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*...and a good time was had by all.*



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## President's Corner

## December 8, 2015

Our club Christmas Party was a food fest with many compliments on the fine foods. One comment that rings very true is members' wives (and some guys) are great cooks. The Food Czars (old-Fred Williamson and new-Peter Welch + ace organizer Paula, Peter's wife) were given a hearty round of thank-you applause.

Thanks also to the members who donated items for the raffles and, to Richard Landreth for organizing and running the drawings. We have a member who has been given a new moniker!! Rolf "LUCKY" Gebel won 4 or 5 consecutive drawings.

Newly elected officers were also introduced. I am very confident our new President (Bob Welch), VP-Programs (Fred Williamson), and VP-Membership (Don Voas) will do a great job and bring new ideas too. Take a minute at the next meeting and introduce yourself and thank them for volunteering.

I appreciate all of the cooperation and humorous support from our fine "management team" and members during my two years as President. Even more members volunteered to assist the team as "ready assistants" to step in and handle various activities. As we like to say "More hands DO make less work AND more FUN." Thanks to Don Voas for subbing as Secretary.

It's always a pleasure to see our newer members strut their turnings in Show/Tell. Much of their success can be directly attributed to time spent with mentors in the Skills Center. At the last Skills session we had a 9 year old and a 92 year old learning and mentoring. Can you beat that?

My two years as President have flown by. I am looking forward to getting to know our many new members better at meetings and Skills sessions. I did note to Bob Welch that "Cat Herding skills" will be needed.

The Denny Martin Woodturning Skills Center will have its Second Anniversary in January 2016. Attendance at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat morning FREE sessions are brimming with many new turners/chips/learning/treats/ AND FUN too. Big Thanks our Skills Center Director, Jim Oates, and his cadre of mentors. Pen turning and bottle stopper making are on target for Jan. & Feb. 2016 sessions. Watch for details. Member donations and purchased supplies/equipment includes pen kits/wood are in the Skills Center and ready to proceed.

I hope everyone had a Great Holiday and you were nice enough all year to have Santa bring you some fine woodturning tools. Here's to safe turning in 2016 and having MORE FUN!

**Demo this month, Kirk McCauley will be making chess set pieces. Looking forward to that.**

Thanks, Dennis

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December 8, 2015, Meeting Minutes

Crimora Community Center  
Central Virginia Woodturners Club  
(CVW)

Attendance: 52

Guests: 21 (Members' Spouses, Theresa Stewart and her guest)

## **The General Meeting:**

Dennis Hippen called this annual Christmas Party meeting to order at 7 p.m. Tom Evans introduced special guest Theresa Stewart, Ruritan president, and thanked her for the cooperative relationship between the Ruritans and CVW in maintenance and use of the Crimora Community Center. Fred Williamson, Peter Welch and Paula Welch were recognized and thanked for coordinating all the food provisions -- and the feast began.

President Hippen recognized and thanked the following Executive Officers who served with him during the 2014-2015 term:

Phil Evans – VP Programs

Jimmy Guynn – VP Membership

Richard Landreth – Treasurer

Ron Capps – Secretary

And the following Functional Support Officers:

Tim Quillen – Web Master

John O'Neill – Audio Visual

Kirk McCauley – Store Manager

Peter Welch – Food Czar Coordinator

Jim Oates – Skills Center Coordinator

Peter Welch – Newsletter Editor

Mars Champaign – Librarian

Tom Wilfong – VA Symposium Board Member

Tom Evans – Ruritan Liaison

New Executive Officers for 2016-2017 were introduced as:

Bob Welch – President

Fred Williamson – VP Programs

Don Voas – VP Membership

## **Show and Tell:**

Each year we have a theme for the Show and Tell at our Christmas Party. This evening Central Virginia Woodturners members were asked to “bring a bowl or turning of any kind that is extra special to you. It can be special because of a particular connection to you, or the most exotic wood it is made of, or it’s coming from the most distant from central Virginia, or any other reason it is particularly notable.”

This is a sample of the wide variety of talent and skill in our club.

Kirk McCauley – Whistle; inside/outside lamp base with translucent poplar shade; walnut base lamp; maple hat.

Fred Williamson – Small bowl made by Christian Burchard (no sanding, but some sand blasting); turned vessel with a carved native face obtained in 1957-58 as a youngster when his family lived in the Belgian Congo.

Hal Green – Segmented bowl with a rim of sliced walnuts; the walnuts were sliced by

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the team of Hal and his neighbor member Jim Higgins who was unable to attend.

Dan Stogdale – Spalted maple bowl.

William Bowman – American chestnut burl bowl.

Bob Welch – First spindle turned; cherry bowl; pear bowl; large buckeye candle holder; (walnut?) goblet.

