

Next Meeting—Sat., May 20 2006, 9:00 AM—at the Reilly Studio in Elgin, MN

PAM REILLY, MEMBER DEMONSTRATOR

Box Making

Pam will be demonstrating her box-making techniques. She will show how to achieve a nearly seamless grain match, hide the joint between the lid and base, and get a nice, tight friction fit of the lid. She will also turn a finial, showing how this can be done with standard tools – no pen turning tools or mini tools are needed for these small finials. Pam is a very talented turner and this will be worth the trip.

PrezSez

Well, I must say I was very pleased with the turnout we had at the Bill Grumbine's demo. We tried something new at his demo, passing out a survey to the attendees on what they liked and didn't like with the demo. We plan on doing this at all of our professional demos. The results of the survey will be used to help plan future professional demonstrations. The results from this demo's survey were very positive. Virtually everyone enjoyed the two day demo and learned a lot from it. Highlights from the demo are as follows:

Bill showed us how he starts with a log and creates a bowl. Included were chain sawing techniques, band sawing techniques, cutting techniques and coring techniques.

Bill mentioned if people would bring in bowl gouges they were having problems with, he would look at the sharpening and see if he could help them.

On Sunday, several people brought their bowl gouges in to have them sharpened and then got a chance to try them out. At one point, there were at least 10

people in line waiting to try out their newly sharpened gouge. Much to their delight, the gouges performed very well.

Bill also had a hands on coring session for several of us.

Bill showed us about making winged and natural edge bowls (I learned that natural edge bowl blanks need not be symmetrical.)

The wood chips and moisture were really flying. It somewhat reminded me of a Gallagher concert. Ask those sitting in the front row (Aaron) if they got wet.

The food was supplied by Brigitta Gautsch and it was fabulous, Italian beef on Saturday and grilled brats on Sunday.

If you missed Bill's demo, you missed a good time and a lot of good information. Personally, my wife Sandi and I had the real pleasure of hosting Bill at our house for four days. It was a real thrill getting to know him. Also, I learned what I was doing wrong with my McNaughton Coring system. After the demo, I went home and cored three

bowl sets in less than an hour. Mike Mahoney look out!!!

Special thanks got to Greg Haugen for leading the meeting; Pam Reilly for running the video and analyzing the surveys; Bratmeister Denis Snider for his grilling expertise; and Bill and Brigitta Gautsch for their hospitality and agreeing to host the event.

We did video tape the demo and are in the process of converting it from 4 VHS tapes to one or two and, maybe, even DVD. Also Bill has his new DVD coming out in June. If you are reading this and feel you missed out on something special, YOU DID!!!!

I would also like to thank/congratulate Mike Henderson for his demo at Evergreen Elementary. I mentioned this in the last newsletter. Well he did such a good job, another school has invited him over in May. Watch out Mike, you could be making a career of this.

That's about it for now. Hope to see you at Pam's in May. Until then, keep your tools share (especially those bowl gouges) and the chips flying. Be safe out there.



Special thanks to Bob Patros for these pictures.

*****MISSION*****

Your mission for the May meeting if you choose to accept it is to look through the following list of professionals. Research any name that you do not know. At the May meeting we WILL vote via ballot on these names. The two names with the highest scores will be pursued first. If for some reason that one doesn't work out then the next highest and so on.

Stuart Batty; his site is stuartbatty.com, cetinc.com, and negativetakescraping.com. Born and raised across the pond in the UK, Stuart is one of the most technical turners on earth. He knows the "why" not just the "how." LONG goblets and tall, thin walled bowls are his specialties. Priced at APROX. 60 to 70 dollars each for a two day demo.

Nick Cook; his site is nickcookwoodturner.com. He is a production turner and one the best with the skew, he prefers the oval skew with a wet grinder. Everything from bowls to bottle corkers to columns are his specialties. Priced at APROX. 45-55 dollars each for a two day demo.

