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## Spheres

**Onalaska Community Center**

**9am—December 13**

This month, Duane Hill will be showing us how to turn spheres. Duane has picked up more of an engineering approach (that's appropriate) to turning spheres. This technique works well with a sphere of any diameter. He will also show a couple of special tools. Spheres are good tool control practice and are a very good way of displaying wood. This technique also works well with a sphere on the end of a post.

*[For directions to Onalaska Community Center—see map on the last page.](#)*

## PrezSez:

This is my last column I will write as your club president. It has been a challenging two years but fun and rewarding. It is the people that make this club and may the next person that steps into this position have the same good support that I have experienced.

Speaking of support, we have one important position that no one has come forward to fill, the Newsletter editor. This is the main means of communicating with our membership and not having this position filled will cause disruptions in our ability to inform the group of planned activities and other important events. Art has sure done a great job; it may seem like a hard act to follow but others can help to get that person started. Imagine what it will be like without a newsletter.

Our next meeting will be for the election of new offi-

cers, anyone still interested in any position may still apply, by notifying an officer. These are all elected positions so you can still be nominated during the meeting. We will be covering the By-Laws for the club at this meeting so please read them over from last month's Newsletter. These will be the guidelines for our club and we will be voting on them at this meeting.

The last months meeting on specialty tools seemed to work out, it is a different version of what was called short's in the past. A short was a few members doing short presentations to the group on a technique or tool. Let the officers know what you thought about that presentation.

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a gracious New Year. I also hope you have a very creative season of turning.

*—John Fisher—*

## DUES ARE DUE

Club dues for 2009 are \$35 per person, \$15 for each additional family member. Dues are being accepted now. Any dues not paid by the end of the January meeting will result in unpaid members being removed from mailing lists and membership roster. Cash is always accepted and checks

should be made payable to CRW. You may pay Pam at the meeting or send your check to her at:

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## November Meeting



Photos provided by Jim Frank

### From Pam Reilly & Dennis Snider

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving with all its fanfare, I am reminded that there are many things for which I can, should and do give thanks. One of these is that I have been privileged to be a member of Coulee Region Woodturners. This organization founded in 2001, began with humble beginnings and a few persons committed to the craft of woodturning. To this end others have stepped forward to promote, care for, support and advance the mission of this organization. With each year we have seen continued growth and desire by the membership for programs and educational opportunities. Members who have turned for many years or some just beginning, have benefitted from the leadership of a core group.

Looking forward to a new year with new opportunities, each of us, I sense, must ask ourselves is why is it that we are a member? What is it that I wish to receive or promote from or with this organization? How can I as one member

among what now numbers 70 strengthen the identity, mission and life of Coulee Region Woodturners?

As you are aware, Art Ustby is stepping down from the newsletter editor position. He has done a wonderful job over the last several years and deserves our gratitude for his Herculean efforts. The officers have spent the last few months asking for someone to come forward and take on this responsibility, to no avail. ***If no one steps up by the upcoming meeting, then this will be the last newsletter you will receive.*** This is your opportunity to give back to the club. You can have the opportunity to make the newsletter even better. Remember, this is our primary means of communication, not just with each other, but with other clubs and visitors to our website. Don't let this fade into oblivion. Art, and Aaron before him, have worked long and hard to make our newsletter what it is today. Now it's your turn. Who will accept the challenge?

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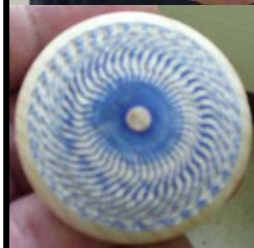
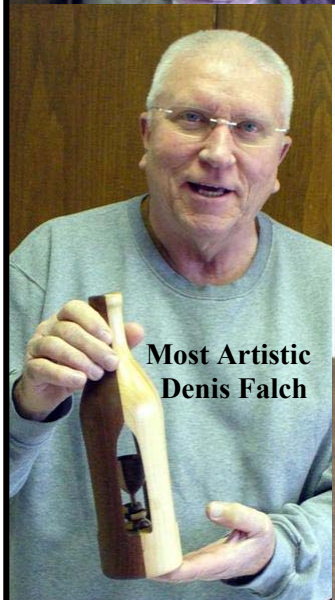
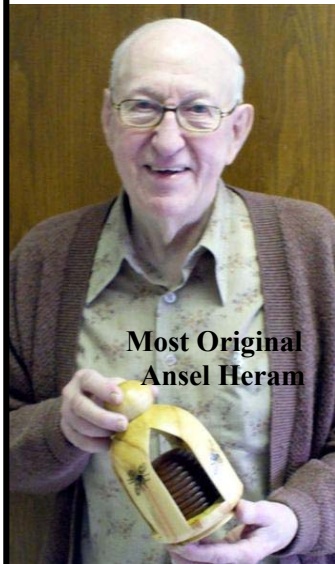
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Turning fundamentals



