

Coulee Region Woodturners Chapter of American Association of Woodturners

HOW'S THIS FOR TOOLING?!

Steve Czaplewski, the Founder, All-Around Good Guy, and occasional woodworker at Winona Pattern has invited us to see how some high-production tooling is built. For industries like foundries, Winona Pattern designs and builds complete packages of metal tooling that allow the foundry to make a finished casting with state-of-the-art dimensional control. The accuracy and level of detail produced here is second to none. The wood shop is very well equipped, and can produce wood and plastic tooling very quickly. For this meeting we do require that you register in advance. Please call one of the officers by Tuesday if you plan to attend.

Well, it's the start of a new year. We have some good events coming up. I was very pleased with the turnout on the challenge for October through December. I have been doing a lot of turning during the holiday season; it feels good after my forced lay off.

With the start of a new year, it means we have to think about club officers and dues. Remember to get your dues to Bill Gautsch for this year. Also, if anyone is interested in running for any of the officer positions, let one of the officers know. We usually have an officers meeting the Friday after the club meeting and any members are welcome. We need to get some other ideas from the members on the directions we want the club to take. We also need ideas on meeting demonstrations. Speaking of demonstrations, I would like to remind everyone that we have Dick Sing in March and Bob Rosand in September. Both should be an excellent time.

Not a whole lot to say this month, recovering from football games and holiday goodies, I guess. Hope to see you at the next meeting. I also hope you and your family have a safe and prosperous new year. Keep the shavings flying and be safe out there.

Well, it's the start of a new year. With that, there are some changes being made to the way information is transferred to the members.

First of all, the newsletter is going to be primarily informational and thus primarily text. That makes it easier to publish, easier to print, and easier to mail, especially electronically. So everyone gets the “bulletin” each month.

If you want to see the pictures from each meeting or event, you'll have to go to the website, <http://www.crwoodturner.com/>

There are a lot of pictures there, thanks primarily to Art Ustby, our Tool Czar and semi-pro photographer, and Ken Grunke, webmaster. They've already put a lot of information into the site, and will continue to do so after each meeting or event. Check it out if you have the ability to get on the Net.

Finally, articles or news items are always welcome. The editor prefers to get this stuff electronically, but he doesn't mind [much] a *little* typing.

The News

Mobiles They'll be delivered to the La Crosse Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 8th between 4 and 4:30, and to the La Crosse Children's Museum on Friday, Jan. 9th between 4 and 4:30.

Pump House Display Jim Cox will be setting up the display during the afternoon of January 15 and have it ready for the reception scheduled for 6:00–9:00 PM on Saturday, January 17, 2004. All members and significant others are invited. Bring a finger food dish to pass if you plan to nosh with us. If you have work to display, Jim needs it in the next few days. He also needs to know the value for insurance or sale.

Headcount for Next Meeting Reminder—you need to register in advance for the meeting at Winona Pattern. Just call or email one of the officers. Also, bring your recent work. We will have an Instant Gallery.

Another Collaborative Challenge this will be open for discussion at the next meeting, with the anticipation that it will start in February. Bring your opinions. We need your input.

Travel Plans The Utah Turning Symposium in Provo is in early June [with some big-name turners on the program] and the AAW Symposium is in Orlando in July. Any members thinking about going besides the Cranky Turner? It's a great learning experience and relatively inexpensive if you can share travel [and maybe even lodging] expenses.

American Woodturner The club is going to buy two complete CD's containing all issues through 2001. these will be placed in the library for the normal checkout. We will continue to maintain our paper subscription to the magazine as well.

Mug Shots If you want yours redone, see Art Ustby at a future meeting or stop in at his photo studio [call ahead for appointment times]. If you haven't seen them, go to the website. We have pictures of everyone, putting names with the faces.

Treasury Per the Treasurer, Bill Gautsch, we are comfortable for funds, so 2004 Dues will not be increased and the price of special events will remain quite affordable. Kudos to all of you for generously containing to support the Club.

Tool Order The bid from Craft Supply is due any day now. The total came to about \$1500 for this aggregate order, which should get us a nice discount. It's possible that the order may arrive before the January meeting. If not, it should be here in time for that special Valentine's Day gift for that special woodworker you know.

Tool Crib The Tool Tsar reports that he will have a complete listing of the Club's tools later this month and it will then be posted on the website. This is a great opportunity to "take a test drive" of some of those less common tools.

Future Meetings Here is a list of what is planned for the regular monthly meetings. If you have any comments or questions, please air them at the next regular meeting or at the Board Meeting. We always need you input.

