

One Good Turn

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Thanks to Duane Hill for another informative session on making different styles of Christmas Ornaments!



This month, we welcome professional turner Steve Sinner, who will demonstrate techniques to create deep hollowed vessels. This is an all-day event, so bring a lunch if you desire.

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...

Aren't ya glad you are not in Sioux Falls, SD today with their 3 feet of snow? Needless to say I'm writing this a few days late, business trip got in the way. As you probably know by now name tags are a go.

The big event this month is the election. The bylaws state that we must have 51% of the members to vote to qualify. If you want to vote by proxy call or email one of the officers with your vote. We currently have voluntaries for all open positions on the board, however if you are interested in a position yourself, let the board know as nothing is cast in brass yet. The voluntaries are: President - Phil Miller; Vice-President - Dan Wilson; Sect'y Bob Patros; Treasurer from last year - John Griffiths, He has been doing a wonderful job. Program Director - Greg Haugen; Library - is having a sex change Karen Frank to be Librarian and Jack Fitzpatrick to be Assistant Librarian ; Tool Director - John Philips. Please attend the Oct meeting as we need your vote.

Norskedalen went well and we were asked back by several of their directors. Duane Hill did his usual bang up job on the ornament demo. The tool raffle, now only one day came out ok. One of our members brought in wood for sale and left with an empty truck. As you have probably seen by now from Bob Raasch's emails the club has a demo in Viroqua the Oct 12th, 9ish to 3ish. Could use a few more hands, call Bob. This month demo is by Steve Sinner, on deep hollowing. He has done some stimulating work and his technique should be interesting to watch. Remember this is a free all day event, so if you are going to get hungry bring a sandwich for lunch.

Don't forget the top challenge is for the November meeting, so do your best. A member asked me if it could be atomic powered, I said "I do not think so". We will be looking for the longest spin time. Betting is allowed only if I do not know about it. Again this year we are having a Craft Supply Tool Buy - remember no tax, no shipping and big discounts. The club will take orders Oct through Nov meeting, so we can get your orders back for the Dec meeting.

The Nov meeting demo is Greg Haugen, bowls, platters or something round on the lathe. The November meeting is the opening day for sales for Allen Lacer. First come, first served for hands on demos, you are required to pay up front. Sales from Nov to Jan 1 for the hands on sections.

On a final note the Eau Claire symposium is the last week-end in Oct Sat and Sunday. Two big name turners and several others are demoing. It is a short 1 ½ hours up and well worth your time . I have been there the last 3 years and have never seen so many friendly faces. Tools booths and display work as well, you will benefit from it. See some of you on the 12th the rest on our normal Sat. remember as in Chicago, vote early, vote often. I have heard that votes can be bought with choc Donuts.

Programming News from Bob Raasch

The Threshing Bee at Norskedalen on September 21 was a success. We had some sales, and lots of people stopped by to witness the craft of turning wood. A special thanks to turners John Phillips (turned and brought the lathe and equipment), Jim Frank, Steve and Carol Stevenson and John Frawley.

The September 21 meeting featuring our own master turner and teacher Duane Hill was wonderful. Duane demonstrated his art of making turned Christmas ornaments, which would make great gifts or hang on your own tree. Duane sent several design documents out to the members via email through CR talk on Sept 23. The DVD of Duane's demonstration will be available in the club's library.

As you know, it takes lots of efforts to put on these meetings. I'd like to mention the members who helped make this past Saturdays meeting happen. Friday evening several members set up the room and got things ready; Karen Frank, Jack Fitzpatrick, Jim Frank, Roger Peterson, Duane Hill and Bob Raasch. For Saturdays meeting the following people helped out. Our greeter and keeper of all sorts of stuff was Denis Falch. Our photographer was Kevin Vossler, look for pictures he took of the instant gallery in this newsletter. Of course, our demonstrator extraordinaire was Duane Hill. Our guru of coffee and refreshments was Roger Peterson. Moderator and club president Clyde Cassell did a great job on announcements and managing the discussion on name tags. A special thanks once again to Steve and Carol Stevenson. Greg Haugen for making the generous donation of sealed wood for purchase by members. I understand the money went to the club treasury. Club librarians Jack Fitz and Karen Frank managed the ongoing process of DVD's and print material check-in and check out- an important job at the meetings. A shoutout ahead to Jack Fitz who made a clever metal bracket to hang/support the remote camera from the ceiling. We'll try it out at the October meeting. John Griffiths who collects the funds, writes the checks and carefully maintains the treasury. The AV guys for set up and video production were Duane Hill and Bob Raasch. Rich Egan for putting the newsletter together so members can keep up with the goings on. Ken Grunke for maintaining the web site, and letting members know the newsletter is out.

