

Next Meeting—October 21-22

Professional Turner Russ Fairfield. Location is B&B studio.

Russ Fairfield is coming for a two day demo—October 21 & 22. If you are not familiar with Russ, he is extremely knowledgeable on how finishes work and how they are made. He also does some wonderful polychromatic turnings, especially platters. He will be spending Saturday on how finishes work, how to use them and how to make them. He will be showing us how he does his polychromatic platters on Sunday. The cost for the weekend is \$50. Needless to say, that is a real bargain. If you are planning on attending, get your checks, made out to CRW, to Bill Gautsch.



PrezSez: I am really looking forward to Russ Fairfield's upcoming demo. I picked up his DVD set and am convinced that we will have a very informative and interesting demo. Russ is very skilled and informed on sanding techniques and finishes. As a bonus, we get to see how he does his polychromatic turnings.

I think the programming committee does an excellent job in providing top notch turners for very reasonable prices. As a point of reference, I recently got an e-mail from Rockler that they were having a demonstration on finishing that would be based on Jeff Jewitt's book (not Jeff Jewitt demonstrating). This was a two day event (two Saturdays) and the cost was \$100. I would like to thank the programming committee for all their hard work in lining up demonstrators.

October is the time of year that you are raking leaves and getting the house in shape for the upcoming winter. It is also the time for apples and beautiful fall colors. Growing up in Colorado, I really appreciate the diversity of trees that we are blessed with here in Wisconsin. Not only do they supply such beautiful and varied colors, but they also provide us woodturners with a varied supply of material to work with. Believe me, it is a whole lot better than thinking "I wonder how this would look in pine?"

At the meeting this month, I will be leading the meeting for the last time as president. That doesn't mean I won't be leading any more meetings, but that my term as president is coming to an end. I must say, I am very gratified and proud of this club. I think we have built a great organization, one that I am truly proud to say that I am associated with and humbled to lead. To that end, each of you give yourselves a pat on the back, you deserve it.

I'm hoping I will see you at the October meeting or at an Open Shop Night. I would also like to encourage you to sign up for the A-Line Fall Woodworking Show (see later in the newsletter). It is always a lot of fun and you meet some very interesting people. Until I get a chance to visit with you again, keep your tools sharp, the wood spinning and safety foremost on your mind.



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Upcoming Events

October 12—Open Shop at Duane Hill's 7pm-9pm
October 19—Open Shop at Duane Hill's 7pm-9pm
October 21-22 **Professional turner Russ Fairfield.** Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.
November 18 .CRW member Greg Haugen will demo setting up a vacuum system. Location Gary Friemann Shop.
December 16 CRW member John Fisher will demo plant stands. Location: Denis Falch Studio in Winona.

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Jan. Dyes with Duane. Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.
Feb. Furniture Restoration on the Lathe with Jim Cox. Location: Denis Falch Studio in Winona.
Mar. Ken G with tool making. Location is B&B studio

in La Crosse.

Apr. Winged Bowls with Aaron G. Location: Denis Falch Studio in Winona.

May **Pro turner: Stuart Batty Demo.** Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.

June. Craft Show Business with Lee G.

July. Inlace with Duane

Meeting Leaders; (not demonstrator)

Oct.- Duane Hill-Russ Fairfield at B&B's

Nov.- Greg Zeller at Gary Friemann's

Dec.- Jim Cox at Falch's

Jan.- John Fisher

Craft Supplies Group Buy

At the last meeting, there was a lot of interest in participating in another group buy with Craft Supplies. If you would like to order something, get your information to Duane Hill. Needed information is: your name, item number, page number in the catalog, item description, quantity desired and cost. No money is to be submitted yet, as we will need to factor in the discount. All orders need to be in by November 15 (Craft Supplies new catalog comes out the middle of October. This gives you a little bit of time to see what you need that is new). We need \$1000 in orders to get a 10% discount and free shipping. Our discount goes up as the amount of the order goes up. At present, we have just under \$1000 in orders. Last year, we had over \$5000 in pre-discounted orders.

A-Line Information

A-Line Machine Tools will once again be having their fall woodworking show on Friday, November 10 (9 AM – 7 PM) and Saturday, November 11 (9 AM – 3 PM). They have asked us again to demonstrate during the woodworking show. This is a great time to show off some talent and to recruit some new members. We are looking to have 5 shifts, 3-4 hours apiece with two people per shift. One person will be demonstrating and the other talk. Both may be demonstrating. If you are interested in either talking or demonstrating, contact Duane Hill. All demonstrators need to be AAW members, for insurance purposes.

Duane Hill will also be demonstrating Woodturning Basics and Craft Show items from 8:30AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday, October 28. Jim Cox is demonstrating finishing in January.

Club Apparel

During the last club apparel order, the club picked up some extra caps, both crowned and uncrowned, and patches. The caps sell for \$11.25 and the patches sell for \$5 each. Caps and patches will be available at upcoming meeting, while the supply lasts.

Open Shop Night

Open Shop Nights for October will be October 12 & 19. Open Shop Night is held on selected Thursday evenings from 7PM-9PM at Duane Hill's shop (808 Quincy in Onalaska). The topic is whatever you wish to discuss or try, providing it is woodturning related.

Bowls & Pens

Last year, we produced 100 pens for the troops in Iraq and nearly 100 bowls for Holmen High School's Empty Bowl Project. This year, if people are interested, we would like to send some more pens to the Freedom Pens Project. We need at least 50 pens before we participate. Also, we would like to hold an Empty Bowl project of our own to support a local food pantry. If you would like to turn pens and/or bowls, contact Duane Hill by November 1 with how many you would commit to turning. The club will pick up the cost of pen kits.

