

## Next Meeting—November 18—Gary Friemann's Shop.

### VACUUM CHUCK SET-UPS

#### A Variety of Options

Have you ever turned a bowl and dislodged it in the "final" cuts because it slipped off of the friction drive setup between the head and tailstock. Or have you taken a long time to make a jam chuck to finish the bottom of a bowl. Do you want to learn how to set up a vacuum system, and then come to the November CRW Meeting. The topic of vacuum chucks has a lot of different options in many different price ranges. You will be provided with the facts of a vacuum and you'll learn about the variety of accessories available. An explanation of what options are available for different lathes as well as making a threaded MDF drum will be covered. During the November meeting you will hear from three CRW members Duane Hill, Greg Haugen, and Tom Wheeler about their systems that they use in their shops. We'll try our best to take the mystery out of this priceless system. See ya there !

**PrezSez:** Is it November already? It must be, the leaves are falling, there is a crispness in the air, the goblins and spooks have already come. Guess we have to start getting ready for turkey dinners and all the trimmings.

We had an excellent turnout for Russ Fairfield. Russ's demo was very good. He covered several different aspects of finishing, including using waxes for coloring (that is one part I found very interesting). I also thought his presentation on polychromatic turning was extremely interesting. I fully expect to see several polychromatic pieces in the next few months. The club picked up a copy of his 3 DVD set for the library. We also video taped the event. Those videos will be available shortly in the library. For those of you who missed his demo, you missed something special.

November looks to be a very full month. We have the A-Line fall woodworking show on November 10 & 11. My thanks to Denis Falch, Aaron Gesicki, Rich Egan, and Ken Grunke for volunteering to demonstrate. I will also be there. The hours are 9-7 on Friday and 9-3 on Saturday. We also have the Craft Supplies Group Buy going on, as well as an Empty Bowls Project.

We have several openings in the Officers Board and the Programming Committee. We have need of new Vice President, as John Fisher is rolling up to the presidency. We also have at least two openings on the Programming Committee. The Programming Committee is not elected, just volunteered. Any interest, contact one of the officers.

I have been doing some house cleaning and realize I have way too many wood blanks laying around. So if you are interested in some dried blanks, various species, let me know. The price is right, free.

Finally, I would like to thank Pam Reilly for her services this last year as chair of the Programming Committee. She is stepping down as chair and from the Programming Committee. Thanks for a great year Pam and for all the hard work you and the Programming Committee have done this year. And from the looks of it, next year looks even better.

Hope to see and visit with each of you at the November meeting. If I don't see you, I hope you and your family have a very happy and safe Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for. Remember, to keep your tools sharp and the wood spinning. Be safe in the shop and in your travels







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[Upcoming Events](#)

**November 10&11** ALine Woodworking (CRW Demo)

**November 16** Open Shop Night at Duane Hill's Shop.

**November 18** CRW members will demo setting up a vacuum system. Location Gary Friemann's Shop.

**November 30** Open Shop Night at Duane Hill's Shop.

**December 16** CRW member John Fisher will demo plant stands. Location: Denis Falch Studio in Winona.

**Jan. 2007** Dyes with Duane. Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.

**Feb.** Furniture Restoration on the Lathe with Jim Cox. Location: Denis Falch Studio in Winona.

**Mar.** Ken G with tool making. Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.

**Apr.** Winged Bowls with Aaron G. Location: Denis Falch Studio in Winona.

**May** **Pro turner: Stuart Batty Demo.** Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.

**June.** Craft Show Business with Lee G.

**July.** Inlace with Duane

[Meeting Leaders:](#)

**Nov.-** Greg Zeller at Gary Friemann's

**Dec.-** Jim Cox at Falch's

**Jan.-** John Fisher

### [Presidential Challenges](#)

Don't forget about the upcoming challenge, "All Skewed Up". Club members are challenged to produce a woodturning of which at least 75% of the piece has been turned with a skew. Any size, any wood can be used. All members are invited to participate. There will be three categories, 0-2 years turning; 2-5 years turning and greater than 5 years turning. Prizes will be given to the best in each category. An additional prize will also be given for best use of a skew and most imaginative use of the skew. The "All Skewed Up" Challenge pieces are due at the December meeting.

