

# One Good Turn

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*Coulee Region Woodturners Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners*

**Next Meeting—Sat., 21 January 2006, 9:00 AM ☺ — at the Falch Studio in Winona, WI**

## **AARON GESICKI—MEMBER, ENGINEER, CONTRARIAN**

**Aaron Gesicki** is a self-described Engineer by Training, Foundryman by Necessity, and Woodworker by Choice. In addition to his daily responsibilities as the Technical Director for Sparta Manufacturing, a gray iron foundry in Sparta, WI, he serves on several national technical committees within the American Foundry Society on his way to the Chairmanship of the Cast Iron Division for the 2009-2011 biennium. After all this, he finds time to build a little furniture and do some turning while getting distracted by the Bears pursuit of another Super Bowl ring and the Cubs quest for a World Series appearance, .

For this meeting, Aaron plans to make and demonstrate hook tools. In addition he'll explain what steel is and how it's heat treated into a useful tool. Then he'll assist interested members in making their own "almost free" hook tool. He also promises to offer a few extemporaneous comments on the woodturning world and toolmaking in particular, and maybe even an anecdote or two about something pertinent. He says to be forewarned— "don't start with me, you know how I get".

### PrezSez

Happy New Year! Hear it's the start of 2006 already. Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Are they still intact? I hope each of you had a great holiday season and got a lot of turning done. Based the vote at the December meeting, I guess you are stuck with me as president for another year (I still hear the whistle blowing from that train!!!) I am looking forward to 2006. We have several good people lined up for the year, Bill Grumbine, Russ Fairfield and Brian Simmons are lined up for demos this year. I am excited and honored to be your president again for the coming year.

I am looking for ideas for challenges. I have heard from several of you and that you like the challenges. Let me know if you have any suggestions for future challenges. The whole idea of the challenges is to get people turning and have fun.

I know it is only the start of the year, but you need to start planning on attending either the Utah Symposium or the AAW Symposium. Both are being held in June of this year and they are only a weekend apart. The AAW Symposium is being held in Louisville, Kentucky. Also remember, that the Utah Symposium only takes 450 and they were filled up by the end of April last year.

In case you did not get a chance to at the December meeting, make sure you thank both Aaron Gesicki and Tom Mruz for their service to the club. Aaron is stepping down as secretary and editor, a position he has held since the club started. Tom is stepping down after two years as vice-president. Thanks to both of you. I don't know what we will do at the Officer's meeting without Aaron's requests for chocolate.

Jim Cox mentioned that the response from the Pump House and the public was great for our show there. I don't know how many people came through December 2, but it was packed. I know I came by late in the month to look in a more leisurely fashion. Thanks to Jim Cox and all of those who helped set it up and tear it down. I know of at least one person who sold something at the show.

Well, I guess that's about it from my end. Since neither the Packers or Vikings are in the playoff, that should leave more time for turning on the cold, January Sunday afternoons. (I know Aaron is still happy because his beloved Bears are in the playoffs. For that matter, I am partially happy as my Broncos made the playoff. Enough football). I hope you have a warm shop, plenty of wood chips and sharp tools. Enjoy!!

### Shop Nights at Duane Hill's Shop

Open shop nights for January are the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Reminder** that your 2006 club dues need to be paid. Please try and get this paid at the next meeting.

### Gunderson Clinic Display

We have the main display case at the Gunderson Clinic in Onalaska for the month of February. If you have a piece you would like to have displayed there, bring them to the January meeting or contact Tom Mruz. The last time we had the main case, we got a lot of good exposure and feedback.

December Meeting Review



**Just a reminder the Secret Santa Swap**

will be at the Jan. Meeting. Nine participants are:  
Duane H, Bob P, Odell, Tom M., Ken G., John F., Bill K., Aaron G., and myself.

