

One Good Turn

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Coulee Region Woodturners Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Bill Grumbine Demonstration

Professional turner Bill Grumbine is coming to La-Crosse to demonstrate bowl turning for us on April 22nd and 23rd. The cost to attend the demo is now \$75. The fee covers the demo (all or any portion thereof), lunch for both days, and snacks. This will be a great presentation, so don't miss it. Get your money in to Bill Gautsch and reserve your spot.



Here's the syllabus so you have an idea of what's going to be going on:

Saturday: Morning -

Preparing the log - finding it, getting it home, storing and sawing it up for various types of work (basic bowl)

Fixing the wood to the lathe
Roughing a finished rim basic bowl. Form discussion.

Afternoon -

Coring techniques

Finishing techniques for the previously roughed out bowl. We will pretend that it is dry and that I sanded it.

Sunday: Morning -

Preparing the log - finding it, getting it home, storing and sawing it up for various types of work (natural edge bowl and winged bowl)

Fixing the wood to the lathe

Turning a natural edge bowl. More form discussion

Afternoon -

Turning a winged bowl. More form discussion

Coring techniques

Parking in back by the shop is fine, but please allow room for our members who need not walk so far. Lunch will be included for Saturday and Sunday, but treats are always welcome. There will be a porta-potty onsite. If you park on the road, please avoid blocking driveways and mailboxes. Lunch and beverage is provided to preclude a mass exodus off the "mountain" into the turmoil of the fanatical weekend shoppers.

Eating "in" allows good time for chat and preserves continuity of wood thoughts! Brigitta and Bill are looking forward to a great weekend and hope the demonstration is enjoyed by all. Safe travel to all.

PrezSez April. The snow is gone and the birds are singing. The coming of spring means getting the lawn and flower beds ready for the coming season. It also means you can turn off the heat in your shop (if you are lucky enough to have heat) and open the windows and let some fresh air in. I recently read a tip that one person uses spring to do some spring cleaning. They open up all the windows and doors in the shop, get out their leaf blower and clear out all of the built up saw dust. I haven't tried it yet, but it sounds interesting.

I am really looking forward to Bill Grumbine's demonstration the weekend after Easter. Make sure you mark your calendars, **THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS NOT ON THE THIRD SATURDAY, BUT THE FOURTH.** (Sorry for the all caps, but I wanted to make sure everyone got the message). We moved this month's meeting to the fourth Saturday, so as not to conflict with Easter. I have watched Bill's DVD on his bowl turning process. It is very good. If you haven't seen it yet, you should. As I write this, Bill is in the process of creating a second DVD.

I would like to take this time to offer my sincerest thanks to both Pam Reilly and

John Fisher. Both have volunteered to do the video taping of Bill's demo. For those of you who don't know it, I have video taped almost every professional demonstration we have had. This is a great job, you get one of the best seats in the house and a very clear view. However, it also means you can't take notes and keep on top of everything with the camera. Having them volunteer, means that I can sit down front and take notes. This means a lot to me, as I have looked forward to Bill's demo since we first talked about having him. Thanks again Pam and John.

Also, I would like to thank Mike Henderson for doing the demo at Evergreen Elementary for a whole day. We were contacted about doing a demo there after the Holmen Empty Bowl project and the Pump House show. Mike volunteered to do the demo. The demo will occur on April 4. I haven't heard, but I am sure Mike did a great job.

While I am in the mode of handing out thank you's, I would also like to thank Art Ustby, Denis Falch, Rich Egan, Greg Haugen and Bob Patros. These guys, plus myself, did a lathe demo at A-Line for their Delta Days. We had two Delta minis going and lots of shavings flying. Everyone had a lot of fun and I think we made some con-

tacts for new members. Besides which, it is good PR for the club.

Finally, I have had several people approach me asking if we were going to do another club buy with Craft Supplies and or other companies in the near future. Traditionally, we have done the club buy with Craft Supplies in the fall. That doesn't mean we can't do another one during the year. For Craft Supplies, we need three things to make it viable. First is a minimum order of \$1000. Second, is a group of at least 10 interested people. Third, and most important, is somebody to organize and manage the order. This applies to any group order from a company. The Board has no problems in supporting the organizer and issuing one check for a club buy. However, unless the three conditions are met, we will not proceed with a group buy, as a club. If you are interested and would like to act as the organizer/manager, please let myself or one of the Board members know. We will support you as much as you need.

That's about it for now. Hope to see you at the April meeting. I will be the short, good looking one sitting down front and taking notes. Remember, to keep your tools sharp and the shavings flying.



