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Shorty's Cabin Retreat 2013

Another one in the record book. What a great day! If you went home hungry, it was your own fault. Thanks to Wendell for a great demo and insight into some great small projects! Thanks, Shorty, for all the fabulous food and hospitality!



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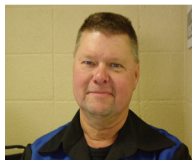


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The Prez Sez...

How could one ask for a better time than Shorty's. Wendell out did himself with humor and skill. Lots of questions were asked. A day for relaxing, talking to friends, and over eating. Shorty out does himself more and more each year, as he always does more than asked. Who ever paid for the weather got their money's worth. Thanks to those who put the time in for it to work, it made it great for the rest of us.

The club has acquired several pieces of audio visual equipment, to make life easier and better for those who handle that area.

The Great River Folk fest demo went well. One of our members was so photogenic that he made the La Crosse Tribune in color. Papa Duane reverted to his normal nature and worked with a young lady for part of the time, with much interest from passerbys as well.

Sunday my wife and I ventured North to Alma, for the Alma Craft show and stopped and chatted with our own John Griffiths who was displaying there. Later he told me he had a good day. (Clyde also was a good husband and stopped at a Quilt Shop.)

The buzz issue around the club is name tags. Steve and Carol Stevenson have offered to purchase the first 100 tags, which is wonderful. The 2nd part of the equation which no one seems to have an answer for is, maintaining the program in the future. If you do not wear your name tag do you get fined? Slapped on the wrist? Or stand in the corner or what? Do we turn them in each meeting to store for the next meeting, take them home, or what? Those that get lost, how are they replaced? And who is going to take on the project to oversee it month to month?

The club has applied for a raffle license from the state to be legal. With that comes new rules, we can only sell raffle tickets the day of the drawing, this applies to our tool raffle and any future wood raffle. Also if you purchase a ticket you have to be in attendance when the winning ticket is drawn. We will have to see how this works out.

For now coffee is covered but when the snow falls our happy coffee will be happily in Arizona. An idea for the future would be to have a sign up sheet and those interested could sign up for the months they choose. More names on the list, reduces the efforts of any one person.

The elections are around the near corner, as before President, Vice-President, Program Director and Sect'y . are open. It does not require years of membership to the club or pro status in the turning world. It takes some effort, patience, consentience, and sometimes a really big club, to do what needs to be done. All offic-es help each other with problems and solutions. So please give it some thought and step up, and it is also nice to see what is going on. It is a great place to be, to be part of setting up the demo schedule and club ac-tivities .

September meeting at the field house, Demo by Duane is Christmas Ornaments, tool raffle drawing, discus-sions on name tags, vacancies for officer positions, instant gallery and donuts.

Norskedalen is also on the same day as our meeting, John Phillips is stepping forward to set up and organize the booth for the day, if you would like to help pitch in contact John or Bob Raasch.

I talked to Bob Patros, and he seemed pleased by the donations for the Gunderson program. Remember our last club demo will be at the Beth Home (Maplewood) in October. It was a good time last year and they asked us to come back. See an officer if you can be part of the day.

Remember, lots to remember, the empty bowls project is coming up in Holmen, so take a little time and turn a piece or two for a good cause.

The board is starting to fill the 2014 demo schedule, so if you have ideas let them know.

On a personal note, while I was writing this today Henry has repeatedly told me he writes better letters then I do, better vocabulary and better spelling. I know he has a better memory then me. I do not know where he buries his bones. Maybe next month he will win out and do a better letter than I.

Clyde Cassell

Programming News from Bob Raasch

Shortys' Cabin Retreat.

Oh what fun we had at Shorty's cabin retreat. Yep, a Shangri-La indeed. Lots of wonderful conversation, some shavings made and a wonderful lunch of delicious barbecued tender pork ribs and chicken, corn, potato salad, roasted potatoes, cole slaw, watermelon and other wonderful food. What a feast! Shorty Mueller, a huge thank you for your generous and welcoming hospitality on that spectacular Saturday in August. Shorty, you brought much joy to CRW gang with your grill cooking.

Roger Peterson, thanks for bringing around ice cream cones, that was a nice treat to end the lunch. And Roger, you got broke in for making the Joe, thanks a lot.