Don Derry; his site is donaldderry.com. AWESOME WEBSITE. He is the inventor of the smaller hollowing rig that Duane demoed (on the lathe that ran in reverse). Hollowing and coloring are his specialties. Priced at APROX. 50 to 60 dollars each for a two day demo.

John Jordan; his site is johnjordanwoodturning.com He is a bowl and hollow form turner from TN. He is also a Stubby lathe dealer, which is why they are all over his site. He has excellent DVD's out on bowls, hollowing and the drying process and how that affects wood. Priced at APROX. 60 to 70 dollars each for a two day demo.

Bob Rosand; his site is rrosand.com. He is one of the turners that have popularized the ornamental turnings of the Christmas tree ornaments and birdhouses. He is a frequent writer for the American Woodturner. His turnings are made with fundamental spindle turning techniques and are usually priced in the 50 and under dollar amount for craft shows. Priced at APROX. 50 to 60 dollars each for a two day demo.

Alan Lacer; his site is alanlacer.com. He is the authority on the skew, sorry I may be biased. From hook tools to skews to spindle roughing gouges he teaches and is one of the most respected turners in the world. There really isn't an area in turning he can't teach. He is also the most local professional. Priced at APROX. 45 to 55 dollars each for a two day demo. Being that he is local it would be possible for a one day demo for around 25.

Do your research and be ready to vote in May.

The Board and Programming Committee

*****THIS MESSAGE WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN 10 SECONDS*****

Upcoming Events

- May 11** Open Shop night at Duane Hill's shop
- May 13** Eccentric Chuck Workshop by CRW member Ken Grunke. Location at Dennis Snider's Shop
- May 20** CRW member Pam Reilly will demo making Lidded Boxes. Location Reilly Shop.
- May 25** Open Shop night at Duane Hill's shop
- June 17** CRW member Ansel Heram will demo making lamps. Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.
- July 15** Professional turner Brian Simmons will demo Architectural Turning. Location B&B Studios in La Crosse..
- August 19** CRW member Ken Grunke will demo making Inside Out Petal Vases. Location Picnic at Shorty's
- August 26 & 27** The Great River Folk Festival
- September 16** Fundamentals—Mini Lathe Hands on ses-

- sion. Location Dennis Snider's Shop.
- September 28** The Seven Rivers Region Innovations Fair. Location Onalaska Wi.
- October 21-22** Professional turner Russ Fairfield. Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.
- November 18** CRW member Greg Haugen will demo setting up a vacuum system. Location TBD.
- December 16** CRW member John Fisher will demo plant stands. Location TBD
- Want Ads/Sale Ads** If it's pertinent to woodworking or woodturning, get it to Art and he'll publish it in the newsletter.

Challenging Wood ???

Pam has some well spalted, partly punky, large size apple wood available to anyone who is looking for a challenging turning project. See Pam at the next meeting.

Open Shop Nights:

Open Shop Nights will be May 11 & 25. Open Shop Nights are held at Duane Hill's shop (808 Quincy in Onalaska) from 7-9 PM. The topic is whatever is being asked that night. All woodturning topics are open. We usually have a lot of fun and sometimes even learn something. See you there.

Spring Flowers Challenge

If you are participating in the Spring Flower Challenge, remember to bring your vases and flowers to the May meeting. Prizes will be given out for the best technical pieces, best artistic pieces, most natural looking pieces and overall best.

Craft Kit and Other Items Sale

A customer Jim Cox's selling everything that he has stocked up on that is woodturning related:kits, mini lathe etc. There are literally boxes and bags of everything from Penn State and a few other catalogs that he has bought over the last few years. The main bulk of the things that he has is wood pen blanks, well over 900 pieces of wood,(most exotics and Multi-color and some crushed pearl). He also has hundreds of finished pens and pencils, (most of which are only \$3.00 each completed) The kits also includes letter openers (50) perfume atomizer kits (37) new finishing bottles, Brand new pen tuning tools (Crown) only \$30.00. There is a wide variety of Sorby and Crown turning tools that appear to be new or hardly used, each for sale at \$10.00 to \$12.00 each. If you were thinking about buying anything for gifts or would just like to turn something new, the prices on all this is at least half price and most is about 75% off what you would normally buy it from the catalogs or Woodcraft, and no sales tax, shipping or driving there to buy it. Jim will be bringing these items to the next meeting, and will set this all up in Pam's driveway just to show everything that is there.