### [Club Apparel](#)

During the last club apparel order, the club picked up some extra caps, both crowned and uncrowned, and patches. The caps sell for \$11.25 and the patches sell for \$5 each. Caps and patches will be available at upcoming meeting, while the supply lasts

### [Open Shop Night](#)

Open Shop Nights for November will be the 16 & 30. Open Shop Night is held on selected Thursday evenings from 7PM-9PM at Duane Hill's shop (808 Quincy in Onalaska). The topic is whatever you wish to discuss or try, providing it is woodturning related.

### [TV Raffle](#)

In May 2004, CRW purchased a 25" RCA TV to be used as a monitor during demos. Since we have received such good reviews from the video projector, we will be raffling off this TV at the November meeting. Raffle tickets will be \$10 each and all proceeds will go to the purchase of a video projector. If you would like to participate, but won't be at the November meeting, send your \$10 to Bill Gautsch. Deadline is Friday, November 17. This is your chance to maybe get that early Christmas present for someone, at a very reasonable price. The TV has been stored at Bill Gautsch's and has been boxed up when not in use. It has only been used for 4-5 demos.

### [Wanted:](#)

People to be leaders for upcoming CRW meetings. Also looking hosts for 2007 meetings. If this interests you talk to one our board members. Hope to hear from you.

### [Empty Bowls Project](#)

We have been in contact with Holmen High School about their Empty Bowls Project. We mentioned that we would like to participate, but wanted all the proceeds from the bowls to go to a local food pantry. They thought that was a great idea. Our goal is to have at least 50 bowls for the project. Bowls can be 4" or larger, any woods (avoid spalted woods, if possible). We need the bowls by Sunday, December 2. Contact Duane Hill to drop off bowls or for more details.

[Also, we have been invited by Holmen's Art Class](#) to show them how to make wooden bowls and to learn how to make ceramic ones. If you are interested, contact Duane Hill.

**[Check out CRW's web site](#) for more photos and information.**

**<http://www.crwoodturner.com>**



## Secret Santa Exchange

Elves, listen up. As of now we have 9 participating in this year's gift exchange that will be held at the **December meeting**. Those elves are Greg Haugen, Duane Hill, Bob Patros, Aaron Gesicki, Jim Cox, John Fisher, Dennis Snider, Ken Grunke, and Odell Anderson. The exchange will be handled the same way as last year with a lottery drawing held during the meeting. As before, exchanges must be turned, not store bought. So make something that you would like to receive and let's have fun with this. **Happy Holidays.**

## Items For Sale:

Delta 50-875 air cleaner NEW. Three speed remote control [1200, 730 and 540 cfm]. \$200

Jet DC1200 dust collector w/canister. 2hp 220V \$450

Jet JWBS-18" bandsaw 1.5hp 220V or 110V \$800

Blount lathe 6" swing [12" bowl capability] 36" bed. 2hp DC Delta drive. Variable speed with forward and reverse. Pendant control with two remote emergency stops. \$1400

I will be happy to provide pictures of all items.

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## Craft Supplies Group Buy

Just a reminder, if you are thinking of participating in the group buy with Craft Supplies, you need to get your order to Duane Hill during or before the next meeting. The order is being submitted to Craft Supplies on Monday, November 20. Needed information is: your name, item number, page number in the catalog, item description, quantity desired and cost. No money is to be submitted yet, as we will need to factor in the discount. All orders need to be in by November 18 (the next meeting). We need \$1000 in orders to get a 10% discount and free shipping. Our discount goes up as the amount of the order goes up. At present, we have approximately \$3800 in orders. Last year, we had over \$5000 in pre-discounted orders.

The Club would like to thank Greg Haugen for the Bill Grumbine Video he donated to the Club Library.

## Abrasives For Sale

The club was able to pick up a bunch of abrasive belts from A-Line recently. Grits range from 80-150. The abrasives will be on sale during both the November and December meetings. Cost is \$0.50 per belt. All proceeds will be going to the purchase of a new video projector. If you can't make it to one of the meetings, or you want your belts sooner, please contact

Duane Hill to purchase. The sale will go on until the belts are gone. The belts we have and their quantities are as follows:

