

One Good Turn

Coulee Region Woodturners



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Next Meeting Saturday—November 11—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

Nov. 11	Mark Palma	“What I wish someone would have told me about turning when I started!”
	Club Challenge	Piece with moving parts
Dec. 16	Round Robin	Christmas Party Potluck
Jan. 20	TBD	
Feb. 17	TBD	

From Mark Palma—Points to Ponder in advance

FOR SALE-- 3 lathes (I bought based on the wrong features), 2 grinding systems (that either burn the tools or are too complicated to figure out so I turn with dull tools), 3 chucks (that drive me nuts and the blank flies out of and hits me in the head), 3 dozen tools “guaranteed” to make turning effortless (except for me), and drawers full of jigs, fixtures and accessories gathering dust.

What do we need to be better turners? In this demo we will discuss what we really need to be better turners. It probably isn't one more tool. Mark will show us a series of suggestions on how he has learned (through thousands of mistakes) about some skills, body mechanics, and some tips that make time behind the lathe successful.

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

Hello members, once again I peeked in the wood chips under my lathe and found these tid-bits:

One: Our November demo is quickly approaching. Y'all remember we changed it a few years ago to give the Wisconsin deer hunters a chance to both attend the meeting and pursue the "thirty point buck" in some woodlot or unharvested cornfield. The meeting will be the second Saturday this month (only this month). Our demonstrator will be the great demonstrator Mark Palma. He has given us very interesting demos for several years. He sent us information about his demo [see elsewhere in this Newsletter]. He presents with humor, well researched information and an incredible sense of doing it safely. Lord knows we don't want our members keeping the local emergency room busy. The meeting convenes at 9AM Saturday November 10, but come in early to drink coffee, talk smart and help with last minute setup. And some of you stay around to help tear down.

Two: Regarding set up, a crew of dedicated members makes the trek to the school on Friday nights to set up, and that has made a wonderful improvement in the flow of the meeting, and a lot easier on the folks doing the demo, running the video and keeping the cords and wires taped down to minimize the tripping hazard. Be sure to thank them and if you can, show up Friday night and help set up.

Three: Our format is changing for the December meeting. There will be food! The board is making plans but so far, it looks like there just might be a club-provided main course plus the usual pot luck stuff we always enjoy stuffing our faces with, in the order of salads and desserts. We will do a round robin demo, three or four mini demos going on simultaneously for part of it. We have done challenges every couple months and here is why that matters. Keep in mind how many of the challenges you entered and we will be handing out a ticket when you sign in for each challenge you entered. Those tickets will then be drawn for items brought to the meeting as prizes. Hint: Pepper mill kits will be present. Among other goodies. The list of challenges follows below.

Four: The challenges were

March	Top making
May	All skewed up
July	2x4 x4"
Sept	Whimsical item
Nov	Piece with moving parts

Five: The November challenge is a piece with moving parts. Now this does not have to be complicated, like a wooden clock for example, but something like a captive ring (hint, hint).

Six: My terms as Program Director are winding down and I am looking forward to being just a plain old Joe Schmoie once again. We have a wonderful slate of new officers taking over so give them your support, attend meetings, bring stuff into Instant gallery. Offer to do demos, I believe every last one of you has a skill or talent you could demonstrate. And have fun watching the chips flying off a well sharpened tool.

Be safe, John

Earth Fair 2024

April 28, 2024 11am-4pm

Myrick Park LaCrosse, WI

Please save the date

We have been invited back!

Wig Stands

Members,

This week I took 21 wig stands to the Gunderson Healthcare Cancer Center. Taylor, the cancer center coordinator said, "the patients love them". My fellow turners, please continue making them, knowing that the fruits of your labor does make a difference. As a side benefit, those recipients know these stands are made by members of the local wood turning club, Coulee Region Woodturners.

I believe at least 187 stands have been collected and sent to local healthcare facilities. It may be more.

Regards, Bob Raasch

Secretary's Report

Members,

October 12th board meeting minutes.

Those present - Jim Bloomer, Aaron Gesicki, Pam Day, John Griffiths, Bob Raasch, John Fisher, Kris Clough

Reviewing the nominations for officers for 2024:

President - Aaron Gesicki

Vice President - Possibly Bob Patros

Treasurer - Jay Johnson

Secretary - Peg Habetler

Program Director - Pam Day (volunteered after the meeting)

By Laws general review.

Jim Bloomer brought up that we vote on them at the October general meeting by the membership.

Bob Raasch suggested that we vote on them after the new board takes over in January.

It was noted that the by laws state that those older than 85 will get a reduced membership rate. The Website states that those 80 and older will get the reduced membership rate.

