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Great job on the challenges everyone!



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

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The Prez Sez...

Alert - Alert - New way for texturing your turning projects. You don't need to spend big bucks for tools etc. No You Don't. All you need - Drum Roll - you guessed it, is a bouncing furry bundle of 11 week old puppy and it's teeth. Just forget and set your project down within reach and walk away. It goes to work, and you get to multi task until the light bulb goes off and you find out it's too late. I'm not doing the research required to get the proper detail.

Anyway - what weather- tough to be in the shop when it's 90 or more - but there is a silver lining. Now is the time to strike - time to suggest to your better half you need air conditioning. After all you wouldn't want all the warm moisture in the air to damage your tool investment. Good Luck.

Rob Nelson gave a terrific demo last meeting with only 1 small problem that I could tell, it was not long enough. We will improve our time restraints before the next demo. 50+ members in attendance and everyone could hear. (that wanted to) That is a first. How many of you have tried to produce an off set statuette? I tried - Didn't quite look like his.

In the future we will endeavor to include a photo of a piece for each person who brought in work. Sorry to those who have been overlooked in the past.

Congrats to those who won their categories in the challenge. What a great variety of ideas. I noticed that the prizes were still at A-Line. If they are still there before the July meeting we will get them to the meeting. Thanks to all those who brought in Donuts, etc. Normally they are gone by the first break, but they lasted in till the end. I somehow don't think that people are eating less.

July's meeting will feature Wendell Zeigler - he amazes us each month. I can not imagine what he will show us besides pepper mills. More of the wood from Lee Sage will be available out front. Please help yourself. As I am setting here the temp is in the mid 90's and a hoping the temp will break for our demo at Norskedalen Heritage Site. Come on by to help, to talk, bring pieces to show, to sell. See you Sat the 7th. If not, see you at the meeting.

Jean and Clyde Cassell

Guest Demonstrator Rob Nelson



More News you Outta Know About

Calendar Events

July 7th Turning at Norsekedalen 9-4p

July 21st Wendell Ziegler Small turnings and peppermills + Sage wood sale

August 18 Shorty's Cabin—Colin Kenow

August 3-5 Turn-on Chicago 2012 www.turnonchicago.com

August 25 and 26 Great River Folk Fest at UW-La Crosse

There was some discussion recently on crw-talk about shop dust collection and shop safety. Here's this reply from Jim Cox.

If I can give my two cents worth about workshops, and safety, You have two ears, plug them up, you have two eyes, get some safety glasses on. You have ten fingers, use a push stick or buy a saw stop. But your lungs are something that runs your whole body, you can live without the rest of the things, but your breathing is something you should invest in. Menards sells a smaller barrel type dust/air cleaner, they are yellow and I have one along with another air cleaner. The unit sells for about \$130.00 and it sucks some air particles pretty good enough for a small shop. You can use the dust mask along with this to help clean the air out of the shop. The smaller particles is what will really hurt you and they can just sit inside of your lungs, making it harder to breath every day. If you are planning on doing any amount of work in the shop in the future, make a little investment with your shop and try to keep the air clean. The mask will help and check to see how much of the smaller particles it catches though. If you are working with MDF, these particles contain formaldehyde and this is really bad for anyone to be breathing also.

Jim Cox
Safety Coordinator -WalzCraft Industries
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Photo from Winona Daily News



Brother Finbar McMullen didn't like the fact that he couldn't roll over in a zipped-up sleeping bag when he was winter camping. So he designed a hood to solve the problem. "I didn't set out to make this," he said. "But it solved a problem for me."

A new exhibit at Saint Mary's University Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries is filled with McMullen's solutions to life's problems, along with photographs he has taken and carvings he has made over the decades. Titled "The Eye & Hand of the Craftsman – The life work of Finbar McMullen, FSC," the exhibit runs through Aug. 19. It also celebrates McMullen's 70th year as a Christian Brother. McMullen started at Saint Mary's University in 1967, retiring in 2000. He spent many of those years working in the science shop coming up with interesting solutions to problems, many of which are on display. On one wall is a gun that shoots nets, which McMullen built for the biology department to allow students and faculty to band waterfowl. The gun used three chambers firing .22-caliber rounds to launch canvas dummies attached to the net.

"My job was to make the gun and make sure the three dummies go at the same time," McMullen said.

McMullen's sleeping hoods have made it to both of the world's poles. Ann Bancroft used one on her 1986 North Pole expedition, McMullen said, and he made a special set of hoods for a group that visited the South Pole.

McMullen takes a lot of pride in his inventions, but takes the most pleasure in his wood carvings. The exhibit showcases coffee mugs, canes, bowls and utensils he has made for himself and for others.

"There is something about working with your hands that generates peace," he said. "It is just part of our nature to do things with our hands."

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CRW Display at Gundersen Clinic Onalaska
Many Thanks to Bob Patros!





Dan Wilson
1-3 year Challenge Winner



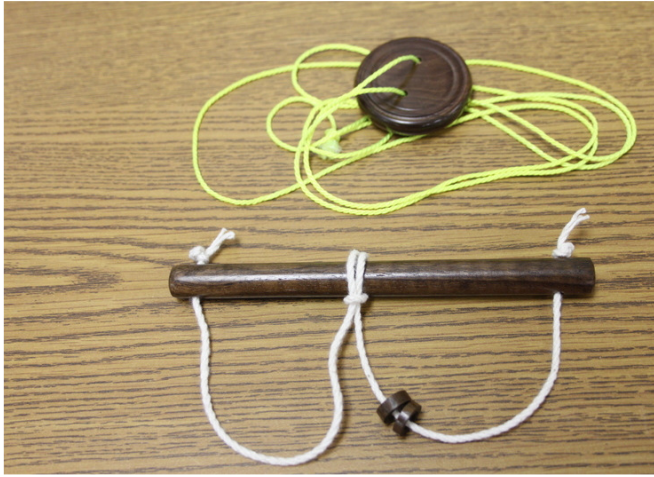
Wendell Ziegler
5-year Challenge Winner

June Instant Gallery



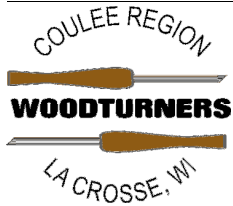
Instant Gallery and Walnut Challenges





More Walnut Challenge Entries





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"A Turn For the Better"



**Next Meeting
Onalaska Community
Center Saturday,
July 21, 2012 at 9 am.**

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.

We'll have coffee, so
Chocolate donuts are
ALWAYS
Welcomed.

