One Good Turn

April 11 , 2007

Coulee Region Woodturners Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



April 21 – 9am at Denis Falch Shop in Winona

In April, Duane Hill will show us how to use epoxy and Inlace to fill voids and/or enhance a woodturning. Included will be the use of different fillers such as coffee grounds, metallic dust, brass shavings and stones. Duane will show us how to use minerals with woodturnings as a filler. He will go over the preparation of the stones, what stones to use and use of the stones in your turnings. You can really let your imagination run with the variety of colors, fillers and ideas.

PrezSez:

Our March demonstration was a good one (making winged bowls) and we are grateful that Aaron could fill in, at last minutes notice. He has always been "Johnny or Aaron on the spot", ready to do a demonstration if needed. We are fortunate to have him in our club. He has continually contributed to the club in both time and talent. For the newer members, he is one of the founding members and past club secretary for a number of years, I think five. He is definitely one of the best turners in the area a person can learn from, if they would just ask him.

We have a bit of a dilemma with people that receive a hard copy of the newsletter. Since Art has retired, he can no longer use his company's copiers and mailing service to send them out. So he has to pay for copies made plus mail postage. This takes extra effort and club cost. We would like to shorten the list of mailed hard copy newsletters if possible. Most other clubs just use e-mail, but we do not want to alienate anyone and we value all members of the club. We are looking for solutions from these members to reduce the time and club's expenses. Do you have someone's email address that we could send it to? Take sometime and ask friends or family members if you could use their email address. If you can, then let Art know this information. We will continue to mail the hard copies for the near future.

Now that the weather is getting warmer and the signs of spring will bring forth many plants. One of those plants will be mushrooms, and that is what I would like to have for our next club turning challenge. The field will be open to type, size, number and we will split the entries into classes again so everyone will be open to participate (1 to 2 year, 3 to 5 years, and 5 plus years). More details on this at the next meeting.

-John Fisher-

March Meeting—Aaron Gesicki—Winged Bowls



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

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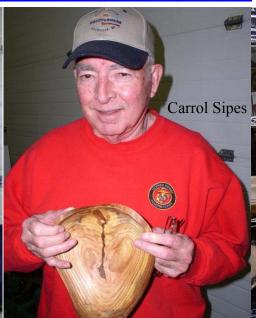
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Duane Hill All areas of turning and John Fisher Spindle turning Onalaska, WI. finishing. Holmen, WI.

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March Instant Gallery Artists







<u>LOOKING FOR BURLS ?</u>

Larry Gehl (former CRW member) has some nice looking cherry burl for sale. All shapes, sizes and prices. Give him a call at 608-675-3715 or 608-792-7457

April Open Shop Night

Open Shop Nights: Thursday April 12 & 26. 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.

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.



Clean the wood chips out of your hair!!

At the next meeting, Art Ustby will be taking new "mug shot" photos of you for our web site and member guide.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Apr 12 Open Shop Night at Duane Hill's Shop.

<u>Apr 21.</u> Inlace Materials and Techniques with Duane. Location: Denis Falch Shop in Winona.

Apr 26 Open Shop Night at Duane Hill's Shop.

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

June. Craft Show Business with Lee G. Location is WWTC

<u>July.</u> Pro turner: Herm deVries Demo. Location: Denis Falch Shop in Winona. (Club sponsored)

<u>Aug.</u>—Ornamental Birdhouses and Stands with Greg Haugen. Location is Shorty's Retreat.

Sept.—Pro Turner, John Jordan Demo, Location is B&B

studio in La Crosse.

Oct.—Door Stops with Greg Haugen. Location is Pam Reilly's Studio.

Nov.—Platters by Duane Hill.

<u>Dec.</u>—Music Boxes by Tom Mruz.

Meeting Leaders;

Apr.– John Fisher

May—Greg Haugen

June—Duane Hill

July—Denis Snider

August-Bob Patros

March Instant Gallery Artists



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. <u>Don't miss this demo, register early.</u>

July Special Treat

We all have tools in our shop that we bought, tried, and wish we'd never even seen. For most of us, the skew is the first thing that comes to mind. However, Oneway's ring tool, the Termite, is another that when tried, very quickly gets retired to the dark, back corners of the shop. Herm deVries is one of the few who has mastered the intricacies of this tool. He hails from Winnipeg, Manitoba and is the founder of the World of Woodturners website, the largest online gallery of turnings in the world. Herm is so comfortable with the Termite that he uses it for all his hollowing and has even made his own boring bars in which to mount the bits to facilitate deep hollowing – deep being in the range of 2+ feet!! Herm will be coming to regale us with his finesse using the Termite for the July meeting.

Road Trip Time...