**INSIDE/OUT TURNING CHALLENGE**

**November Instant Gallery**



Photos provided  
by Jim Frank



### **News From the Programming Committee**

We need leaders for the up coming meetings. A meeting leader starts off the meeting, does announcements and such. Also, we are looking for meeting demonstration ideas and demonstrators. Contact Duane Hill, Rich Egan or Lee Goehring if you are interested in leading, demonstrating or have ideas for demos.

**Tip of the Month:** A micro-bevel is often used on bowl gouges on the inside, bottom of a bowl.. This small bevel gives added control and enables the bevel to be rubbed easier. To create a micro-bevel with a Wolverine system, just place a small spacer (1/8" thick) in the V at the end of the Wolverine arm. To create the micro-bevel free hand, just raise the tool slight with a finger under the tool.

### **Open Shop Night**

is held Tuesdays at Duane Hill's shop (808 Quincy in Onalaska) from 7-9 pm. The format is open, anything relating to woodturning is allowed. Please call before Tuesday (608-783-0883) to make sure Duane will be there.

### **From Rich Egan**

As acting program director, I can tell you that our program committee has been busy assembling a demonstration schedule for the coming year. These are the planned events so far:

Jan 2009 - Lathe fundamentals 101. Your chance to cast off all those bad habits and start the new year off right. We plan to have three or more mini-lathe stations, with some of our more seasoned/experienced members acting as mentors, giving hands-on instruction on some of the basics of

tool presentation in spindle and faceplate work. Bring your questions, your worst problem tool and some safety gear.

Feb 2009 - Off-center/Multi-axis turning. Rich Egan will demonstrate some of the techniques he has learned making multi-axis candlesticks.

March 2009 - Mike Hunter, inventor of the Hunter Tool. Mike will demonstrate the features of his various tool designs.

And later this spring, a session on identifying our local Wisconsin trees.

### **Holmen HS Empty Bowls**

Just a reminder that the bowls for Holmen High School's Empty Bowls Project are due. Contact Duane Hill if you have bowls for the high school. I will take bowls at the December meeting as an absolute deadline. The Empty Bowls Dinner is Thursday, December 18 from 4-8 PM.



### **ATTENTION MEMBERS:**

At the December meeting, in addition to electing officers, we will be voting to ratify updated by-laws. They have been printed in this newsletter for you to read and review. Please do read them and be prepared to vote in December. We need a majority of the paid membership to vote, so do your best to attend the December meeting.

## **BY-LAWS FOR THE COULEE REGION WOODTURNERS, LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS, INC., A NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

This document is intended to serve as a guideline for the formation and organization of Local Chapters of the American Association of Woodturners.

### **ARTICLE I – ORGANIZERS AND LOCATION**

The Chapter organizer is: Duane Hill

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Cities or locations from which you expect to draw members: Southwestern Wisconsin, Southeastern Minnesota, Northeastern Iowa.

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**ARTICLE II – OFFICES**

The principle office of this Chapter will be located at: 1923 Wood Street, La Crosse, WI 54603

**ARTICLE III – RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION**

All officers of this Chapter agree to be members in good standing of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc.

While it is understood that the parent organization will provide advice and counsel, as requested, Local Chapters are advised that the nature and extent of their activities are left to their discretion. Demonstrations, while probably part of the normal activities of Local Chapters, are to be conducted solely at the discretion of Local Officers, and all safety and instruction is to be under their explicit direction and control.

The national office strongly recommends placing some sort of sign or notice on or around any lathe used for demonstration; that safety eye protection must be worn and a full face shield when needed. Use a dust mask and wear hearing protection. The lathe is a potentially dangerous instrument only to be used with Chapter approved supervision.

