

Next Meeting—March 17 (St Pat's day) — B&B Studio

Ken will show how turning and drilling metal on a wood lathe is possible by turning a piece of aluminum shaft into a setscrew handle insert, using ordinary HSS woodturning tools. He will also demonstrate his version of the Don Derry/Marco Berara duplicator shoe rig, and show his Herm DeVries-style steady rest--two more examples of metalworking in the wood shop.

PrezSez:

Our last demonstration by two of our members, Jim Cox and Ken Grunke was a good one about spindle turning and increasing a persons output by using a duplicator. Jim also covered some history about turning along with some helpful points on spindle turning. Ken then demonstrated the finer points of finishing the roughed out legs and explained some of the difficulties experience with working on longer spindles. I think is it great the talent that we have in our club.

Speaking of talent within our club, we have a number of members that have been turning for an average of two to three years that are making just wonderful pieces. One such person is Greg Haugen , the gentle giant, and for his size he has a much bigger heart. He sure has put his heart into his work, he started with learning how to use the skew and now has become very proficient with it and many other tools and techniques. He is also a great asset to the club spending many hours arranging the good programming that we have for each meeting and spending time on the phone and e-mails with our big name people. Thank him and tell him how well you like the demonstrations the next time you see him.

Another excellent demo that we had this month was with Kirk DeHeer who presents demonstrations for Craft Supplies and he has assisted many of the turning greats during the teaching seminars at Craft Supplies. He explained in great detail how to set up and use the Wolverine Sharpening Jig to shape special gouge ends and other various other cutting edges. He then turned a platter, a box, and a bowl explaining in detail, the steps and reasons of making each piece.

John Fisher



Library materials out
Please check for library materials out standing which should be returned at the next meeting.

Our Mission Statement: To promote, to educate, and to inspire ourselves and others in the fine art of turned wood.

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Mar 15 Open Shop Night at Duane Hill's Shop.

Mar 17 Ken G with tool making. Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.

Mar 23 & 24 Delta Days at ALine Tool Store.

Mar 29 Open Shop Night at Duane Hill's Shop.

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

May 19 & 20 Pro turner: **Stuart Batty Demo**. Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.

June. Craft Show Business with Lee G.

July. Inlace with Duane

Aug.- Shorts

Sept.—Pro Turner. John Jordan Demo. Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.

Oct.—Shop setups with Bill G.

Nov.—Platters by Duane.

Dec.—Music Boxes by Tom Mruz.

Meeting Leaders:

Mar.—Greg Zeller

Apr.—John Fisher

May—Greg Haugen

June—John Fisher

July—Denis Snider



[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 March will be March 15 & 29. Open Shop Night is held on selected Thursday evenings from 7 PM-9 PM at Duane Hill's shop (808 Quincy in Onalaska). The topic is whatever you wish to discuss or try, providing it is woodturning related.

[Stuart Batty—2 Day Demo—May 19 & 20](#)

Professional Turner Stuart Batty will be spending a weekend with us, May 19-20. Stuart grew up in England and apprenticed under his father, Allan, in their spindle turning shop. He was featured in the DVD “Two Ways To Make a Bowl” along with Mike Mahoney. Stuart has taken his spindle turning skills and applied them to all of the aspects of his turning. He just doesn’t show you how but will tell you why a certain cut or grind will work better in different applications. The demo will include bowl turning with just a gouge along with an explanation of the push cut. Freehand sharpening and the difference in tool steels- why some are better suited for certain applications. Negative rake scraping- a unique grind on a scraper that enables you to make cuts that a regular grind could not. Sphere boxes, hollowing dense exotic end grain and lid fitting along with making spheres and their stands. The two day demo will cost \$60. Turn out is expected to be large for this demo. A maximum of 50 people will be allowed. CRW members will have to the **end of the April meeting** to get Bill Gautsch their money. After that meeting registration will be opened to area clubs. Don’t take a chance and try to pay at the door. Don’t miss this demo, register early.

[Possible Stuart Batty Hands On Session—May 21](#)

The CRW board and Program Committee are looking at the option of a third day with Stuart Batty. This would be a “hands on” session on Monday, May 21 at the B&B’s Studio in Onalaska, WI. Stuart has requested only six participants be allowed to the session. This keeps the session small so everybody gets enough one on one time with Stuart. He teaches a structured hands on session so everyone will be working on the same technique at the same time. His sessions consists of “techniques” rather than “projects.” Stuart said there will be free hand sharpening, tool usage and techniques, along with some bowls being made. All “turnings” will be “off of the gouge.” Stuart said he doesn’t like to get caught up sanding when students can be turning with tools instead. Each participant will need their own mini lathe, if you don’t have one the club has one or ask a fellow member to borrow their lathe. A list of tools will be provided to the participants, but nothing is out of the ordinary. The philosophy is making extraordinary items with ordinary tools. To help with costs, since it’s a small group, everyone could chip in for ordering pizza or something instead of leaving for lunch, thus maximizing your time with Stuart. The cost is \$125 for the day, nonrefundable. This is an exceptional value and opportunity. The reason for the nonrefundable fee is to avoid 6 signing up and only having 3 left the day of the session. So the club doesn’t take the hit for the rest. We need at least 5 to commit and pay in order to go forth. If we don’t get the sixth I’ll open the final spot to area clubs. If you’re interested your money has to be to **Bill Gautsch by the end of the March meeting**. No exceptions. If we have four or less at that point we’ll won’t pursue it further. If we don’t get at least five your money will be returned to you.

[A-Line Delta Days](#)

On March 23 & 24, A-Line will be having their Delta Days show. CRW will be demonstrating at the show. Hours are Friday (March 23) 10 Am – 7 PM and Saturday (March 24) 9AM -1PM. Stop by for some good deals on Delta equipment and say **“hi”**.



