

## So you have trouble sharpening tools ???

*Saturday—January 19 — 9 am*

The first meeting of the New Year will be at the B&B Studio in Onalaska. The demonstration will focus on improving fundamentals – in this case, on sharpening. We'll have experienced leaders to show you how to sharpen gouges with the Oneway Wolverine system, how to make and sharpen negative rake scrapers, and how to freehand sharpen like Stuart Batty. All these methods will have grinders available so that hands-on opportunities will be available for all who want to do it. Bring some of your troublesome tools and our experts will help you learn how to sharpen it.

### PrezSez:

I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas and may everyone have a great new year. If you were like me, the Christmas season is too busy to get much time to do any turning. I had some time off, but I was making gifts, traveling, and helping others.

Our club dues are now \$35 for increase for expenses to give our club hosts and to try and keep getting good professional people for our club sponsored event. There is also increase expense for many other items related to putting on demonstrations. Our officers have been very frugal with your moneys and we will continue to do so. I would also like to thank everyone that has contributed to helping our club by donating wood for raffles, bringing food, helping clean up and set up, putting on the demonstrations, hosting, taking time to be an officer, and many other things that have helped out club to be one of the best organizations I have had the pleasure to join. Every little bit of effort helps to keep this club going, THANKS! And may we have even more effort this coming year.

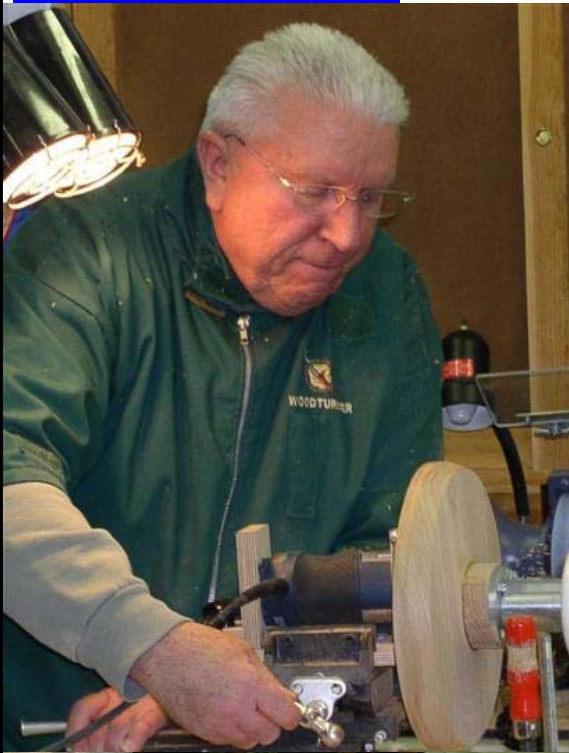
I would like to thank everyone that contributed to the Empty Bowls project this year. It was a great success and it would have been better if they had gotten notification to us sooner. Our bowls are combined with Holmen and some other schools pottery class efforts and the money generated from the bowls go to area food pantries. Our bowls are the main attractions and they would like us to do this on an annual basis if possible. This is one event that I think is worthwhile and I plan on making some bowls through the year to help out.

I would really like to thank Dennis Falch again for doing the demonstration and hosting the event. I do not know what we would do without the help of people like Dennis so please be sure and thank him and Doug for all their efforts. Hearing it from our membership means much to anyone that has helped do demonstrations and hosting.

May your tools be sharp, your patience long, your wood supply endless, and your fun everlasting in the New Year.

—John Fisher—

## December Meeting



## January Open Shop Night

Open Shop Nights: Tuesday - Jan 8 & Jan 22. Open Shop Night is held on selected Tuesday evenings from 7 PM-9 PM at Duane Hill's shop (808 Quincy in Onalaska). The topic is whatever you wish to discuss or try, providing it is woodturning related.



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# DECEMBER GALLERY



## **The Maple Burl challenge will be due at the February meeting.**

This is the wood that came from the meeting where Bill demonstrated cutting Burls and was auctioned off. Clyde Cassell was the person that donated the wood. The categories are: Most functional, Most artistic, Most unique and Best of show.



## **Time to start planning your summer road trip:**

### **Utah Woodworking Symposium:**

The 2008 Utah Woodturning Symposium will be held May 22-24 at the Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah. This is a change from previous years. Check their website for more details.

<http://www.utahwoodturning.com>

### **AAW Symposium:**

The 2008 AAW Symposium will be held June 20-22 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia. Check their website for more details.

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2008>

### **Midwest Woodturning Symposium:**

July 25, 26, 27 in Mundelein, IL

Guest demonstrators include: David Ellsworth, Alan Lacer, Binh Pho, Dick Sing, Steve Sinner, Curt Theobald, & Jacques Vesery. Rotation topics include: Basic Woodturning, Tool Handling, Sharpening, Hollow vessels, Natural-Edged Bowls, Platters, Thin-Walled Turning, Goblets, Segmenting, Surface Treatments, Jigs, and more. There will be something for everyone! Reservations start in February. Check the Chicago Woodturners website for more information.

