

## "Shorts 2"

No we are not talking tightie whities, boxers or even gym shorts, we are talking short subjects. We had so much fun with the shorts topic last year and we have had several requests for a reprise, well, here it comes. Our next meeting will be "Shorts 2". We will be having 4-6 people doing mini presentations on various topics. Each presentation is 5-15 minutes in length. We still have room for a couple more presenters, so let one of the board members know before Saturday - September 8, if you have something you would like to offer. This is a great way to break in for doing a full demonstration.

## PrezSez:

I can not believe that another summer is over and we are getting close to the time that the leaves will start to change and the days are getting shorter. I really like this time of year, the weather is better, hunting, and after the leaves have dropped off the trees it is the best time to cut lumber for turning. The wood will have less moisture and the bark will stay on the wood better for natural edge bowls.

We had another great demonstration thanks to a number of people efforts. Duane Hill put on a great demo and platters but his demonstrations are always good. The only down side of the whole day was the rain. Brother Finbar saved the day by having the tarps, poles, and tie downs, so no one had to get too wet. Most of the fun going to Shorty's place is the great food that he prepares for the group, what a feast.

Looking at the Gallery that our group displays each month, it sure showing signs of improvement. Even the new turners are making some impressive pieces. There is much talent in this group and we need to keep passing it on to others. I sound like a broken record, term that younger turners could relate to, but we need to have more volunteers for helping plan meetings. It takes a little time and effort to make these meetings worthwhile. See me if you are interested in helping.

Who was to know that the day of our last meeting would be a day like in Noah's time with all the rain that would be coming that night. Most people in our group made it through with little damage but one person I know had 4 ft. of water and their neighbor's garden in their basement. Tom Wheeler lives in the Stoddard area and he was hit pretty bad so if anyone is interested in donating a little bit, let me know. Be thankful that no one was hurt and I am thankful for the good people of CRW.

—*John Fisher*—

# August Meeting



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August Gallery





**Thanks Shorty & Perry for all your hard work !!**

The food was great as always and everyone went away full.

**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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**A-Line will be having their fall woodworking show November 9-10.**

We have been asked to demonstrate again. So mark your calendars and see if you are available to demonstrate. Note, you must be an AAW member to demonstrate, but not to talk.

**September Open Shop Night — NOW TUESDAY EVENINGS**

Open Shop Nights: **Tuesday** September 11 & 25. Open Shop Night is held on selected 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.

**September 8** - The West Salem school is having a fund raiser for their school forest which is actually located off the interstate in Sparta Wis. This is off of exit 28 (hwy 16) Theater road. Park at the Best Western Hotel, wagon rides will get you into the forest. There will be family GPS geocaching, archery muzzle loader demos. Banjo Music and I will be turning for fund raising most of the day. Live and silent auction at 1:00 Hot air balloon ride, Home energy audit, Hybrid car, Vacation time share, Kayak lessons and a trip on the Mississippi River, Compound bow and more. In case of rain it will be held at the Lion's shelter in West Salem.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Sept 11** Open Shop Night at Duane's Shop

**Sept. 15**—Turning "Shorts". Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.

**Sept 25** Open Shop Night at Duane's Shop

**Oct.**—What can I do to correct this mistake? Location is Pam Reilly's Studio.

**Nov 9,10** ALine woodworking show

**Nov17**—Shop Basics by Bill Gautsch. Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.

**Dec.**—Router inlays by Art Ustby & Denis Falch. Location: Denis Falch Shop in Winona.

**Meeting Leaders:**

**Sept.**—Rich Egan

**Oct.**—John Fisher

**Nov.**—Duane Hill

## Meet our Members



**Lyle Solem**

### **Personal information.**

Born and raised in Clear Lake SD. Drafted into the Army during the Korean War. After being discharged I enrolled at South Dakota State University where I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. Graduated in May 1959 and married Donna one month later. We have three daughters and four grandchildren.