February Unfortunately, Rus Hurt had to cancel due to his wife's surgery and recuperation. Thus, as of now, we don't have a program for this meeting. However, the Cranky Turner sez that he heard that Dave Dapkus could be persuaded to demo his egg-laying

technique again, and frankly, I think more than a few of us would like to see that. How about it, Dave? Another alternative would be to have a general Mentoring/Hands-on session, where we have a lot of people working on their own projects or getting some help on particular issue.

March Coming to us directly from the from the shadows of the Argonne National Laboratory in Joliet, Illinois, renowned woodturner Dick Sing will be here for a 2-day engagement on Saturday and Sunday, March 20 & 21. Member Prices will be \$15 and \$50 respectively for the demo Saturday and the Hands-On Sunday and non-member prices will be \$30 and \$75.

April Carroll Sipes will be demonstrating his woven-work, at his shop just outside Sparta. Carroll is the only member with a Stubby, so if you want to learn more about this lathe, be sure to drive down to the shores of the Little La Crosse River and come to the meeting.

May This meeting at B&B Studios in Onalaska will feature Bill's newest investment, a Bandsaw Mill. We will be making bowl blanks from logs and selling them for a very modest price.

June Again at B&B, we'll be learning about various remounting methods as well as vacuum chucking. I have been assured that this meeting will really suck.

July Tool day. What would you like this year? We aren't going to be quite so ambitious this year, but we will still be doing grinding and heat treating.

August We've been very spoiled the last few years by Shorty Mueller and Perry Liljander hosting this meeting at the Alma Aerie. We'll see if this happens again or if Shorty has finally run out of charcoal and chicken.

September Bob Rosand, a big name turner from Bloomsburg, PA will be here for two days, September 18 & 19. Like dick Sing, Bob is a big guy who makes small stuff, but makes it very well. Plus, he can help those of you who need to improve your ambidexterity, because Bob is left-handed and has a lot of insight into the unique problems lefties encounter when using conventional lathes.

By the Rules Some of you may be following the AAW brouhaha which has blown up because the last election for National Directors was "handled improperly". The CRW Board wants to assure you that they actually know where the Chapter Bylaws are kept, and that some time in the next year the dust will be blown off the jacket and the list will be reviewed. We are blessed with a generous and dedicated nucleus of unpaid volunteers, doing what seems to be a pretty good job, so probably most of us aren't going to worry too much about the exact wording of the bylaws or whether meetings scrupulously follow Roberts Rules or Order.

Membership Renewal It's that time again. \$25 for the year, payable now. If left unpaid, we will remove you from our rolls and mailing list after the March meeting.

Woodworking School Prairie River Woodworking, in Merrill, WI [actually just south of Merrill at the Hwy Q Exit] is going to be open for business later this year. Mark Duginske and his staff will be holding classes in this brand new facility with students learning everything from the bandsaw to the lathe. Look for the brochure in the mail.

Meeting Review

The last meeting was held 20 December 03, at the Falch Studio in Winona. Bob Allen gave us a thorough discussion of photography, with the emphasis on capturing your work with a digital camera. We then had the use of a light booth that he and Duane Hill had built for the club. Thus we could take pictures of any objects we had brought to the meeting. All of us now have a better appreciation for light, it's color, and how to control it.

The first ever Collaborative Challenge was voted on by the members, and prizes were awarded to the crowd favorites. Check out the website for details, but the big winners were John Fuchsel and Duane Hill.

The Instant Gallery had a nice collection of objects this time. Again, the pictures of most of them will be on the website. Dave Dapkus had a nice collection of small bowls [he must not watch any football], Tim McCaleb had a gorgeous vessel made from some exotic southwestern desert wood that only grows in the White Mountains outside of Pinetop, and Ken Grunke showed us his three-footed bowl as well as described the technique that he used to make those dainty little feet.

Did everyone get enough to eat at the meeting? It must have been the time of year for cookies and pastry, because we had more than enough for everyone who had an appetite or a sweet tooth.

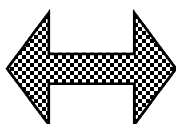
Thank you Doug and Denis for your hospitality. It's always a pleasure coming to a meeting in Winona.



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Next Meeting—Venue Change!
We meet at Winona Pattern & Mold. 9:00 AM Saturday
17 January 2004

We'll start the program promptly, so you'll need to be a little early just to get one of The Uecker Seats. Remember—bring your safety glasses if you have them.

If you get lost or delayed, call Steve Czz at (507) 452-2729 before the meeting for help or commiseration.

We'll have coffee, and Jeanne Czz promises some of those special cookies for which she's famous.

