

One Good Turn

Coulee Region Woodturners Chapter of American Association of Woodturners

Next Meeting—Saturday & Sunday, 22 & 23 Jan 2005, 8:30 AM ☎ — at B&B Studio in Onalaska, WI

2 DAYS WITH ALAN LACER, TURNER AND AUTHOR

This month we are hosting Alan Lacer for his second time with CRW. The subject matter for these two days is: Shaping, sharpening, refining, and honing 7 basic tools; The skew as pleasure tool; End-grain projects; Hook and ring tools; Making a lidded box; Finishing for the woodturner; Different types of finishes; Making several types of finishes; Lamps; Spindle work. Finally, be reminded that this is a cover charge meeting. \$35 in advance [by Jan.15], \$40 at the door.

Prez Sez

Happy New Year!!! 2004 was a great year for CRW and it looks like 2005 will be another good year.

The new Program Committee is off and running. They have programs roughly planned into October of 2005. We will be having Alan Lacer, David Lancaster, and Jamie Donaldson as professional demonstrators during the year. I would like to thank the members of the Program Committee for their volunteering and their work. It certainly makes the Officers' jobs easier. Members of the Program Committee are: Pam Reilly, Dave Dapkus, John Fisher, Carroll Sipes, and Lee Goehring.

At the December meeting, the Officer's all agreed to continue in their positions for another year. So I guess you are stuck with another year of us and another year of my comments in this column. It was suggested that a Nominating Committee be developed for future elections. This is being considered.

I was extremely proud of the club for the response to the Freedom Pens. We turned a total of 52 pens. I am in contact with several area units to get distribution of the pens to the troops. Four of the pens were given to club members for distribution to family members who are serving overseas: Ed Holz (two neph-

ews), Jack Fitzpatrick (step-son) and Ansel Heram (grandson). Pen turners were Aaron Gesicki, Ansel Heram, Denis Falch, Charlie Cadenhead, Rod Mowbray, and myself.

I am excited about a program I will be starting in January. Twice a month, on Thursday nights, I will be having an open shop at my shop. The topic of the night will be determined by those who are in attendance. I hope this will be a chance for others to get together and try some different techniques, practice sharpening, or seek hands on help with a particular problem. I haven't set a start date as yet, as I want to make sure I am done with my daily commute to Alma. Right now, it looks like the open shop will start the latter half of the month. One word of caution, I am not a coffee drinker. If you want coffee in the shop, you will have to bring your own.

We are starting to see several members taking an active interest in the club and it's happenings. I want to thank you. I would also like to encourage others to take up an active role. This is your club and your input and help keeps the club going.

I hope each of you and your families have a safe and wonderful New Year. Hope to see each of you in January. Until then, keep the chips flying and be safe out there.

From the Board -

At the December Board Meeting [which, by the way, is open to all to attend], it was decided to have 3 or 4 members to help the meeting hosts in setting up for the meeting. These helpers are to contact the host no later than one week before the meeting to find out what needs to be done and when to be there. This would include getting the shop ready for the meeting, setting up coffee and treats and helping to clean up after the meeting. Terry Snowden has volunteered to do the scheduling for the helpers. If you are unable to assist in a particular month, it is up to you to find your own replacement. Helpers for the upcoming meetings are:

January 2005 – Dave Zimmerman
Greg Zeller
Larry Wibel
Tom Weeks

February 2005 - Roger Stenhoff
Lyle Solem
Jim Liberko
Jim Sobota

March 2005 - Terry Snowden
Dennis Snider
Gerald Robertson
Allen Nelson

Meeting Review


34 members and guests were at the last meeting Dec 11 at the Falch Studio in Winona. These are pictures from the meeting. Duane Hill, Dave Dapkus, and Denis Falch discussed and demonstrated coring/hollowing systems. The Instant Gallery featured ornaments, bowls, vessels, and boxes. More pictures are on the Website. Gallery Highlights were from Ansel Heram, Terry Snowden, Pam Reilly, Aaron Gesicki, Tom Mruz, Denis Falch.




The News


Jan. 15 Cancelled regular meeting date.
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. Note that the library also reopens on this date.
Jan. Open Shop See Duane Hill for details.
Feb. Display Our stuff at the Gundersen Clinic in Onalaska. Tom Mruz will coordinate. Bring to January meeting.
Feb. 19 Pam Reilly at the Falch Studio in Winona. She'll demonstrate making those gorgeous little boxes.
Mar. 19 Again in Winona. Ken Grunke does offset turning, complete with custom made jigs and fixtures. Toolmakers take note. Plus, two specials events will be judged.
AAW Exhibition CRW Members work will be juried for submission to the AAW Gallery at the Landmark Center in St. Paul. The 4 best go, based on our own Criteria. Submissions must be at the March meeting.
Apr. 9, 10 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 Reopens at the January meeting. There will be tighter controls on lending, so please pay attention.
October Guest 2-day demonstrator will be Jamie Donaldson, from Kentucky. He will be working on long bowls, square bowls, and photographing your work.
Next Club Challenge We will supply you with a 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]. Sign up by or at the January meeting. You'll get your wood at the February meeting, and judging will occur at the March meeting.
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.



 **Reminder**—The meeting is the 4th Saturday this month.

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 this is your last newsletter until you are paid up for 2005.

 **Reminder**
 From Duane Hill - **Heads up!** Alan Lacer will be doing a two day demo January 22 & 23. The cost is \$35 before January 15. Make checks out to Coulee Region Woodturners. This fee is for any part of the two days (i.e. two days, 1 day, etc). After January 15, the cost goes up to \$40. The cost would be \$40 at the door. Same prices for non-members. There is no lunch included with the price. All checks should be sent to Bill Gautsch.

 **An Invitation**
 From Duane Hill - Starting in January, Duane Hill will be sponsoring an open shop at his shop on Thursday nights. The open shop will be held twice a month. The format/topic will be dependant on those attending. The open shop will run from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. The starting date has not been determined, yet. This is a good chance to try something new, get some hands on experience, sharpen, etc.

 **Another Reminder**
 From Tom Mruz - The club will be having a display at the Onalaska Gundersen Clinic in February. Tom would like to have all pieces that will be included in the display at the January meeting. Please provide a list of the pieces you are supplying. On the list, include your name, the name of the piece (if any), dimensions, wood used, if it is for sale and price. This is the first of several displays Tom has arranged for this year.

 **Sale Ad—Delta 46-701 12" Lathe**
 CRW member Jim Liberko in Rochester has this lathe, with a stand, 6" faceplate, and the original accessories. He's asking \$350. He'll be at the January meeting if you have questions. Call Jim,  (507) 288-5510 or email him Jmliberko@charter.net

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Date Change! We meet at the
B&B Studio. ⌚ 8:30 both
Saturday, 22 Jan 2005 and
Sunday, 23 Jan 2005.**

Here's a map to help those who aren't
sure where we will meet. ➡
N4671 Old Hickory Dr. in Onalaska
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 Bill at
(608) 783-7171 before the meeting for
help or commiseration.
We'll have coffee, so donuts are AL-
WAYS welcome. And maybe some-
thing chocolate for that special person.

