

# One Good Turn

# **Coulee Region Woodturners**



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Our August meeting was our annual road trip to Shorty Mueller's cabin near Alma. Thank you very much to Shorty for offering to host this event. I understand the food was fantastic and a wonderful time enjoyed by all.

Members, a quick report on our summer demonstration and selling season:

July we went to the Norskedalen Wine Tasting event. We demonstrated and sold member's items. Most importantly, we were in a nice shady area and secondly, Jim Frank brought a jug of high octane coffee which was much appreciated. John Phillips did his usual masterful job of setting up and managing it. Many members participated.

August we went to Norskedalen again for the Threshing Bee. We had both sales and numerous members turning again. John Phillips once again managed this with flair.

Also in August we went to the Great River Folk Festival in La Crosse's Riverside Park. We demonstrated and sold many items. Duane Hill managed this to perfection and he reports it was very successful in the area of teaching, sales and public relations.

Now for the thanks. Of course, I already mentioned John Phillips and Duane Hill. Please take a moment to personally thank them. Jim Frank's Suburban was the home away from home for our Jet lathes, he made certain they got to where they needed to be. We could not have done the events without him. Thanks to the members who brought pieces to sell and who turned at the event. A big part of these events is public relations.

All of our members who come to the events are wonderful ambassadors of our art and craft of woodturning and willingly share it with others. We have opportunities to teach and also to talk with interested persons about membership in the club. I don't know who all participated so I can't thank every-one personally but your contributions are valued by the membership. Thanks for all you do.

John Griffiths

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The Prez Sez... Hello Turners:

Thank you to all that helped at Norskedalen and the great river folk fest. We had a good turnout, and some sales to help the club treasury.

We will be back at the center this month and Ginny Wintersteen will be talking about Kaleidoscopes. Bring your pieces for the instant gallery. We will be having a tool raffle this month at the meeting.

At our October meeting, Duane Hill will demonstrate ornaments.

November will be hands on, jigs and fixtures more on that later.

Are you turning? Plan ahead for empty bowls in November.

Elections are approaching. Consider volunteering for an officer position.

We will see you at the meeting Phil



#### Save the Date – October 24<sup>th</sup>! Deep Hollowing By Barry Grill

Barry Grill, a professional turner from Eau Claire, Wisconsin will give an allday demonstration on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He will be demonstrating deep hollowing of vessels, burial urns and hollow forms on a custom built hollowing system developed by another member of the Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild. This system has allowed Barry to turn hollow forms up to 24 inches deep! Barry has been turning for over 40 years and has taught and mentored many turners in western Wisconsin.

Barry is a joy to watch and openly shares his secrets, successes and failures with his audiences. His teaching style is open and relaxed with plenty of time for questions. He is an expert at hollowing and deep hollowing.

The demonstration will begin at 9:00 A.M. and will continue until approximately 4:30 in the afternoon. The cost is \$30.00 and pre-registration is not necessary.

The address of the demonstration will take place at the CVWG club, which is located at: CVWG 1125 Starr Ave

Eau Claire, WI

The Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild was founded in 2003. It has approximately 85 members and meets on the first Wednesday of the month and has open turning to anyone on the Second Saturday of the Month. The Club is active in community outreach and teaching.

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# CRW Members at Great River Folk Fest in Riverside Park











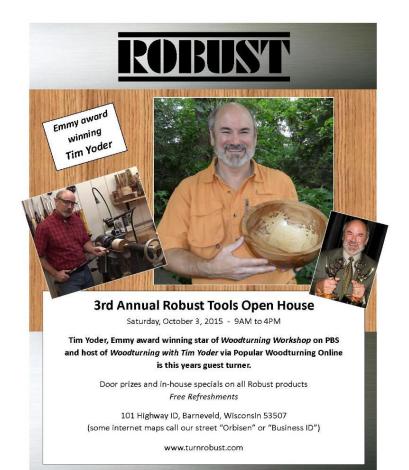


Some Used and Antique Tools For Sale

Jim Cox sent me a bunch of photos of tools he has for sale. A few of them are pictured above, Jim has many more. Most are priced between \$15-30. Contact Jim at <u>cswoodworking@charter.net</u> for a better list and pricing.

Jim also had an opportunity for a turner who needs a project:

A gentleman from Stevenson has a burl he needs to have turned. This was cut in 2012 and has been sitting in a barrel for a couple of years. It's dry, no big cracks he said. He estimates it weighs around 100 lbs and it measures around 20 to 24 inches in length. He can deliver it to whom ever. He was very desperate to find someone to turn something out of this burl. His number is (608) 526-3668 or (608) 386-4540. Hope you can help him out



Some Events Coming up Near Badger Woodturners In Madison



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Members,

Set aside the date of Saturday October 10 for a woodturning demo for homeschooled children. Mary Lehn, the person copied above spoke with me at the Norskedalen demo about teaching woodturning to homeschooled children. We have since corresponded and gotten it planned. Members should arrive shortly after 8AM to set up. Parents and children should arrive in time for an 8:30 start. We should be finished by 11:30 or noon

This will take place at A Line in their back building on the morning of the 10th. We will use Duane's seven lathes and I assume we will work with a child for 30 to 60 minutes to teach some simple woodturning, then rotate to the next child and so on. If time permits, we could show teach turning to parents who are interested as well. Duane has a grinder for sharpening and some tools there as well.

We need seven or more members to spend some quality time with children that morning. It would be helpful if someone could bring the club coffee pots, cups, coffee and so on from the clubhouse for this. Children will range from 4th grade on up. A very rough guess is 15 to 20 kids plus some parents.

What to bring besides yourself: Wood for <u>simple</u> spindle turning projects. (No bowls, no exotic pens or segmented pieces. Very basic, perhaps just helping a child make a piece of wood round depending on the child.) Tools. Sandpaper. Eye and face protection for yourself, the child and a parent hovering nearby. A willingness to spend some quality time with a child.

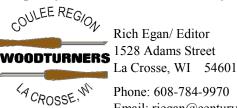
Please call or email me to schedule yourself to help. Phone 608-248-2782 and my email is griff@mwt.net

John Griffiths

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Norskedalen Threshing Bee. Eight members spent at least a portion of the day demonstrating, selling, and socializing. The club lathes were busy from 9:30 A.M. To 3:30 P.M. Our sales generated a little more than \$100.00 for the club treasury. A number of people asked questions about turning. We answered their questions, and often suggested that they might enjoy attending one of our club meetings. Who knows, we may have encouraged some one to join the club? The event was a very successful club activity.

John Phillips

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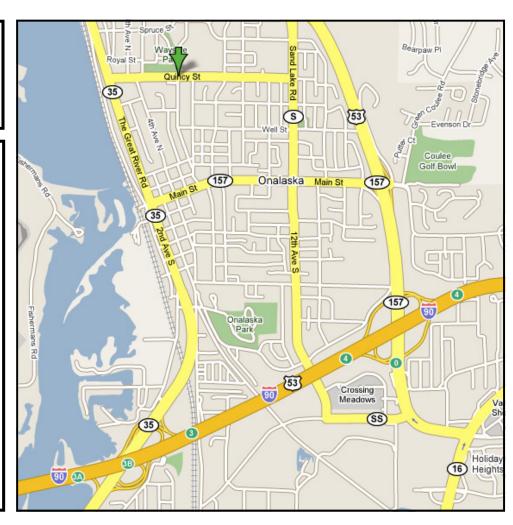
#### "A Turn For the Better"

**Next Meeting** Saturday, Sept 19 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.



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