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Good Food and Good Conversation. All the better when it's about woodturning!

Our next meeting is all about fundamentals, with an emphasis on bowl turning. Bring your safety gear for hands-on help with turning and sharpening.

Stay warm, and Be safe!

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

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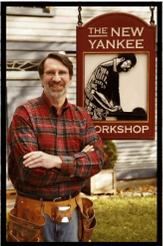


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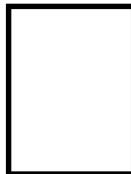
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Thanks to all who serve our club!

The Prez Sez...

Hello and Happy New Year!

Well, I hope all of you made some New Year resolutions, and one of them is to do more wood turning.

This month's meeting will feature hands-on sessions about bowl turning presented by Dean Z, Jim F, Gary F, John F, John G. They will show how to use different tools to make a bowl. In addition, Duane Hill will be sharpening tools. If you have a tool that you want to learn how to sharpen, bring it in and see Duane for individual assistance. We have a **new librarian!** Virginia Green, thank you for stepping up to manage this department (special thanks to Jack F, for continuing as assistant librarian). In January we are starting a new library practice. You are invited to return or check out materials the day of each meeting from 8 am until 9 am and during the first break. As a courtesy to our presenters, the library will be closed for the remainder of the meeting. This will also allow our librarians to fully participate in the meeting.

Our **February meeting will feature Alan Lacer** for an all-day demonstration. This will **replace the regular meeting in February**. Instead, as announced at our previous meetings and in the newsletter, there will be a **\$25 fee for attending any part of this all-day demonstration**. If you plan to attend, **please pay at the January meeting to reserve a seat**. We cannot guarantee seating if you wait until the February meeting to register and pay. We will offer this educational opportunity to other clubs after CRW members have signed up at the January meeting. Thanks for working with us on this new trial format.

A tip of the hat to Rich Egan's production the CRW newsletters! Please take time to thank him for the work he does to make the newsletters possible.

Bring your **Challenge Project in a Bag (CPB)** to the January meeting. This challenge is a project that you start and someone else will finish. Material: wood size maximum of 10" diameter by 12" length. You bring one CPB, and you take someone else's, which you complete and bring to the March meeting for the instant gallery. You get to keep the piece you finish. Someone else gets the piece you started. Please plan to be part of the fun!

We are looking for a member to be our **Program Director**. This is a board-member position. We have most of the year's programs planned. Please contact me or another board member for more information and to volunteer. This is your opportunity to serve the club.

2014 Demonstrations Agendas:

January 18, Back to Basics (Bowl Turning) Hands-On

February 15, Alan Lacer

March 15, Spheres by Duane Hill

April 19, Fire Piston, Jack Fitzpatrick

May 17, Carving/Wood burning by Odell Anderson

June 21, Multi-Axis Turning by Rich Egan

July 19, Jimmy Clewes

August 16, TBA

September 20, In-Lace by Duane Hill

October 18, Segmenting Basics by Phil Miller

November 15, Pen Turning Tips & Tricks by Jennifer and Dan Wilson

Putting on our meetings and running our club takes a lot of work. I would like to thank the officers and members that made 2013 a huge success!

Your 2014 board members are looking forward to serving you this year. **With your help**, we will have another successful year. Please volunteer whenever you see an opportunity to assist. We already have a great line up of monthly demonstrations we hope you will find interesting and that will challenge you to take the next step in your woodturning journey.

See you at the meeting.

Phil

Library Notes:

The search for a new librarian was a quick one. I believe you all know Holly; four legs, has been on the cleaning crew lately? She up and volunteered to be the new librarian (she also sticks her nose into things, too). No? Her picture is at the end of this note. Guess that makes me the new, second assistant librarian. Holly has some ideas on things she asked me to pass along. We'll be working on these things over the next 1-2 months.

We have already inventoried the DVD's and Books (thank you Bob Raasch for your help with this one), and have plans for having the list available. Holly thought it would be nice to have it organized in more than one way including by subject matter. This could have multiple benefits. Say someone wants to take up segmented turning, you could see what the club has available in books or DVDs on the topic. We could also see if there is any area where we are lacking and might want to round out the library. Watch for more on this in the next month or two.

We may be looking to replace some of our VHS for DVD and damaged DVDs. We will be looking for club feedback if these are no longer available. Holly pointed out that some of you may have some original DVDs lying around gathering dust. We cannot take copies, but we are always open to donations and I'm sure your fellow members would appreciate the thought.

