



# One Good Turn

## Coulee Region Woodturners



### Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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#### CRW Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide education and information to those who are interested in woodturning. We define woodturning as the shaping of wood using a lathe, which results in objects and images that range from the familiar to the profound. This includes everything from decorative and functional bowls, boxes, and vessels, to furniture, architectural spindles, toys, tools, musical instruments, and sculptural objects.

#### Next Meeting Saturday—[March 16](#)—9:00 AM

We are meeting at [Luther High School](#) in Onalaska. The meeting will be in the woodshop, thru the new addition back door. Set up lathe and cameras on Sat morning starting at 8:00 AM if you would like to help. We will also need help tearing down and cleaning up after the meeting.

#### CRW Monthly Meeting Schedule

Mar 16	Joe Nycz	Peppermills
	Challenge:	Eggs
Ap 20	Linda Ferber	Whimsical Objects
May 18	Jerry Ritter	Chinese Balls
Jun 15		All are TBD at this time
Jul 20		
Aug 17		
Sep 21		
Oct 19		
Nov 16		
Dec 21	TBD	Christmas Party

#### CRW Community Activities Schedule

April 28—Earth Faire

## Clover College

Big thank you! [From Pam Day]

The first foray by the Coulee Region Woodturning club at the 4H Clover College 2024 was a wonderful experience. Club members and the students seemed to have a fun time. Kids seemed to be especially excited by the blue smoke that billowed as they wire burned some decorative lines on their projects. Bob R. prepped all the blanks and kids could choose from blanks to make key chains, toothpick holders or Harry Potter wands. We had prepped a few blanks for hobo reels and after a small mishap that turned a spool of fishing line into a frenetic slinky of frustration. Lesson learned.

I would like to thank the Clover College staff and volunteers for inviting us to this fun and worthwhile activity. The day was very well organized and the kids were excited, polite, and asked if we would be at the College next year! We took that to mean they liked the experience. I would like to thank Jim Cox and John Clough for wood for the blanks, John Fisher for his modification of the WEN lathe, and Aaron Gesicki, Bob Raasch, Bob Patros, Janine Skemp and Liam Maricle for helping with the students. It was nice to get together for the event and I am looking forward to next year.





## News From Lake Road - from Pam Day

News from Lake Road

Clover College was a great opportunity to show young people, parents and volunteers how fun woodturning can be. It went well and we have been asked for next year! The weather is so strange. One day I am cleaning the shop after a long winter and the next day it is too cold for the two milk house heaters to make it enjoyable. Bring on Spring!

We are still working on getting shelves in the storeroom and plans are still being organized but we are hoping to get things going in the storeroom soon. Yes, blank walls can be scary, but you want to do it right. If you have ideas please let officers know your suggestions.

I started to practice on a piece of walnut. If you want walnut see me. Got a piece mounted, started getting a shape, mutilated it (not in a good way), couldn't get the da\*n chuck off the lathe to take it for help. With help of a strap wrench got the chuck off the lathe, then it got cold so I made a spacer, put the chuck back on the lathe and went in the house. But have hope I will learn from the practice and with some direction get a bowl out of this walnut.

This month I am anticipating a wonderful demonstration by **Joseph Nycz** doing peppermills. He has a reputation for putting on a humorous and educational demonstration which I hope will motivate Coulee Woodturners to take a shot at making a grinder!

**Linda Ferber** is coming in April and that should be a wonderful day. She is creative, talented, and brave, challenging traditional ideas of woodturning. I want to ask all Coulee Woodturners to make tops to give away at Earth Fair and for everyone to plan some time to help at Earth Fair in April. We need about 100 tops to give away at Earth Fair.

I am working on getting the club some opportunities to spread the fun of woodturning, develop more turning friendships, learn some new techniques and expand our visions of what this club and become with member involvement.

Anyway, let the chips fly and I will see you at the meeting, Pam

## PREZ SEZ

Hello Fellow Turners—

We have news on the activity level of our club, at regular meetings and in the community. Note Demo Days at A-Line, Friday next [the 8th] and then on Saturday [the 9th]. I'll be demonstrating both days—spread the word and stop in if you have the opportunity. Our next meeting will have a short business agenda. Here's the list, with updates. We'll discuss if anyone has any questions or recent announcements.

- \* Non-profit submission—Minimal membership interest. Tabled.
- \* ID photos—Minimal membership interest.
- \* Storage Shelving - No Menard's response. On to Plan B.
- \* Challenge—we have one for each meeting. We'll vote. \$10 prize. This month—Eggs.
- \* Group buy - No interest
- \* A-Line - F: 10 - 3 S: 9 - 11 Second Saturday, and the day before. Next weekend.
- \* Officer vacancy—Need a VP
- \* Photographer - Need ad hoc volunteers.
- \* Website — Getting better. Click the link on Page 1.
- \* Earth Fair—Need tops for gifts to youngsters [and some adults....]
- \* Freedom Honor Flight—gift pens. Two applications for sponsorship. What if no financial assistance?
- \* La Crosse Home Show—no apparent interest from members. Perhaps next year?
- \* Wig Stand count—191. PLEASE! Keep them coming. Even Richard Raffan made one [see YouTube].
- \* Pump House Display - Need a volunteer to investigate.
- \* CRW Instagram account has been disabled. Lack of participation.
- \* Galesville *Old Main* display.

The schedule for next meeting will be: 8:00 Setup and socialize. 9:00 Business Meeting + Instant Gallery + Challenge Entries. 9:45 Break and vote. 10:00 Demo

## Membership Album

Here are a few submissions. We'll add them as we get them.



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How about a cool one .... when life gives you lemons...

“We all have those days when things don’t go just right. So pick up the pieces and move on!”



