

# One Good Turn

*Coulee Region Woodturners Chapter of American Association of Woodturners*

**Next Meeting—Saturday, 18 June 2005, 9:00 AM ☺ — in rural Black River Falls, WI**

## “IN THE PINES, IN THE PINES, WHERE THE SUN NEVER SHINES, ... — OR, AARON’S IN THE BUFF”

With no apologies to Roy Acuff, it’s another road trip this month. We visit the woods of Bob Allen, where we get a tutorial on tree species recognition. He and Lee Goehring are going to show us how to differentiate red maple from red pine [that’s an easy one] and the like. We’ll have an instant gallery, and then, back due to popular demand, as requested, Aaron Gesicki will be demonstrating some details on how he gets that gorgeous finish on his work, with the emphasis on buffing. He’s got examples plus he’ll take us through a complete procedure.

### Prez Sez

First I want to say congratulations to all those who participated in the 2x4 challenge. You really put your minds to it and came up with some very innovative pieces. Good job all the way around. Secondly, I would like to thank all those who stuck around after the meeting to clean up. That really made a great impression. I guess it is just my old Boy Scout training; you leave a place in at least as good of condition as you found it. Again, good job. I ran into Larry Severeid several days after the meeting and he said he was very pleased with the turnout and meeting. In fact, he said if we wanted to make that an annual event, he would be in favor of it.

We have another challenge in the works, the CRW Chestnut Challenge. The goal here is to turn something from the chestnut (or other wood) that was supplied by Larry Severeid. The pieces are due at the July meeting. Larry has been invited to be one of the judges. He will also receive 3 pieces of his choice, as a way of saying thank you for hosting and for the wood. In addition, Larry mentioned to me that several tree grower associations that he belongs to have silent auctions for fund raising. He was wondering if any of our members would consider donating items for use in their silent auctions. If you are interested, please let me know.

Please keep Skip McLees in your prayers. The last I heard, he is still in the hospital with a fractured vertebra. They have to keep him sedated because he is thrashing around so much. Also, keep Ed Holz’s family in your prayers. His wife, Maxine, suffered a heart attack recently. She is home and recovering.

The open shop night is going well. To date, we have had three open nights. The first night I had two people attend. We talked about using a skew and end grain hollowing for goblets. The second night, I had one person attend. The discussion was centered around general lathe work and sharpening. The third night was amazing. We had nearly 10 people in attendance. I didn’t know my shop would hold that many. We did some skew sharpening, some bowl turning and attempted some bowl coring. Everyone seemed to have a good time. I know I did!

Denis Falch, Art Ustby and I will not be at the next meeting. We will still be in Utah attending the Utah Symposium. I am really looking forward to it. We have already been asked to give a talk/presentation at the July meeting on the Symposium. I will miss seeing you all, but am very excited about attending. This will be my third time attending the Utah Symposium.

That’s about it for this month. Keep the chips flying and be safe out there. Hope to see you at one of the open shop nights.



**Reminder**—The crew for helping to set up and clean up for the June meeting is:

Red Mowbray  
Dale Launspach  
William KammueLLer  
Mike Henderson

The understanding is that you get your replacement if you’re unable to attend.



### Welcome — New Members

Bob Patros, from La Crosse [608-788-6839] and Odell Anderson from Onalaska [608-783-0420].

We now have 59 current members.

**Meeting Review**

Our last meeting was held at the Larry Severeid Sparta Tree Farm. We saw some of the grounds, heard from guest Al Goetsch, and saw an interesting demo of a chain saw mill by Craig Hager. We had the judging for the 2x4 challenger, and after all the above, everyone left with more than enough wood to get them through a weekend or two of turning. We have many pictures, both in the newsletter and on the website.

Sparta Tree Farm meeting location (rt).

Some of the Instant Gallery is below.



Hosts Larry and Brent Severeid (left) and guest Al Goetsch (right). Some of Al's work is immediately below.



3 Grunke boxes.



Lee Goehring stuff (above).



Pictures of the Craig Hager chain saw mill demonstration are below.



The slab at right is some of what Craig cuts and sells. Call him. 608-778-4383



Aaron Gesicki oak bowl, right.



Walnut bowl, right, turner unidentified.



Roger Meyer bowl (right), and Carroll Sipes walnut crotch bowl (below).