March Meeting Photos

*****MISSION*****

Your mission for the May meeting if you choose to accept it is to look through the following list of professionals. Research any name that you do not know. At the May meeting we WILL vote via ballot on these names. The two names with the highest scores will be pursued first. If for some reason that one doesn't work out then the next highest and so on.

Stuart Batty; his site is stuartbatty.com, cetinc.com, and negativetakescraping.com. Born and raised across the pond in the UK, Stuart is one of the most technical turners on earth. He knows the "why" not just the "how." LONG goblets and tall, thin walled bowls are his specialties. Priced at APROX. 60 to 70 dollars each for a two day demo.

Nick Cook; his site is nickcookwoodturner.com. He is a production turner and one the best with the skew, he prefers the oval skew with a wet grinder. Everything from bowls to bottle corkers to columns are his specialties. Priced at APROX. 45-55 dollars each for a two day demo.

Don Derry; his site is donaldderry.com. AWESOME WEBSITE. He is the inventor of the smaller hollowing rig that Duane demoed (on the lathe that ran in reverse). Hollowing and coloring are his specialties. Priced at APROX. 50 to 60 dollars each for a two day demo.

John Jordan; his site is johnjordanwoodturning.com He is a bowl and hollow form turner from TN. He is also a Stubby lathe dealer, which is why they are all over his site. He has excellent DVD's out on bowls, hollowing and the drying process and how that affects wood. Priced at APROX. 60 to 70 dollars each for a two day demo.

Bob Rosand; his site is rrosand.com. He is one of the turners that have popularized the ornamental turnings of the Christmas tree ornaments and birdhouses. He is a frequent writer for the American Woodturner. His turnings are made with fundamental spindle turning techniques and are usually priced in the 50 and under dollar amount for craft shows. Priced at APROX. 50 to 60 dollars each for a two day demo.

Alan Lacer; his site is alanlacer.com. He is the authority on the skew, sorry I may be biased. From hook tools to skews to spindle roughing gouges he teaches and is one of the most respected turners in the world. There really isn't an area in turning he can't teach. He is also the most local professional. Priced at APROX. 45 to 55 dollars each for a two day demo. Being that he is local it would be possible for a one day demo for around 25.

Do your research and be ready to vote in May.

The Board and Programming Committee

*****THIS MESSAGE WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN 10 SECONDS*****

Upcoming Events

April 13 Open shop at Duane Hill's Shop.

April 22-23 Professional turner Bill Grumbine demo. Location B&B Studio in La Crosse.

April 27 Open shop at Duane Hill's Shop.

May 13 Eccentric Chuck Demo by CRW member Ken Grunke. Location at Denis Snider's Shop

May 20 CRW member Pam Reilly will demo making Lidded Boxes. Location Reilly Shop.

June 17 CRW member Ansel Heram will demo making lamps. Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.

July 15 Professional turner Brian Simmons will demo Architectural Turning. Location B&B Studios in La Crosse..

August 19 CRW member Ken Grunke will demo making Inside Out Petal Vases. Location Picnic at Shorty's

August 26 & 27 The Great River Folk Festival

September 16 Fundamentals—Mini Lathe Hands on session. Location Dennis Snider's Shop.

September 28 The Seven Rivers Region Innovations Fair. Location Onalaska Wi.

October 21-22 Professional turner Russ Fairfield. Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.

November 18 CRW member Greg Haugen will demo setting up a vacuum system. Location TDB.

December 16 CRW member John Fisher will demo plant stands. Location TBD

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

The Seven Rivers Region Innovations Fair is coming to Onalaska, Wi. September 28, 2006. They are accepting applications from inventors in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa for Bootstrap. If you have been building anything in the garage and maybe are looking to find a buyer for your product and maybe launch something into production, call (608) 785-8783 or 1-800-582-5182 or visit www.uwlax.edu/sbdc for more information.

Rochester Art Center Show Pieces

Pam Reilly will be bringing the pieces from the Rochester Art Center Show to the April meeting. Please pick them up at the meeting or let Pam know.

Wood Blanks Needed For Bill Grumbine's Demo

We are looking for about 8-10 blanks for Bill Grumbine's demo. We would like 2-3 slabs or logs approximately 10-14" in diameter by 3-6" thick. Also, we need about 4-5 half logs, 6-10" in diameter, about 12" long. Call Duane Hill if you have any wood to offer.

Wood Raffle

The club raised about \$85 at the last wood raffle thanks to Greg Haugen and John Fisher. If you would like to bring wood for a raffle, it is always welcome.

St Joseph's Care Center Auction

St Joseph's Care Center is having a silent auction to raise funds for a new vehicle. They wanted to know if anyone from CRW wanted to donate pieces. If you are interested, let Duane Hill know. They need to know by May 1.

From Duane...

