

# The South Central Penn Turner

Newsletter of the South Central Pennsylvania Woodturners, September-October 2004



**Inside-out turned maple ornament (3”w x 6½”h) and segmented stool of maple, cherry, walnut and oak woods, (14”w x 17”h), by Elmer Absher**

## Future Meetings:

**September 7, 2004**

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** The Carol Frye shop, 535 Conewago Creek Road, Manchester, PA.

**Directions:** From York, take exit 28 (old exit 12) off I-83. Go east on Susquehanna Trail (about ¼ mile) to a right onto Conewago Creek Rd. Go approximately 0.8 mile to 535 Conewago Creek Rd. on your right (Look for red barn next to the road)

**Program:** Business meeting, Show and Tell, and program on shop safety by Lloyd Shelleman (see September Program, page 2). Remember to bring the stools Todd White charged us with making at the June meeting.

**October 5, 2004**

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** The Carol Frye shop, 535 Conewago Creek Road, Manchester, PA.

**Directions:** See September directions.

**Program:** Business meeting, Show and Tell, wood auction, and program on “Getting the best from a log”. How do you cut turning blanks from a log to best utilize the log’s shape, the wood grain, any burl growths, and other uniquenesses? Club members will be invited to share their ideas about how they would cut blanks from some sample logs. We will also have a wood auction to benefit the club treasury so bring along any extra boards or lumber you would like to get out of your shop.

## About Our Members

**Donald Naylor** was featured in the cover story of the June 2004 issue of *Senior News*, the Monthly publication of information for & about York County Senior Citizens. The cover features a collection of pictures of Don, his workshop, and his turnings. Entitled "Turning Wood Into Art", the article profiles Don and his woodturning hobby. Congratulations Don, and thanks for the free publicity for the club.

Tell others about your activities by sending the information to Glenn Zepp, 1160 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, (717-337-9571) or email him at [zeppga@blazenet.net](mailto:zeppga@blazenet.net).

## Meeting Notes

**July Notes:** The meeting was held at Carol Frye's shop. The program consisted of cleaning up and organizing the shop. The Club has been using Carol's shop for many of its meetings since Valen's death and had never given it a thorough cleanup following these meetings. In addition, some of the machinery was repositioned and tools and work benches reorganized to better handle club meetings. Jerry Kopenhaver says the shop looks like a different place following the meeting. Thanks everyone who participated in the cleanup.

**August Notes:** John and Joan Stewart hosted a family picnic for the club in August. They provided barbequed chicken and several salads. In addition, club members brought covered dishes of various goodies. As with most covered dish picnics there was lots of food and it all tasted very delicious.

Elmer Absher showed a number of projects he crafted recently including an inside-out turning and several stools (see the cover picture and the August gallery pictures).

## SCPA Woodturners Information

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The South Central Pennsylvania Woodturners is a Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year (\$10 for a partial year if joining after June 30). For membership, send a check, payable to "SCPA Woodturners", to the treasurer, Jerry Kopenhaver at 50 Warrington Ways, Wellsville, PA. 17365. AAW membership information can be found at [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org).

## Treasurers Report (Aug. 3, 2004)

Jerry Kopenhaver

Balance \$2,123.24

## September Program

Do you always practice the shop safety tips you preach? Have you ever done something in the shop that you knew better than to do and, consequently, had a near accident or worse yet ended up at the doctor's office or the hospital? I think that most of us have. Our own Lloyd Shelleman will present a program on shop practices that can help avoid woodworking injuries.

Lloyd graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Vocational and Industrial Education. He has taught at the York Vo-Tech Center, the Hoffman Home Orphanage, and Carlisle High School. He established his own cabinet business, Bendersville Woodcraft, in 1971, which he and his son still operate

Lloyd will cover general shop safety, point out some dumb things people do in the shop, discuss the dangers of wood dust, and talk about lathe safety. See on page 5 for a list of AAW's lathe safety practices.

## Upcoming Event

### Virginia Woodturning Symposium

The 2004 Virginia Woodturning Symposium will be held on Sat. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Virginia Artisans Center located in Waynesboro, VA. This event will feature local and regional demonstrators and is designed to promote the craft of woodturning as well as renew the goodwill of woodturners and prospective woodturners throughout the region. The mission of this event is to provide an environment for networking and education for members of the regional woodturning community and for promotion of the art and craft from the lathe. Active demonstrations will provide avenues for expression of one's woodturning skills, as well as introducing non-turners to the craft.

