

Next Meeting—December 16—Denis Falch Studio in Winona

This month's demonstration will be by John Fisher about furniture turning, how to make a plant stand, the leg, the top, and the two support pieces. He will be using a variety of turning tools and provide detailed instructions on assembling, finishing, sanding, and talk about turning forms. He will also show how to get a near skew finish with a roughing gouge.

PrezSez:

This feels really strange. I just realized that this will be my last PrezSez. So with that in mind, bear with me a little as I meander down memory lane a little.

The club has now been together for 6 years. A lot has happened in those 6 years. We started off with about 10 people at the Onalaska library for a kickoff meeting. We have jumped from that core group of to a vibrant club of about 65. We have had members come and go, but we have seen a steady growth in the club. If I am not mistaken, I think we still have most, if not all of those original 10 members in the club.

Speaking of growth, looking back on some of the old pictures from the Instant Gallery, all I can say is wow. I can definitely see growth in the number of pieces in the Instant Gallery as well as quality of pieces as a whole and by individual members. Let's keep it up, improving as a group and as individuals.

We have had some excellent demonstrations and demonstrators over the last 6 years. Some of the ones which stand out in my memory include the super secret method to getting a glass smooth finish inside a vessel in December of 2001; David Elsworth riding the lathe, Ed Szakonyi showing us to use a dual laser system he developed; Alan Lacer showing us how to make a hook tool; and Bill Grumbine leaning over the lathe and telling Aaron, he had been set up. We have had inside/out techniques, coring techniques, sharpening techniques, spindle techniques with and without a scraper, finishing techniques, hollowing techniques and bowl techniques. Quite an impressive array.

One of my all time favorite memories is the tool day we had a few years ago where we were making Jamieson style hollowing tools and Johnston/Baham tools. It looked a production factory going on in Bill's shop. All of that going on without an injury and tools to boot! Another one is the time a wind storm blew through Jim Cox's property and downed several trees. Approximately 12 people showed on the following Saturday armed with chain saws, safety glasses, gloves, chippers and a pug to help Jim clean up. By noon, we had all the trees cut up, stacked and the brush chipped up. A tired group, but very satisfied. Lastly, was the stalking and hunting the wild cherry. 7 of us attacked a very large cherry tree with chainsaws and came away with several pickup loads of wood for turning. Again, all accomplished within a Saturday morning.

I would like to thank each of you for making this club so successful and for making my tenure as president an enjoyable one. I can honestly say that I am very proud to have been your president and to be a member of Coulee Region Woodturners. I know you will give John Fisher the same support as you gave me. He will make a great president. Also, keep giving your support to the rest of the Board and Programming Committee. There are many hours put in behind the scenes that make this club function and as successful as it is. For the final time, keep your tools sharp, the wood spinning and be safe out there. Thanks again. Duane



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[Upcoming Events](#)

December 7 Open Shop Night at Duane Hill's Shop.

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

Decemeber 21 Open Shop Night at Duane Hill's Shop.

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;](#)

Dec.- Jim Cox at Falch's

Jan.- John Fisher

[Have you seen the La Crosse Area Magazine ???](#)

Check out the Fall 2006 issue. There is a nice article on Jim Cox. There are two pages with pictures of his work. Nice good job Jim !! Also make sure you attend Jim's Finishing Demo at ALine Tool—Jan 27—9am

[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.

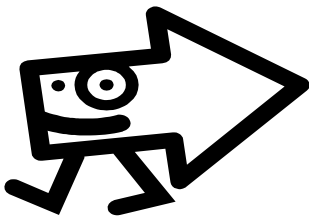


[Open Shop Night](#)

Open Shop Nights for December will be December 7 & 21. 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. Raffle tickets will be \$10 each and all proceeds will go to the purchase of a video projector. If you would like to participate, send your \$10 to Bill Gautsch. 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. Bring some money and help support the club.



[Art Fair on the Square – Madison](#)

I just received the brochure for the Art Fair on the Square in Madison, This will be July 14th and 15th 2007. In 2006 Artists reported average sales to be \$4919.00 per booth and total sales for the two day event where \$2.38 Million Dollars and over 200,000 people attended. This is located on the State Capital square (8 blocks).

The booth fee are \$415.00 and a \$30.00 Jury fee also. There will be also the Art fair off the square at the same time and it is a little cheaper to have a booth, but I have not received that information yet.

The deadline for the application is March 1, 2007. But I think sending it in sooner rather than later, you may have a little better chance of displaying your work there. Also "Henry" is asking again if anyone needs pen blanks, finished pens, some other things also for the Xmas season, I do have some things still left at a cheap price. Give me an email if you are interested in any of those types of things.

For more information go to www.mmoca.org for more information

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Check out CRW's web site for more photos and information.

