

One Good Turn

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Thanks to Larry Gehl, our presenter in April! A fantastic job explaining the finer points of those beautiful segmented vessels! In May we are moving our meeting to A-Line Machine Tool in La Crosse. See you there!









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...



Members, remember that the MAY MEETING WILL BE AT A LINE. So don't show up at the Community Center. The latest issue of the AAW magazine has an article starting on page 26 and our own Phil Miller will be demonstrating this. So this will be very worthwhile and is an interesting topic. Remember since we will be away from our usual meeting place we will not have the library available but we will be able to return materials to the librarians. They just won't be able to check the materials in as usual. Also no instant gallery. Bring snacks if you wish but the coffee crew will be taking a well deserved vacation. Coffee hounds like myself will make a quick stop at Kwik Trip to fuel up on the way. Also remember to bring your own folding chair. And as you walk past the counter, be sure to thank A Line for hosting us.

Bob Patros will be setting up the display of turned wood items at Gundersen in early June, so bring any pieces you want to have him include in the display to the meeting for him. He will need a note with each piece listing the species of wood, the finish and your name. Jim Frank will be making the labels for the display. Let's give Bob and Jim a shout-out for this project. Thanks guys.

The future is sneaking up on us, and for CRW the future is Cindy Drozda on October 15, 16 and 17. We will be doing further announcements and setting up registration in a month or so. Make plans now to attend, she is a fantastic demonstrator and will be doing some hands-on teaching as well on the 16th and 17th. Well worth attending and full disclosure, the club needs to sell enough places at the demo and hands-on to break even financially. The library case upgrade is in process and we hope to introduce it at the July meeting, which will be our next meeting at the Community Center. And the old one will be auctioned off that day as well, so if you think you want to bid on it, have plans to get it home with you too.

The board is continuing to address the video system upgrade. We have three issues to settle. One is raising the funds to enable us to make the upgrade. The second is to decide what and how to incorporate a better camera system and big screen TV sets. The third issue will be how to set up the TV sets and how to store them. They are fragile and take up space in the storage cage. Board members with more knowledge than I on electronics are working on this; and if you as a member want to contribute your knowledge, please attend board meetings as we discuss this nearly every meeting.

We are financing the upgrade by having our auctions at club meeting, a member donated his demonstration fee to this recently (Thanks much.) and we will be doing the Norskedalen and Great River Folk Festival shows to demonstrate and sell member's wares. This year in addition to the usual sale of items with the 25%-75% club-member split, we are asking members to also donate a piece to the club for sale at the events which will benefit the club at 100%. The first Norskedalen event is July, the weekend following the July 4th holiday. So please make plans to demonstrate at these events, or to sell some pieces on commission or to donate a piece to the club for sale. More on this later.

Last but not least, the June meeting will be at Stevenson's shop and museum. This is a treat every time we go there, and the menu will be pot luck and bring your own chair. The August meeting will be at Shorty Mueller's cabin in the hills over Alma. We all know how cool this is. Ribs, chicken and sweet corn, check your manners at the door for this finger food extravaganza. Bring your own chair also.

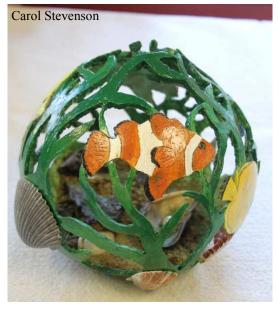
Guess I have rambled on enough, see you at A Line

















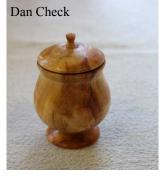








More April Instant Gallery





Larry Gehl











Jack Fitzpatrick





Opportunities

At the club's request, I will be setting up a display of your work at GHS-La Crosse in June. The display is located on the third floor near the bridge over South Avenue.

That was the soonest date that would allow us a whole month to display our work. Also, this will hopefully give you time to turn a piece by June.

As we have grown to be a large club, I would like to collect either 2 small pieces or one larger piece from individuals. I would need, taped on each piece, just a legible name, the type of wood, and your city and state. I will be asking Jim Frank to create labels.

In April and May, I will be collecting the pieces. You can either bring them to the April or May meeting or drop them off at my home.

As in the past, I will treat your pieces like my own, though will not take any responsibility for their loss or destruction. Don't worry too much, nothing has ever happened before (knock on wood!!).

Please consider participating. **Bob Patros**

Turn-On! Chicago 2016

July 22-24, 2016

Conference Center at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake Mundelein, Illinois

Registration is now open

www.turnonchicago.com

The planning committee is hard at work to finalize preparations for our 5th Turn-On! Chicago symposium being held from July 22-24. If you have not yet registered, I am hoping you will join us this summer on the scenic wooded grounds at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. It should be our best one so far.

We have 13 world class demonstrators doing 55 rotations for turners with varying interests and experience levels. They include: Nick Agar, Rex Burningham, Robin Costelle, Clay Foster, Stephen Hatcher, Frank Kobilsek, Rob Nelson, Graeme Priddle, Mark Sfirri, Mark St. Leger, Rob Wallace, Vince Welch, and Molly Winton. We will also have activities on Friday evening so there will never be a dull moment. Visit the symposium website at www.turnonchicago.com for more details and to register. In recent weeks we have added a preliminary rotation schedule, World of Woodturners (WOW) meeting, Women in Turning (WIT) meeting, and an Empty Bowls event.

Just added: For those that can't be with us the entire weekend, we have added single day registration options.

All registration is completed from the website. There is limited housing available on-site as well as excellent hotels close to the conference facility which are listed on the website. The registration fee includes 8 meals including the Saturday evening banquet and auction, tradeshow, instant gallery, free soft drinks and snacks, Friday evening activities, and most important, excellent conversation with fellow woodturners.

I hope you can join us this summer. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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CRW Event

Norskedalen Art Fair and Wine Tasting Sunday July 10th Norskedalen Heritage Site 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 PM.

Please mark your calendars for this CRW event. More hands make for less work for any one person. Please volunteer to help demonstrate, sell, or for set up and take down. Last year we had a wonderful turnout, and a very successful sale. Bring your tools, wood, and if you have items for sale, bring those too (please price them in advance). You might want to bring a lawn chair as well. The lathes will be there. Driving directions are on the Norskedalen web site: www.norskedalen.org

If you are unable to attend, but have pieces that you would like to sell, please call me at 608-486-1181. We can arrange to get your items in the sale.

John Phillips

Denis Falch has done so much for the club over the years, including being our wonderful greeter/host at the sign in desk. I want to acknowledge a special Thank You to Denis for donating the woodturning DVD items for the April meeting auction as well as the giveaway VHS tapes.

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"A Turn For the Better"



Our next meeting is Saturday, May 21st at 9:00 am. The meeting will be at A-Line Machine Tool Co.

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Please bring something to sit on, like a folding camp chair, as there will be limited chairs available.

A-Line is located roughly between Menards and Copeland Ave. It's about where the red X is on the map. The VW dealership is next door to the West. There is some parking next to and behind the store. If you are able, please park across the street.

