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## Don't Miss out End-of-year Gala Dec 15th!!! Be sure to Bring Your Appetites!





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## The Prez Sez...

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It is already December and the weather is great. I had one morning of no temperature (0 deg) at my house, but otherwise it's been fine. If anybody knows how to make the next four months stay the same let me know and I will donate to the cause. Do we all have our Holiday projects from the shop done or are we going to be in the shop Christmas Eve? Probably me too.

Tom at A-line seems pleased with our efforts at the Black Friday weekend event. Jim Frank wowed everyone on the topic of dust control until prices came up. Nothing good is free. I'm determined to A: To get stronger or B: find a lighter grinder -I'm too old and lazy (mostly lazy) to drag mine around very often.

Last Tuesday as usual was the officer's meeting. Remember that one and all are welcome to attend these meetings. It looks like we are booked for demos January through April with more on the way. We have not had a challenge for a while, and several good ideas were tossed about, but if you have any challenge ideas please bring them up at the December meeting. John Griffiths did some house cleaning and found an extra \$25 gift certificate from Craft Supplies and it will become a surprise raffle prize at the December meeting. Do not forget the winning raffle ticket will also be drawn for the wood burner and accessories in December.

The Craft Supply order is mostly in Duane's garage. Duane tells me for a small fee he will release it for the December meeting. Due to John Griffiths nagging (efforts) over 60% of the club member have renewed their dues for 2013. I'm sure you do not want to get the prize that comes along with the last dues paid.

The December meeting comes with both Coffee and donuts in the morning and also later in the morning a meal, so we basically eat all morning. All foods are appreciated, however, if you are bringing something to pass, check with Jim Frank who is coordinating the menu. We do not want to get 8 to 10 people all bringing prime rib. It is a fun day, short on business, no demo, but our Instant Gallery will be on. For those who wish, bring in an early piece of your work and one that you are proud of. It is nice to show those less experienced that with time and practice things do improve. I will be bringing in one piece, with my vast repertoire of choices first and last kind of look the same.

At Tuesday's meeting, one subject took the most discussion. Our group is over 90 strong and we are all at the age that family members and loved ones pass on. The club would like to recognize those passing with a card, so in the future if anyone knows of any other's loss please let one of the officers know with the particulars and we will send card. Those who wish to do more are welcome to do so. We do not want to overlook anyone in the club.

#### End-of-Year Christmas Party

This year our Christmas Party is just that, a party. We will start out with a small business meeting, go into a show and tell, (Each member brings one of his or her first attempts of turning and one of the latest turnings that will show your progress in this form of art), Instant Gallery and then "FOOD". I would figure the food will start around 11:00 AM.

Needless to say, we need to bring donuts and other sweet goodies to go with the coffee and then it's a pot luck to pass for our luncheon. So Far we will have the following food coming:

1. Bar B Q Beans 2. Hot Dogs with Condiments 3. A crock pot of Meat Balls 4. Fruit Salad 5. Broccoli Salad

Suggestions for the rest:

Scalloped Potatoes, Mac and Cheese, Olive Plate, Venison Sausage, Cheese Plate, Deviled Eggs, Cakes, Cookies, Fudge.

The rest can be up to your imagination. What ever you would like to make and share with the group.

We feel that we will have 60-70 members attend. The club will also provide soda, coffee, hot chocolate, plates, napkins, silverware, cups and bowls We need to be cleaned up by 1:00 PM.

Please let me know what you are planning to bring so I can make sure we have enough for all. My new email address is <u>JHFBEAR@CHARTER.NET</u>, my telephone number is 608-781-8092

This is my last function as Program Director. Thank you for your confidence in me and participation of all the events we accomplished this year. I welcome Greg Haugen into this position, he will do a great job this next year.

Jim Frank

From Duane Hill:

**Craft Supplies Order**: It has arrived, and will be distributed at the December Meeting. The Craft Supplies order was again a big success. We had 23 people order. Those who ordered received nearly 15% off and free shipping.

**Empty Bowls**: We delivered 36 bowls to Holmen High School for their Empty Bowls supper. Needless to say, they were very happy with the bowls. (*Look for the photo on page 7*). A big Thank You to all who participated in this project and helped to make it a big success. The Empty Bowls supper is on Thursday, December 20 from 4-7 PM at the Holmen High School Commons. If you plan on attending, wear something with the CRW logo on it.

Your 2013 Dues are Due

John Griffiths will gladly accept your membership dues for 2013. John says we are past 60% renewals already, so let's keep it up. 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. John will be accepting payments at the December meeting or by mail at his home address: John Griffiths, 88 W 6th St, Buffalo City, WI 54622.

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John Griffiths Spent Thanksgiving Day turning with his Grandchildren. Here's some photos.



From Bob Patros: Update on the Greg Meyers Benefit Earlier this year

On behalf of my brother, I want to thank you for your generous contribution to the Greg Meyers Benefit. The benefit held on September 15th was a beautiful fall day and turned out to be a huge success. Over \$40,000 was raised. The money has been earmarked to help Greg with daily living expenses, medical supplies and transportation. In addition, Greg can now look for opportunities to get extensive rehabilitation or participate in experimental studies that he is researching.

On another note, Greg is moving to Onalaska in November. This fulfills his dream of living closer to his youngest daughters. It also allows him to be closer to Gundersen Lutheran where he can get occupational and physical therapy.

So if you see a man with bleach blond hair in a scooter around town, give him a pat on the back or a smile and know that you have helped make his life better.

"That which does not kill us makes us stronger."

The Greg Meyers Family also writes:

"Bob—Please extend our thanks to the Coulee Region Woodturners for their generous contributions. The beautiful wood pieces brought in a large amount of money. My Mom has opened a special needs trust to allow money to be used for Greg's needs. Thanks, Cindy."

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### November Instant Gallery



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## Recent CRW Events

### A-Line Black Friday Demo



Holmen Empty Bowls Supper



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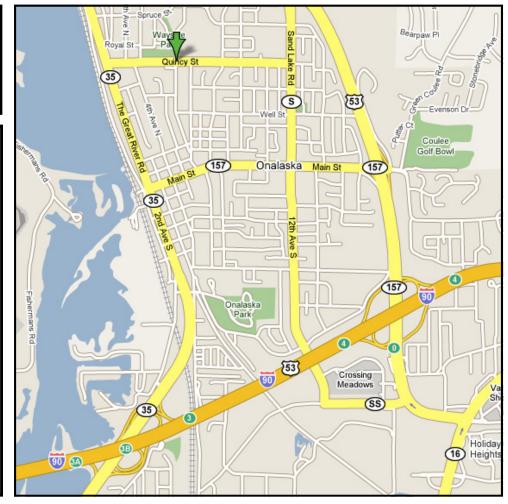


**Next Meeting Onalaska Community** Center Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 9 am.

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.



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