See you there.  
Greg



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

Jan 2006  
Bob Allen  
Art Amundson  
Odell Anderson  
Larry Baribeau

**FYI...** Check out the cable channel—DIY. There are several woodturning and woodworking shows on it.  
Check out: <http://www.diynetwork.com/>

**Woodturning Techniques**

This DIY woodworking series features the art and craft of turning raw wood into beautiful designs and unique shapes using a wood lathe. Our expert host, Dave Hout, explains, illustrates and demonstrates intermediate and advanced projects to a student woodworker, allowing the viewing audience to learn these skills along with the student. From the practical to the artistic, from solid wood blocks to laminated wood combinations, viewers follow along as our expert host demonstrates the tools, techniques and talents of fine woodworking on the lathe.

**Woodturning Basics**

This DIY workshop introduces viewers to the enduring craft and art of turning wood on a lathe. The focus of the episodes is to explain and demonstrate the types of lathes available, their basic operation and detailed safety practices. Step-by-step techniques and procedures for shaping or "turning" raw blocks of wood into bowls, vases, table legs and other useful and artistic objects are discussed and demonstrated. Guest experts provide special woodturning tips and display some of their unique works.

**Wood Works**

Wood Works is an entertaining and informative guide to one of America's most popular hobbies - furniture making. Wood Works features master woodworker David Marks, who takes you step-by-step through the construction of uniquely beautiful woodworking projects. You'll get great tips on various woodworking techniques such as mortise & tenon joinery as well as how to cut fine wood veneers. The series is geared toward the intermediate to advanced woodworker. Wood Works sands out typical woodworking problems, so you can enjoy the smooth finish.

**Woodworking**

You'll appreciate the solid expertise of DIY Woodworking! Host and master craftsman Bruce Johnson guides you through the steps, tips and techniques for all kinds of do-it-yourself woodworking projects. Bruce also discusses the challenges, costs and time associated with each project. The projects in this series include building an Arts & Crafts coffee table, dining table, rustic porch swing, Swedish wall shelf, Adirondack chair and Molly Brown parlor table, among others. Bruce tackles antique repairs in one episode and shows how to assemble "kit" furniture in another.

**The News**

**January 12** Open shop night at Duane Hill's Shop

**January 21** CRW member Aaron Gesicki will make and demo a Hook Tools. Location Denis Falch's Shop in Winona.

**January 26** Open shop night at Duane Hill's Shop

**February 18** CRW member Duane Hill will demo craft show kits - i.e., perfume pens, letter openers, bracelet helpers, etc. Location B&B Studio in La Crosse.

**March 18** Hollowing tool comparison - we just need to determine how many different tools will be shown and who will demo them - any volunteers ?? Location Denis Falch's Shop in Winona.

**April 15** Professional turner Bill Grumbine demo. Location B&B Studio in La Crosse.

**May 20** CRW member Ken Grunke will demo making Inside Out Petal Vases. Location TBD.

**June 17** CRW member Pam Reilly will demo making Lidded Boxes. Location TBD.

**July 15** Professional turner Brian Simmons will demo Architectural Turning. Location TBD.

**2006 Autumn** Professional turner Russ Fairfield demo.

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

**FYI.....**

Recently the La Crosse Tribune mentioned the Pens that the club turned for the military. Check it out: <http://www.lacrossetribune.com/articles/2006/01/02/news/01count.txt>

**FYI.....**

Looking for a 40% discount on CA glue ??? Listen to radio station WLFN AM— 1410 in La Crosse. They have a morning show called Radio Mart and ABC Hobbies in La Crosse is one of the stores where \$10 store coupons can be got for \$6.

**Recent sighting.....**

of the club prez giving a demo on Christmas decorations at ALine Tool Store on December 10, 2005.



**Holmen Empty Bowl Sale and Benefit Dinner**

December 9, 2005



## The Wooden Bowl

I guarantee you will remember the tale of the Wooden Bowl tomorrow, a week from now, a month from now, a year from now.

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor." So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl!

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometime he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life. I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life, or even missing a life. "

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone.

People love that human touch -! - holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.! I've learned that you should pass this on to every child of GOD, that GOD so truly loves unconditionally???. .....I just did.



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 **Next Meeting -We will meet at the Denis Falch Studio.**  
 **9:00 Saturday, January 21, 2005.**

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.