**Got Questions —**

Some of you are probably interested in attending the Symposium in Kansas

City. Art Ustby has volunteered to be the Chapter coordinator and all-around answer man for us. If you want to know anything about this, from hous-

ing to recommended night spots to car pool options—call Art at (608) 781-0914 or email him at [austby@charter.net](mailto:austby@charter.net)



### The News

**June 16-18** Utah Woodturning Symposium at BYU in Provo.

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

**July 16** Picnic. No tool day. At the Tom Mruz estate. The bad weather contingency plan is to go indoors at the Gautsch's. This is open to family as well. Need an attendance commitment from members by July 8. Chestnut Challenge judging.

**July 22-24** AAW Symposium in Kansas City. Some of us are already making our arrangements. Car pools and shared rooms really reduce the costs, so start your planning early.

**Aug 20** TBA.

**Sep 17** At the Alma Aerie. Program TBD.

**Sep 17** Dave Hout at Minnesota Woodturners. Too bad we have a conflict.

**October 15** Tentative guest demonstrator will be Jamie Donaldson, from Kentucky. He will be working on long bowls, square bowls, and photographing your work. We need advance registration to assure adequate attendance and costs versus revenue. At the Gautsch studio.

**Nov 19** Tentatively at Pam Reilly's new shop, to see how she makes boxes.

**Dec 17** Tentatively at Gautsch's, with Mark Duginske giving a detailed day on band saws—setup, maintenance, use, blades, etc.

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

**Treasurers Report** \$1860 balance, with no outstanding payables.



### Library Display —

Kudos to Tom Mruz for organizing this and handling all the details. We've heard numerous compliments about the overall effort and the items supplied by various members. See pictures at right and below.



### Reminder

The Tool Czar wants to remind everyone that the crib has lathes, chucks, tools, and other hardware for member use. The inventory list is here

<http://www.crwoodturner.com/gallery/crwtools>

Just let him know what you want and make arrangements for pickup. Call the Czar at (608) 781-0914 or email him at [austby@charter.net](mailto:austby@charter.net)



### A Plea From The Editor -

We need contributing authors and reporters for the newsletter. Forward any contributions you want published to [Aaron@crwoodturner.com](mailto:Aaron@crwoodturner.com) and you'll see your byline in print [Remember: "Power of the Press; Power of the Press; Power of the Press; ..."]

### The 2x4 Challenge

Our last meeting saw the conclusion of the 2x4 Challenge. Members from far and wide had entries of many kinds and colors. The voting resulted in four winners—one in each experience category and then one overall Best in Show. From least to most experience, the winners were:



Dennis Snider and his detailed lidded box.



Art Ustby and his conical, segmented vessel.



Congratulation to all. Nicely done.



Duane Hill and his tulips in a vase. Colored, carved, and Inside-Out turning.



Best in Show was Aaron Gesicki, with his potpourri thing. A winged, footed, bowl, with a similarly shaped winged lid, both glossy black, topped with a contrasting winged finial. And for those who are curious, Aaron also wanted to let you know that his board was *Pinus resinosa*. [Ed.: Apparently he checked. Does that surprise anyone?]





**From The Newswire -**

How many woodturners does it take to change a light bulb?  
 1 to change the light bulb and to post that the light bulb has been changed.  
 14 to share similar experiences of changing light bulbs and how the light bulb could have been changed differently.  
 7 to caution about the dangers of changing light bulbs.  
 1 to move it to the Lighting section.  
 2 to argue then move it to the Electricals section.  
 7 to point out spelling/grammar errors in posts about changing light bulbs.  
 5 to flame the spell checkers.  
 3 to correct spelling/grammar flames.  
 6 to argue over whether it's "light bulb" or "lightbulb" ... another  
 6 to condemn those 6 as stupid.  
 2 industry professionals to inform the group that the proper term is "lamp".  
 15 know-it-all's who claim they were in the industry, and that "light bulb" is perfectly correct.  
 19 to post that this forum is not about light bulbs and to please take this discussion to a light bulb forum.