My first employment as an Electrical Engineer was in Milwaukee WI for AC Spark Plug. No, we were not in the Spark Plug business. We were developing ground and air born support equipment for the Titan and Minute Man Missile. I only stayed with AC one year. I left AC to join IBM where my career lasted 27 years, 23 years in management within the Development and Manufacturing Engineering organization. I am a person that likes change; therefore, I changed management positions about every 2 1/2 years. My final management position was in the Corporate Education Department.

I left IBM at the age of 54 to start my own business which was called Solem Associates. This business was a Management Consulting Firm with clients in Europe, Japan, Canada, and the U.S. After living in airports and hotels for about 12 years I am now retired.

### **Who got you interested in woodworking?**

My father was always making something around the house so I would have to say my father. Dad, thank you for getting me started. I purchased my first Sears Lathe in the early 1970's because I needed to turn some legs for a table. I completed this project and then never turned anything until 1985 when I turned Unity Candles for two of our daughter's weddings.

### **What classes and symposiums have you taken/attended?**

The first classes I took were through our community education in the 1970's. My next formal turning education was a one week private class from Russ Hurt in WI in 1987. At that time the AAW was just trying to get started and Russ asked all attendees if they wanted to join the organization. I did join and I am proud to say that I have been listed as one of the original charter members of AAW. In the last 6 year I have taken additional training which includes a one on one with Alan Lacer in his shop, one day session with Robert Rosand and a one day session with Jimmy Clews. My wife and I have attended the past 3 AAW Symposiums where we have attended/watched 19 professionals demonstrate their specific techniques in turning. My wife thinks I possibly have taken enough formal training at this time.

### **Type of turning do you like best?**

My turning objectives are the same as when I was making a living as a manager. Once you know how to do something try another project. Therefore, I must say I do not have any favorite turning project. My favorite wood to work with is Burls because you never know what the end result will be. I am a change artist. You may wonder what do I have for a lathe? As I previously told you my first lathe was a Sears Lathe. I joined the Zumbro Valley Woodturners Chapter and then the CRW Chapter and I found out my Sears lathe did not have many features. My wife then found a used Rockwell/Delta Lathe for sale in the paper and I purchased it for \$450 which I thought you must be nuts to spend that much for a toy. I used it less than a year and got tired of changing belts to change the speed. After some research and seeing Bill's and Denis's ONEWAY, I found out that most Professionals like the ONEWAY products. I purchased a ON-WAY Model 1640 and have been very happy with it.

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**What don't most people know about you?**

I must have been a tough kid. When I was about 10 years old, I was hit by a Model A Ford car, knocked to the ground and ran over with the front wheel stopping in the middle of my back. The car backed off of me. I got up and ran home. The only problem I have had is a few backaches.

**What has the club done that you like?**

That answer is easy. I have learned a lot from you, the members, and outstanding show and tell, I have attended 14 professional sessions that were arranged by the program committee of CRW and they have all been outstanding. I have learned a lot. Thank you CRW present and past board members for what you do.

**What is your next purchase?**

I have nothing on the radar screen at this time.

**What's your next turning project?**

I have just ordered some Ambrosia Maple platter blanks from Choice Woods so I guess my next project

will be platters.

**Other interest beyond turning?**

The first area must be my family and the second area is volunteering. I am a SCORE member where we consult individuals on how to start a business. I am also very active in the Kiwanis Organization having been the Governor of Kiwanis for the states of Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota. On the lighter side I love to watch sports on TV.



**Lathe For Sale:**

My new big and improved Powermatic is now installed and operational. Thus, I have a lathe for sale. 1947 Delta lathe. Old iron – heavy and simple. It's on a mobile homemade stand, with wheels, drawers, and ballast. Powered by a state-of-the-art Delta [same exact brand and model as on the new Powermatic] VFD-based system with Baldor 2HP motor.

