

Corian & Bottoms

June 21—9am—Onalaska Community Center

Dave Dunn will show the club how to turn Corian and he will also show us how to turn and finish the bottom of your turnings with a minimum of tools.

Dave Dunn is a Rochester native who has done many, many turning demonstrations. He has been turning wood for many years and although he remains pretty well fed, he is constantly on the lookout for "the right piece of wood." Most of the material Dave uses is "found wood" from southeastern Minnesota's hardwood forests and orchards. These domestic hardwoods provide a wide palette of grain configuration, colors and textures.

Dave is a member of Southeastern Minnesota Visual Artists, AAW and charter member of the Zumbro Valley Woodturners Chapter. Dave sells his finished products in Southeastern Minnesota Art Gallery in Rochester MN.

Dave's expertise goes from Tops to Bowls and Vases. Ask Dave how many Tops he has done?

PrezSez:

Sorry I missed the last meeting but I was on a long planned vacation. I have been battling a nasty cold/flu since my return and I am now just getting back to normal, which to some I will never be normal. I inquired from others that the meeting went well and the first demo at our new home location was a success. Lee Goehring did a great job for his first turning demonstration and I thank him for his time and efforts. It takes some time to prepare a demo but it is really rewarding to challenge yourself, for those afraid of public speaking this is great to conquer your fears. I would encourage more people to try doing a demo, you are among friends in the club and it is really exhilarating experience to overcome your fears.

Our new location is great and again I would like to thank the locating committee for all their time and efforts. We will need to begin to modify the location for a closet to store our equipment which will make the meeting preparation time much less and easier set ups. Let me or any of the officers know if you have any comments or suggestions for our location or would like to volunteer for facility improvements or any other need task.

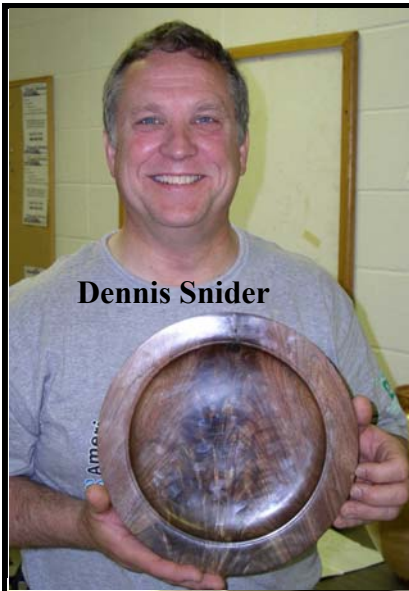
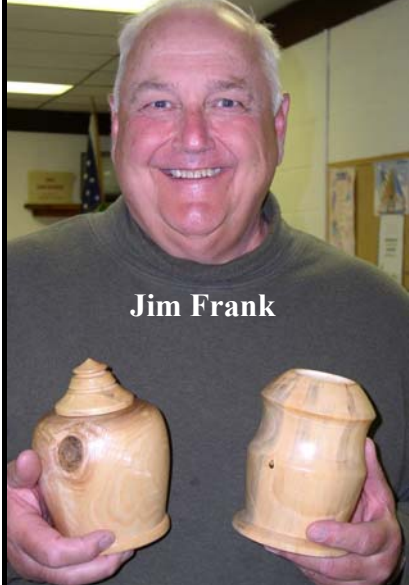
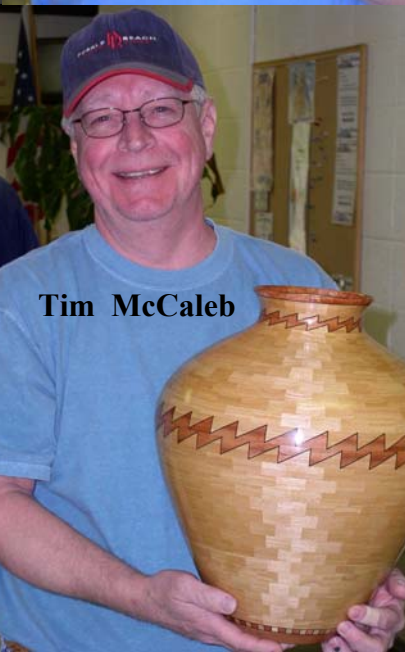
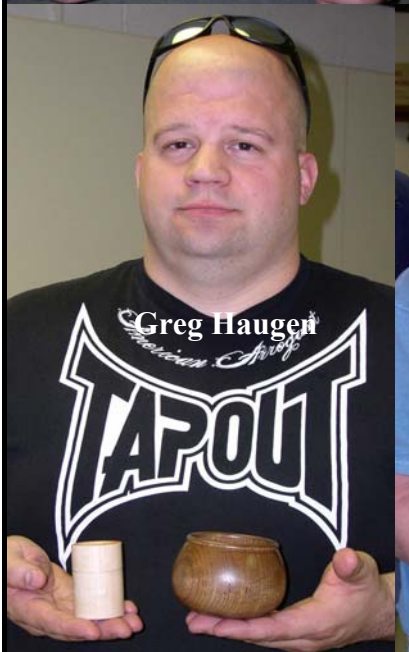
We had one problem at the last meeting; people must be considerate of handling of the items on the instant gallery. There was frosting from the donuts that was left on some of the items on display and this is upsetting to the members that have put in hours of time to make this item and must try to clean and repair the item. Please clean your hands before handling these items. I know items can get damaged by dropping or handling but please take some precautions before touching, think of it as if it were your best piece of work.