I know the library has never had official hours, but I am going to implement some. I discussed this with multiple present and past board members, several whom have been presenters, and they agree that it is distracting having the library open when the meeting and presentations are going on. Also, as a turner, I would like to be able to listen to the presenter; it is one of the reasons I joined the club. So, to that end, Holly agreed to get out of her warm bed and walk a whole block to the community center, dragging me behind her, coffee cup in hand, by 8 am and we will stay open until the meeting starts at 9 am. It will re-open for the first break only, whatever time that happens to be. We have a great library (heck, I just got done looking at every book in it), but it isn't so big that it should take more than that for people to figure out what they want. I will continue to work on organizing things to help it along.

It has been recommended that we start looking at the condition of the DVDs before they get checked out and when they are returned. There is question as to who should pay to replace damaged DVDs. DVDs do get worn over time, however, if one is damaged due to neglect when it is checked out, is it the club or the individual's responsibility to replace it? No consensus was made on this. Holly is holding back on her opinion too. I thought we might start just by seeing how much of an issue it is. So, don't be surprised that we are now looking at the DVD's condition as they check in and out. Hopefully, this won't become an issue.

I'm not sure what Holly has gotten me into with this library business. Who knew a simple question almost 1-year ago to the day spoken to Mike Henderson would have led me here? I knew him through kayaking. We were at a potluck and I asked him if he knew anyone who could make me a wooden knitting bowl. He asked me if I wanted to learn how to make it myself? I said, 'sure' and several thousand dollars later (a very expensive question, too), I found a new obsession. I think Holly wishes I had said no, except one Saturday out of every month when she get to go to the community center.



Virginia Green and Holly

Notes on our Jan 2014 Meeting Hands-on and bowl turning

One of the stations at the January meeting will be on sharpening. Duane Hill will be leading this station. If you are having problems sharpening a particular tool or want to sharpen a tool, bring it to the meeting. We will have a grinder with the Wolverine system available. Be sure to also bring your eye protection and other appropriate safety gear.

Duane will go over sharpening in general and will work with members to show you how to sharpen your tools. This will be mostly hands on, to enhance the learning experience.

At January's meeting, we will be focusing on bowl turning. We will have several stations, with mentors at each station, to assist you with various stages of bowl turning. We anticipate having 5 stations, ranging from bowl gouges, scrapers, green wood and methods of holding work.

Bring your Challenge Project in a Bag to the January meeting. It's a project you start and someone else finishes and brings back to a later meeting. See more details in Prez Sez above.

From our Treasurer John Griffiths

We still have 81 members in good standing **BUT** there are 24 who have yet to pay their dues. So please get your dues to John Griffiths at your earliest convenience. Remember, \$36 for regular members, \$25 for students and 80 and over, \$50 for families. Please send them to John before the meeting so he can pay attention to other things at the meeting. John Griffiths, 88 West 6th St, Buffalo City WI 54622.

And on a happier note:

The March tool raffle will be a Frugal Vacuum Chuck kit ready to be assembled. It includes a pump that will draw 25" of vacuum and the fittings, lamp tube, line, gasket material, gauge and 4" PVC coupling. You supply a piece of wood to mount in your lathe and put the system together with some two part epoxy. This kit requires a hollow headstock. The kit will be available for viewing at the January meeting and one of our demonstration stations will be vacuum chucking. So be sure to come to the meeting and get yourself all fired up to start vacuum chuck work. It is a great way to finish pieces that need work on the bottom without launching them across your shop.

The club was offered an outstanding deal on this by Bob Leonard from Frugal Vacuum Chuck and we are grateful to him for this. Several of us have these systems and I have found mine to be outstanding.

I recently acquired some coring tools, and before trying them, realized my selection of chucks was probably a bit undersized for that type of work. Never letting the opportunity for a new tool pass by, I decided to try one of these new chucks from HTC. You can find their products on their website <http://www.thewoodturningstore.com/products/Hurricane-HTC125-5-Woodturning-Chuck-Dovetail-Jaws-with-Insert-150.html> I decided to purchase the larger chuck, the HTC125. I have not cored with it yet, but it so far appears to be well made, and I'm planning a more full review in a later edition. Some photos of the chuck and accessories I ordered are below.

Rich Egan



Meeting Topics Planned for 2014

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August(Shorty's)	
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October	Segmenting Basics-Phil Miller
November	Pen Turning-Demonstrator TBA
December	Christmas Party?????

Jim Frank



John Frawley



Bob Raasch



Carol Stevenson



Dan Wilson



December Instant Gallery

Dean Zimmer



Larry Gehl



Bob Raasch



Jim Frank



Ron Kaser



Jay Johnson



Dan Check



Ansel Heram



Larry Gehl



Dan Check



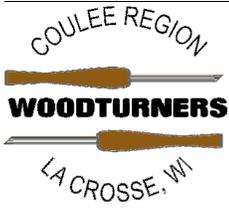
More December Meeting Gallery

Dan Wilson



Dan Morvits





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"A Turn For the Better"



**Next Meeting
Saturday,
Jan 18 2014 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.

