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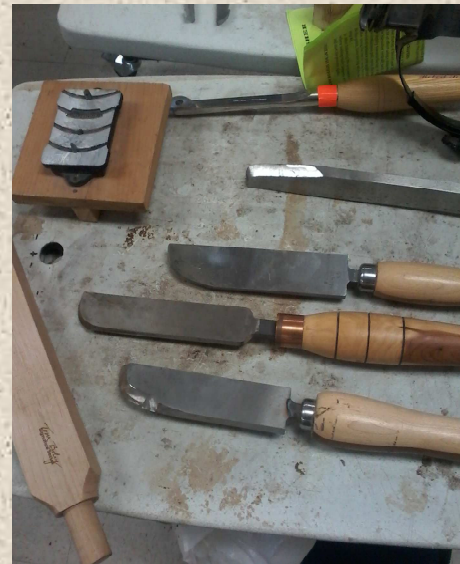


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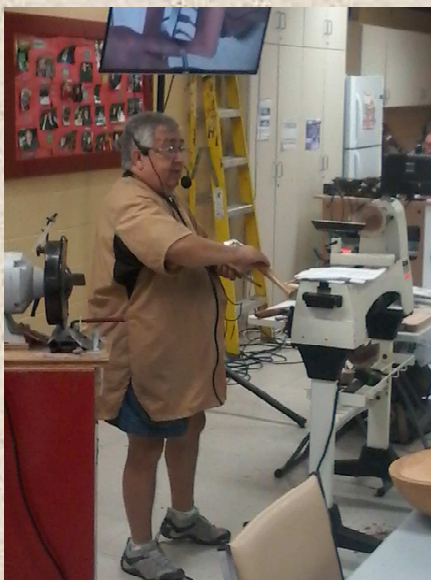
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Our July meeting featured Duane Hill with scrapers of all kinds. Thanks Duane for an informative presentation on a much misunderstood family of tools.

In August, join us for a look at using the inside-outside turning technique to make Christmas ornaments and other projects.



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

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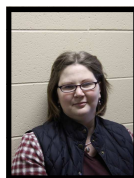


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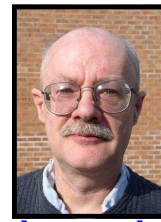


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From a Knot in The Board...

Friends of the wood lathe. The dog days of summer are upon us. My grandkids are getting ready for school. One is smiling more than the other, but they are both ready. I would like to thank Duane Hill on his presentation on maintaining and using a scraper.

I recently returned from Turn on Chicago. What a wonderful symposium to attend. The next one is in two years and I recommend it. I saw 11 presentations in three days, got great food, and fellowship. Plus, the trade show was also great. I did come home with some new tools and some wood. Lots of interesting information.

This month we have Rich Egan demonstrating 4 point inside out turning. Making Christmas ornaments will soon be in season, also we saw some of Denis's inside out items at the instant gallery last meeting. This is the time to see the demonstration and ask all the questions you would like.

I and a couple others were disappointed at last meetings setup. There was only a couple of people setting up the room. You may have noticed that we had only one TV and one camera. We need your help. We understand that some of you live quite a distance away and it is not reasonable to drive in to setup. Maybe combine it with an excellent fish fry or night out. Your wife is welcome to come in and watch you work. Others are physically unable to help, like me with a recent hip replacement. Others could give an hour of your time and we can get this task done. I will not be able to make it – I will be in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and Protivin Iowa returning to Onalaska about 10 PM.

We will be turning at the Folk Festival this year. It will be on August 25-26 at Riverside Park. We will have a lathe or two there and will be able to sell your items for you. More information available at the August meeting. We will need a few people to setup and tear down. Also, demonstrators are needed. I brought a bunch of 5/4 X 5/4 X 10' hard maple pieces so all you need is your tools.

We had an interesting board meeting this month. We discussed our most memorable meeting and what made it so. We are interested in both what your most memorable meeting was and what you would like to see in the future meeting topics. Please find a board member and tell them. Another item was working to attract some of the youth to our club. We talked about exposing teenagers to turning and getting the 25-40-year-old people to get involved in the hobby. We have most of the greatest generation and baby boomers attending. Youth will make us grow. Bring your neighbor to the next meeting.

This month's challenge is to bring a tankard.

Look at the updated calendar in this newsletter. All of them are interesting programs coming up. See you at the meeting.

Isn't life wonderful.

Be Safe, Keep Sharp

Adrian

Tip #6.

