# One Good Turn

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Coulee Region Woodturners Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

# What can I do with a Router on my Lathe?

December 15—Falch Shop in Winona, MN

This demonstration will show how the router can be used to enhance your turnings. Several techniques will be shown with router fixtures used to produce them. The fixtures can



be easily made in your shop. Here are just two examples of what can be done.

Hope to see you all there.



# **PrezSez:**

Well, Christmas is almost here and I hope everyone has had sometime to work on their lathe to make some presents. Duane gave another nice demonstration at A-Line Tool on how to do some Christmas ornaments. Before the last meeting, there was a number of people that also helped with the A-Line Tool demonstrate some of the lathes for their annual tool show. This has become an annual event for some of our club members and it has generated a number of new members for our club. I would encourage other members to come and volunteer the next time, we need people to talk and explain while the other person is turning.

The last demonstration at Bill and Brigitta's was great. It was different and gave our membership a chance to see how to cut up a log with burls on them. I would like to thank Bill and Brigitta again for letting us use their shop for the demo and for putting on such a good show. I would also like to thank Clyde Cassell for the large Maple burl that he donated to the club. We raffled off the wood to be made into projects. This is now a challenge and we will see what everyone does with the wood at the February meeting, this will give some time for people to make something and bring it to that meeting.

Remember that our next meeting will be for electing our next group of officers and all offices are open if anyone wants to try out for the positions. We have people trying out for all positions but I encourage anyone willing to participate to throw their hat into the ring or at least participate in some other ways.

We have empty bowls project going on at the Holmen High School again and the proceeds go to all area food pantries so see Duane Hill if you have a bowl to donate for the cause and he needs them by December 13<sup>th</sup>.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas and see you at the next meeting.

—John Fisher—

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# **December Open Shop Night**

Open Shop Nights: Tuesday Dec 11 & Dec 18. Open Shop Night is held on selected Tuesday 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.

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Wanted:
People to be leaders for upcoming CRW meetings. Also looking hosts for 2008 meetings. If this interests you talk to one our board members. Hope to hear from you.

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## **Holmen Empty Bowls**

Get your bowls to Duane Hill by the December meeting. All bowls will be donated to the Holmen High School Empty Bowls Project. Proceeds will go to a local food pantry.

#### **Professional Demonstrator Videos**

The board has some questions for you to think about and possibly discuss at the December meeting. The questions concern the making of videos of professional demonstrators.

- 1). Have you ever checked out a video of a professional demonstrator at CRW? If so, how many times? Any comments?
- 2). Beside providing a great means for viewing, do you see any value in video taping the demonstration?
- 3). How many DVDs would you expect from a weekend demo (2, 4, 6) If 6, would you watch all 6?
- 4). How long should the club keep videos of demonstrations?
- 5). Do you have any comments and/or suggestions on improvements you would like to see in the video taping?

#### For Sale:

#### Delta/Rockwell Lathe

Cast iron bedway and legs, 14" swing and 38" between centers.

MOTOR: 4-speed, 1/2 HP, 120V, new wiring.

HEADSTOCK: 14" swing, inboard 1 1/2" x 8, outboard 1" x 8, hollow spindle, new

bearings and belt, #2 MT.

TAILSTOCK: #3 MT w/#2 MT adapter, heavy duty, reach 4".

includes custom-made rolling base (cost \$250 to make) asking \$450 obo for both.

**Delta 10" Compound Miter Saw** w/stable mate stand. \$150.

(507)895-1036. Paul Woelper (507)895-1036.

## **Upcoming A-Line Demos:**

<u>January 12</u>—9am to noon—Prep & Finishing—Jim

Cox

February 2—9am to noon—Raised Panel & Glass

Cabinet Doors—Ken McIntyre

February 23—8am to noon—Simple Vases &

Bowls—Duane Hill

March 8—9am to 11:30am—Routers/Tables/Bits &

Blades

Annual Spring Show—March 21 10am to 6pm,

March 22 9am to 1pm

#### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

<u>Dec.</u>—Router inlays by Art Ustby & Denis Falch. Lo-

cation: Denis Falch Shop in Winona.