I have talked with the Monogram Company and came up with the following price list:

T-Shirts (All monogrammed. The number of people requesting silk screened shirts made it the same price as the monogrammed) 100% preshrunk cotton

Colors: Sports Grey or Sand

S-XL \$11.45 XXL \$12.95

Long Sleeve Denim Shirt

Color: Dark Denim

S-XL \$18.50 XXL \$20.00

Cap (both crowned and uncrowned)

Color: Khaki w//Navy bill

\$11.25

Micro-Fleece Jacket

Color: Navy

S-XL \$ 33.50 XXL \$35.00

Fleece Lined Bomber Jacket

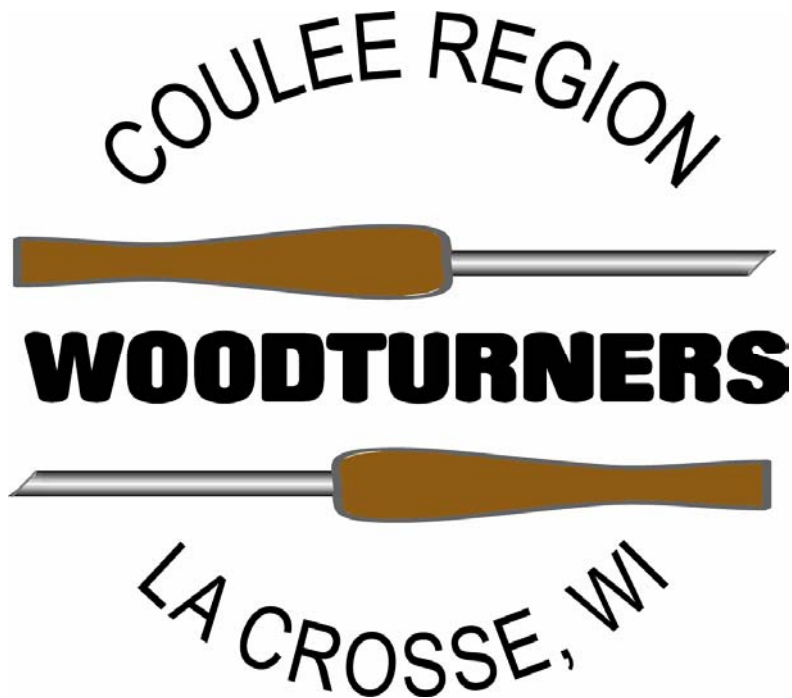
Color: Khaki w//Navy Lining

S-XL \$ 41.00 XXL \$42.50

Polo 100% Cotton

Color: Stone

S-XL \$24.50 XXL \$26.00



They will also add the club logo to material supplied by you (ie. smocks, shirts, etc). This will cost \$8 per piece, provided they are embroidered at the same time as our order. To do them separate would cost \$14 each.

Your name may be added for an additional cost of \$5 per piece. I will try and have some samples at the April meeting. I will for sure have samples by the May meeting. I would like to place the order after the May meeting.

Let me know what items, number of each item and size of each item that you would like. I will have a sign up sheet at the meeting or you can e-mail me or call me.

A Day With Alan Lacer

A few weeks ago, Greg, Tom, Brother Finbar and I had the pleasure of visiting Alan Lacer at his home in River Falls. It's true, however, that we paid for the time we spent turning and training with Alan, but he made me feel like he was having company over to visit. We arrived at about 11 a.m. and finished up at around 5 p.m.



When we arrived, we were invited into his home (actually, to show

us where the bathrooms were). At this time, Alan spent quite awhile showing us his collection of tops and other assorted turnings. He provided an in depth knowledge of the pieces, their history, and their significance in the world of turning. I enjoyed the background he gave on each piece as well as observing Alan's appreciation and passion for woodturning.

Now, in one of his shops, we were treated with seeing a number of wood lathes that are used by Alan for some heavy duty turning. Alan has turned pillars for the fronts of homes being historically restored. He said that this is the only honest way to restore the home. He also does work requiring replication, and explained to us the lathe used and the process of turning. He had a very old lathe (still functional, I believe), that made me happy to go home to my Delta!

Alan inquired what each of our interests were for that day. I felt that I could have brought any tool with any interest in turning, and Alan would have accommodated. Hey folks, this is Alan Lacer. It's skew time!!! And that is what I attempted most of the day. At the end of the day, I worked a bit using the roughing spindle gouge, and did buy one (not as big as Aaron's, however). I think I'm going to give some smaller piece turning a try.

Our day was rich with Alan showing us grinding technique. Honing, honing, and more honing. Don't forget to hone. Your tool is not really sharp unless you hone. I never really honed before. I think I'll give it a try.

