

One Good Turn

Coulee Region Woodturners Chapter of American Association of Woodturners

Next Meeting—Saturday, 11 December 2004, 9:00 AM ☺ — at Falch Studio in Winona, MN

THE INSIDE STORY—AND YOU’LL BE THERE. ☺

This session features three different systems for removing the inside of a bowl. Coring systems are becoming more popular, especially with turners who work with highly figured timber [read expensive] or large pieces of wood. There are now McNaughton, Oneway, and Woodcut systems available for purchase, and we’ll see all of them up close and personal.

Prez Sez

Well, here it is after Thanksgiving. I don’t know about you, but I don’t want to look at another turkey sandwich for at least a couple of days. The weather is starting to turn more like winter, temperatures are dropping and the snow is falling, somewhat. At least, my shop is warm. To quote from page 63 of the latest American Woodturner,

“Oh, the weather outside is frightful
But the shop is so delightful
And since we’ve no place to go
Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!”

[Editor’s Note: The above quote should be sung to the melody of a certain Christmas song.]

I know at Thanksgiving it is traditional to take account of what is around you and to be thankful. I know I am very thankful for this group of people we have called Coulee Region Woodturners. I think this is a great group and I am very happy and proud to be associated with it. The people are all top notch and the camaraderie is great. Thank you folks for making this a great club!

Several members pitched in and turned pens for the Freedom Pen Project. We should have 50 pens going to the project in December. Aaron Gesicki, Ansel Heram, Denis Falch, Charlie Cadenhead, and myself all volunteered to turn pens. I will try and get a picture of the pens before they go out for an upcoming is-

sue. I am sure there will be 50 service people overseas who will be using these pens in the very near future.

Remember, in December we will be taking nominations from the floor for the four officer positions: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. If you are interested in being nominated, please let me or one of the officers know.

The Craft Supplies order is being place on Monday, November 29. We had over \$4600 in orders, before discount. We had 22 people participate with an average participation of \$210. Great job!!!! If you participated, I will contact you with your discounted total. Send all checks to Bill Gautsch and have them made out to Coulee Region Woodturners for the appropriate amount. The faster you get you checks in, the faster we all get our goodies.

Hope to see all of you at Denis Falch’s on December 11. If I don’t, have a wonderful Christmas and joyous New Year!!! And, again quoting from the latest issue of American Woodturner, page 63 -

“I’m dreaming of a huge workshop
Where I can turn wood with delight
May your shop be merry and bright
And may all your projects turn out right”
[Ed: And here, a different Christmas song.]

From John Hill - Chairman AAW Chapters and Membership Committee

There continue to be numerous questions posed by chapters regarding liability insurance. I want to share with you directly, the information contained in an article, written by John Buso, chairman of the AAW Liability Insurance Advisory Committee and myself. It will be published in the December ‘05 American Woodturner Journal. You may want to print this for your future reference.

I have pondered whether I would rather shop for liability insurance or a new water heater. The heater won. The AAW has taken this burden off our shoulders and supplied all its chapters

and members with a great liability insurance policy from a great company, USF&G. It has an excellent rating from A.M. Best Company and is in the highest financial size category.

The AAW Liability Insurance Advisory Committee, which is composed of three AAW members who are attorneys specializing in insurance litigation matters, has reviewed the AAW policy. They have concluded and have advised the AAW Board of Directors that our policy is appropriate for our organization.

Each year, the AAW office obtains certificates of liability insurance for each AAW chapter, identifying the chapter as an additional insured under the policy that provides both commercial general liability and tenant legal liability. The certificate is

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The News

Dec. 11 In Winona, at Falch Studios, we'll have a demonstration of coring systems. And yes, this month it's the second Saturday.

Jan. 15 Program and location to be announced. See below for details about elections and new officers.

Jan. 22, 23 Two days with Professional turner Alan Lacer, at Gautsch Studios in Onalaska. A fee will be charged. Yes, it is the 4th Saturday. We need input on what the agenda will be for the 2nd day.

Feb. 19 Pam Reilly at the Falch Studio in Winona. We hear it's something about those gorgeous little bowls.