Rich Egan



## Wood Turning display at Old Main in Galesville

Members, we are all invited to display our work at the Gallery at Old Main Cultural Center. CRW last displayed there in 2019. Many members had their work on display and it was viewed and admired by concert goers during intermissions. CRW has been asked to do a display again and this is a call for your work. Bowls, platters, vases, hollow forms, boxes, and spindle turned items are all welcome. And you get the honor of having your work on display in a formal gallery setting.

Here is the process: bring your pieces to the March CRW meeting. They should be labeled with a price [if selling], your name and wood species. We may enter items that are not for sale as well. Please include an inventory list so those setting up/tearing down will know what belongs to whom. If an item sells, Old Main will pay you the listed price. No commission or tax will be deducted.

Persons whose work is displayed are offered free admission to Old Main concerts during the display. Members are welcome and encouraged to be present during intermissions to discuss the work displayed and to help handle sales with Old Main staff. Attending allows you to listen to good music in a hall with outstanding acoustics and then schmooze the crowd during intermissions. We do help sell each other's work.

Aaron, Pam and myself are the people working on this. Contact one of us with questions.

So please round up your masterpieces, price them and bring them to the March meeting or contact one of us for information. Display in Galesville will set up at 9 AM on Saturday March 30.

John Griffiths

### **P. S.**

I have been working with my painting friends and there is quite a bit of interest in hanging paintings at Old Main Gallery during the April-May display. I'll help with setting up the display whenever it happens and will also be working with the painters. Some setup help from CRW members will be needed.

# Earth Fair 2024

April 28, 2024 11am-4pm

Myrick Park LaCrosse, WI

Please save the date

Need to  
make tops!!

We have been invited back!

AAW's Gallery of Wood Art, Landmark Center, Saint Paul

Open on Weds-Fri and Sundays, 12-4 PM

Live Demonstrations—Third Sunday of every month. Woodturning demonstrations from 1 to P.M. Free and family-friendly!

Visit <https://www.galleryofwoodart.org/>

Vintage and historic lathes — Turned items—Exhibits and For Sale

## She's Tops! A Tribute to Linda Ferber

This display features tops made for retired AAW Program Director Linda Ferber. A call went out to AAW members inviting them to send a top as a gesture of appreciation for her work and friendship. On display through May.





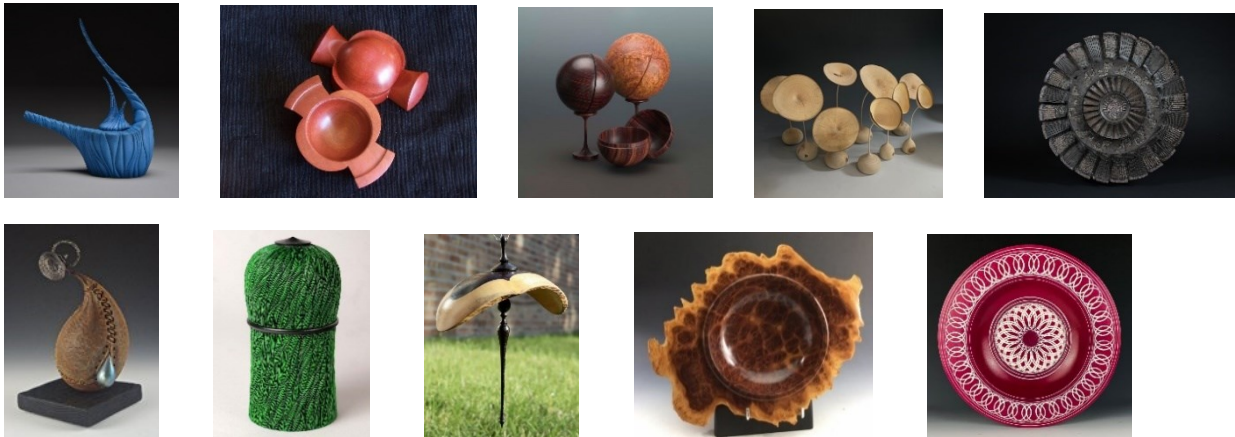
## Turn-On! Chicago—a Symposium

August 2-4, 2024

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**2875 North Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, Illinois**

The Turn-On! Chicago symposium is sponsored by the Chicago Woodturners and will include multiple 90-minute rotations throughout each day for you to choose from. The demonstrators will be teaching many basic turning techniques as well as specialized methods, carving, coloring techniques, and much more. The demonstrators include **Stuart Batty, Keith Gotschall, Laurent Niclot, Kristin LeVier, Roberto Ferrer, Elizabeth Weber, Greg Gallegos, Rob Wallace, Kurt Wolff-Klammer, and Jeff Hornung.**



You can also count on seeing an excellent tradeshow featuring products every turner needs, a gallery of turned art from attendees to inspire you, Saturday evening banquet, auction, hands-on pen turning to support our troops, and a Women in Turning meeting. It's going to be a busy, fun, and educational weekend for everyone. Whether you are new to the craft or an experienced turner, there will be topics of interest to you.

### **2024 Membership Dues are due**

Mail dues to Jay Johnson, 703 Granum St., Holmen, WI 54636, or pay at the next Meeting. \$36 for single—\$50 for Family—\$25 for Seniors 80+

Currently 35 Paid members.      \$~3300 bank balance.

Thanks!    Jay J.

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

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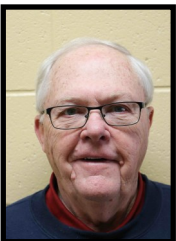
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## "A Turn For the Better"

### March Meeting Program

Joe Nycz—Peppermills

Monthly Challenge—Eggs

Next Meeting

Saturday

March 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.