**Meeting Leaders**;

Dec.- John Fisher

## 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. —  $\mathcal{A}rt\ Ustby$  —

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## **Meet our Members**



John Fuchsel

What do you do for a living? For most of my career I sold wholesale building materials, everything from rebar to ridge cap. However, what I like selling most was tools. My responsibilities included sales management for a team of eight. Currently I sell residential remodeling services, spe-

cializing in exterior work with emphasis on permanent materials. Formal education is a BA in Biology from St. Mary's University, Winona. Although I didn't pursue my intended career path in wildlife management, a science background gives me a greater appreciation for the natural materials we work with. I see individual trees where others see a forest.

Who/what turned you on to wood working? Although I didn't take industrial arts classes in high school I did make frequent visits to the basement at Sears becoming familiar with the Craftsman line of wood working tools. My father didn't own any power tools beyond a drill but I believe my grandfather did carpentry. I was intrigued by all the useful things you could build if I had a "few" tools. Tools could pay for themselves. So I began to acquire tools believing that the extra cost of professional quality was offset by performance and longevity. In 1976 I designed and built a 2700 square foot split level home where we still reside. Later I built a 30' x 50' shop with a 12' x 30' loft. I could not have afforded this had I not done the construction myself. Beyond that it's difficult to put a value on the satisfaction of doing it yourself and making it your own.

Coincidently, I purchased an old Delta/Rockwell lathe from Bill Gautsch before this club existed. I think my chuck was more expensive than that lathe. I also have a Jet mini. After floundering around for a few years I met Jim Cox who was exhibiting at the Art Fair on the Green. The club was about a year old at that time and was just the type of affiliation I was in need of to

get some badly needed help learning how to turn wood. I was involved with a wood carving club but they were declining and I couldn't see advancing in a craft where my average completion time on a piece was running 40 hours.

What type of turning do you like best? Bowls, vases, and boxes. I have a love/hate relationship with apple wood. Everyone in our group probably knows its good and bad attributes. If you need a chunk I have the clubs' largest inventory of apple. Guaranteed!

Something most people don't know about you? I have served as president of my church for the past dozen years. We have 1000 members, three pastors, and ten teachers in our school so there is a lot happening there to keep me busy. I'm also the leader of the Boy Pioneers (church equivalent of Cub/Boy Scouts) and my wife teaches Sunday school at our church as well as at a Hmong outreach program.

What has the club done that you like? The CRW has been excellent in providing the membership with diverse skills training. Everyone is eager to share their knowledge and improve the skills of anyone interested in learning. The ability of the members has come a long way as a result of the opportunity to learn from each other as well as the visiting pros.

What's your next purchase? I could use a collet chuck for holding small pieces. I would like to turn small objects on the Jet mini; however, my 5-1/2" Vic Mark chuck is too heavy. Wood project editor gave the Barracuda 2 five stars for performance. It's available for \$170.00 from Penn State Industries. It comes with an amazing four sets of jaws. Holding range is 3/32" to 4-1/8" external and 1-1/16" to 4-7/8" internal. Does anyone have this chuck?

What's your next turning project? Finish a bunch of rough turned box elder that's now dry and turn the maple burl wood from the Nov. meeting raffle.

Other interest beyond turning? Grape growing and

Other interest beyond turning? Grape growing and wine making is coming on stronger every year for me, maybe a retirement job. I've started planting several varieties of the new cold hardy wine grapes introduced by the University of MN. I currently have about eighty vines and will add about a hundred next spring and eventually get to at least four acres which is several thousand vines.

## "New and Improved" Instant Gallery and the in-depth reviews/critiques.

The club is always trying to improve the meetings. Please provide your comments of what you think of the new way we're doing the Instant Gallery.

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"A Turn For the Better"

Next Meeting -We will meet at the Denis Falch Shop.

**9:00 Saturday, December 15, 2007** 

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