Mar. 19 Again in Winona. Ken Grunke does offset turning, complete with custom made jigs and fixtures. Toolmakers take note.

AAW Exhibition CRW Members work will be juried for submission to the AAW Gallery at the Landmark Center in St. Paul. Criteria will be developed by the January meeting. Stay tuned for details.

Apr. 16,17 Professional turner Professional turner David Lancaster at Gautsch Studio in Onalaska. Also fee required. Details are still in Negotiation.

May 21 Visit to the Dr. Larry Severeid Walnut/Chestnut farm in West Salem. Ed Holz has details.

June 18 Visit to member Bob Allen and his woods. We'll how to identify trees and wood.

July 16 Picnic. No tool day.

Library Numerous items are missing. Please review your library and bring back those books and videos, please.

Club Demo Video Camera It's here, and according to Dennis Snider, it works well. We know he's been using it [see page 2].

\$\$\$ Treasurer reports that our current balance is about \$1500. We will be making some club purchases in the next several months for additions to the library and the tool crib.

Next Fall Tentative guest demonstrator will be Jamie Donaldson, from Kentucky. Stay tuned.

Next Club Challenge We will supply you with a board. Probably a length of 2x4. Your job, should you choose to accept it, is to make a turned object from that board. We'll have four winners [3 experience categories plus a grand prize].

Show Your Spouse We want to make family members aware that if the worst happens—that one of our members should die—the club will be available to assist the survivors with that shop full of tools. We can help you dispose of whatever you don't want so that you get fair value without any hassle. It's one way we can help a former colleague's family.

Want Ads/Sale Ads If it's pertinent to woodworking or woodturning, get it to Aaron and he'll publish it in the newsletter.

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the standard one-page "ACORD" form that usually is acceptable to an organization or public or private facility that hosts a chapter meeting or woodturning event.

AAW members covered

Although the policy contains the usual definitions and exclusions that one would anticipate in an insurance policy of any kind, it includes an endorsement that expands the scope of its coverage to all AAW members. The precise language of the endorsement adds to the definition of an insured: "any of your members, but only with respect to that member's liability for your activities, or activities performed by that member on your behalf."

To put this in plain language, the policy covers each chapter and each AAW member, so long as they are performing chapter-approved activities. Note that chapter members, who are not AAW members, are neither covered nor protected by the policy. Members are not covered for their own private activities. For residents of the United States, its territories, and Canada, the activities can be anywhere in the world. For members whose residence is outside the United States and its territories and Canada, the activities covered are limited to those activities in the United States and its territories and Canada.

Recently, in response to an inquiry by Bill Small, President of the Bay Area Woodturners, our insurance agent provided written responses to several questions that have been frequently asked over the years. These responses are encouraging regarding member issues. The responses were forwarded to each AAW chapter contact and, through the chapters, made available to most of the AAW membership.

Chapter activities

You do not need to notify the AAW office about each scheduled meeting, demonstration, "sawdust session", or workshop. - Whenever a member or group of members is conducting an activity other than a normal chapter meeting - for example, a mall demonstration. It is a good idea to create a paper trail where a letter or email is sent between the members involved and the chapter, confirming that the event is a chapter-sponsored activity. If the mall landlord or owner of your meeting place asks for a certificate of insurance, give him or her a copy of the certificate of liability insurance provided to each chapter. The certificate identifies the chapter as an additional insured. If the landlord requires that he or she be named for a specific event, contact the AAW office and provide the exact entity name requested. Also provide the AAW with the event address and the dates covered.

The AAW policy has two parts. The first is the commercial general liability, which insures and protects the chapters and AAW members in the event that a person is hurt or killed as a result of the actions of a chapter or AAW member. The limits of this liability are \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate per year. The second part is tenant legal liability, which is liability coverage for damage to property you are using for your meetings whether leased or donated. The coverage applies only to the number of square feet you use and only if you are legally liable for a fire, for instance. The limit of this coverage is \$300,000. There is no deductible. In addition, the policy provides \$10,000 for incidental medical and is paid without determining liability to discourage lawsuits. The policy does not insure for personal injury, which is injury other than bodily injury and ex-

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cludes libel and slander.