I missed the camaraderie of our group and look forward to our next meeting in June. Happy and safe turning.

—John Fisher—

May Meeting



**Dennis Snider****Jody Kronebusch****Jim Frank****Pam Reilly****Tim McCaleb****FROM THE TREASURER:**

Financial information from the John Jordan demonstration:

Total Income: \$2,695

Expenses:

Demonstrator fee	\$1,500.00
Host fee, porta-potty	\$279.13
Food, AV, DVD	\$336.16
Total expenses	-\$2,115.29

Net Income \$579.71

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

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A Simple Matter of Courtesy

At meetings, we always have coffee and people are generous enough to bring donuts, cookies and other baked goodies, but the May meeting was the first meeting in memory that the unthinkable happened – frosted fingerprints appeared on show and tell pieces.

Yes, somewhere along the way, people became complacent and careless and touched other people's turnings with donut frosting on their hands. At least three people were affected by such carelessness and disrespect. This is something that I thought should be brought to light since it involved work on the part of those affected to clean up and repair the work that they brought to the meeting to share with others.

We all take great pride in what we do and make and it doesn't matter if someone is an aspiring professional or just starting out, all work displayed deserves courtesy and respect.

PLEASE, **do not** handle any turnings unless your hands are clean. With our new facility, there's a faucet in the kitchen and another in the bathrooms – there's no excuse to have dirty hands when you handle other's work. It would be extremely unfortunate and a potential detriment to the club if this incident resulted in members not bringing their work to meetings to share with everyone. Think about how you would feel if you got home from a meeting and found frosting on the work you were proud enough to show others.... So please be considerate and careful.

LATHE RAFFLE – PHIL BRENNION FUND RAISER

The AAW is coordinating a raffle to benefit past President Phil Brennon by raffling off a Powermatic 3520B lathe. The club has purchased a block of 60 tickets – 30 of those tickets were donated to the club thanks to the generosity of Jim Frank. Our ticket numbers are 2605 through and including 2664.

Some updates reflect that 1st prize is the Powermatic lathe. Second prize is a Jet Mini-lathe, and 3rd prize is a Oneway Stronghold chuck with standard jaws and insert of the winner's choice.

The drawing will take place at the symposium banquet on June 21st, so everyone keep your fingers crossed and say your prayers so we can win a big lathe!!!

Upcoming Symposiums:

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>

August issue of Fine Woodworking magazine

Has an article on spalted wood and how to "spalt your own". Check it out.

Meet our Members



Jack Fitzpatrick

What do you do for a living ?