The Northeast Wisconsin Woodturners will be hosting Dick Sing for a demonstration at their regular meeting on November 11, 2007. Greg Kulibert 920-235-6707

From Rich Egan

Earlier this year, I received an invitation to show some turnings at the new Marie Heider Center Art Gallery at West Salem High School. I stopped there today to review the space, and realized there is probably more space there than I will need. I asked the director if I might extend an invitation to the rest of the club, and she thought that was a fine idea. They have three locked glass cases about 6'x4' each, and about 16" deep. There's good lighting, but we would have to provide some pedestals and maybe a cloth backdrop. There is also about 45' of wall space for framed art, and there will be another artist displaying there as well. I would be happy to organize this event for club members who might like to display a few items. Dates are 12/5-12/26. That's a good time of year for Christmas ornaments, etc. Items can be for sale, with the gallery taking a 20% commission. Interested club members can contact me for more information. Rich Egan rjegan@centurytel.net 608-784-9970

Presidential Challenges

I would like to issue a final turning challenge from my term as president. I have given this much thought. How to make this meaningful, etc. The challenge will be called All Skewed Up. You guessed, it involves using the skew. The challenge is to turn something you don't normally turn and at least 75% of the cutting on the piece has to be done with the skew. For those accepting the challenge, you will be asked to describe what portions of the piece were done with the skew. The due date is the December meeting. Sign up will be in September and October. Prizes will be given. So get your skews honed up and start planning that skew project for the All Skewed Up Challenge.

Wanted:

People to be leaders for upcoming CRW meetings. Also looking hosts for 2007 meetings. If this interests you talk to one of our board members. Hope to hear from you.

To encourage woodturning by our youth, the CRW Board has made the decision to cut the membership dues in half for members who are still in school (grade school, high school, college or technical schools). This will start in 2007.

Remember to encourage woodturning to our youth.

Ever consider becoming a CRW Officer ?

We are looking for volunteers for open board positions that are coming open in 2007. Please consider this –it's not a tough job. More to come on this at the next meeting.

Check out CRW's web site for more photos and information.

<http://www.crowoodturner.com>

Ever check out Woodcraft Magazine ??

The November issue has an article on David Ellsworth. Also a nice article on Turned Pen Storage project. Check it out.

Secret Santa Exchange

I know its only October, but it is time to plan if the club will have a Secret Santa Exchange this year. Just like last year all exchanges have to be turned. No store-bought exchanges. I placed an email looking for those that would like to participate in an exchange. At the time of writing this I have 4 people already wanting to have another exchange. It was a lot of fun last year. So turn something on your lathe and join the exchange. Let me know if you would like to join. **HO HO HO!!** greghaugen@crwoodturner.com

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU

for all of the people that donated their woodturnings and a Quilt for the benefit which was on Saturday night.

All of the woodturnings combined totaled over \$450.00 and the Quilt which Bill and Marge Kammuegger donated, which was one of the three main prizes given helped a great deal. Preliminary totals throughout the last month were over \$80.0000. donated to Mike and his family.

Thanks again — JIM COX



I missed this for last months newsletter... But we had a hot summer. Rich Egan says: Duane is right - a large bowl blank does make a nice breeze on a hot day. If I want more breeze, do I have to buy a bigger lathe? .

Remember to turn safely.

It's easy to get hurt turning. When you start to get tired, stop and take a break. Protect your face and your lungs. We want you to be long term CRW members !

This isn't woodturning, but it's amazing.

Dave Dapkus has added Chainsaw Carving to his many talents. These have to be seen to be appreciated !! The owl is 24" tall and the tree is 15" tall.

Great job Dave .



On Sept 23, Denis Falch, Duane Hill and Art Ustby got together at Denis' shop to check out his McNaughton coring system. Denis had bought the system shortly after the Bill Grumbine demo. Denis was having trouble with the coring system. Duane brought along his tool post for comparison. Prior to getting together, Denis had roughed out two bowl blanks to use. Checking out the system, it looked like Denis was setting his system up wrong. The T-post of the tool post was towards the tail stock instead of towards the head stock and the height of the blade was slightly high. Making these adjustments, we then proceeded to core seven bowls, three each from the two blanks Denis had and another from a cracked blank of oak. We would have got more from the cracked blank, but the cracks were through cracks and pretty sever. All in all, we got Denis' system up and running and had a great time as friends. Total time invested approximately 3 hours, the amount of fun we had - enormous.



Here is a list of area clubs and their websites. Zumbro Valley Woodturners
www.zvwoodturners.org

Check them out for upcoming events and demonstrations.

Minnesota Woodturners Association
www.mnwoodturners.com

Badger Woodturners
www.badgerwoodturners.org

Chicago Woodturners
www.chicagowoodturners.com



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**Next Meeting – At the Brigitta & Bill Gautsch
Studio in Onalaska.**

9:00 AM ☀ Saturday, Oct 21 & 22, 2006

**Directions to N4671 Old Hickory Drive in
Onalaska.**

**I90 to Wisconsin Highway 16 to County
Road OS [Main St.]. This is the Woodman's
intersection. OS west to Meadow Wood to
Old Hickory, then to the end at the top of
the hill. Look for the pink driveway.**

**We'll start the program promptly, so you'll
need to be a little early just to get one of The
Uecker Seats. Remember—you have to
bring your own chair to have a place to sit.**

**If you get lost or delayed, call (608) 783-7171
before the meeting for help or directions.**

**We'll have coffee, so donuts are ALWAYS
welcome. Especially Chocolate.**

