

## Next Meeting—January 20 —B&B studio in La Crosse

### Use of Color To Enhance Woodturnings

Duane Hill will be doing the demo at the January meeting. He will be presenting the use of dyes to enhance woodturnings. Duane will go over the process he picked up from Phil Irons, Kirk Deheer and Lane Phillips to apply dyes to turnings to enhance the grain and give a totally different look to the turning. Duane will cover alcohol vs water based dyes, application, use of resists and overall dyeing techniques. There will be lots of coloring, examples and sanding. Little to no turning will be done.

### PrezSez:

The first thing I would like to say as the new President is thank to Duane Hill for all the time and effort he has put into helping this club get started and helping guide it for several years. He may be short in stature, but he will leave mighty big shoes to fill, and trying to fill them will be a large feat, (feats) for me. He has always been willing to help anyone in need of instruction and has even driven to someone's house to give some individual one-on-one help. He will remain as an officer this year to provide guidance and ensure more continuity from the change in personnel.

The CRW group is composed of great people, everyone is willing to help one another and tell their secrets on how to do a project. Everyone is friendly and helpful, the camaraderie of the club is what has attracted me to this group and I will try my best to keep this reputation going.

What a turnout for the last meeting, there had to be 55+ people in attendance. It filled Dennis and Doug's shop to the max., people were sitting clear to the back of the room. Usually the meeting just before Christmas is not that well attended due to all the activity of the holidays. Maybe it was the topic that made the interest or everyone was free that day, but what a way to start ones first demonstration. I would like to think it all went without a catch, this saying must of come from a woodturner, but I do recall I made one. I will bring some more hand-outs for people that did not get one from the last meeting. I would like to thank Dennis and Doug for letting us use their facilities, it is great that our club members open their shops to the group.

Now that the holidays are over I hope everyone has had a chance to turn on their lathes and make something or at least make some wood chips. The Program Committee has been doing a great job and has some good events planned. It was requested by some of our members that we start using nametags. Our club has grown and it is difficult for people to remember everyone's name with this size of membership. Take care and keep your tools sharp.

*John Fisher*



John Fischer gave a great presentation on making Plant stands.



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## Our Mission Statement: To promote, to educate, and to inspire ourselves and others in the fine art of turned wood.

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**0-2 Yrs—Greg Haugen****5 Yrs and Up—Duane Hill****Best Use of Skew—Ansel Hiram****Most Imaginative - Aaron Gesicki****Upcoming Meetings & Events****Jan 11** Open Shop Night at Duane Hill's Shop.**Jan 18** Open Shop Night at Duane Hill's Shop.**Jan. 20** 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**Aug.—** Shorts**Sept.—****Pro Turner. John Jordan Demo.** Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.**Oct.—**Shop setups with Bill G.**Nov.—**Platters by Duane.**Dec.—**Music Boxes by Tom Mruz.**Meeting Leaders:****Jan.—** John Fisher**Feb.—**Lyle Solem**Mar.—**Greg Zeller





## **2007 WISCONSIN ARTISTS BIENNIAL**

### **ENTRY DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2007**

The 2007 Wisconsin Artists Biennial is a juried exhibit open to **ALL** Wisconsin visual artists over the age of 18, both 2-D and 3-D art may be submitted including painting, drawing, sculpture, pottery, photography, furniture and glass. Monetary awards will be presented, First Place is the James Auer Memorial Award in the amount of \$500, Second Place is \$400 and Third Place is \$300. Additional monetary awards will be presented along with merchandise awards from area businesses. The esteemed Haggerty Museum of Art on the Marquette Campus, Milwaukee, will host the event from April 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup>. Continuing a 106 year-old tradition the Wisconsin Artists Biennial is presented by Wisconsin Painters & Sculptors; membership is **NOT** required to enter. Further information and prospectus available to download at [www.artinwisconsin.com](http://www.artinwisconsin.com), or may be requested by contacting Biennial Co-chair Gary John Gresl, Phones: Cell: 414-313-1682; Home and machine: 414-357-6822;

**Check out CRW's web site for more photos and information. <http://www.crwoodturner.com>**

**When Emailing the Club Secretary/Newsletter Editor (Art Ustby)—please start using my Home Email address ([ustby@charter.net](mailto:ustby@charter.net)), instead of my work Email.**

## Holmen Empty Bowls



CRW sent 61 bowls to Holmen High School for their Empty Bowls event. Bowls were also supplied by the Holmen art students and Viterbo art students.