Article III, section A of the bylaws regarding 501(c)(3). Do our bylaws state that we need to be a 501(c)(3) organization or not?

Email List

Pam brought up that we should come up with a public email and phone list that is available for the general membership.

Clyde Cassell has offered to donate his entire collection of American Woodturner (20 years worth) and the English version Woodturning (from the first issue on down the line).

It was discussed that as a club, we do not have the room for this collection of magazines. It was suggested that we contact various schools and libraries to see if they have room for them. Pam will head this up. We should also have some sort of a stamp to put on the magazines that state they are from Clyde and the CRW.

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Secretary's Report, Continued

October 21st general meeting

Elections of officers - unanimous vote of everyone

President - Aaron Gesicki

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November's Meeting is the second Saturday in November, November 11th at 9 AM.

Mark Palma will be doing the demonstration.

On November 21st, the club will be having the Luther Penturning event for the students in the wood working classes. This year, there will not be a club demo ahead of time. There are kits available to do the prep work ahead of time, glue on the blanks, square the ends, etc. We will need volunteers for this event as well. More information will be coming for start time etc.

Pam Day is looking for contacts for Veterans associations, Legions, and Fraternal Organizations to set up pen turning events. She will also be looking for a couple of people to "work" them. We would probably use the 10" table top lathe and look into purchasing another 10" lathe, possibly the Penn State pen turners lathe.

There were pen blanks for \$2 donation to the club each. Also some Catalpa bowl blanks for give away. Some walnut wood for wig stands is available as well.

Jay Johnson did the demo on Pen Turning.

Kris Clough

Robust Tools' 10th Annual Open House: Saturday, November 4, 2023



**Robust Tools
Tenth Annual Open House**

Saturday, November 4, 2023

9AM to 4PM

Featuring: Sam Angelo

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! No Registration Required !



***Door Prizes and In-House Specials
Lunch Available Onsite***

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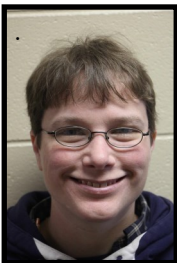
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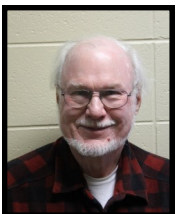
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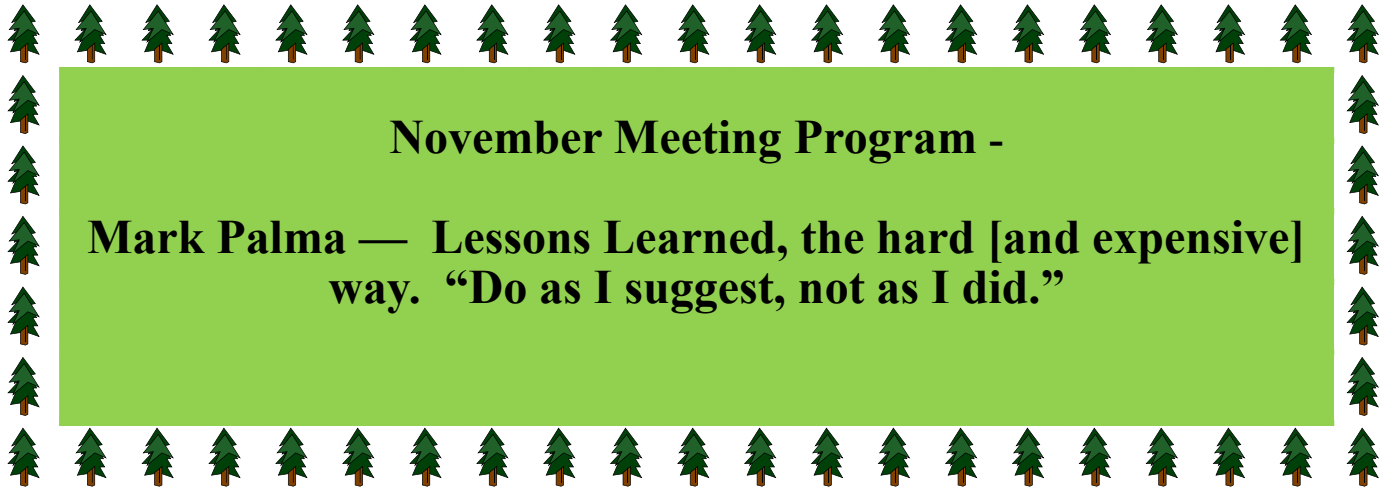
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"A Turn For the Better"



November Meeting Program -
Mark Palma — Lessons Learned, the hard [and expensive] way. "Do as I suggest, not as I did."

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Saturday
November 11, 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.