Many members have asked a myriad of hypothetical “what if” questions. In replying to these questions, the agent reminds us that each situation presents unique circumstances. The answers he provides give us a general overview of the coverage. Needless to say, the language of the policy is controlling. We have received a number of questions about mini-symposiums. If they are functions of AAW chapters, they are covered. If they are put on by a separate organization, they are not. Likewise, we have had a lot of questions about “hands-on” workshops. The activities of the AAW, its chapters, and its members are covered and the policy makes no distinction between demonstrations and hands-on sessions.

To date, no claims

Since obtaining insurance in 1992, the AAW has never had a claim on our policy. This fact alone should serve as a strong re-

minder of the importance of exercising the highest safety practices during association activities. An appreciation of the risks involved in woodturning and the steps taken to protect ourselves and our spectators provide the best insurance against injury. This liability insurance is furnished as a service to the members of the AAW and to its chapters. If each chapter had to negotiate its own insurance policy, the time and cost would be substantial. Though not required, many chapters make contributions to the AAW to help defer the cost of premiums and certificates of liability insurance.

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From Phil Brennon -

One of the ongoing commitments of the AAW Board is to be responsive to the memberships needs. It's important we hear from all chapters large and small alike. Let us know what's on your mind. If you have an idea to improve existing programs or ideas you think can move the AAW forward, pick up the phone and call a board member. Let us hear from you as we move forward in 2005. Board member numbers are listed inside the front cover of the AAW resource directory and on the AAW website.

Your board is always trying to reach a balance with the many varied interests and skill levels within our association. Input is most important as we make decisions with your resources. This reminds me - please take time to complete the current online survey concerning content of the American Woodturner. It can be found through the AAW home page at www.woodturner.org.

If you've read the latest American Woodturner Journal, surfed to the new website, or enjoyed a chapter meeting, its getting very easy to answer the question, why join the AAW? I'm hoping that each chapter member will reflect on the value of our

woodturning community. Renewing your membership or becoming a new AAW member helps support the programs, educational tools, and opportunities AAW provides.

On another note, this year's National Symposium will be in Overland Park, Kansas, July 22nd to the 24th. It's never to early to start planning on attending. These symposiums are phenomenal events.

The AAW's new permanent gallery in St. Paul is open. We could certainly use some security cameras to help the staff monitor exhibition traffic and better serve visitors. If you have some extra security cameras or are interested in helping fund this need, please call the home office. We would be most grateful.

With the holidays quickly arriving, I'm sure plenty of you are spending extra time in the shop turning gifts. It's always a good idea to think safety, but even more so when that 2 hours in the shop starts turning to 8 or 10. Good turning! And thank you all for the support you've given the AAW this year.

From the entire Board of Directors, we wish you and your families the best for the Holiday Season.

Phil Brennon, AAW President

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Welcome

New Member
Roger Stenhoff, from
Spring Grove, MN
☎ 507-498-5425



Sale Ad

Mark Duginske at Prairie River Woodworking in Merrill wants you to know that he is starting his relocation clearance sale with a special on bandsaws. If your Christmas craves more power [Argh, Argh, Argh!], call Mark. ☎ (888) 536-1870



Reminder—The meeting is the 2nd Saturday this month.



I AM THE LATHE

Born long and thin of hammer, sweat and fire.
I am an ancient lathe from the dawn of desire.

Many have I aided in the pursuit of their needs.
Upon metal, clay, and wood were my deeds.

Among my peers, I am considered unique.
I reproduce while others only seek.

I was built, when needed, of things at hand.
Today, I am preserved for the needs of the second hand.

With bow, pole, and treadle, I evolved through time.
I live, produce, and evolve to fill time.

Until now my use was determined by need.
Now, I perform for those who create through need

I was old and dusty and rarely used.
I am now new and shiny and daily used

Few were those who pursued the rules of my use.
Today, many are frustrated by my use.

I am the lathe of antiquity.
I am the machine of ubiquity.

Treat me as well as did he before you.
I gave less to him than I will give to you.