Wood Raffle

The club raised about \$55 in wood and bowl raffles at the last meeting. If you would like to bring wood for a raffle, it is always welcome. Just let the officers know what you are bringing and how much.

From Duane...

Club Apparel

We have received the following prices from the Monogram Company in La Crosse concerning the club apparel. Duane will have samples to look at and/or try on at both the April and May meetings. We will have XXXL jackets and T-shirts available also for try on. Let him know the items wanted, number of each item and the size of each item. We would like to place the order after the May meeting. Bring your check books. Duane will be able to figure your total order by the end of the meeting. Call or e-mail Duane if you have any questions.

	Color(s)	S-XL	XXL-XXXL
T-Shirts (100% preshrunk cotton)	Sports Grey or Sand	\$11.45	\$12.95
Long Sleeve Denim Shirt	Dark Denim	\$18.50	\$20.00
Cap (both crowned and uncrowned)	Khaki w/ Navy bill	\$11.25	
Micro-Fleece Jacket	Navy	\$33.50	\$35.00
Fleece Lined Bomber Jacket	Khaki w/Navy Lining	\$41.00	\$42.50
Polo (100% Cotton)	Stone	\$24.50	\$26.00



They will also add the club logo to material supplied by you (ie smocks, shirts, etc). This will cost \$8 per piece, provided they are embroidered at the same time as our order. To do them separate would cost \$14 each. Your name may be added for an additional cost of \$5 per piece. We will need your user supplied material at the May meeting for embroidery, if you so desire.

[Eccentric Chuck Workshop](#)

Dennis Snider has graciously agreed to host my eccentric chuck workshop for those who have purchased one and need some direction, or anyone else with interest. This will be on Saturday, May 13, start time is 10am—a break for lunch—continue into the afternoon. About 3-4 hours is planned for, and no fee will be charged.

This will be an informal, unstructured hands-on session in Dennis's shop, which has space for about 8 bench top lathes--attendees should bring their own mini lathe if they have one. If you have a portable lathe stand, that would help free up bench space.

Contact me directly if you are interested so I have an idea of attendance.

For those not familiar with my eccentric chuck adapter, take a look here:

<http://www.token.crwoodturner.com/ecc/>

Thanks,

Ken Grunke

[AAW Symposium 2006](#)

June 22-24

Louisville, Ky

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2006>

This Symposium is 3 days, 30 Demonstrators & 120 Rotations.

Cost is \$245 (AAW members) **before May 16**, \$275 after.

\$285 (non-members) **before May 16**, \$315 after.

Onsite \$305 (member), \$345 (non-member).

[Utah Woodturning 27th Symposium](#)

June 15-18

Provo, Utah

<http://www.utahwoodturning.com>

This Symposium is 3 days, 23 Demonstrators & 100 Rotations.

[Here is a list of area clubs and their websites.](#)

Check them out for upcoming events and demonstrations.

Minnesota Woodturners Association

www.mnwoodturners.com

Zumbro Valley Woodturners

www.zvwoodturners.org

Badger Woodturners

www.badgerwoodturners.org

Chicago Woodturners

www.chicagowoodturners.com

[Bert Marsh Demo](#)

Bert Marsh will be coming to the U.S. in June. He will do demos at four locations, one of which will be in Davenport, Iowa on June 10 from 9:30-4:30 at the Figge Art Museum. This session will be open to the public. Registration is \$35 in advance, or \$40 at the door.