Members, please give me your feedback on the new AV truss system, as we try to get electric cords off the floor as much as possible and minimize hanging down wires. Congrats to Wayne Van Every for winning the tool raffle.

If I missed anyone, please let me know and accept my apology.

Saturday, October 12, Maplewood Quilt Show at Maplewood Assisted Care facility, Viroqua, WI.

Participating in this venue is another opportunity for the CRW to educate the public on the craft/art of woodturning. The event runs from 10:00am - 2:30 pm, with setup starting 8:30 am. The Quilt show is a fundraiser for the assisted care facility, so there are a fair number of people attending the event throughout the day. Last year the club had 4 or 5 members demonstrating on two Jet mini lathes; making and giving away some items such as pens and small bowls. We will do the same this year. As of this writing, we still need turners. If you would like to participate, please see Clyde Cassell or myself for information.

October 19 club meeting.

We have Steve Sinner from Bettendorf, IA as our featured demonstrator. Steve is a professional turner and tool maker, and demonstrates at many regional and national events, including this past summer's AAW symposium in Tampa, Fl. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Steve does large hollowing and other wonderful artistic work. His morning demonstration will center around deep hollowed vessels. In his afternoon session, Steve will address surface decoration, the importance of project critique including some tips on that process, He will also discuss the airbrushing process for turned pieces, and the process of piercing including tools as related to surface decoration. Please bring your questions, ideas, and maybe a project you are working on for some advice from Steve.

For background information, Steve has been woodturning since 1975 after reading Dale Nish's *Creative Woodturning*. He has been woodturning full time since 1998. Steve concentrates on developing intricate surface decoration using silver leaf, acrylics and ink on hollow vessels turned primarily of maple, walnut or cherry. He has work in three midwestern museums and the Museum of Arts and Design in New York City. His work is included in the 2009 book *Masters: Woodturning: Major Works by Leading Artists*. Another book, *Wood Art Today 2*, published in 2010, features his newer ultra thin 'Spool' series.

We will have 2 Jet mini lathes available for the afternoon session for hands on work if desired by the attendees. Steve has a new center steady system he would like to share with the group for the hands on session. Steve owns a company in Bettendorf called Advanced Lathe Tool, LLC. It is a small company that makes professional quality woodturning tools and accessories.

Steve often collaborates between himself and Joe Meirhaeghe on turnings. I took the picture on the left recently of Joe and Steve's collaborative hollow form turnings on display for sale at the Iowa Artisan's gallery in downtown Iowa City, IA. The gallery has a wonderful display of mixed media, including fabulous turnings and flat work. The teapot is Steve's work. Teapot With Strainer, 2010, (9 x 9in), sugar maple, cotton thread, copper. This work was a contribution to the AAW POP Invitational Teapot Exhibition for 2010. Piercing is hidden inside the spout of the teapot as the strainer of the pot. This is actually made of six parts: the body, the spout, the handle, the top and bottom, and the knob. As Steve will be with us the whole day, there will be about a half hour lunch break between the morning and afternoon sessions. Therefore, please bring a lunch as desired. We'll have coffee and water.



November 16 meeting. Our demonstrator will be Greg Haugen, making bowls. Also, we will have another club challenge on that day, which will be a wooden Tops-Spin off contest. Only wood can be used for the tops. Categories will be for number of years turning and top spinning for the longest time. Turners- Start your motors, oops, sorry, start turning those tops!

The Alan Lacer hands-on class ticket sales for February will begin at the November meeting. These ticket sales are for the all day hands on class conducted by Alan for Sunday (2/16/13) and if enough interest, for Monday (2/17/13). The classes will be held at A-Line Machine Tool Company in La Crosse. The cost will be \$110 per class, limited to 8 members per day. As the club has done in the past, to offset costs for the all day club meeting session, we will collect \$25 from each attending member on the club meeting day (1/15/13).

CRW at the Norskedalen Threshing Bee



Here's a letter to member Bob Patros, who requested members donate works for a fundraising dinner:

Bob,

With the Coulee Region Wood Turner's decision to support the Global Partners Fund of Gundersen Medical Foundation, they are making a real difference – improving the health, education and quality of life for people here in America and across the globe. The value of the donated items totaled an outstanding \$1,170 and the patrons of the Global Partners Annual Dinner respond in like manner. There were few bargain hunters – we raised \$1,115!