A shout out to Dan Erickson for providing and making the first round of coffee from the purveyor's of fine coffee from Bean Juice Coffee Roasters, located in Jackson Plaza, La Crosse.

Clyde, thank you for bringing the pork ribs once again, and to John Phillips for riding shotgun on the delivery road trip.

Thanks to the guys who helped carefully moving Shorty's Oneway lathe from the shop area to the demo area and back; Perry, Odell Anderson, Jack Fitz, Roger Michaelson, Duane Hill and several others I can't remember.

Duane Hill, I appreciate you bringing the bottled water and ice and tables.

There are others that I have missed for sure. A huge thanks to all helped with other assorted things such as cleanup.

And a special thanks to the 44 attending members to help make this another memorable event as we enjoyed conversation, good food and a wonderful demo by master Wendell Ziegler.

As is always the case, Wendell is so creative with his smaller items, tops of all sorts, jigs and tricks, special techniques for chatter work, making Christmas trees, and much more. You piqued the interest of many, as evident by the many questions you answered so well and offered people to come up afterward to get another look at your vast array of goodies made of wood. I had not thought of turning as "C Drosda/Ziegler" talks about as mostly producing coves and beads- guess I better get practicing! Wendell, I was not aware that you also produce wonderful large objects. You are a master. Thank you once again.

Great River Folk Festival

The Great River Folk Festival on the UWL campus had the CRW in attendance on August 24-25. Shavings were being made, and the selling booth was managed by club members. There were many items displayed and sold. If more items were brought in, additional sales would have happened. John Griffiths mentioned approximately \$500 in sales, netting the club about \$125.00, the rest going to the turners. And best of all, many people stopped by the demo tent to watch useful items emerge from the flying shavings. As John Griffiths mentions, we may even garner a new member or two from the passers-by. Those crafting items during the event were Duane Hill, John Phillips, John Griffiths, Rich Egan, Odell Anderson, and Ken Grunke, hope I did not leave anyone out. Others who helped in various ways were Ron Kaser, Bob Raasch and Jack Fitzpatrick. If you did not see it, our champion turner John Phillips had his picture and story in the La Crosse Tribune for Sunday, August 25. Be sure to check it out! http://lacrossetribune.com/great-river-folk-festival/image_bf9884b2-0cf7-11e3-87f7-001a4bcf887a.html. On Saturday, Duane Hill made a captive ring turning, giving it to a youngster from the booth next to the CRW tent. As she was so interested in the process and work, Duane worked with her on Sunday as she turned her first object. Wish I had a picture of that.



Threshing Bee, Norskedalen, Sept 21.

Coming up on Sept 21 is the Norskedalen Threshing Bee. John Phillips, Steve and Carol Stevenson and John Frawley will represent the club. Thanks for stepping up. If another member has time and is not planning on coming to the Onalaska meeting, please consider keeping company with John Phillips in the AM to help with the turning demo and sales. First shift including set up is 9-12:30. The club will have one min lathe there. You will need your own sharp tools, safety gear and wood to turn. Please let Bob Raasch know of your interest @raaschb@charter.net. If you have items to sell, please make arrangements with John Phillips or bring to Norskedalen. For more info regarding the Bee 2013, click [here](#) or Google Norskedalen.

September 21 Club Meeting

Back at our home in the Onalaska Community Center. Our own master turner, Duane Hill will be sharing how he turns Christmas Tree Ornaments.

The tool raffle for the September meeting includes a 3 tool set of Mike Hunter tools, used for hollowing miniatures and ornaments. Sea shells (urchins), supplied by Duane Hill will also be in mix. Feast your eyes on the wonderful selection of the 3 Hunter mini hollowing tool set with cutter removal tool, designed by Mark St Leger, obtained by Greg Haugen and 8 sea urchins obtained by Duane Hill. The tool set is designed for hollowing small hollow forms, or other items a maximum of about 3 in. tall. The set retails for about \$250 on Hunter's website. See the You Tube video by John Lucas [here](#). If the link does not work, just search for Hunter Carbide type hollowing tools on the You Tube website.

