



One Good Turn

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Lots of fun as usual at our December meeting. No turning, just eating. Happy New Year to all, and safe turning in 2015! Our January meeting will be about lathe maintenance.



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...

Hello turners

Happy New Year.

January has started with a little chill in the air. That should give you some time to do some turning.

Maybe you got something for Christmas that you need to try. Winter is our time to try something new, or that you have been putting off.

Great time at the December meeting, lots of food, and fellowship. Thanks to all that helped make it happen.

With more time in the shop, safety has to be the # 1. Look at what you are going to turn, is it a solid piece. Do you have it properly mounted? Are your tools sharp? Face and lungs protected?

Be safe and have fun.

This month's demo is lathe maintenance, by Duane. Have fun and play safe. And keep warm.

See you at the meeting.

Phil

A reminder About Club Dues for 2015

Dues are \$36 for regular members, \$50 for couples/families and \$25 for students and members 80 and over. You may mail them to our Treasurer, Gary Friemann, at 19444 Nine Oaks Road, Spring Grove, MN 55974 or bring to any meeting. Checks payable to Coulee Region Woodturners.

Welcome New Officers in 2015

The CRW board will have two new officers in 2015. Virginia Wintersteen will serve as Secretary, and Gary Friemann will take over as Treasurer. Thank you to Ginny and Gary for their willingness to serve, and also thank you to our other officers who will stay on for another year.

Please consider serving as an officer, or getting involved in your club in some way. It's painless, and can be fun and interesting too. We have lots of opportunities to help out.

A Look Ahead

Program Director Terry Snowden has scheduled some great events so far this year.

At our January meeting, Duane Hill will lead a presentation on lathe maintenance. Duane will address how to keep your equipment running safely and in tip-top condition for years to come. Be sure to join us on Jan 18th, 2015.

February will have several hands-on small sectionals led by club members. Topics may include wood boring, tool sharpening, polishing, and applying CA as a finish.

In March, our club will host professional turner Nick Cook. There will probably be an extended demo on Saturday, with some smaller group sessions on Sunday and Monday as we have done in the past. More details as we get closer.





December 2014 Instant Gallery



Dan and Jennifer Wilson



Wendell Ziegler



Jim Frank



John Fisher



More December Gallery Pictures

John Griffiths



Steve Stevenson



Jay Johnson



Carol Stevenson



Roger Michaelson





Bob Patros And the Big Splinter

Hi all,

I'm ok, but want to tell you about a recent accident I had in my shop. I have been turning for ten years, and have had two significant (but not life threatening) accidents in my shop. This was one of them and both could have been avoided. Jim Frank said I should share, as others may find this story helpful.

You may have seen videos of professional bowl turners attaching their bowl blank to a screw chuck while the lathe is running. I would "never" do that, until last Friday. My friend Clyde gave me a nice stock of red elm awhile back when I visited him at his shop. I used my new band saw for the first time to form the blank. Following, I was able to attach the large piece to the screw chuck while the lathe was running slowly. It went on pretty good and it saved me about a minute had I done it without the lathe running. After completing the bottom of the bowl, I turned the piece around and successfully cored a smaller bowl. All went very well to this point.

Now the fun begins! After getting the larger bowl ready for the denatured alcohol barrel, I went to rough turn the smaller bowl. I thought, well, it worked for the larger bowl so why not the smaller one? While attempting to hold the smaller bowl and attach it to the screw chuck with the lathe running slowly (so I could save a minute), my left hand caught a splinter on the rim. Please see attached.

The splinter was driven through my left thumb and out my palm. Both ends were sticking out of my hand. Ouch! It went through an artery and bled a lot. My Father-in law drove me to Gundersen where I waited to be triaged with 30 other unfortunate souls before the doc saw me and skillfully extracted the splinter from my hand. I'm on the mend and can't wait to get back in the shop.

I guess the moral to the story is be careful. Stick with the successful routines you have established. This mishap happened in less than a moment, and pretty much dampened my plans to turn a lot over the holidays. The good news is I'm ok.

As an aside, when I sent a text message to my kids I didn't say I was ok until I got to the end of my saga. My daughter requested that I start out with "I'm OK" the next time. I responded that I was sorry and hope there won't be a next time.

Be safe.

Happy New Year!

Best regards,
Bob



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"A Turn For the Better"

**Next Meeting
Saturday,
January 17 2015 at 9 am.**

Here's a map to help those who aren't sure where we meet. It's the Onalaska Community Center 515 Quincy St Onalaska, WI. 54650 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.