Donor members were:

1. Jim Frank
2. John Phillips
3. Greg Haugen
4. Bob Patros
5. Reid Granke
6. Gary Friemann
7. John Griffiths

Global Partners has a mission in three areas: Porcupine, South Dakota, a part of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on Pine Ridge Reservation; Ethiopia, Africa; and the Matagalpa district of Nicaragua. The needs of these communities are unique, and our partnerships are shaped by their individual needs and goals. However, these sites also share some common requests, including medical services, education support, public health initiatives, resources, telemedicine, and mentoring of healthcare workers.

While Global Partners is a program of Gundersen Health System, it is not funded by the organization per se. Instead, we rely on philanthropy and volunteerism to bring needed services to these communities. Volunteers pay for their own expenses and use vacation time when they travel to South Dakota, Ethiopia or Nicaragua.

Funds raised from the Coulee Region Wood Turner's contributions will be used to purchase clinical supplies, health education materials, children's books, computers, and other items for the communities. Their gift is an investment that will yield a human dividend. Thank you for partnering with us on this exciting journey.

David Amborn, Senior Director
Gundersen Medical Foundation

From our Treasurer John Griffiths

First,

On behalf of CRW I want to thank Karen, Michael Sletten's lady friend who for the second year helped the club by developing a spreadsheet with budget, income and expenses for 2014 to help me keep the financial records for the club. The form is really well thought out and all I have to do is enter numbers in the right places, and the computer does the rest. How sweet is that? (Full disclosure: sometimes your faithful treasurer does not always get the numbers in the right place and he depends on other board members to question the outcome to get it right.) At the next club meeting please mention to Michael how much we appreciate Karen's work.

Second,

It is time for payment of 2014 dues. Dues are \$36 for regular members, \$50 for couples or families and \$25 for students and 80 or older. I ask members to send me dues between now and the meeting, make the check out to CRW, and send it to me at 88 West 6th St, Buffalo City WI 54622. You can also pay at the meeting, and the more people pay in October the easier my job becomes in November and December. I am hoping for both a bunch of advance payments and to be overwhelmed at the meeting taking payments.

In the event you decide not to renew your membership, kindly let me know as well so I don't have to wonder and wonder if you plan to renew, send you emails you don't want and all that.

Jennifer and I spent Wednesday, October 2, in our shop with some very good friends. Dean Z., Phil M., and Ansel H. came to visit and play. We learned about spinning tops, new turning techniques, and inside-out ornament making. Then we went to a new local restaurant for lunch. What a great day!

Dan Wilson

September Meeting Gallery

Jennifer Wilson



Jack Fitzpatrick



Ansel Hiram



Denis Falch



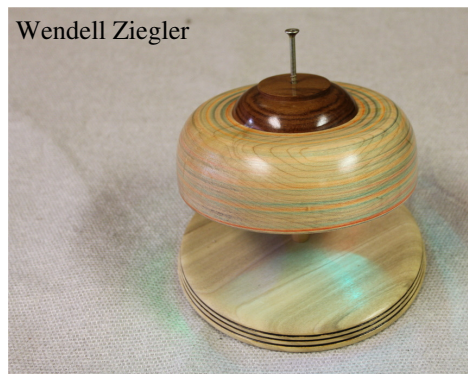
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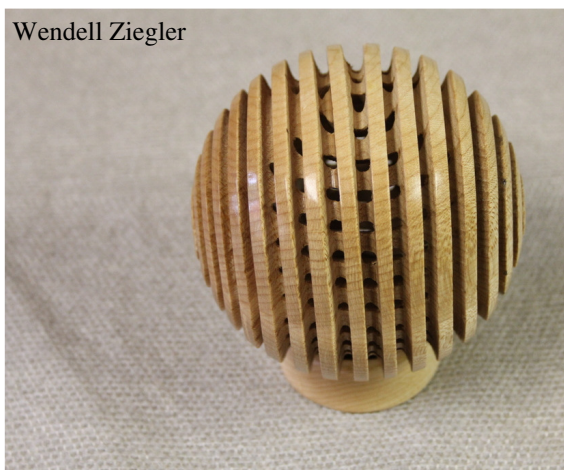


Jim Vershowske



More September Meeting Gallery

Wendell Ziegler



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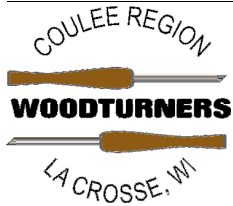


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"A Turn For the Better"



Next Meeting
Saturday,
Oct 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.

