

From a Knot in The Board...

Friends of the wood lathe. My time of elected leadership to serve you is coming to an end. At years end I will be handing over all the responsibilities over to Jim Bloomer. Looking back on a few major goals we had during that time which we completed.

As Program Director with John as President (I think) Bob and I worked on getting large TVs to replace our projector system prior to Cindy Drosda coming to demonstrate. With your help we fundraised enough money to purchase one then two TVs that we continue to use today. Having the TVs is awesome. People like Ansel and others whose sight has been failing were able to get a much better view of all the presentations. All of us were able to get a good look above the lathe and inside the bowl being turned. We still have the projector if sometimes we want to see the good old days.

We cleaned out the storage cage and created a nice list of tools that we have for loan. We added a small lathe, threading tools, and many other items for our use. We improved the camera locations and angles. We continued several long-time traditions such as the Chri2019stmas party and Summer Picnic.

One item that I promised to work on and attempt to accomplish was to obtain our 501 (3)c status. That was finally done in 2019. I think this will bring many opportunities in the future of the club. We now need to dream bigger and better dreams.

The last major item I want to accomplish is to get a younger board. New board members and younger board members bring fresh ideas and growth to our club. Jim, John, Chris, Jay and you are in a position to make impressive changes.

None of this could be done without help. There are so many people to thank. The list includes but is not limited to Board Members, Librarians, Newsletter Editor, Web Page Editor, Setup crew members, teardown crew members, meeting presenters, picture takers, donut contributors, club members, donators, idea contributors, and you.

Thank You one and all. Keep up the good work. Thank You to all I missed

This month meeting on December 21 will be a potluck celebration of Christmas and 2019. We will have the doors open by 8:00 AM but will not be formally meeting until 10:00. After a few words, an instant gallery and a prayer we should be eating by 10:30. I could use some help on Door Prizes. If you have something you would like to donate as a door prize (tool, wood, burl, big candy bar, book etc.) please bring it.

Remember that we have obtained our 501(c)3 status as a nonprofit organization and our official name is **Coulee Region Wood Turners Inc.** Please use this name when referring to our club especially in writing.

A few people stepping up to do some of the tasks really makes a difference. Please don't sit on your hands.

Be Safe, Keep Sharp

Adrian

January meeting will be a round robin presentation. John will be announcing the presenters at December's meeting. December's challenge is a Christmas ornament. Jim will be giving us the January challenge.

I have enjoyed writing my thoughts to you the last few years.

Coulee Region Wood Turners Presents for the year 2019

Date	Program	Challenges
December 21	Christmas Potluck	Ormanent
Future plans: January Round Robin, February Basket Illusion, March Mark Palma returns		

Craft Supplies Order

We had 11 people participate in this year's Craft Supplies group buy. We placed an order for about \$2500 and received a 10% discount. Those who participated received an e-mail with their total. We will need some of Santa's elves to help sort out the order Friday, December 20 so that we can distribute the orders during the meeting December 21. Thanks to all who ordered. Contact Duane Hill if you have time to help.

Woodcutting Saturday 12/7

We had 6 people show up plus my son-in-law, Nate Greene to cut up a bunch of elm from my daughter's tree. We were able to cut, split and move all of the wood so that it is ready for firewood. In the meantime, there was also a lot of wood picked up for turning by the 6 members. At one point, we had 4 chainsaws going, two splitting stations and two people hauling wood. A very big thank you goes out to Bob Patros, Kevin Vossler, Paul Woelper, Rich Egan and Andrew Pingree for their help. As it turns out, Kevin is a wood splitting master, Andrew is a master at cutting apart the really big pieces and Bob is a master woodhauler. All this was accomplished without even a bandaid being used (yes we had a first aid kit available).

Editor's note: How many things can be lost in the shavings pile while woodcutting? You'll have to ask Paul Woelper to find out.

Bring your checkbook (or cash) to the December meeting and pay your dues for 2020! It's going to be a great year!

Taking on the Mighty Elm