One proviso – you have to pick it up. I can answer all questions about disassembly that you need to know about, like the 500 pounds of sand in the stand that you can have along with the package.

I also have a nice collection of peripheral hardware that goes with it, like face plates.

I'll be at the next meeting to answer any questions. If you're interested, stop in to see it. But please call first, since I'm gone a lot. Aaron Gesicki 608-269-7559 (home) 608-343-1538 (mobile)



**Didn't get a newsletter ??**

I try to get the newsletters published about 10 days before the next meeting. If you haven't received the newsletter and it's 1 week before the meeting, then send me an email (ustby@charter.net) or call me (608-781-0914) and I will make sure you receive the newsletter. — *Art Ustby* —

## Let's get to know our trees

Eastern Red Cedar  
*Juniperus virginiana*

The Eastern Red Cedar is sometimes called Eastern Juniper or Red Juniper and also called Aromatic Cedar for its strong scent. It is not however a true Cedar but a Juniper as its Latin name indicates.



Height: 30' to 50'

Trunk diameter: 1' to 2'

Age: 300 years (mostly in the south east)

Tree: pyramid shaped, single trunk frequently crooked and leaning. It often has folds and creases.

Needles: scaly needles 1-2" long. They are pointed with a round cross section and are dark green. They can also cause skin irritation.

Bark: red-brown to gray, very fibrous and peels with age into long narrow shreds. Has a reddish inner bark that is smooth and was called "baton rouge" by the early French in Louisiana.

Cone: will start green and change to blue with a white powdery or waxy film. It appears berry like and is ½" long with 1-2 seed inside.

Habitat: wet swampy areas, dry soils, open hill sides. Likes full sun and prefers limestone.

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This slow growing evergreen is the most widely distributed conifer in the Eastern United States. The wood is light weight, fine grained, soft and brittle. It has pinkish red to brownish red heart wood sometimes appearing purple. Some of the uses of the Eastern Red Cedar are carvings, furniture, small boats and because it is very durable and rot resistant like fence posts, utility poles, decks, siding, outdoor furniture. It is avoided by moths making a great lining for chests. They are also popular Christmas trees in Missouri and Arkansas Ozarks.

Can be distinguished from the White Cedar by the needles growing on four sides of the limb and not flat like the White Cedar. Another way is that it has blue “berries” instead of the actual cone that the White Cedar has.

The cones are a food source to waxwings, bobwhite quail, grouse, pheasants, turkeys, rabbits, foxes, raccoons, skunks, opossums, and even coyotes. Most of the natural spread of the seeds is from bird droppings that will typically germinate in the spring of the second year. The cones are high in crude fat, crude fiber, moderate in calcium, and very high in total carbohydrates. The high calcium content in the foliage will cause the ground under it to become neutral to slightly alkaline in a short time. This causes increased earthworm activity for all you fisherman out there. The cones have a few uses for us humans as well. It is used in kidney medicine and it flavors gin during the distillation process. It no wonder that stuff tastes so bad! Juniper oil is distilled from the wood, twigs, and needles used for fragrance compounds.

During the Dust Bowl of the 1930's the Prairie States Forest Project encouraged their planting in shelterbelts (wind breaks). Fire is its biggest enemy due to its thin bark and shallow roots but will be one of the first to grow back earning it the title of Pioneer Invader. It will grow best in a pure stand and not mixed with hardwoods. Eastern Red Cedar is only considered temporary and is replaced with more tolerant hardwoods and pines in approximately 60 years if left alone. They can take over a grass land and are starting to be considered an invasive species (even in native areas) due to the lack of natural fires that has kept them in check in the past. They can be affected by “cedar-apple ruse” which causes large jelly-like orange growths on the tree. The pollen is known as an allergen. They shed pollen as early as late winter through early spring.

— *Shannon Storkel* —



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**"A Turn For the Better"**

**Next Meeting — September 15, 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 red 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.**

