Ruth Niles*

*Audio Visual – Don Rink, Joe Wertner*

*Raffle – Rod Stabler*

*Win-One Turn-One – Rod Stabler*

*Club Tours – Carroll Stottlemeyer*

*Christmas Toys – Lloyd Benedict*

*Auction – Lester Dice*

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## **September's Club Meeting**

September's Club meeting was held on September 4, 2014. The theme for the night was tips and techniques. Joe Wertner was the presenter, and there were a lot of good ideas given out from Joe, as well as some club members.

## **Announcements**

**Library** – There's a lot of good material in the library for our members. If you would like to donate something to the library, your donation would be appreciated. Something new added, we are now offering members the opportunity to sign out tools from the club. Good chance to try a tool before going out to purchase one.

**Shop Tours** – Currently looking for members to open their shop for a tour. This is a great way for members to see how other folks are set-up, and can lead to ideas for them to improve their process. If interested in opening your shop, contact Carroll Stottlemeyer at [estcar2014@gmail.com](mailto:estcar2014@gmail.com).

**Hats and Shirts** – Hats and shirts are still available. The cost is \$12.00 for a hat, and \$30.00 for a shirt. Both are real nice items to have.

**Committees** – Every good club relies on its members to keep things running smoothly. If everyone contributes, it tends not to over task other members. We are asking members to volunteer as needed to support their club. Please get with Carroll Stottlemeyer to volunteer to be on a committee. Remember, you don't have to be an expert, you just need to be willing to help out.

**Wood Sale** - Members have the opportunity to purchase wood at the club meetings. This way, you can see the wood that you are going to purchase, and maybe get a better price than purchasing it elsewhere. This is a club fundraiser, and a great way for some members to obtain wood.

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*Please don't forget to check-out the club's web site.*

*<http://www.cumberlandvalleywoodturners.com/>*

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The club's website has a lot of good information for your viewing pleasure. Please take time to check it out. If you have something you would like to post on the site, send your request to Ruth Niles.

[ruthniles@gmail.com](mailto:ruthniles@gmail.com)

If you would like to post an ad on the website, contact Grant Wheeler (304-947-7511). Cost is \$5.00 in classified tab, and \$10.00 to get on the Home Page. Wood or shop related items only.

The library is for your use, please take advantage of it. If you're not sure what we have to offer, you can check our website, or talk to Joe Wertner. If you have some videos, or other material that you would like to loan or donate to the library, that would be appreciated as well.

The newsletter is here for you. If you would like to post something to share with others, please send your information to:  
[bmconthego@comcast.net](mailto:bmconthego@comcast.net)

Christmas Toy Project – Christmas toys are needed again this year. Toys are geared towards 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Only restriction is the use of lead paint. Lloyd is ready to accept them now through the club's Christmas party. So if you have some ready, bring them to a club meeting, and Lloyd will be happy to store them till Christmas.

### **Safety**

Another member of our club made a trip to the hospital due to an accident in his shop. He was cutting a board on the band saw and it sounded like he was applying a good bit of force while pushing the wood through the cut. Unfortunately, a piece of the wood broke during the cut, which allowed his hand to go towards the blade which cut through a section of his finger. Luckily, it didn't cut the finger off, but he did get a pretty deep cut.

So as a reminder to all, please never force the wood into the cut, and use something to push the wood through instead of your hand.

### **Show and Tell**

The challenge for September was to turn a candlestick. We had several members who participated in the challenge, and brought some projects to share with the club.

To see these and other wonderful pieces of art; please [click here](#) to view the club's website.

### **Demo**

The demo for the night was geared toward tips and techniques. Joe Wertner along with some other club members shared some tips throughout the night. Listed below are a few of them which you may need for the challenge this month. Our challenge is to bring in anything that you turned using one or more of the tips presented.

So to my best recollection here are some of the tips.

- Attend club meetings, you always take home a little more information than you came with.
- Get involved with shop tours, see what others are doing in their shops which can give ideas on how to improve yours, and share some tips and techniques.
- Friends, it's always good to have a network of friends. They can give ideas on how to do something, wood connections, and so on.
- Binder clips, great way to hold things together, like sand paper.

- Is your tie down straps a tangled mess, roll them up and put them in a sock.
- Keep notes, saves a lot of time when you come back to a project that you haven't finished.
- Drill a hole for depth first, when you want to bore out a hole. This will keep you from boring down too far.
- Use washer to help remove glue top.
- Use shower curtain clips, to keep items together like chuck jaws.
- Cut skew chisel at angle needed for dove tails, makes it easier to get the angle you need to mount blank on chuck.
- Keep CA glue in refrigerator, keeps it longer, and if you store it with the cap open you don't have to worry about the cap getting glued shut.
- Use compressed air to help cool drill bit while drilling.
- Keep magnets in shop, great for holding metal items.
- If you have several chucks and different jaw sets, color code them to identify where they go.
- Want a place to put that item you just put finish on, take a board and put several staples in it, and lay the item on top of the staples.
- End grain problem, use mineral oil or water.
- If you don't like moving your tool rest up and down to find the center, use a precut piece of PVC pipe between tool rest and tool rest mount.
- Use drawer liner to hold wood in place while working on it.
- Drill a hole in a piece of wood as big around as your chisel and to the depth you need to attach your wolverine sharpening attachment. This will give you a consistent grind.

This list is not the same as being there, but it should give you some ideas. If you need more info on an item listed get with Joe Wertner, he'd be more than happy to help you out.

## **Club Officer Election**

This seems to be a sore subject in our club, but it's something that's important to keep the club going. In November we will need to elect a First Vice President, Secretary, and a Treasurer. Everyone really needs to consider filling one of these positions. The way the progression is set up, no one needs to worry about being thrown into something without guidance. Example, you're elected in November which gives you two officers meetings to be mentored by the current position holders. Then you take over the position as of January 01, 2015. Even then if you're unsure about something there are folks available to assist you. Not sure what the duties are for the officers? Go to this link [Club By-laws](#). Once on the site just click Club By-laws, then scroll down to duties of officers. It would be nice to see several members run for each office, and they were elected by votes.

So don't look for reasons why you can't hold a position, be positive, step forward, and volunteer to hold one of the open officer positions. New officers mean new ideas which can enhance the club.

## **Apple Valley Woodturners Club**

Grant Wheeler is also a member of the Apple Valley Woodturners club, located in Winchester, VA. He's invited our club members to join him at the Apple Valley Woodturners club on November 15, 2014 which is the third Saturday in November at 08:30 a.m. to see professional guest turner Jimmy Clews.

Apple Valley Woodturners gather on the third Saturday of the month at McFarland's Mill in Winchester VA about 8:30 am to have social time with others and the meeting begins with Show and Tell and a raffle at 9:00 am. The address is: **587 Round Hill Road, Winchester, VA** (540) 667-2272.

Any questions, you can contact Grant Wheeler at [wheel22@earthlink.net](mailto:wheel22@earthlink.net) or 304-947-7511.

## **2015 Demo's**

Bob Robinson is putting together ideas for demonstrations and challenges in 2015. If you have any suggestions, please let him know. Bob can be reached at [popswoodshop@comcast.net](mailto:popswoodshop@comcast.net) or at 717-642-6131.

## **Officer's Meeting**

The next officer's meeting will be October 27, 2014 at 1200. The location will be at the Park-n-Dine in Hancock MD. All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

## **Next Meeting**

- October 2, 2014
- Challenge is to turn anything, using one of Joe's tips in the process.
- Demo – Bob Robinson, Ornaments