I'm Senior Electronic Technician at Trane Company Resource and Development Lab here in La Crosse. I have been there for 31 years now. My job is to find any weak points

before they reach production. I like to say I blow up stuff for a living. How's that for a fun job?

Who/what turned you onto wood working ?

I went to a A-Line demo on inside out ornaments put on by Duane Hill and was hooked.

What classes have you've taken / what symposiums have you gone to / which would you recommend ?

I have been at most if not all the Pro demos that the club has had in the last several years. I also took the class the offered by Stuart Batty. If we ever get him back again, I'll be the first to sign up. But I have to say I like all

the Demos the club has.

Type of turning do you like best ?

To be honest I have not done much turning. I still rate myself as a beginner. I do plan to get serious about it before I retire in about 13 months or so. I probably like bowls the best.

Something most people don't know about you ?

I also do Stained Glass work.

What has the club done that you like ?

I like the people that we have in our club. You can ask anyone, any questions you may have and if they can't help, they will point you to some one how can. You can't beat the camaraderie we have here.

What's your next turning project ?

This is not a turning project but it need to get done first so I can turn more. My next project is to get my garage in shape so I can turn in the winter. It is not insulated or heated at this time.

Other interests beyond turning ?

I like the outdoors, Hunting , Camping, Canoeing, and Fishing.

June Open Shop Night

Open Shop Nights will be Tuesday, June 17 and 24. Open Shop Night is open for all turners who have questions about woodturning, want to try something new or just want to talk woodturning. The place is Duane Hill's shop (808 Quincy in Onalaska). Time is 7 PM to 9 PM.

Upcoming CRW Meetings:

July 19 – Program: Inside-Out Turning by Denis Falch. Location: Falch Shop—Winona.
Meeting Leader: Lyle Solem

Aug 16 – Program: Turned Door Stops by Greg Haugen. Location: Shorty's in Alma.
Meeting Leader: Duane Hill

Tip for June:

Cracks are usually caused by unequal drying. The thickest part of a piece will crack first. To help prevent, coat the end grain with paraffin paint or other such product. If turning green, cover the piece with a plastic bag if you are taking a break. If the piece is ready for drying, denatured alcohol works well.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENT!!!

October 19th and 20th, Mike Stafford will be giving CRW a two day box making demonstration! Mike makes a variety of box shapes and styles, and his personal goal is to make boxes in as many different species of wood as he possibly can – a very noble goal. Mike had one of his boxes accepted into the juried show at the AAW Symposium this year – Turned for Use II. He is co-running the Box Turners Special Interest Night at the symposium which is sure to be a special event. Mike uses a large arsenal of tools to make his boxes, so there should be something for everyone in his demonstration. He is a truly fantastic box turner and is very enthusiastic about sharing what he has learned. This is an event not to be missed. Check out his website:

www.turnewoodboxesbymike.com/



*****CHANGE IN PROCEDURE*****

Due to the difficulty in securing the minimum number of attendees at the cut-off date for John Jordan's demonstration in April, the board has instituted a new procedure. The deadline for sign-up for professional demonstrations will be two months prior to the demonstration. Thus, for Mike Stafford's box demonstration, **the deadline to sign up will be the August meeting (August 16th).** If we do not have the required minimum of 30 people by August 16th, the demonstration will be cancelled.



SPECIFICS

The cost for the October demonstration is \$55 for the two days. This does not include lunch. Lunch details will be worked out at a later date. Payment may be made by cash or check payable to "CRW". You may pay Pam (treasurer) or any board member at the upcoming meetings or you may send your payments to Pam at:

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"A Turn For the Better"

**Next Meeting—
Onalaska Community
Center on Saturday,
June 21, 2008 at 9am.**

Here's a map to help those who aren't sure where we meet. It's the Onalaska Community Center at the intersections of Quincy & 6th Ave North in Onalaska, Wisconsin.

We'll start the program promptly at 9am, so get there early to avoid getting a Uecker Seat.

Chairs are provided.

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