11 to defend the posting to this forum saying that we all use light bulbs and therefore the posts are relevant to this forum.  
 36 to debate which method of changing light bulbs is superior, where to buy the best light bulbs, what brand of light bulbs work best for this technique and what brands are faulty.  
 7 to post URL's where one can see examples of different light bulbs.  
 4 to post that the URL's were posted incorrectly and then post the corrected URL's.  
 3 to post about links they found from the URL's that are relevant to this group which makes light bulbs relevant to this group.  
 13 to link all posts to date, quote them in their entirety including all headers and signatures, and add "Me too".  
 5 to post to the group that they will no longer post because they cannot handle the light bulb controversy.  
 4 to say "didn't we go through this already a short time ago?"  
 13 to say "do a Google search on light bulbs before posting questions about light bulbs".  
 1 forum lurker to respond to the original post 6 months from now and start it all over again.

More entries from the 2x4 Challenge.



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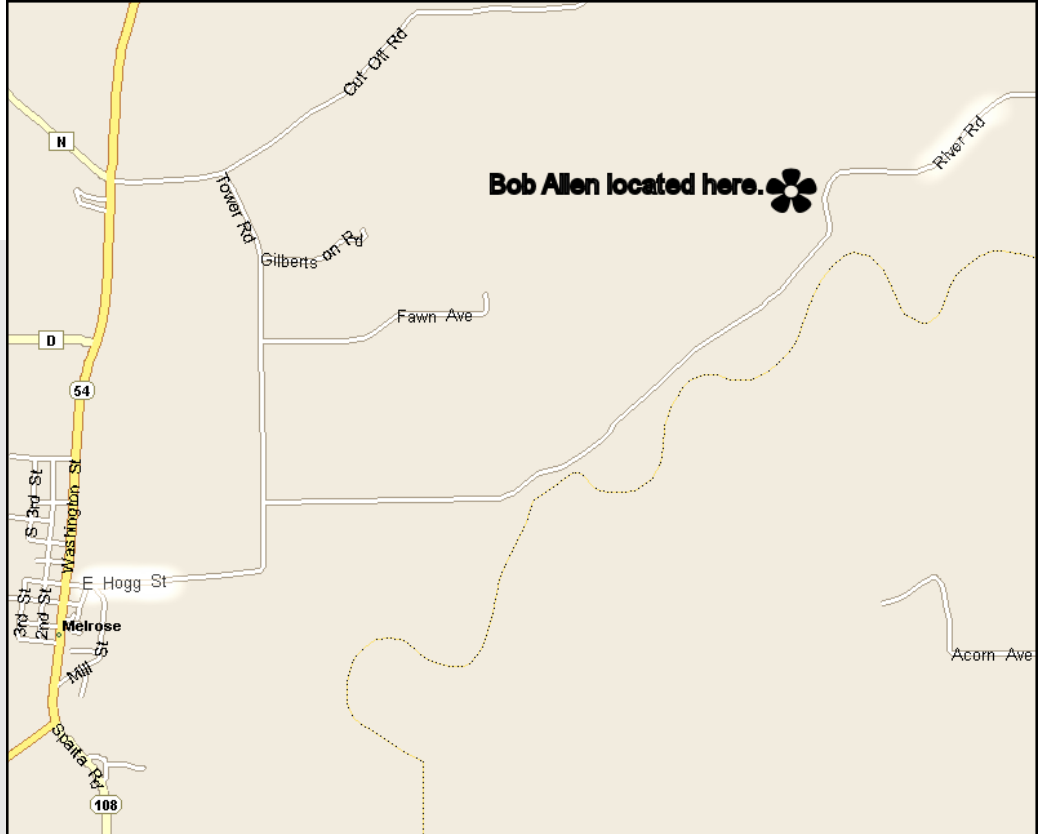
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**Next Meeting – At the Bob Allen  
abode, between Melrose and  
Black River Falls.  
9:00 AM ☀ Saturday, 18 June  
2005.**

When in Melrose on Hwy 54, turn east on E. Hogg St., follow to Tower Road, and then take a right on River Road. Go about 2 miles to the prominent curve in the road, Bob's place is on the left and has a sign at the end of the driveway for "The Knothole". The address is W 12866 River Road. Remember—you have to bring your own chair to have a place to sit.

If you get lost or delayed, call Bob at (608) 488-4154 before the meeting for help or directions. Of call Aaron at (608) 343-1538 if Bob is unavailable.



**We'll have coffee, so donuts are ALWAYS welcome. Especially Chocolate.**