The event raised at least \$2000 (net \$1500) to the area food pantry. A natural edged box elder bowl was donated by Roger Meyer and was raffled off at the event. The raffle alone raised \$256. According to Liz Schank, this was the largest proceeds that they have ever had for an Empty Bowls event.

There are still some bowls available (wood and pottery). These are being sold during lunch periods. A great big GOOD JOB and THANKS to all those who participated (Pam Reilly, Duane Hill, Art Ustby, Ansel Heram, Roger Meyer, John Fisher, Carroll Sipes, Greg Zeller, Rene Buchner, Dennis Snider, Aaron Gesicki and Lou Bray).



### Open Shop Night

Open Shop Nights for January will be January 11 & 18. 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.

### 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.

A few years ago, CRW got an AAW grant for a lathe and grinding system for Holmen High School. Here it is today, actively being used by the High School students.

**Dues time again!** - Membership for 2007 will continue at \$30 for the year. Please make your check payable to "CRW," or cash is acceptable also. You may pay at the January meeting or mail your dues to me at:

Bill Gautsch / CRW Treasurer  
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**After 1/31/07 nonpaid members will be removed from the current membership roster and from the emailed newsletter, unless they have made prior arrangements with the Treasurer. Twenty-three members have not yet renewed as of this printing.**



## 2006 Secret Santa



This years Secret Santa Exchange was enjoyed by all. Many happy smiles can be seen on the faces of those opening their presents. No one got a piece of coal (this year). Thanks Greg for coordinating this !

### Abrasives For Sale

The club was able to pick up a bunch of abrasive belts from A-Line recently. Grits range from 80-150. The abrasives will be on sale during January meeting. Cost is \$0.50 per belt. All proceeds will be going to the purchase of a new video projector. If you can't make it to one of the meetings, or you want your belts sooner, please contact Duane Hill to purchase. The sale will go on until the belts are gone.

The belts we have and their quantities are as follows:

150 -2.5"x72" 120 grit  
 30 - 1"x132" 100 grit  
 87-1"x 42" 150 grit  
 11 - 1.5" x 60" 150 grit  
 11 -1" x 72" 150 grit  
 3 -2.5" x 72" 80 grit  
 50 1" x 65" 100 grit.

### Here is a list of area clubs and their websites.

Check them out for upcoming events and demonstrations.

Minnesota Woodturners Association  
[www.mnwoodturners.com](http://www.mnwoodturners.com)

Zumbro Valley Woodturners  
[www.zvwoodturners.org](http://www.zvwoodturners.org)

Badger Woodturners  
[www.badgerwoodturners.org](http://www.badgerwoodturners.org)

Chicago Woodturners  
[www.chicagowoodturners.com](http://www.chicagowoodturners.com)

## **“Meet our Members”**



### **John Fisher**

I have been woodworking since my freshman year in High School. I was fortunate to have a great teacher at that time that set a life long love of working with wood. I have also taken some woodworking classes at WTC here in La Crosse and I have a wife that is a better flat woodworker than I am. In High School I always enjoyed turning on the lathe but it was done mostly with a tracer attachment, we did not learn to use many of the lathe hand tools. I have made some cabinets and furniture but I did not start turning until a few years ago when I attended an A-Line Machine tool demonstration and watched Duane Hill perform some of his magic. He was turning a bowl and I thought I could do that! So I setup my Shopsmith into a lathe and attempted to turn a bowl using a faceplate to hold a small log. I tried cutting into the end grain. The piece came flying off the faceplate and did a 1 ½ somersault in the air and landing on the machines braces, I did this twice. After that, I called Duane Hill and he explained what I needed and then I joined CRW.

I would say most of my turning knowledge has come from members of our group and attending some of the professional classes offered through our club and some other locations. I would consider myself an intermediate turner with much learning to do.

I have two lathes, Delta Iron Bed and a Jet Mini, but not any of the really good brands and not much space to do my work. I would like to build a shop some time in the future but building ordinances and land layout have prevented my most recent attempts. I have found that the most important equipment of turning is to have sharp tools and the sharpening equipment.

I have other hobbies and most of them involve a gun, hunting, trapshooting, and some fishing.

### **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 !

**The Newsletter Editor** is always looking for interesting articles for the newsletter. If you have ideas or suggestions for articles, please let the editor know. If you have some favorite tips or tricks, been to an interesting store or just have something that will bring a smile to the readers, let me know.



## Marie Heider Center Art Gallery





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## **"A Turn For the Better"**

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

#### **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.