Observing Alan's instructions and direction to the others was also quite helpful. He would go from lathe to lathe and we would ask questions, he would advise, and we would practice technique. This process went on for several hours.

I really enjoyed the day. I had great company. I learned much from Alan Lacer. I believe that being there is much more conducive to learning than seeing the same on video (and I am a true believer in video instruction).

I also believe that our CRW members have given me as good of instruction and help. But, if you have the opportunity, I would highly recommend a road trip to River Falls. — Bob Patros



Here is a list of area clubs and their websites.

Check them out for upcoming events and demonstrations.

Minnesota Woodturners Association
www.mnwoodturners.com

Zumbro Valley Woodturners
www.zvwoodturners.org

Badger Woodturners
www.badgerwoodturners.org

Chicago Woodturners
www.chicagowoodturners.com

Open Shop Nights:

Open Shop Nights will be April 6, 13 and 27. Open Shop Nights are held at Duane Hill's shop (808 Quincy in Onaska) from 7-9 PM

The topic is whatever is being asked that night. All woodturning topics are open. We usually have a lot of fun and sometimes even learn something. See you there.

From the Club Librarian:

The library has received a few new books which will be labeled and available for take out. More importantly, members need to return the materials which have been out since February 2006 and earlier! Check your wood stacks!

**Upcoming Area Club Demos...**

Wisconsin Woodturners [Milwaukee] are hosting Trent Bosch [you've heard of him] in May, Bert Marsh [he's British – in the same category as Bob Stockdale] in June, and Grahame Priddle [a kiwi] in July. A great group of demonstrators.

Minnesota Woodturners are hosting Alan Lacer in May, Doug Koons [owner of Douglas-Baker Gallery in Minneapolis – just a small step down from Del Mano] in July, Pam Reilly in September, and Russ Fairfield in October.

Chicago Woodturners are also hosting Bosch and Marsh on the same swing, plus have Bonnie Klein in September. By the way, the fee for their lecture/demo day is \$25 for these, and the hands-on days are \$100+. So our meetings are not out of line compared to others'.

**Want to know more about Eccentric Chucks ????**

Dennis Snider has graciously agreed to host my eccentric chuck workshop for those who have purchased one and need some direction, or anyone else with interest. This will be on Saturday, May 13, time undetermined as yet but my preference would be early afternoon, just after lunch. About 3 hours is planned for, and no fee will be charged.

This will be an informal, unstructured hands-on session in Dennis's shop, which has space for about 8 bench top lathes-- attendees should bring their own mini lathe if they have one. If you have a portable lathe stand, that would help free up bench space.

Contact me directly if you are interested so I have an idea of attendance.

For those not familiar with my eccentric chuck adapter, take a look here:

<http://www.token.crwoodturner.com/ecc/>

Thanks,

Ken Grunke



CRW Members Sighting:

Club members Art Ustby, Denis Falch, Rich Egan, Greg Haugen, Bob Patros and Duane Hill kept two Delta minis busy during March Delta Days at A-Line Tool Store.



A Plea From The Editor -

We need contributing authors and reporters for the newsletter. Forward any contributions you want published to ustby@charter.net you'll see your byline in print [Remember: "Power of the Press; Power of the Press; Power of the Press; ..."]

Don't forget to start planning for:

AAW Symposium 2006

June 22-24

Louisville, Ky

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006>



This Symposium is 3 days, 30 Demonstrators & 120 Rotations.

Cost is \$245 (AAW members) **before May 16**, \$275 after.

\$285 (non-members) **before May 16**, \$315 after.

Onsite \$305 (member), \$345 (non-member).

The current issue of American Woodturner has several good articles about this years Symposium.

Utah Woodturning 27th Symposium

June 15-18

Provo, Utah

<http://www.utahwoodturning.com>



This Symposium is 3 days, 23 Demonstrators & 100 Rotations.

Cost is \$220 **before April 30**, \$270 after. Registration is usually sold out well before the Symposium.

Looking for members to host future meeting. Let the CRW Board or Program Committee know if you would host a meeting.

Reminder:

May 20, CRW member Pam Reilly will demo making Lidded Boxes. Location Reilly Shop.

Check out CRW's web site for more photos and information.
<http://www.crwoodturner.com>

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"A Turn For the Better"

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**Next Meeting – At the Brigitta & Bill Gautsch Studio in Onalaska.
9:00 AM ☺ Saturday, 22 & 23 April, 2006**

Directions to N4671 Old Hickory Drive in Onalaska.

I90 to Wisconsin Highway 16 to County Road OS [Main St.]. This is the Woodman's intersection. OS west to Meadow Wood to Old Hickory, then to the end at the top of the hill. Look for the pink driveway.

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 (608) 783-7171 before the meeting for help or directions.

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