The beautiful urchins seashells were selected by Duane Hill. Notice the gorgeous shapes and colors (I believe Sputnik, Alphonso, and colors of green, purple, white). Looking online, I found the selection probably retails for about \$15-\$20. These will make beautiful ornaments, ideal for Christmas presents or to decorate your own tree. For an example of some types of ornaments that can be made with sea urchins, see red background picture below from finewoodworking.com

So folks, save your moola, come to the meeting, enjoy some coffee and refreshments, and most definitely consider purchasing your raffle tickets at the usual price. \$5 each or a deal at 5 for \$20. There will be one very lucky winner.

It is important for members to know that the tool raffles help augment costs related to running this wonderful Coulee Region Woodturning club. The club membership fee does not cover all of the associated costs, so as many organizations do, we also conduct occasional fundraising activities to augment costs. We usually do this about 3 times a year. This is important to the success of the club.

Happy turning and safely keep making those shavings.



Saturday, October 12, Maplewood Quilt Show at Maplewood Assisted Care facility, Viroqua, WI.

The club has committed to demonstrating woodturning for the public at the event. Participating in this venue is another opportunity for the CRW to educate the public on the craft/art of woodturning. The event runs from 10:00am - 2:30 pm, with setup starting 8:30 am. The Quilt show is a fundraiser for the assisted care facility, so there are a fair number of people attending the event throughout the day. Last year the club had 4 or 5 members demonstrating on two mini lathes; making and giving away some items, such as pens and small bowls. We will do the same this year. If you would like to participate, please see Clyde or myself for information and sign up on the Maplewood Signup sheet at this month's meeting.

October 19 club meeting

Steve Sinner, a professional turner from Bettendorf, Iowa will be our featured demonstrator for the October meeting. Steve will join us for a whole day. He does large hollowings and other wonderful artistic work. Here's an example of his work.



The November 16 meeting will have our own master turner Greg Haugen demonstrating the making of Wood Bowls.

The next club challenge will be at the November meeting on tops. Any size and any shape made out wood are acceptable. No electronics or pyrotechnics, please. Prizes will be given for the categories 1-3 years, 3-5 year, and 5 plus years. The grand prize will go to the top that remains vertical the longest in the great spin off. sharpen up your tools, and let 'r spin. Everyone can try this one.

Make reservations for Alan Lacer session, see below.

The December 21 meeting will be the usual Christmas potluck party. No turning demo, but great fellowship.

The January 18, 2014 meeting topic will be Back to the Basics. It's been awhile, so we'll have some mini's and the Powermatic setup, a couple of sharpening stations around the room, with mentoring provided by member volunteers. Specific station topics are tentative, but may include working with skewers, bowl work, spindle work, etc. If you have an interest in learning about a topic or willing to be a mentor, please let Bob Raasch know.

Alan Lacer coming to town!

At this November meeting we will be selling reserved hands-on classes conducted by Alan Lacer in February 2014. For the general club meeting on February 15, an extra \$25 will be collected on that day for his all day (morning and afternoon) presentation and workshop to be held at the Onalaska Community Center. There will be no additional cost for the general business meeting, refreshments and instant gallery, however, for those staying for the demonstration, \$25 will be collected.

Alan's hands-on classes will be conducted at A Line Machine Tool Company in LaCrosse on Sunday Feb 16 and possibly Monday Feb 16 if there is enough interest. The cost for each is day is \$110, paid in advance. There are a maximum of 8 slots available for each day. This is a fantastic price to get some very special and personalize teaching by one of the world's best skew artists and all around master professional turner.

We will be opening up this opportunity to other clubs, so please consider this in your planning. See additional information about Alan on his website <http://woodturninglearn.net/>

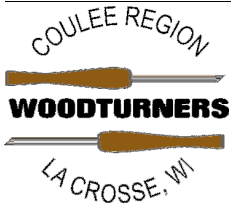
August Meeting Memories





More August Memories





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"A Turn For the Better"

**Next Meeting
Saturday,
Sept 21 2013 at 9 am.**

Here's a map to help those who aren't sure where we meet. It's the Onalaska Community Center at the intersections of Quincy & 6th Ave North in Onalaska, Wisconsin. 608-783-9290

We'll start the program promptly at 9am, so get there early to avoid getting a Uecker Seat.

We'll have coffee, so
Chocolate donuts are
ALWAYS
Welcomed.

