



# One Good Turn

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## Coulee Region Woodturners



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**Next Meeting Saturday—December 16—9:00 AM**

**We are meeting at Luther High School in Onalaska. The meeting will be in the woodshop. Entrance thru main door or the door under the drop off into the main hallway. ~~We will be setting up the AV on Friday the 10th. 7 pm—8:30 if you would like to help. We will also need help tearing the AV down after the meeting and would appreciate help.~~**

### CRW Activities Schedule

Dec 16	Round Robin	Christmas Party—Gourmet Chili
Jan 20	Marv Meyer:	Captured ring duck call
Feb 17	Ken Garden:	TBD
Mar 16	Joe Nycz:	Peppermills
Ap 20	Linda Ferber:	TBD [awaiting confirmation]
May 18	Jerry Ritter:	Chinese Balls
Jun 15		
Jul 20		
Aug 17		
Sep 21		
Oct 19		
Nov 16		
Dec 21	TBD	Christmas Party

Need Suggestions for topics and/or demonstrators.

### **Holiday Special**

**A magnanimous member has donated the Secret Santa door prize. Must be present to win. Be sure to get your tickets when you sign in.**

## FOUND IN THE WOOD CHIPS UNDER MY LATHE - from John Griffiths

Hello Members—Just checked under my Jet and sure enough, there were some things worth publicizing laying around.

One important thing - we held a pen turning event on November 21 at Luther HS and a good number of members turned out and helped. We began with about 75 kits, had about five lathes running and taught the kids to make pens. The students were very enjoyable to work with and willing to learn.

There are some kits left over so we are planning to get them finished for donation to Luther, for Mr. Larson to distribute. We will have three lathes going for the regular round robin and a fourth going for pen making as part of the round robin.

So the round robin at the December meeting will be:

- 1, Duane Hill: Thread chasing (and what to do if you happen to catch one).
- 2, Aaron Gesicki: Bowl from a board. (a rather shallow topic)
- 3, James and Julie Bloomer: Turning blanks of Resin. Possibly 3 Dimension printing as well.
- 4, And so (Drum Roll here): Lathe #4 will be Pen Making and perhaps incorporate hands-on for members who want to hone their skills. Using the prepared Luther blanks with the finished pens going to Luther. So - members - if you want, bring along a pen turning tool and safety glasses and satisfy that urge to try making a pen. If you need coaching, this is the time and place. I will already have a mandrel, bushings, pen making live center, EEE polish and assembly board there, and a tool or three as well. Will need some sandpaper, paper towel and friction polish. Mr. Larson has been invited and if he attends, he may want a turn on a lathe to make a pen.

Christmas Party:

A. Food The club will provide chili and cornbread prepared by Pam, and water and coffee. Members please bring a salad or dessert to pass.

B. Challenge participants: If you brought an item to a club challenge this past year, take a ticket from the roll of tickets for each item when you sign in. To refresh, the challenges for 2023 were Top Making; All Skewed up; 2"x4"x4'; Whimsical; Piece with Moving Parts. Please take a ticket for each challenge you entered and we will draw for prizes. Prizes will include pepper mill kits, Forstner drill bit, and salt and pepper shaker parts sets (donated by myself). Then some various chunks of wood donated by whomever.

C. If you wish to donate to the drawing bring a surplus item or wood blank. Or whatever.

**Lastly.**

I am stepping down from holding office in CRW. I have been a member since the fall of 2009 and have been photographer, treasurer, president and program director many of those years. So my best to Pam for taking over as program director and indeed, to all who have stepped up to keep the chips flying on a club level ever since. It's been a good ride but...time to cut back! My best to all of you for your help in keeping CRW a good club.

Be safe.

John

# Earth Fair 2024

April 28, 2024 11am-4pm

Myrick Park LaCrosse, WI

Please save the date

We have been invited back!

## Need Wood ??

I got a call today from a lady in Coon Valley who has a bunch of wood she would like to donate to the club. I am going to check it out before the Xmas meeting. I don't think I will have it picked up by the meeting, but will try.

If an interested someone with a pickup would like to join in, contact **Duane Hill**.

[Contact info listed at end of this newsletter]

## 2024 Membership Dues are due

You can mail dues to Jay Johnson, 703 Granum St., Holmen, WI 54636, or pay at the next Meeting. \$36 for single membership.

\$50 for Family membership, \$25 for Seniors over 80.

Thanks! Jay J.