Bert's U.S. visits are extremely rare. The Quad Cities chapter of the AAW had decided to make this one available to those who wish to see Bert, but cannot catch one of the other sessions in Illinois, Wisconsin, or Utah.

For additional information, or to register, please email ssinner@mchsi.com.

[Got High Speed Internet ?](#)

If so try this site:

<http://www.thewoodworkingchannel.com/>



Check out CRW's web site for more photos and information.
<http://www.crwoodturner.com>

Going to be in the Twin Cities in the next few months ???

Well then, check out the Contemporary American Woodturning Exhibit at the AAW Gallery (Landmark Center). Our own, Pam Reilly has one of turnings on display there. The exhibit runs May 5 through August 4, 2006. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 11-4, Thursday 11-7 & Sundays Noon to 3pm. There is no admission fee, donations accepted. Phone—651-484-9094. Check out the AAW web site for more details

The **June CRW meeting** will be June 17. CRW member Ansel Heram will demo making lamps. Location is B&B studio in La Crosse.

If you would like to host a monthly meeting at your shop ??? Just let the officers know



[A Day in Chicago with Trent Bosch](#)

The opportunity arose for me to go to Chicago for a Trent Bosch demo at the site for the Chicago Woodturners Club. I emailed the club's president and asked about space and fees and found out that all of their one day demo were \$25 and space isn't a problem. They meet in the basement of a Woodcraft store. The space is huge, about the size of a football field. They use about half of it. There was an attendance of 34 for the demo.

Trent Bosch at one time was one of the main bowl turners in the U.S. He got really burnt out on bowls and switch gears totally to hollow forms and sculptural pieces. He has three DVD's currently out. His "vessels of illusion" are his most popular piece and that is where he started his demo. He made an "almost" completed vessel with its insert. The instruction and detail explanation made the demo incredible informative and wasn't overwhelming. He also showed about 15 different decorative effects you could put on a utility bowl. The one thing I really liked is his motto is "keep it simple." He used different tools on the vessel and bowl, some electric, some air-powered. All of his air-powered tools totaled 100 dollars, roughly 20 dollars a piece from Harbor Freight. It wasn't, "you need to go spend all of this money to do this". It was look I use these tools that are cheap, they do the job and I haven't had problems. It was also exciting to hear about a 3,000 dollar bed that he made for his VB36 bowl lathe to turn 10 ft between centers with a 36" swing. He has been contacted and is in the developmental stages of turning sculptural pieces for an outdoor park. Each one would take three to five of these "logs" assembled into these enormous pieces for outdoors. Currently he is working on figuring out the drying and finishing methods for these pieces.

We also got a slide show of his work and the stages of evolution they have gone through, that was very interesting to see the first "vessels of illusion" compared to the current ones. At the end of the demo I was very shocked to be given the "vessel of illusion" demo piece from Trent and the club's president. How cool is that! Trent is an incredible instructor, demonstrator, artist, and person. Spending a demo or workshop with him, you won't only learn his techniques, but you'll be inspired to try them and make some of your own. I strongly recommend seeing Trent, somewhere sometime.

The possibilities are endless with wood. Try something to make yours different, if you don't like it, throw it on the firewood pile. Most of all have FUN!

Happy Turning,
Greg Haugen

[The Newsletter Editor](#) is always looking for interesting articles for the newsletter. If you have ideas or suggestions for articles, please let the editor know. If you have some favorite tips or tricks, been to an interesting store or just have something that will bring a smile to the readers, let me know.



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"A Turn For the Better"

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Elgin, MN. 9:00 AM ☀ May 20, 2006**

Exit 224 off I-90 (Eyota); head north on Hwy 42. County Road 73 is approx. 10 miles from I-90 and 9 miles from Hwy 14. Left onto Cty Rd 73 (dirt). Take first left onto blacktop, Pam's house is 2nd on the left - #720. Please do not park on the grass or block mailboxes. Thank you. If you get lost or have a problem, call Pam at (507) 876-1195.

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.

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