There will be four rotations of four demonstrations on both Sat. and Sun. Rotations will begin at 8:30am end at 5:00pm on Sat. and 3:00pm on Sun. See the list of demonstrators and the topics they will cover.

There will be an instant gallery similar to those of the National Symposium. Attendees are encouraged to bring up to three pieces to display. The instant gallery is open to the public and pieces may be for sale.

An exhibit with lathes, wood tools, and wood for sale will feature vendors from the Mid Atlantic region. The vendor exhibit opens at 1:00pm Friday and 7:30am on Sat. and Sun. in Bldg 3B (The Barn).

Registration opens at 1:00 pm Friday and 7:30 am Saturday and Sunday in Bldg 3B (The Barn). See the registration form and directions on page 4.

This is an excellent opportunity to participate in a woodturning symposium without traveling a great distance and incurring a large expense.

#### Demonstrators

- Becker, Alan** ~ Capitol Area Woodturners ~ Segmented Turning  
**Birchfield, Matt** ~ Blue Ridge Woodturners ~ Translucent Lampshades  
**Castelberry, Bart** ~ Blue Ridge Woodturners ~ Turning Turkey, Crow and Owl Calls  
**Crabb, Tom** ~ Woodturners Anonymous of Richmond ~ Multi-Axis Hollow Forms & Bias Turning a Cube with a Foot  
**Curtis, Myron** ~ Tidewater Turners of Virginia ~ Architectural Repetitive Turning  
**Everrett, Reuben** ~ Tidewater Turners of Virginia ~ How to turn Trivets  
**Gillespie, Gene** ~ Apple Valley Woodturners ~ Figured Bowl Adding Color with Dyes  
**Hardy, Bill** ~ Capital Area Woodturners ~ Platters and the Use of Double Sided Tape  
**Hines, Dick** ~ Woodturners Anonymous of Richmond ~ Inlay Techniques with Metal  
**Hoover, Bruce** ~ Tidewater Turners of Virginia ~ Sanding and Finishing Techniques  
**Riggs, Don** ~ Capital Area Woodturners ~ Spheres  
**Simmons, Willie** ~ Blue Ridge Woodturners ~ Building a Stool with a Woven Seat  
**Smith, Bert** ~ Central Virginia Woodturners ~ Pen Turning  
**Stepanski, Frank** ~ Capital Area Woodturners ~ Wood Choice, Preparation and Mounting on the Lathe  
**St Leger, Mark** ~ Blue Ridge Woodturners ~ Top's, Boxe's and Other Fun Stuff  
**Toch, Peter** ~ Blue Ridge Woodturners ~ Photographing your Work  
**Waters, Ashton** ~ Woodturners of the Virginias ~ Surface and Texturing and Decoration  
**Whitehurst, Jerry** ~ Tidewater Turners of Virginia ~ Safe and Easy Turning with a Backboard
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## Registration Form

To register, fill out the form below, and send it along with a check made out to 2004 Virginia Woodturning Symposium to the registrar at the address below. The cutoff date for early pre-registration is October 24<sup>th</sup> 2004.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Cost:**

Both Days: \$60.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Only: \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Only: \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse attending Demo: \$15.00/day \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \$70.00 at the Door.

### **Registrar:**

Danny Luttrell  
4407 Shoremeade Rd  
Richmond, Va 23234

<http://www.virginiawoodturners.org>

Phone: 804-271-4799

E-Mail:

[registrar@virginiawoodturners.org](mailto:registrar@virginiawoodturners.org)

## Accommodations

**Comfort Inn**  
15 Windigrove Dr  
Waynesboro, Va 22980  
800-359-5672

**Holiday Inn Express**  
20 Windigrove Dr  
Waynesboro, Va 22980  
540-932-7170  
Rate \$69.00 + Tax

**Waynesboro Super 8**  
2045 Rosser Ave  
Waynesboro, Va 22980  
540-943-3888  
Rates: \$55.00 + Tax

**Days Inn-Waynesboro**  
Waynesboro, Va 22980  
540 943-1101  
Rate: \$52.99 + Tax

**Hampton Inn of Waynesboro**  
593 Tinkling Springs Rd  
Fisherville Va 22939  
540 885-3762  
Rate: 1 Person \$79.00  
2 Persons 84.00  
Ask for AAA & AARP rates