<http://www.crwoodturner.com>



When Emailing the Club Secretary/Newsletter Editor (Art Ustby)—please start using my Home Email address (ustby@charter.net), instead of my work Email.



2007 Meeting Leaders and Hosts

We are still in the need of a few meeting leaders and hosts for 2007. If you're interested in either or both please contact Greg Haugen at greghaugen@crwoodturner.com.

Secret Santa Exchange

Elves, listen up. Just a reminder for the following elves that this month's meeting will be the gift exchange. 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.

CRW would like to welcome new members:

Roger Stenhoff – Spring Grove, Mn
 Jerald Trzebiatowski – Fountain City, Wi
 Doug Klenke – Holmen, Wi.

All Skewed Up

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.

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 December meeting. 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

Dues time again!

Membership for 2007 will continue at \$30 for the year. Please make your check payable to "CRW," or cash is acceptable also. You may pay at the December meeting or mail your dues to me at:

Bill Gautsch / CRW Treasurer
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CRW Mission Statement

The Board has been working on a mission statement for the club. We have one that the Board developed and two others which have been wordsmithed by a couple of members. We will vote on the mission statement at the December meeting. The three mission statements being considered are:

- 1). To promote woodturning within the Coulee Region by providing an encouraging environment for the members to learn and share woodturning knowledge, safety and experiences.
- 2). To promote woodturning within the Coulee Region by encouraging learning and sharing of woodturning knowledge, safety and experiences amongst its members.
- 3). To promote, to educate, and to inspire ourselves and others in the fine art of turned wood.

Club Demo at ALine Tool—November 10 & 11



2007 Officers

We will have an election for Vice President in December. Bill Gautsch will be incorporating the Tool Czar position with the library.

With the exception of Vice President, the club officers for 2007 will be:

President – John Fisher

Secretary/Newsletter Editor – Art Ustby

Treasurer – Bill Gautsch

Programming Committee—

- Greg Haugen (Chair)
- Bob Patros
- Lee Goehring
- Jim Cox
- Rich Egan

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




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"A Turn For the Better"

 **Next Meeting - We will meet at the Denis Falch Studio.**

 **9:00 Saturday, December 16.**

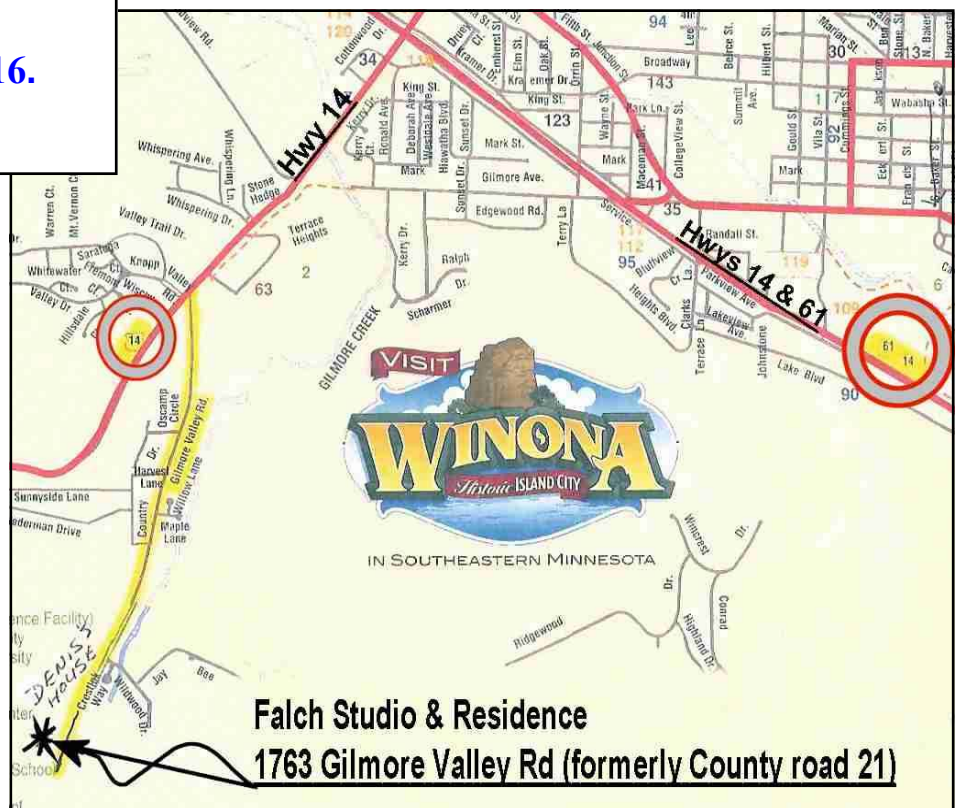
Here's a map to help those who aren't sure where we will meet. 

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.



Falch Studio & Residence
1763 Gilmore Valley Rd (formerly County road 21)