The Minnesota Woodturners Association is pleased to announce that British Woodturner Jimmy Clewes will do a club demonstration and four days of hands-on sessions. Jimmy will demonstrate several turning projects and show us how he uses color to enhance his turnings. Saturday May 5, 2007, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Entry Fee: \$30. Location: Minneapolis College of Art and Design, 2501 Stevens Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55404

A Plea From The Editor -

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.

Also if you are looking for something or trying to sell something, let the editor know and it will be put in the newsletter.



Greg Haugen

What do you do for a living: I'm a full time "stay at home Dad". I graduated from the Wood Technics (carpentry and woodworking) Program with high honors from WWTC. I have worked as a carpenter as well as a furniture and cabinetmaker. In 2005 when the oldest of three daughters started preschool the expense of daycare and keeping up with her "half day" schedules were taking a toll. That fall I left my career to stay at home for my family. I currently sell my pieces at the AAW gallery in St. Paul, Minnesota and recently just started at an-

other gallery in TN. Earlier this year I also began selling doorstops to an area realty company that uses them in their "closing" house warming baskets.

Who or what turned you onto woodworking: I have "played" around with woodworking since I was in elementary school. In high school and technical college I competed in state and national competitions resulting in two state championships and a runner-up on the national level.

What classes have you taken / what symposiums have you gone to / which would you recommend:

I haven't been to a symposium yet. I have taken "hands on" classes with What's your next turning project: Alan Lacer at his shop, along with one with Trent Bosch in Chicago. Both guys are down to earth and a real joy to turn with. I would recommend for people to attend a meeting or demonstration at other clubs also. I have demo'ed in three different states and attended demos in five. It's a lot of fun to meet people from other clubs and to get a chance to see how things are ran at their club. It also never hurts to create more "contacts" and to network.

What type of turning do you like best: Boy, that's tough. I enjoy

spindles, hollow forms, and bowls. Lately, however, I've been turning more spindle projects for galleries and customers. I have also been "honing" (no pun) my hollowing skills in my spare time.

Something most people don't know about you: By the time I was a senior in high school I was an EMT on a local ambulance. I was shot on an ambulance run in the left shoulder and I've never returned back to work in emergency medicine. I was also in the Army, stationed in Fort Benning, GA.

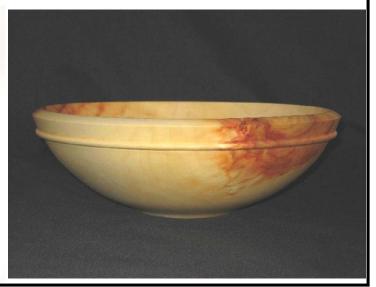
What's your next purchase: Turning tools? Ha, could be anything. <smile>

I'm going to be turning about 30-40 door stops in the next few days. I also have some 8" and 10" square stock of box elder and Chinese elm that is going to get hollowed out soon.

What are your other interests be**yond turning:** I do enjoy acoustic (bluegrass) music, especially when I'm turning. I'll be attending a festival in August.

From the editor: Greg is also our Program Director.





Library materials out

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

Check out CRW's web site

for more photos and information. http://www.crwoodturner.com

FOR SALE:

I have two items for sale

- 1. Shopsmith Mark 5 (One owner).
- 2. Delta 12" disc sander, Bought new and has total run time of perhaps half an hour.

Making room for new toys.

If interested please call Tim McCaleb @ 1-507-529-1197

ALine Demo—March 23 & 24



Thanks to Denis Falch, Art Ustby, Rich Egan, John Fisher, Duane Hill and Dennis Snider for demonstrating at the event.

Remember to turn safely.

It's easy to get hurt turning. When you start to get tired, stop and take a break. Remember to also protect your face and your lungs. We want you to be long term CRW members!



Thanks to John Fisher and Lee Goehring for working the booth. Also, thanks to John Fisher, Lee Goehring, Duane Hill, Dennis Snider, Pam Reilly and Shannon Storkel for having pieces displayed at the booth. Special thanks to Lee Goehring who donated a piece to be raffled off. Several people stopped by and admired the pieces in the booth. All in all, it was a good day (except for the Badgers loosing in basketball). - *Duane Hill*

Area clubs and their websites.

Check them out for upcoming events and demonstrations:

Minnesota Woodturners Association

Central MN & Western WI. www.mnwoodturners.com

Zumbro Valley Woodturners

South Eastern MN www.zvwoodturners.org

Badger Woodturners

www.badgerwoodturners.org

Chicago Woodturners

www.chicagowood turners.com

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"A Turn For the Better"



9:00 Saturday, April 21, 2007.

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 AL-WAYS welcome. And maybe something chocolate for that special person.