150 -2.5"x72" 120 grit

30 - 1"x132" 100 grit

87-1"x 42" 150 grit

11 - 1.5" x 60" 150 grit

11 -1" x 72" 150 grit

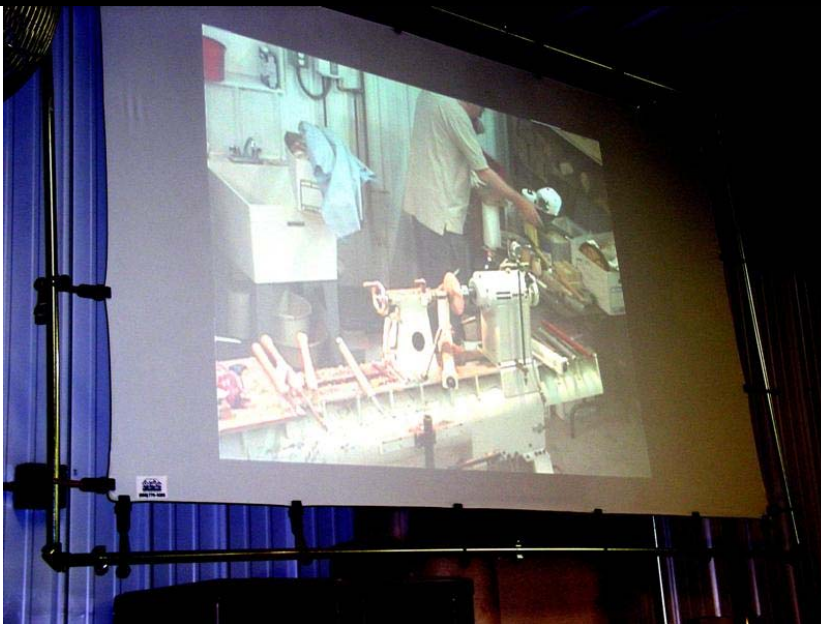
3 -2.5" x 72" 80 grit

## Ever consider becoming a CRW Officer ?

We are looking for volunteers for open board positions that are coming open in 2007. Please consider this –it's not a tough job. More to come on this at the next meeting.

**Russ Fairfield Demonstration – Financial Summary**

Attendance for Russ’s demo generated a total of \$1,440 in fees. Lunch contributions for both days totaled \$179, for a gross income amount of \$1,619. Russ’s fee was \$700 for the two days, plus a \$100 diesel fuel “surcharge” mutually agreed upon by the CRW President and Treasurer with Russ. Food cost was \$171 and the porta-potty \$80. Net income from the event was \$568. From these proceeds one copy of Russ’s 3 DVD set was purchased for \$60. The proceeds also covered \$331 for CRW’s new video projection screen and frame system. Heath DeBernardi, owner of Audio Video Pros kindly provided the screen material at his cost. Duane and Bill “engineered” the take-down screen frame. The final net income from the demonstration was \$177.



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The new club projection screen. It measures 5’ x 8’ (100” diagonal).

**Marie Heider Center Art Gallery at West Salem High School.**

Rich Egan is organizing this event for club members who might like to display a few items. Dates are 12/5-12/26. That's a good time of year for Christmas ornaments, etc. They have three locked glass cases about 6’x4’ each, and about 16" deep. There's good lighting, but we would have to provide some pedestals and maybe a cloth backdrop. There is also about 45' of wall space for framed art, and there will be another artist displaying there as well. Items can be for sale, with the gallery taking a 20% commission. Interested club members can contact me for more information. Rich Egan [rjegan@centurytel.net](mailto:rjegan@centurytel.net) 608-784-9970

**Here is a list of area clubs and their websites.**

Zumbro Valley Woodturners  
[www.zvwoodturners.org](http://www.zvwoodturners.org)

Check them out for upcoming events and demonstrations.

Badger Woodturners  
[www.badgerwoodturners.org](http://www.badgerwoodturners.org)

Minnesota Woodturners Association  
[www.mnwoodturners.com](http://www.mnwoodturners.com)

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**"A Turn For the Better"**

**Directions to Gary's shop:** Follow MN State Hwy 16 out of LaCrescent, Mn. to Hokah and then take MN Hwy 44 through Caledonia. Continue following Hwy 44 and approximately 8 to 9 miles from Caledonia there are 10 train cabooses on the left hand side of the road. Take a left on Nine Oaks DR right after the cabooses and follow that gravel road until you reach the paved road leading into the Nine Oaks Subdivision. Follow that road to the bottom of the hill and turn left onto Nine Oaks RD. The shop is on the left. You can park on the cul-de-sac or anywhere along that road. See you on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