## Thoughts for next year -

⇒ **Perhaps a challenge for some or maybe all the meetings.**

With voting? And modest prize(s)?

⇒ **Group buy. Here's info if we buy from Craft Supplies:**

They offer a club discount on group orders if the order is \$1000+. There would be a 10% discount and free shipping (excludes freight added items). We create a list and email it to them, and then place the order. They let us know when it's ready for payment. We can also purchase gift cards.

We'll have copies of their current catalog at the Xmas meeting.

⇒ **Breakout sessions other days or nights?**

Small groups, at selected sites, doing whatever is of interest. Very hands on.

Please bring your comments and suggestions to the next meeting. You can also email or text to Aaron Gesicki—contact info below

Here are some teases from the most recent AAW Journal. Must join AAW to receive.

### **Quick lathe tune-up**

I always do two things to tune my lathe before starting a project...

Tim Heil, Minnesota, AAW member since 2001

### **Soft jaws for re-chucking**

Nylon jaws are very easy to cut, and I usually use a scraper to shape them.

Terry Martin, Queensland, Australia, first joined the AAW in 1996

### **Turn a Lefse Rolling Pin**

"I began turning six years ago because I wanted to make rolling pins specifically for lefse."

Gary Legwold, a Minneapolis-based author as well as a member of the Minnesota Woodturners Association and the AAW. His lefse rolling pins, books, and lefse-related products are available at

<https://lefseking.com/>

And, if you're hungry...

### **Gary Legwold's Potato Lefse**

A Show-Stealing Recipe for Festive Holiday Gatherings!

After you have turned a lefse rolling pin at the lathe, move to the kitchen and try your hand at Gary Legwold's recipe for potato lefse. Makes ~10 lefse rounds.

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

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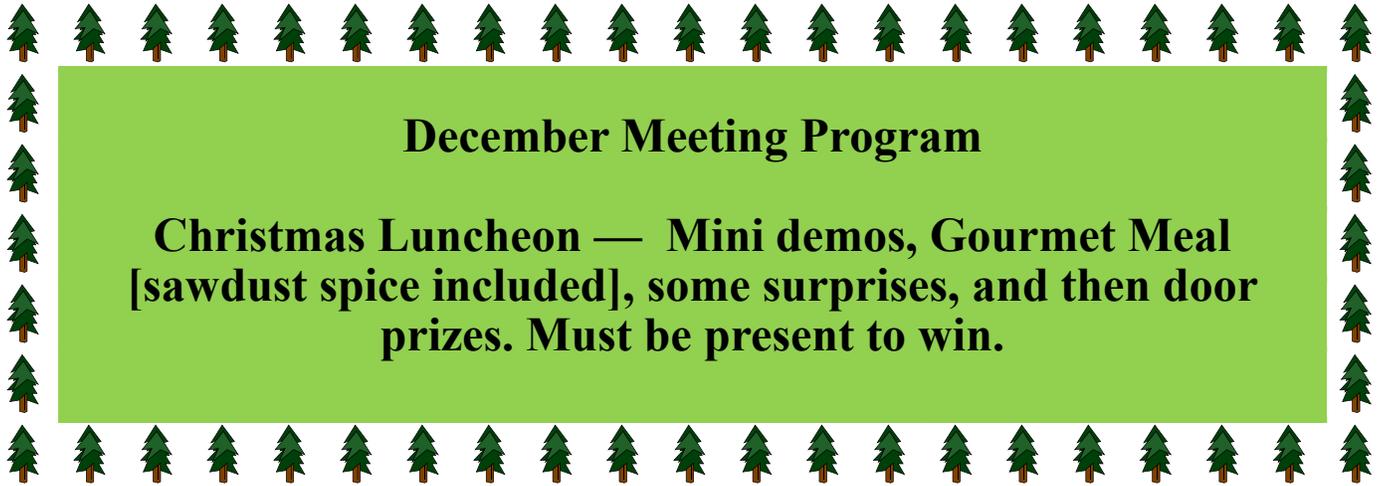
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**"A Turn For the Better"**



**Next Meeting**

**Saturday**

**December 16, 2023**

Here's a map to help those who aren't sure where we meet. It's the Luther High School Shop. 1501 Wilson St, Onalaska, WI, 54650  
608-783-5435

We'll start the program promptly at 9 am, so get there early to avoid getting a Uecker Seat.

We'll have coffee, so Chocolate donuts are ALWAYS Welcomed.

