

One Good Turn

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Thanks Val and Johnny for great presentations in October! Now we should all know what species of tree we are harvesting, as well as how to do that safely!



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

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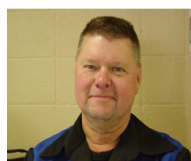


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The Prez Sez...

Can someone please explain to me the need for the time change? It takes me two to three weeks to adjust to it. I live in a tight valley so now the sun is over the hill by 3:30. I know, I know some have said that I have been over the hill for some time and after all most of us have lights in our shop.

A good turnout for Duane and Jim's sharpening demo at A-line I'm told. I spent two days at the Eau Claire symposium. The show had a good turnout. They had a lot of people who had a new interest in turning and were not a member of any turning club. Even saw a few friendly faces from the La Crosse area. Someone mentioned to me that there was a club member at a local show in Sparta, news to me. If I knew about it I would have stopped by, which brought up a discussion at the last officers meeting. If any member is participating in a craft, art show or etc please let us know ahead of time, so it can be mentioned in the newsletter. People like to visit and see what others are doing. Bring your wife. She might like to buy something (not that she would ever think that someone else's work is better than yours).

The last tool raffle winner is Dennis Racki. Dennis, please come to the meeting so you can get your equipment. Remember the current raffle is a nice wood burning unit and tips. This will be pulled during the December meeting. Do not forget the Craft Supply Tool sale - Orders need to be in by the November meeting. If you cannot attend, connect with a board member. Remember free shipping and discounts. Tools will be handed out at the December meeting.

I have had great comments on the dual wood demo at last meeting. Me personally I have been logging my place for years only to find out I have been doing it wrong.

Reminder time: Dues are due for next year - John will be happy to relieve you of your funds.

Do not forget empty bowls are due at November meeting. Cut a few, it is for a good cause and it keeps you in practice. Keep in mind the size and requirements - Name the finish and wood.

November Meeting - Joe is going through a lot of effort for us to learn the art of making flutes. The flutes he has shown at past meetings are beautiful - should be exciting.

See you Saturday Clyde

PS: Due to Bambi season and other conflicts we are without a photographer for next meeting - Those that have a camera please bring it with you- We need a photo log of the meeting.

PPS: Joe's flute demo will be filmed for future club member use and written instructions are on line through the club website.

News you Outta Know About

Calendar Events

Nov Meeting—Nov 17th Making wooden flutes with Joe Hemmerich
Dec meeting—Dec 15th Holiday Picnic and Pot Luck

Your Dues are Due

John Griffiths will gladly accept your membership dues for 2013. It's \$36 for a year of fun and information, and you won't find a better deal anywhere. Coffee and donuts included. Checks can be payable to CRW. There are discounts for spouses and other stuff. See John for details.

Empty Bowls Project

We will be participating in the Holmen Empty Bowls Project again this year. This is when Holmen High School Art Department has a soup supper in bowls made by the students and us. The proceeds from the soup supper go to a local food pantry. We are looking for bowl donations. Bowls may be any size from 5" diameter on up. They may be from any wood and should be finished with a food safe finish. Make sure your name, the type of wood and the finish are listed with each bowl. The soup supper is typically the first part of December. Therefore, I will need all bowls by the November meeting. If you have any questions, contact Duane Hill.

Election Re-cap: The officer slate remains unchanged for 2013, except Greg Haugen will assume the job of Program Chairman from Jim Frank. Thanks Jim for a great job, and to all the officers for serving CRW!

Start Your Christmas Shopping

Craft Supplies Order – We will again have a club Craft Supplies order this year. The goal is to have the order delivered in time for the December meeting. That way, Santa can be good to you with tools and such and you can have them for Christmas. In order to do this, all orders need to be brought to the November meeting. If you will not be at the November meeting, you can e-mail your order to Duane Hill (wisawdust@charter.net) or drop them off at his house (808 Quincy in Onalaska). All orders need to be in by the November meeting. On your order, make sure you have your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Also, for each item ordered, we need the item number, quantity ordered, a description of the item (it helps if you use the description from the Craft Supplies catalog), the page number from the catalog and the price. I know this sounds like a lot of information, but it really helps when putting together the order. As in the past, no money is required up front. You will be contacted with your discounted total. You will need to pay before you receive your order. We need at least \$1000 to get 10% off. After that, the more we order, the greater the discount. We will also get free shipping. We have typically received a 12-15% discount on our orders

A man is busy in his workshop, when his wife stops in for a visit. She pauses to admire his project.

“My, that’s a pretty piece of wood” she says.

“Yes, but it’s awfully knotty” he replies over his shoulder.

She moves closer, interested. “what’s so naughty about it?”

“No, what I mean is, it’s full of knots, so it’s difficult to work with.”

“Oh.”



A Visit to the Stevenson Ranch

Steve and Carol Stevenson

Carol and I met on a blind date in 1971. It took me 3 days to propose to her, although she said she decided that night she would marry me. We were married a year later. I guess it was meant to be seeing as we'll celebrate 41 years in December. We lived in Bartlett, Illinois for 32 years. Steve owned an industrial flooring business which he started in 1963 until he retired in 2008. Carol had a commercial interior plant design firm until she retired in 1996. That's when we built our home here on the farm and Carol moved to Wisconsin.

We purchased our 240 acre farm in 1989. It took an hour to make that decision. We have planted over 60,000 white pine, white oak, red oak and black walnut trees. The oaks are all protected by tree shelters.

In 1990 we built our first concrete/steel building which houses the Town of Stevenson museum and Carol's studio as well as farm equipment and a Wood-Mizer sawmill. Our wood working shop is located in another adjacent building. We have processed dozens of western cedar utility poles which one will find in the museum. The entire museum was completed by us with the exception of a stone fireplace.

We both have many hobbies. Carol does oil painting, carving, porcelain doll making, sign making, jewelry, restoration of furniture, embroidery and crocheting, gardening, collecting vintage hats and now turning pens. Steve works in the tree fields, enjoys gardening, photography, and reading and loves our museum projects as well as working in the wood shop.

While we were in attendance of the Norskedalen event this fall we met Jim Frank and Duane Hill. Carol became fascinated with how beautiful their projects were. She just couldn't leave that area and soon was hooked on turning. We joined the club and found so many wonderful new friends. Carol turned her first pen last week while Steve worked on his first plate. One thing is for sure. You don't learn this overnight. The other thing we can say about this club "our new friends are so willing to help us get started". For that we say a BIG THANK YOU!



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October Instant Gallery

Jennifer and Dan Wilson



Jim Frank



Ask Lavonne for the story behind this one.



Dean Zimmer



Joe Hemmerich



Bob Patros



Paul Woelper



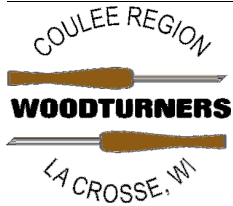
Recent CRW Events

A-Line Sharpening Demo Oct 27



Bethel Nursing Home





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"A Turn For the Better"



Next Meeting
Onalaska Community
Center Saturday,
November 17, 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.

