



February 2024 Chatter

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February Meeting Preview

Our February meeting with Wednesday, February 21st and will start at 6:30pm
at the Champlain Valley High School in Hinesburg, VT.

Agenda

6:30 - 6:45: Informal show-and-tell.

6:45 - 7:15: Discussion and updates on club future

1. Our new name and organization.
2. The Russ Fellows Woodturning Center.
3. Skunk Hollow Estate Sale on Saturday and Sunday: sign up to help.

7:15 - 7:30: Raffle

7:30 - 8:30: Joe Gaines will show before pics and talk about how he approached
rootball art explaining the steps he took from start to finish. Also, how he dealt
with the challenges he encountered along the way.

8:30 - Closing: Board Meeting (agenda items to follow):
Appointment of President to fulfill Karen's term.
Creation of ad-hoc committees.



Reminders

- 2024 dues are due
- Please bring something to share for the raffle
- There's a lot on the agenda so come a bit early if possible
- Please send stories/articles for chatter - we need content

Russ Fellows Tribute Article

As a tribute to our dearly loved friend and mentor Russ Fellows; I will be publishing a random article that Russ contributed to chatter from past years. Let me know if you have a favorite article you'd like to see posted again.



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Greetings from Skunk Hollow!! Russ Fellows

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Danny keeps asking me, “When are my Woodchucks returning? I have sheep in the meadow, but no woodchucks!”. I’m trying to train him to Zoom to see his Woodchucks, but it is not working too well!



When Bob and Danny and I drove up from Florida last month, for many reasons, it was a very direct trip.....two long days, and no family visits along the way. This meant Interstate highways nearly the entire way, but in Virginia we took a little detour through the Thomas Jefferson National Forest.

This maple tree growing quite close to the road really caught our attention! Not only for its size, but also for what appeared to be a huge amount of “burl and curl”. In the pic below I am attempting to point this out in the small spot where the bark had been peeled back (by someone else!). Since the crown of the tree did not look very healthy, my guess was that much of the wood might be

punky, but still an awesome display of what nature quietly creates “out there”!



I was intrigued by Mike Mahoney’s demo of the Carter and Son thread chasing tool. (<https://carterandsontoolworks.com/products/double-ended-threading-tool>). I have always assumed I did not have enough skill to hand chase threads, but Mahoney made it appear a little more do-able. I watched his video on YouTube and decided to order one. In the past I have used the Simon Hope threading system (<https://hopewoodturning.co.uk/woodturning-jigs/threading-jig/47/hope-easy-set-threading-jig-with-hinge-plate?c=18>), and once you learn its little quirks, it is OK. The amount of set-up time is a nuisance though, so I thought maybe the Carter tool

would be a time saver. I will do a report on it for the next Chatter.

Another takeaway from Mike Mahoney was using ordinary white glue, or PVA, instead of Anchor Seal for putting on green bowls. FYI: Walmart has Elmer’s School Glue for \$10 a gallon, which, if you dilute it, as Mahoney suggests, makes it about one quarter the price of Anchor Seal!

I am scheduled to be the demonstrator at our meeting on the 17th. I plan to talk about some of our Florida woods, show some examples of what we have done in our workshops this year, and then do a demo of my open segment pieces I wrote about in Chatter in the April issue.



Hope to see many of you soon, either in person or at our next Zoom meeting!

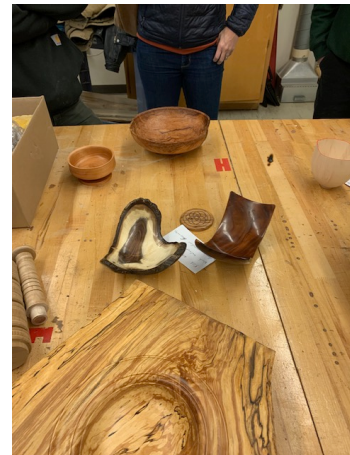
Russ Fellows

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Show and Tell



Call to action



Demo - Brad Vietje





Group candid pictures





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Treasurer's Report

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Bank Balance forward

5385.71

INCOME

Dues	425.00
Glue	10.00
Raffle	<u>23.00</u>
	458.00

EXPENSES

Dues refund	25.00
SOS Biennial Report	20.00
SOS Change of Agent fee	25.00
2023 VT Sales & Use Tax	4.92_
VWG SOS Registration	<u>125.00</u>
	199.92

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If you have paid your dues for the 2024 year but do not see your name listed above, please contact me at BradJackson234@gmail.com to correct that error of omission. Dues for 2024 are \$25. Checks should be made out to "WTNV" and sent to: Brad Jackson, 14 Rustic Drive, Essex, VT 05452

Please note: The following privileges are only available to dues-paying members:

Video library use, mentoring program, bulk purchase discounts for CA glue and Anchor Seal.

10% discount on purchases from Klingspor, Penn State Industries, Rare Woods USA,

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Klingspor requests you login **before** you order.

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Craft Supplies gives Club members 10% off abrasive discs and finishes when ordering as an individual.

They just need to call in the order and mention their membership when ordering those products.

Reminder: As previously advertised, unless you have paid your annual dues by April 1st your name must be removed from the discount list.

Brad Jackson/Treasurer

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