To all before you, I was work to be done.
I can be diversion, escape, expression, and fun!

I am the lathe.

[Editor's Note: This was forwarded to us without attribution.
We have reprinted it with the hope that the author would approve.]



2005 Dues are due.

Yes, it's time to pay those membership dues.
\$25 payable through any CRW officer, in person or by mail.
Please be aware that we will discontinue the newsletter to anyone not paid up by the end of January.



From: James Liberko [jmliberko@charter.net]
Subject: Check it out, worlds largest gavel

See this series of web pages. It shows the construction of the worlds largest gavel, on a lathe. Pretty cool....

http://www.galleryauctions.com/adv/index_adv.html

Finished gavel is 8 ft. long and weighs 400 lbs. !

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Next Meeting—Venue and Date Change! We meet at the Denis Falch Studio. 🕒 9:00 Saturday, 11 Dec 2004.

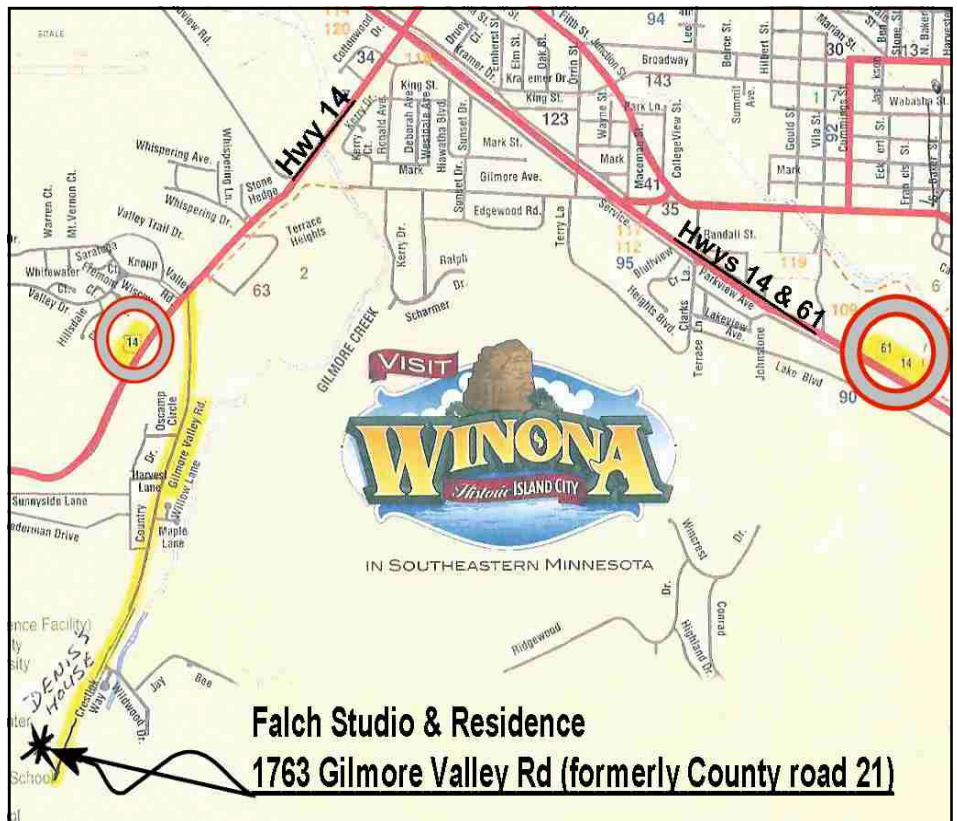
Here's a map to help those who aren't sure where we will meet. ➡

There are two streets for the same location. 1763 Gilmore Valley Road (formerly County Road 21), in Winona, sort of.

We'll start the program promptly, so you'll need to be a little early just to get one of The Uecker Seats. Remember—you have to bring your own chair to have a place to sit.

If you get lost or delayed, call Denis at (507) 454-0403 before the meeting for help or commiseration.

We'll have coffee, so donuts are ALWAYS welcome. And maybe something chocolate for that special person.



**Falch Studio & Residence
1763 Gilmore Valley Rd (formerly County road 21)**