## Directions to Artisans Center of Virginia

From I81 North or South take Exit 221, I64 East approx 10 miles to exit 94. Turn right on US 340 south, then left into Outlet mall (on Shenandoah Village Dr.). From Richmond, take I64, west to Exit 94. Turn left on US 340 south, then left into Outlet

## The AAW Lathe Safety Guidelines

1. Safe, effective use of a wood lathe requires study and knowledge of procedures for using this tool. Read and thoroughly understand the label warnings on the lathe and in the owner's/operator's manual.
2. Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses that include side protectors and a full-face shield when needed. Wood dust can be harmful to your respiratory system. Use a dust mask or helmet and proper ventilation (dust collection system) in dusty work conditions. Wear hearing protection during extended periods of operation.
3. Tie back long hair, do not wear gloves, loose clothing, jewelry or any dangling objects that may catch in rotating parts or accessories.
4. Check the owner/operator's manual for proper speed recommendations. Use slower speeds for larger diameter or rough pieces and increased speed for smaller diameters and pieces that are balanced. If the lathe is shaking or vibrating, lower the speed. If the workpiece vibrates, always stop the machine to check the reason.
5. Make certain that the belt guard or cover is in place. Check that all clamping devices (locks), such as on the tailstock and toolrest are tight.
6. Rotate your workpiece by hand to make sure it clears the toolrest and bed before turning the lathe "on". Be sure that the workpiece turns freely and is firmly mounted. It is always safest to turn the lathe "off" before adjusting the tool rest.
7. Exercise caution when using stock with cracks, splits, checks, bark, knots, irregular shapes or protuberances.
8. Hold turning tools securely on the toolrest and hold the tool in a controlled but comfortable manner. Always use a slower speed when starting until the workpiece is balanced. This helps avoid the possibility of an unbalanced piece jumping out of the lathe and striking the operator.
9. When running a lathe in reverse, it is possible for a chuck or faceplate to unscrew unless it is securely tightened on the lathe spindle.
10. Know your capabilities and limits. An experienced woodturner may be capable of techniques and procedures not recommended for beginning turners.
11. When using a faceplate, be certain the workpiece is solidly mounted. When turning between centers, be certain the workpiece is secure.
12. Always remove the toolrest before sanding or polishing operations.
13. Don't overreach, keep proper footing and balance at all times.
14. Keep lathe in good repair. Check for damaged parts, alignment, binding of moving parts and other conditions that may affect its operation.
15. Keep tools sharp and clean for better and safer performance. Don't force a dull tool. Don't use a tool for a purpose not intended. Keep tools out of reach of children.
16. Consider your work environment. Don't use lathe in damp or wet locations. Do not use in presence of flammable liquids or gases. Keep work area well lit.
17. Stay alert. Watch what you are doing, use common sense. Don't operate tool when you are tired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
18. Guard against electric shock. Inspect electric cords for damage. Avoid the use of extension cords.
19. Remove chuck keys and adjusting wrenches. Form a habit of checking for these before switching on the lathe.
20. Never leave the lathe running unattended. Turn power off. Don't leave the lathe until it comes to a complete stop.



**Shop cleanup—July, 2004**

Photos by Charles Galloway



**Organizing a workbench**



**Gene Swensen; Ready to vacuum**



**Elmer, John, and Jerry; “Look at this!”**



**Now where does this go?”**



**Elmer Absher: Cleaning a machine**



**Elmer, Carol and Jerry**



**Mike, Elmer and Mystery Man**



**John and Don**

**Club picnic-August 2004**



**Elmer and Susan; Starting the line**



**Larry and Mrs. Laughman and Mike**



**Cindy, John, and Jerry- That satisfied look**



Show & Tell—August 2004



(Left) Inside-out turned maple ornament by Elmer Absher (3" w x 6½" h)

(Right) Pine stool by Elmer Absher (14" w x 29" h)



(Left) Maple stool crafted by Elmer Absher (13" w x 8" h)

(Right) Rolling pins turned by Elmer Absher—maple cherry, walnut and oak woods (15" long)