From the Safety Corner

Myself and several other club turners were demonstrating at the Norskedalen Midsummer Fest on June 16. A bright, sunny hot day, decent crowds, some sales, and people interested in wood turned articles as evident by the questions we fielded, and the bench in front of us at times populated with children and adults watching the venture. From questions like what is woodturning, how long have you been turning, what kind of wood, what are you making, what is the process, to name a few. It was now my turn at the lathe. I chose to make simple honey dippers to give away; small, easy, somewhat practical and fun. I was explaining to a lady (she was a reporter for the local newspaper, I believe) what I was doing in some detail, wearing my usual short sleeved AAW smock and face-mask, and had reached over the spinning blank with tool in hand to explain something. Suddenly from the bench behind a fellow turner shouted "If you reach over the lathe again, I'll stop you and remove you from the lathe". Well, maybe that's paraphrasing, but certainly the essence. Yep, I had indeed reached over the spinning lathe to show and explain something to the lady. I was taken aback and maybe the onlookers were too. By now, you know very well what the safety infraction was. NEVER OVERREACH, certainly with sleeves, even though short, which can catch in the spinning piece and present great danger. Overreach can also be construed as reaching beyond your comfort level or becoming off balanced for example when doing long spindle work. Remember the "woodturners dance".

What if? What if my sleeve had caught? What if I could not have pulled back in time? Torn shirt? A bloody mess, maybe? Maybe worse? Think of the audience perspective. A 911 call to first responders for an incident at the lathe? Nah, we want to foster the hobby/craft of wood turning and demonstrate safe practices. Not scare people away!

I explained to the lady what I had done in error, that it was a safety concern. The lesson learned here, always try to adhere to safe turning practices. Practice safe skills even in your home shop, especially when working alone. The safety principles promoted by the AAW are for the wellbeing of the turner as well as the audience.

I want to personally and publicly thank C for stepping up and stepping in with the warning shot that no doubt would have been carried out if I reached over again. I knew better. Yep, I rightly deserved and in thankful the warning.

I feel it is a responsibility that when we observe safety infraction issues during events or even when visiting members shops, it is an obligation to say something. Stuff happens in an instant. Most accidents can be prevented. If an accident happens, analyze the cause. A careful analysis may prevent a future accident.

Safety should be everyone's concern.

In closing, and on a lighter side, the strawberry shortcake with ice cream and real whipped cream served was well, simply the best!

Of course, your feedback is appreciated.

Keep turning my friends but keep it safe.

From CRW Tool Czar, Bob R

July Instant Gallery and Turn a Box Challenge



Denis Falch



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Duane Hill



Lee Sage



Larry Gehl



Bob Raasch



John Griffiths



Jay Johnson



Duane Hill



Odell Anderson



Rich Egan

Marv Meyer



Denis Falch



Rich Egan

More July Instant Gallery

Steve and Carol Stevenson



Duane Hill



John Griffiths



Larry Gehl



Lee Sage



John Griffiths



Coulee Region Wood Turners Presents for the year 2018-2019

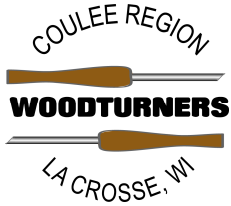
Date	Program	Challenges
August 18:	4 Point Inside/Out With Rich Egan	Tankard
September 15:	Kaleidoscopes with Steve Kittelson	Animal
	A class will be offered on September 22 See www.kittelsondesigns.com	
October 20:	Using the Index on your Lathe Duane Hill and Adrian Novak election of 2019 Officers	2X4 Challenge
November 17:	Round Robin 1. Chucks - Regular, Pen, Jam, Longworth, Cold Jaws 2. Tools for sale 3. Vacuum chuck 4. Pens and more 5. Coring	Inside-Out Ornament
December 15:	Christmas Potluck	Ornament
January 19:	Basket Illusion with Adrian Novak	
February 16:	with Mark Palma	
March 16:	Your Idea Here	
April 20:	Spring Pole Lathe	
May 18:	Your Idea Here	
June 15:	Picnic at Jim Frank's	

*= not confirmed

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Norskedalen Art Fair on the Farm. Five members spent at least a portion of the day demonstrating, selling, and socializing. The lathes were busy from 9:30 AM. To 4:30 PM. Our sales generated a little more than \$40.00 for the club treasury. A number of people asked questions about turning. We answered their questions, and suggested that they might enjoy attending one of our club meetings. Who knows, we may have recruited a new member? A special thank you to Kris Clough, Dan Check, Bob Patros, and John Griffiths.

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"A Turn For the Better"

**Next Meeting
Saturday,
August 18 2018 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.

