



# Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild



## Newsletter

December 2009

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### Presidents Corner

Wow!!

That's an understatement if ever there was one.

We are approaching 50 members strong.

I've had emails from two prospective members recently. One is from Spooner and the other from the Hudson area. Word is spreading about our great guild.

We have started our Chippewa Valley Woodturning School with a Train the Trainer session and classes will be starting on Tuesday, January 12th, at Bob Eberhardt's shop; Thursday January 14th, at Fran Passe's shop in Durand; and Saturday, January, 16th, in my shop with Chuck Brovold being the lead instructor. They will be every other week on those days through March with a total of 22 students.

Once we get through the Christmas and New Year season, many of us will be thinking in terms of bowls, bowls and more bowls. Our goal is 50 bowls for **Feed My People**. Their

### -Presidents Corner Continued-

annual "Empty Bowls" fund raiser raises about \$35,000.00 each year to support the service of collecting and distributing food stuffs to a 14 county area of food pantries all the way from Spooner and Hayward to Alma and Fountain City. From Medford to Black River Falls and many, many communities in between. The volunteers at Feed My People are excited to have us involved.

Just before Christmas, Jerry Engedal, Carl Brown and myself salvaged some of the trees that were taken down at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in preparation for the new student union construction beginning soon. Those logs of Elm and White Ash will make some nice bowls.



The neighbor to my shop stopped over today and gave me some White Birch logs to cut into bowl blanks with the provision that I was to make two bowls. One for her and one for the logger that cut the trees down. Small price to pay for more bowl blanks. We still have a Catalpa tree to cut up into bowl blanks. If only someone would donate the use of a bucket truck to help us get it down.

I've had telephone conversations with Lyle Jameison, of Traverse City, Michigan recently. He wants to come to our Wood Turners Expo next year as a vendor and possibly as a demonstrator. He is well known in the world of turning and manufactures a set-up for turning hollow forms that is quite popular. He has offered his three videos to the club library at wholesale cost, so I am sure the board will go ahead and add those in the near future.

Stay healthy and happy doing a good turn daily.

See all of you at the Christmas party held in Building 2 of Banbury Place on January 9th.

Brian

## Secretary Notes

I will take some editorial freedom at this time and try to catch up to the last month's activities. For everyone that called and inquired as to my health situation over the past months, thanks for your concern. I am not "out of woods" by any stretch of the imagination, but I hope to get back to spending my time as I see fit with less concern for the pain and a more positive approach to life.

Coming to the December meeting I was not aware that I would be continuing as the Secretary, so if I am missing anything here, please let me know and I will update this newsletter. Some pics from the December meeting----



### **-Secretary Notes Continued:-**

-Many different subjects for demos was discussed and then we agreed to the following schedule for the next four months. If anyone has suggestions for future subjects, please let us know.

January-Christmas Party

February-Peppermills

March-Sharpening

April- Finishing (Seeing as I am giving this demo, please send me E mails telling me what you would like covered-I will design the presentation around your suggestions. I want you to walk away feeling like the subject helped you in your projects)

-Bring a fold up chair with you to the next meeting if you have a concern about seating. Our space is restricted and we cannot buy chairs as we have nowhere to store them.

I look forward to the coming meetings and really think you guys and gals have done a wonderful job the past year. Keep up the enthusiasm and the willingness to share ideas and procedures. We can each only improve from the experience. In the coming months I will try to get pictures of members and their bio's into the website and maybe some shop pictures. Share with us and blow your horn a little. I think it will be fun for you and help us to get to know you better.

Happy New Year!!!

Al Wait – Secretary- CVWTG

### **Treasurers Report**

Carl reports that we have a nice comfortable cushion to start next year. He also reports that he has \$13 extra from last meeting that he can't account for. So if you paid Carl and he sends you a letter to pay up, give him the serial number of the bills and he will credit your account! (And you thought you had a free membership for next year! Guess again--)

### **New Members**

I will be listing new members and getting your pictures in this area so come prepared for your mug shot!

For now, we will just list new names—

Welcome to the CVWTG.

**-New Members Continued-**

**Orville Bierman      Alan Copas      Jeff Fagan      Bob Merker      Bruce Scherlin**  
**Tom Schye              Hank Thomas      Bob Zeimetz**

If I have misspelled or left anyone out, let me have it at the next meeting. We would appreciate everyone, including the new members, to get all your personal information up to date in our database. Correct spelling on names, E Mail addresses are very important, home phone is correct, cell phone if you have it and make sure your address is correctly written and spelling is correct. Make sure your zip code is also correct. It helps us a lot when everything is up to date. So please check.

*Up Coming Events*

As Brian stated, our 2009 Christmas Party will be held on Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5 PM. It will be in the Gillette Room on the fourth floor. Entrance to the building would be off Wisconsin St.

*DUES ARE DUE*

If you have not paid your 2010 dues, please do so as soon as you can. The dues are \$12/yr which is a definite value. Also note if you have not paid yet, Carl may send you a note asking you to get them up to date.

**Club Board Members**

Brian George -- President

Richard Golde -- Vice President, Librarian, Tool Director

Carl Brown -- Treasurer

Al Wait – Secretary

Rick Hemmingson – Program Director