Dennis Snider

What you do for a living ? I am an ordained ELCA Pastor presently serving as a Board Certi-

fied Chaplain at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center. I served within the parish setting for many years as well as chaplaincy in the public service sector. In addition, I was blessed 30 years ago to serve my apprenticeship in the plumbing and electrical trade which allowed me to be self employed for a number of years. While I enjoyed my work, I recognized my call to be about a somewhat different work. Thus my move into college and seminary. A real gift was that my work allowed me the opportunity to pay for college and seminary. In my present job, my focus is on trauma medicine and cardiac care. I work throughout the hospital with clinical responsibilities including the trauma emergency center and the operating room. I am a mentor for clinical pastoral education residents, physician residents in the area of death notification and training, and ethics consultant. My work also includes work in areas such as Advance Care Planning, tissue and organ donation as a designated requestor and educator. In addition, I am currently involved in a research project which is looking at coronary artery bypass graft patients and religion which takes a good bit of energy and time.

Who/what turned you onto wood working ? I was formally introduced to woodturning and invited to my first meeting by Brigitta Gautsch. We worked together at Gundersen Lutheran. I very much enjoyed "flat" woodworking and had done some turning on my own back in PA. What I remembered about my previous turning

attempts was the frustration I felt trying to go it on my own. If I have learned anything at all about turning and our club, it's that one need never go it alone. There are so many people with great gifts and experience which they are willing to share.

What classes have you've taken / what symposiums have you gone to / which would you recommend ? I went to the AAW Symposium in Kentucky last year and found myself absolutely in awe of the wonderful work that was done by so many. I appreciated the vast variety of learning opportunities there, especially my time with Mike Mahoney, Stewart Batty and Bill Grumbine.

Type of turning do you like best ? At present my most enjoyable turning seems to be cups and bowls. I am just starting to look at segmented turning and have built a wood press, and a sled for producing my rough segmented pieces. A great joy this past year was my work making pens and a variety of Christmas ornaments.

Something most people don't know about you ? I came to Wisconsin October 8, 2001. Prior to that I served 11 years as the Chaplain for the Bureau of Public Safety at Harrisburg PA. I was also a member of PA Rescue 1, Harrisburg Rescue 1, and Pennsylvania Task Force 1. My last assignment before coming to Wisconsin was as a technical information specialist and chaplain for Pennsylvania Task Force 1. This is a FEMA Rescue team. We were deployed to large disaster scenes for the purpose of rescue and recovery. My final deployment was to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. We were demobilized on September 19, 2001 after which I came to Wisconsin.

What has the club done that you like ? I am absolutely amazed at the qual-

ity of the work our members produce. In part I believe this is because of the support we offer one another as well as the talents we share. I very much appreciate the opportunities we have for turners like Alan Lacer, Bill Grumbine and the like to come and demo. I have learned a lot and hope we continue the practice of inviting national turners in for our group to learn from. One of the ways I believe we keep the juices flowing, our club has had a variety of club challenges. It has been fun. I also appreciate very much the fact that we do not simply look at what benefits us as a club. Our members are involved in promoting woodturning wherever we can. The opportunities we take to be in the schools or at A-Line etc to demo or simply show what's possible, promotes the craft I very much enjoy.

What's your next purchase ? My next "big" purchase will be a SuperMax Sander. I would like to get into segmented turning and this tool is a must from my understanding.

What's your next turning project ? I hope to begin a lidded box. What I really would like to do is begin doing some threading (hand chase or machine). My lathe however does not go slow enough for hand chase and at present, the machine chasing equipment, I understand, is not cheap!

Other interests beyond turning ? I am a technology junkie so anything in this arena is fun for me. At present I am "test driving" a new tablet PC for use at the hospital as well as developing a couple of WEB based programs for use at work. I enjoy the challenge of building just about anything. I have come to enjoy the simple quiet around the house and time alone with Joyce. Beyond this, I enjoy the opportunity to supply preach at various congregations as a part of my ongoing ministry and the chance to teach.



The Kirk DeHeer demonstration at the Falch Shop in Winona, MN was a financial success with 20 members attending at \$20 each. After expenses (host fee, porta-potty and Kirk's travel and demo fee), the club is ahead \$17. **Bill Gautsch**



Our Club Members Educating the Youth:



Sparta Boys & Girls Club members watch intently as CRW member Aaron Gesicki demonstrates woodturning techniques during a recent session of SPARTA ARTS, a new program at the Club.

As a tribute to his efforts, Aaron was the B&G Club - February Volunteer of the Month.

SPARTA ARTS seeks to bring together B&G Club members and both visual and performing artists in a series of dynamic and innovative programs. For more information on SPARTA ARTS contact Amy Blackburn, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Sparta, at 269-2582.

Great work Aaron !!!

Last Chance for Abrasives : The club was able to pick up a bunch of abrasive belts from A-Line recently. Grits range from 80-150. Much has been sold off. The remaining abrasives will be raffled off at the March meeting. Bring your money and buy a chance at a great deal. Proceeds will be going towards the purchase of a new club video projector.

Area clubs and their websites.

Check them out for upcoming events and demonstrations:

Minnesota Woodturners Association

www.mnwoodturners.com

Badger Woodturners

www.badgerwoodturners.org

Zumbro Valley Woodturners

www.zvwoodturners.org

Chicago Woodturners

www.chicagowoodturners.com

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We need contributing authors and reporters for the newsletter. Forward any contributions you want published to austby@charter.net and you'll see your byline in print.

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



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"A Turn For the Better"

**Next Meeting — March 17, 9am —
At the Brigitta & Bill Gautsch Studio in
Onalaska.**

**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.**

