

## March Meeting Chippewa Valley Woodturner's Guild

Hello everyone. Once again, I apologize for taking so long to get the notes out. My computer and I have had a running feud and the computer was winning. Today I reinstalled my system and kicked butt!! Or was that a mouse?

I am reporting on February activities which I did not take part in so bear with me as I try to get the facts right. If anyone has additions or deletions, please let me know. I would also like to thank Claude Schilling for the photographs. You do an awesome job guy. Thank you for the help. I am trying new formatting with pictures in this newsletter so I need feedback on what you think of it and if you have any trouble with the file. Let me know.

Sometime in February Brian George and Jeff Nichol went to a location in the Altoona area and looked at a burly old tree that an acquaintance had offered up as fodder for our efforts. As you can see it will be an easy tree to remove from the roof of the house! Holy Moses guys—You do like to live dangerously. Carl, is our insurance paid up? The only question I had was to ask if you will be removing the clothesline before or after you cut it down?



Here you can see Brian and Jeff looking up and talking to a squirrel that is expressing his objections to the removal of his home. Brian is trying in vain to explain that it is for the best and that there are other trees in the area despite the recent economic downturn. Jeff is offering a bowl of turned nuts in exchange for the tree. Okay—Okay. That's it. I don't have any more. The last I heard, they were planning on carrying out the heist (okay, one more) sometime toward the end of the month of February. Guys, be careful. The reward could cost a lot. But safely enjoy the experience. If anyone needs any further information on this activity, give Brain a call.



As we started our meeting on Saturday, the Prez Brian called us together and had a few items that he wished to have brought to our attention.

-The April Meeting will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the AAW headquarters in St. Paul, MN in the Landmark Center, second floor. Vehicles will be leaving

Eau Claire around 8:00 AM. Let Brian know if you can drive. Those in the Menomonie/Colfax area can either be picked up in Menomonie or can get in touch with me and I can drive the folks from the Menomonie area. I have a six person capacity. I may have more information after our business meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

-We need to purchase a lathe for our use as Steve is taking his home. Steve will be expanding into the area we are now in and he will become a large Rikon dealer. There will be a room in the back of his area that may be larger than the existing area. We will probably purchase a Rikon from Steve to help support him. Each of us should think of this as we purchase new equipment. Give Steve our business as he has been very supportive of us and we should reciprocate.

-Because we are very close to LaCrosse and to AAW headquarters, there may be a possibility that we can share national and international seminar presenters with both organizations.

-The members of the Coulee Region Woodturners in LaCrosse would like everyone to know that their meetings are open to everyone. If you would like to attend a meeting you can go on line to get dates, times and locations. [www.crwoodturner.com](http://www.crwoodturner.com).

-We are looking for a project manager to help us plan some of our functions. If you are interested, please let Brian know.

We also were introduced to some new members who signed up at our March meeting/seminar:

-Tom Frank and his grandson Caleb Meyer of Eau Claire.

-Virgil McLelland of Menomonie. (Pretty good wood carver I am told)

-Richard Hanson I believe from Altoona. (Correct me if wrong and send full address and phone numbers please)

-Karen Schrage of Eau Claire (Yes guys, a real live lady. We'll have to behave a little better next meeting!!! Welcome Karen. Glad to have ya.)



Now, on to our seminar. Our presenter was Greg Haugen President of the Coulee Region Woodturners.



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Greg started us out with a good basics understanding of bowl turning and what to look for in the log, how to cut and season, and how to arrange the grain for a “balanced” bowl. I thought he did a very good job of keeping us all on the same page and progressing as we understood what he was explaining to us.



Greg then went on to show us the correct methods with certain tools for turning the outside of the bowl and establishing the base. After that he discussed the proper method of turning the bowl and mounting on the four jaw chuck.



Greg then turned the inside of the bowl and discussed overall thickness and rim width of the bowl he was turning. He went on to discuss tool sharpening and sanding of the finished product.



We then all enjoyed a pot luck lunch. I, for one, have not been the same since. Think I put on a couple (or four) pounds. Very good everyone. We should do it again sometime.



Greg then launched into turning a natural edge bowl. It was a very interesting presentation and as with the mornings agenda, I thought well thought out and presented.



We would like to thank Greg for doing the presentation and wish him well in his future endeavors. We hope to see more of him in the future.

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