

One Good Turn

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Onalaska Luther Update *From the Lathe of the President*

I met with Dan Larsen and Phil Punzel, the Principal. We were able to address the administrative/logistic items that need understanding should we, as a group, decide to move to Luther for our meetings and events.

Longevity- We would meet once a year to evaluate whether the arrangement is a good value for both of us. So, no sudden eviction. If we are failing to add value to the school or the school is not supporting us then we would part ways

Storage- The space on the second floor is about 12 by 8. If we were to move we would bring the fencing from the community center to install at Luther. I envision the move taking place in July if approved and we would be able to temporarily store items in the shop space until our storage is in place. We will also have the elevator to move stuff up and down. It is located adjacent to the classroom.

Insurance- We would maintain our policies. If we are participating in a school event, their policy covers. Club events are under the CRW policy.

Safety- all members would have to take the safety course/training for the individual tools. The club would maintain a roster of members that have completed the training by item. We would have access to the wood shop for general meetings and demos. One or more individuals will be identified to receive key fobs for the doors. There is ample parking close by the shop rear door. If needed the commons door can be fobbed open for anyone needing help to get in.

The commons area, the cafeteria, and the chapel are available for larger events or specialized needs. We would have to communicate with the school on their use and to see if there are conflicts with other schedules. The commons and cafeteria would be available for larger than normal demos.

Cost- There is no rent for the space. We as a club would hold an open shop night once a month minimum, where we would teach woodturning techniques. We would set a curriculum and schedule volunteers. There is the option to hold more than one if the subject requires it. They also would like fundraising item donations from time to time.

Food- We would be able to have our coffee and snacks in the classroom space. Obviously we would strive to be good guests and clean up after ourselves. Larger scale (Meals during an all day class/demo) would be done in the cafeteria. Communication with the school ahead of time to make sure the spaces are available.

Internet- For streaming the meetings we would identify the devices going onto the school network and their IT would load the necessary access info (username and password).

Teaching during school hours- Luther is open to letting us teach woodturning during the

school days for up to a week. Instructors would have to go through a background check which the school would pay for. This is another way to pass on our craft.

Seating- We would be able to get chairs in the shop space for the meetings. Also we could hold the general meeting in the classroom then adjourn to the shop for a demo.

Display- There are cabinets near the shop space. One idea floated is that items from our instant gallery would be showcased there between meetings and updated at the next meeting.

Meeting openness- We are allowed to continue being open to all who want to come learn. As a school club we would be added to their calendars and other social media sites, opening us up to more visits from students and parents. With the additional space we can reach out to other schools and invite them as well when we have demos.

Restrooms- Male/Female/Wheelchair accessible are about 20 feet from the shop.

Facilities- Some pictures of the shop and parking are here

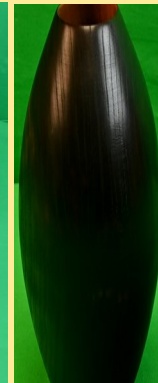
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In Service, Jim Bloomer

Community Outreach

From Kris Clough and New Horizons

Thank you to everyone who donated items to New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers. Our club's donations raised \$845. In total, the Galentine's Day Brunch raised over \$29,000.



Bob Patros



John Griffiths



Laverne Massman



Denis Falch



Bob Patros



John Phillips



Jay Johnson



Aaron Gesicki



Denis Falch

April Meeting, featuring Duane Hill

Have you ever gotten to the point on a bowl when you were trying to convert the tenon to a foot and the bottom of the bowl just did not look right?

You end up working on the transition to the foot and either get too thin or go thru the side/bottom?

I will show you a technique I learned in a class at Craft Supplies that lets you make that transition with confidence.

The technique is called a "back cut". I will show this technique.

Duane

Found in the Wood Chips Under My Jet:

John Griffiths, Program Director

I swept under my lathe after the board meeting last night and there was a **huge** pile, so much I needed knee high boots to get in there.

The most important issue is that we **POSTPONED** the Alan Lacer daylong event from April until October 15, 2022. It took a while to figure out, duh, but our April meeting falls in the middle of Easter weekend, not a good time for a major event. Much of that snafu is on me, folks, and I apologize.

We will have a Duane Hill Demo and his focus will be on design of the outside of a bowl. And these demos Duane gives are always very informative. Duane, thanks for stepping up to the plate.

A topic of a great deal of interest the last while has been the prospect of a move our operation from the Community Center to Onalaska Luther High School. There was a tour of the facility after our March meeting for board members and any club member who wished to attend. Our President will be discussing this in detail in his newsletter note, and we will use the

business meeting time at the April meeting to further discuss the pros and cons of the move and to discuss the procedure for voting on the proposal to move. There will be a voting process taking place from the April to the May meeting and ballots can be cast in person or by email.

