

One Good Turn

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Thanks to everyone who brought food and stories to share at our year-end meeting and party! Thanks also for our club officers, and all the other volunteers who make this club a great place to learn! Let's have a great and safe 2013!









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...

Here it is mid January - It looks and feels like early March. I'm not complaining, although I now have to put on metal spikes to get across the yard to the shop with all the ice.

Last year finished with our December open meeting which really meant that almost nothing was done all morning but eating. I have not heard of any complaints to date. Now to this year. As you may or may not know, the club received a wonderful gift of a 4 jaw chuck from our friends at A-Line. It will be the June tool raffle item. The next tool raffle will be March, for that we will be raffling off a certificate of \$150 from Exotic Blanks to coincide with the March demo topic. Ed Brown along with his company Exotic Blanks will be doing the demo topic, Turning Exotic Pens, such as stone and polymer. Along with an education on what makes a good or bad pen and everything that goes with it. He will also have a supply of turning items that will be available at the meeting.

At this point the paid membership is at about 75 with a few more to yet bring in their dues. Remember the end of February is the cutoff date. Our 2013 season, monthly program schedule is almost complete, however we have one problem, Greg Haugen due to work and family issues has retired from the Program Director position and unfortunately his club membership. It is a great loss to all and we wish him the best. The January meeting will have a call for anyone interested in the Program Chair and a vote will be held at the February meeting. If you are interested see one of the officers.

The board is discussing different approaches to the subject of sales at club functions, to avoid any tax problems and/or liability problems. Tax exempt status has also come up; it is not as expensive as it used to be and would help solve some of the above issues.

January demo topic is dust, collection in the shop, what personal items to wear and some of the potential problems from ignoring the issue. Jim Frank will be covering the topics. We will be passing a card for you to sign for thanking A-Line for its gift. Again it is January and anyone wishing to join AAW, see one of the officers and we will help if necessary, as it is well worth the nominal expense.

I probably have more to say but I'm sure you have read enough. See you Saturday.

Clyde

Odds and Ends

Empty Bowls Re-cap

Duane Hill delivered 36 turned bowls to Holmen High School for their annual Empty Bowls supper. It is a fundraiser for local food pantries, and they have always appreciated our efforts. Here is a report on our donations from the event in December:

Duane Hill:

Well, we finally got the time to go through the records, count the money up and verify everything, and from what I have in documentation the beauty-full and generous donation by you and your fellow woodturners raised \$544 for the Holmen Area "We Care" Food Pantry. That is awesome! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Those words simply cannot express how much the Holmen HS Art Club appreciates your support in this community event and just how that can help so many families in Holmen....but, thank you again!

Again...thank you so very much, Liz

Liz Schank Art Educator & Art Club Advisor Holmen High School

Your 2013 Dues are Due

Our Treasurer John Griffiths will still gladly accept your membership dues for 2013, but the deadline for renewals is growing near. To avoid being dropped from the active roster, please get your money to John. It's \$36 for a year for an individual, with discounts for couples and seniors, and John will accept cash payments or checks can be payable to CRW. John will be accepting payments at the January meeting or by mail at his home address: John Griffiths, 88 W 6th St, Buffalo City, WI 54622.

News from a Past Member

Aaron Gesicki is still alive and turning. After moving around a bit, and working for a few different foundries, Aaron is working to revitalize a foundry in Etowah, TN. They are making parts for cars and trucks again after the foundry had been idle for some time. Watch for him at the next AAW symposium.

Cindy Drozda Anyone?

John Griffiths has learned Cindy Drozda will be a guest of the Badger Woodturners in March. The demonstration on Saturday March 9th is open to the public. John is considering a road trip, and would be interested in others willing to carpool. The demo is all day, and the fee is \$45 in advance. More info available at the badger woodturners site: www.badgerwoodturners.org

City Removing Ash Trees

The City of La Crosse has begun removing ash trees from some of the city parks and other properties. I have spoken with the city forester, who says he will notify me when the crews are cutting and some trees become available for our use. I'll send word to the membership via crw-talk so you can get your hands on some. You may need a chainsaw, and some help loading, as green ash will be heavy.

Rich Egan





December 2012 Instant Gallery













More from the Dec Instant Gallery























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"A Turn For the Better"

Next Meeting
Onalaska Community
Center Saturday,
January 19 2013 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.