**ARTICLE IV – PURPOSES**

The Chapter's purposes, in addition to supporting the general purposes of the parent organization, are:

- To provide a meeting place for local woodturners;
- To share ideas and techniques regarding this craft;
- To trade woods;
- To exchange ideas about tools

**ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Annual membership fees for this Chapter (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be \$35.00. This fee covers 10 meetings per year. Professional demonstrations will be provided for 2 meetings per year at an additional cost.

**ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

This Chapter will meet the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise notified in writing. The meetings will be held at the Onalaska Community Center, 515 Quincy Street, Onalaska, WI 54650, unless otherwise notified.

A notice of each meeting will be sent to each member 7 days before it is scheduled.

**ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS**

A. Number and Election. The Officers of this Chapter shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the Chapter's paid up members. Such Officers and Assistant Officers as deemed necessary may be elected by the Chapter members or appointed by the elected Officers.

B. Term of Office. Each Officer shall hold office for 1 year. Election of Officers will occur during the December meeting of each year.

C. Removal. Any Officer elected or appointed may be removed when it is deemed that the best interests of the Chapter would be served by such removal. This would be accomplished by a majority vote of the Chapter's members who are present at the time of the vote, so long as at least 50% of the paid-up members are present.

D. Vacancies. A vacancy in any Office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled by a majority vote of the members or of the Officers for the unexpired portion of the term.

E. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Chapter. His/Her duties include:

- a. Supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Chapter;
- b. Conduct at least 6 Chapter meetings per term.

F. Vice President. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her death, inability, or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President.

G. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Chapter's meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose and see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws. In general, the Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President.

H. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect all membership fees and all other monies belonging to the Chapter. He/She will be responsible for keeping current and accurate records of all monies that flow through the Chapter. In general, the Treasurer shall perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President.

## ARTICLE VIII – INDEBTEDNESS

AAW's national office MUST be notified in writing PRIOR to a Local Chapter incurring any indebtedness for AAW.

## ARTICLE IX – AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNER'S DISCLAIMERS

### FISCAL AND LEGAL

The corporation, the American Association of Woodturners, Inc., specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the Local Chapter. The Corporate Board of Directors of AAW is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of the Local Chapters. The Corporate Organization does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or not sponsored by a Local Chapter.

The Coulee Region Woodturners specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the American Association of Woodturners. The Board of Directors of the Coulee Region Woodturners is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of the American Association of Woodturners. The Coulee Region Woodturners does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or not sponsored by the National Organization.

## ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a vote of a simple majority of the qualified voting members of the Chapter then casting ballots. Copies of all modifications to these By-Laws MUST be filed with the national office of AAW.

# ADDENDUM TO BY-LAWS

Disposition of Coulee Region Woodturners' assets

### Definitions:

CRW – Coulee Region Woodturners

Assets – any and all property owned by CRW including but not limited to video equipment, lathes, turning tools and accessories, website, library materials, balance in club checking account, etc.

### Process:

In the event of the dissolution, division or cessation of the operation of CRW, assets shall be disposed of as follows:

- 1) Schools in the La Crosse area (including Onalaska, Holmen and surrounding towns) shall be given the opportunity to receive lathes, turning tools and accessories, library materials and video equipment free of charge
- 2) In the event area schools are unable or unwilling to accept said materials, surrounding woodturning clubs (located in WI, MN and IA) shall be given the opportunity to acquire same in exchange for reasonable donations. What constitutes "reasonable donations" will be established by the officers of CRW at the time of the dissolution, division or cessation of CRW
- 3) In the event that area woodturning clubs are unable or unwilling to purchase said materials, remaining items shall be raffled to paid members of CRW
- 4) Any balance in the CRW checking account and any cash received from the sale of the above materials shall be donated to the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) to be split evenly between the EOG fund and the Disaster Fund
- 5) In the event the AAW is unable or unwilling to accept these funds, they shall be donated in their entirety to the local chapter of a national charity. Said charity to be decided by the officers at the time of dissolution, division or cessation of CRW
- 6) DVDs of archived materials located on the club website shall be made available to paid members of CRW at the time of dissolution, division or cessation of CRW

### From Newsletter Editor

I would like to thank all of those people who have provided articles, photos, suggestions, ideas and words of positive encouragement to me during my stint as editor. Thank You *Art Ustby*



*Enjoy a Merry Christmas with your families  
And have a safe turning New Year*





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**"A Turn For the Better"**

**Next Meeting—  
Onalaska Community  
Center on Saturday,  
Dec 13, 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. 608-783-9290

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.