Only paid members are allowed to vote. So, if you want to have your say in this important question, make sure your dues are paid. Our email list casts a wide shadow, and non-paid members do get club communications. But for this important matter, you must pay to play.

Editorial: Now, overall, I believe the proposed move will be a good one for the club. This is my opinion and I support the proposed move. Naturally, it will involve some change and some adaptation, and the board discussed much of that at the board meeting; but in terms of finances, the ability to bring our message about the art and craft of woodturning to more people, and the availability of high-speed internet, this is the best option for our future.

John Griffiths

Community Outreach

Wig Stands

from Bob Raasch

To date, 13 stands in total have made since the CRW started this community engagement project. 5 were collected at the March turning meeting.

These are beautiful. I'm sure the patients receiving these will be very appreciative of the stands, hand made by local artisans.

Stands made by Bob Patros & John Griffiths are going to Winona Health in Winona. Thank you to Virginia Green for delivering those.

Stands made by Don Morovits (2) and Paul Rops are going to the Cancer Center at Gundersen Healthcare in LaCrosse.

Thank you John, Bob, Paul and Don.

To the club, let's keep the momentum going! I hope to see more at the April meeting. Makers—Please identify if you have a preference if you want yours to go to Winona Health or Gundersen Cancer Center. Thanks again to all.

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

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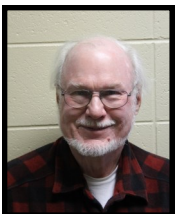
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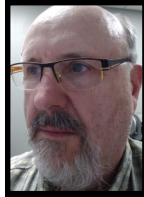


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Chicago Woodturners present

Woodturning Symposium

July 29-31, 2022

Northbrook, IL

The Chicago Woodturners are happy to invite you to join them, once again, for
Turn On! Chicago 2022.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the new venue: the newly remodeled Crowne Plaza Chicago-Northbrook conference center and hotel. Located just 15 minutes from O'Hare International Airport in Chicago's northern suburbs.

Register TODAY! www.turnonchicago.com

AAW 7th Segmenting Symposium

September 22-25, 2022

Crown Plaza Northbrook Hotel and Convention Center

2875 North Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Registration is now open!

Unique international symposium.

Meet and learn from the best in segmented woodturning.

Featured demonstrators include

Jerry Bennett, Robin Costelle, Tom Lohman, Jim Rodgers, Curt Theobald, Malcolm Tibbetts.

CRW Activities Schedule

April 16	Duane Hill: Getting the details looking good.
May 21	Marvin Meyer: Fluting with a router on the lathe.
June 18	Aaron Gesicki: Making a hook tool. Involves grinding and fire, thus the meeting will be outside in the pavilion. [Remember his January demo?]
July 16	John Fisher: Turning a plant stand.
August 20	Larry Gehl: Mountain segmented bowls.

Alan Lacer: Professional, all day, Fee to attend, topics and date TBD.

Thank you, David Susag

The Demo was impressive.

Equipment—tools—art—and all the references, tips, and examples.
Thank you your efforts and the sharing of your passion.
Clearly, you have found your artistic niche.



David Susag Demonstration



David Susag
Lanesboro, MN

9. Varaskål or Jealousy Bowl

This smaller vessel is maple and was turned on a spring-pole lathe. The finish is milk paint and a food-safe linseed oil and beeswax.

10. Varaskål or Jealousy Bowl

This larger vessel is spalted maple and was turned on a spring-pole lathe. The finish is a food-safe linseed oil and beeswax.

I have seen pictures of these bowls in the book *Norsk drikkekar av tre* by Per Gjærder and the online database for museums in Norway (digitaltmuseum.no). I am not aware of another spring-pole turner creating these bowls. During the pandemic I wanted to push my skills and try to turn something other than just another bowl. The hole in the bowl is so that you keep an eye on the host or other guests at a party.

I have been turning on a spring-pole lathe for just over five years. I built the lathe myself. I like the tool marks and how the bowls warp after drying. I like to be able to create ale bowls that I see in the museums in Norway and at Vesterheim.



Monthly Instant Gallery



John G

John G



Marv M



L. Gehl



Ken Grunke



John G



Bob P



Don Morovits



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"A Turn For the Better"

April Meeting Program -

Duane Hill is on the dais.
"Blending the Top to the Bottom"

See you there.

Next Meeting

Saturday

April 16, 2022 at 9 am.

Here's a map to help those who aren't sure where we meet. It's the Onalaska Community Center 515 Quincy St., Onalaska, WI. 608-783-9290

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

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