Mike Sorge – Large natural edge black walnut bowl.

Jim Oates – Walnut jewelry music box with a carved lid.

Don Voas – Collaborative big leaf maple box with the base turned by Scott Trumbo of Oregon during a 2015 demonstration for the Woodturners of the Virginias and the lid turned later by Don.

Dennis Hippen – Maple hollow form with a finial lid made by CVW charter member Bert Smith; Monticello tulip poplar paper weight; two natural edge bowls turned from Monticello mulberry.

Tom Evans – Wild cherry bowl turned in 2007; cute small natural edge bowl; large boxelder open hollow form with a candle burning inside.

Phil Evans – Large walnut bowl; large walnut bell made as a gift to his wife who is hand bell director in five local churches (this wood bell plays in the key of “clunk” according to Phil).

\$10.00 Craft Supply gift certificates – Fred Williamson, Kurt McCauley, Mike Sorge.

## Raffle Winners:

Packard 3/8" spindle gouge – Wendy Bowman.

Henry Taylor 3/8" bowl gouge – Number drawn did not respond so this gouge was donated to the Denny Martin Skills Center.

Wood River 1/2" bowl gouge – Bob Welch.

Crown 1/2" bowl gouge – Dennis Hippen.

Two pieces Australian gimlet burl – Mike Sorge.

Woodcraft sandpaper pack (6 grits) – Rolf Gebel.

Spring loaded calipers – Jimmy Guynn  
Termite hollowing tool – Rolf Gebel.

Mike Sorge XL Diamond Template – Bill Miller.

Custom bi-metal carving knife – Fred Williamson.

Sandpaper discs – Phil Evans.

16-oz. Tifine Furniture Finish Oil – Rolf Gebel.

**Next Club Meetings:** January 19, 2016, 7:00 pm and Skill Center: January 9, 2016, 9:00 am to 12 pm.

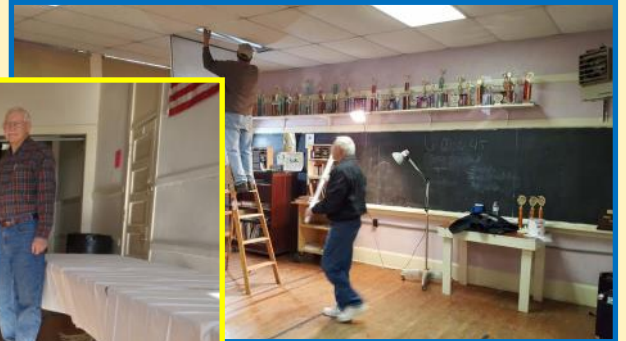
Demo for January, Our own Kirk McCauley-making chess set pieces.

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## 2015 CVW Christmas Party



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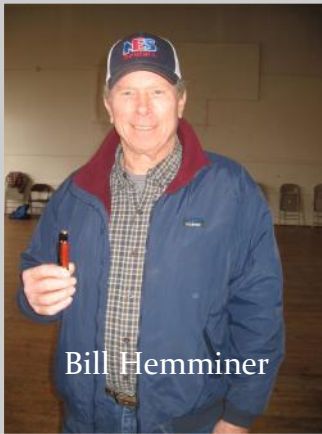


## Denny Martin Skills Center

Managed by Jim Oates



HipWood, Pen Meister.



Bill Hemminer



Hunter and his new pen.

Lots of smiles



Pre-pen meisters.



Directions?



Wendy Lynn



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## Show & Tell



Show & Tell theme for the Christmas Party was to bring one of your oldest turnings or one that you liked the best.



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Teapot made from Pear, pens and paints were used to add the spider. There is a web on the other side. This teapot is on tour in England in a traveling exhibition.

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## What you missed Last Month

## What's on for this month

## CHIPS

**CVW MEETING** The next regular meeting is on January 19 at 7 pm.

At the Crimora Community Center on Rt 612, (New Hope Road)

Demo this month, January 19th , will be Kirk McCauley, making chess set pieces. Chip will be flying on this one. Bring a buddy, friend or next door neighbor.

Before we go out and buy tool rests - 5/8 inch shaft, for mini jet lathes, does anyone have extras they could donate to the Skills Center. We could use up to 8" wide tool rests to turn spindles or curved bowl tool rests.

We also could put to use 1" diameter posts for the larger lathes

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We at CVW, have a rare opportunity to be instructed and mentored in a facility of our own making. Very few clubs or schools have such an opportunity.

I urge all members to take advantage of the Denny Martin Skills Center. You will be helping yourself and the friend you bring to move ahead in your turning journey. ED

## Calendar

January 9th is the next Skills Day

January 19th is the next scheduled meeting

Demo is; Kirk McCauley, making chest set pieces .

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