<http://www.chicagowoodturners.com/index.htm>

### **Upcoming A-Line Demos:**

**January 12**—9am to noon—Prep & Finishing—**Jim Cox**

**February 2**—9am to noon—Raised Panel & Glass Cabinet Doors—Ken McIntyre

**February 23**—8am to noon—Simple Vases & Bowls—**Duane Hill**

**March 8**—9am to 11:30am—Routers/Tables/Bits & Blades

**Annual Spring Show**—March 21-22 10am to 6pm

### **Upcoming CRW Meetings:**

**January 19**—Program: Tool Sharpening. Location: B&B studio.

**February**— Program: Aaron Gesicki will demonstrate the basics of segmented work. Location: B&B studio.

**March** - Program: TBD. Location: TBD

**April** – Program TBD. Location: Friemann's in Spring Grove

**May** – Program: TBD. Location: TBD

**June** – Program: TBD. Location: TBD

**July** – Program: TBD. Location: TBD

**August** – Program TBD. Location: tentatively at Shorty's in Alma.

**September** – Program TBD. Location: Reilly's in Elgin, MN.

**October** – Program: Duane Hill will make Xmas ornaments. Location TBD.

**November** – Program: TBD. Location: TBD

**December** – Program: TBD. Location: TBD

### **Program Leaders:**

**January**— John Fisher

**February**— ??

### **Area club websites.**

**Minnesota Woodturners Assoc.**

[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)



Our youngest club member enjoying his first Christmas—Andrew Egan.

From Rich Egan: *I asked Andrew to whisper a few things for Dad in Santa's ear, but I'm not sure that worked out. Maybe next year.*



## The 2008 Secret Santa were:

Jim Frank,  
Aaron Gesicki,  
Dennis Snider  
(not present),  
Duane Hill,  
Ansel Heram,  
Tom Mruz,  
John Fisher,  
Denis Falch,  
Art Ustby.

### Items For Sale:

9ft wooden step ladder in excellent condition (I got a new ladder for Christmas). \$35

Contact Duane Hill [dlh@dairynet.com](mailto:dlh@dairynet.com)

Bosch Variable Speed Router with Multiple Bases, Bits and Edge/Circle Cutting Guide.

Great Condition. New \$250, Sell \$150 obo. Contact Greg Haugen 608-483-2988 [ghaugen@live.com](mailto:ghaugen@live.com)

Ridgid 14" Band Saw, ¾ horse, new blade, Excellent Condition. New \$380, Will Sell for \$250 obo. Contact Greg Haugen 608-483-2988 [ghaugen@live.com](mailto:ghaugen@live.com)

### DUES ARE DUE!!!

Membership for 2008 will be \$35 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:

Pam Reilly / CRW Treasurer  
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Elgin, MN 55932

**New for this year** – family members of paid members may join for \$15. For example, a member and their spouse would have a total annual membership fee of \$50.



**After 2/29/08 nonpaid members will be removed from the current membership roster and from the emailed newsletter, unless they have made prior arrangements with the Treasurer.**

### Wanted:

People to be leaders for upcoming CRW meetings. Also looking hosts for 2008 meetings. If this interests you talk to one our board members.



### Empty Bowls Turners:

John Fisher, Lee Goehring (not present), Dennis Snider (not present), Pam Reilly, Jim Frank, Ansel Heram, Odell Anderson, Duane Hill and Carroll Sipes.

*From Duane Hill: I dropped off 30 bowls to Holmen High School for their Empty Bowls project. Needless to say, they were thrilled. Thanks to all that helped !!!*



## Meet our Members



**Jim Frank**

I am retired now, but in my past life, I was a Sheet Metal Journeyman, an Air Conditioning and Heating Serviceman, and a H.V.A.C. Trainer. I was turned onto this hobby by Duane Hill during a training session at A-Line last year.

I have been at all of the A-Line shows for the last year and some of the shows presented by the club.

I like to try all techniques, what I see others do. What I am best at is fixing errors. I am learning.

My last job segment was European Training Manager for Trane Co. located in Epinal France. I lived in France for 3.5 years and had the chance to see works of others, both great and small.

The best thing that the club has done for me is to see works that others have done. These works inspire me to try things that I have not done in the past. It has brought me into a new world of skill, art and grace. It has made me look into the beauty of wood through the works of others.

My next purchases will be in one word, BIGGER. My lathe is too small, my band saw was too small, my table saw was too small, my drill press was too small, ^%#%@@&\*& (AGAIN, think BIGGER).

I want to turn platters next. I am using raw wood from cut trees and drying that wood is my biggest challenge. I am too impatient waiting for it to dry. I need a quicker way that the way I am doing.

Since I am now retired, I have time, that is what they say. The truth is, I don't have enough time. I am always busy. My other interests (when I have time) is fishing, photography and reading.

*From the editor: Jim is our new Club Librarian. Thanks for helping out Jim !*



## Didn't get a newsletter ??

I try to get the newsletters published about 10 days before the next meeting. If you haven't received the newsletter and it's 1 week before the meeting, then send me an email (ustby@charter.net) or call me (608-781-0914) and I will make sure you receive the newsletter. — *Art Ustby* —

## Request for your tips and tricks...

Please send me any of your tips and tricks. I would like to add a new section to the newsletter containing shop tips and tricks. If you have any, just email or call me and I'll put them in the newsletter. Thanks for your support. — *Art Ustby* —



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## "A Turn For the Better"

**Next Meeting — January 19, 9am —  
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 red 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.**

