



# Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild



## Newsletter

April 2012

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### Up Coming Events

April 18 – WWE Committee

April 26-28 – Michael Mocho  
demo at Minneapolis

May 2 – Monthly Meeting  
Demo is Barry Grill on dyes.

May 12 – Coffee and Chips –  
demo is Fran Passe on making  
pens.

May 16 – WWE Committee



New ceiling for the clubhouse. Coffee and Chips

## Presidents Corner

There are all kinds of things going on this spring when it comes to turning.

Michael Mocho is going to be at the University of MN for MN Woodturners Assoc. program the weekend of April 28th. He is one of the authors of the AAW Beginners curriculum that we use. See his website at <http://mmocho.com/>

One of the top woodturning expositions is coming to Chicago. We will be arranging car-pooling for those interested. It is in the northern suburbs of Chicago and there is a fee, but it is one of the best events in the Midwest this year. For information see <http://turnonchicago.org>

New ceiling tiles were finally installed at the clubhouse last Saturday. See the pictures elsewhere in the newsletter. Ten people showed up to help get the job done which only took 3 1/2 hours. A real great time was had by those helping out. A short demonstration on ebonizing wood followed.

The setting up of our finances and membership is moving ahead at a brisk pace under the capable hand of our Treasurer, Dick Fornasiere. As we get more organized we will be asking for more information about when each of you joined the club. That is something that will become more useful as we issue membership cards. Membership cards will be able to be used for getting discounts at various retailers like Rockler, Woodcraft, etc.

I know this is short but, I'm trying to spend as much time in my studio as I can building up inventory for a few shows and also my website that I'm rebuilding.

Have a great summer. It's getting time to plant the garden...

Brian

## Show and Tell



Dick Prouty with a bowl  
of black ash burl.  
Left <<

Mark Palma with a set of  
screwdrivers in a nice  
box. Handles of various  
woods and finished with  
sealer, shellac and wax.  
Ferrules are made from  
plumbing ferrules for  
copper pipe with the hex  
flats turned to round.  
Right >>



Jim Selting with a red cedar  
segmented bowl finished with clear  
woodturner's poly finish. He has  
been turning for about 1 ½ years.  
Left <<

Sam Helfenstine with a red cedar  
bowl. Trained by Richard Golde.

Right >>





John Timmers made a bowl of oak burl, but a piece broke off of it. So he soaked it in kitty litter until it was dry and then glued the pieces back. Note the heavy dark line. <<Left

John Timmers (Right >>) with a candle holder. The three lights are walnut as is the bowl itself. The clear "liquid" is Bar Finish epoxy. There are stones on the bottom. Very nice floating effect.



Jeff Fagan made a set of earrings inspired by a Trent Bosch demo in the Twin Cities. The disks are about uniform thickness, one side is concave and the other convex. He used two waste block chucks and held the maple wood disks in place with double sided tape. They are finished with Boiled Linseed Oil. He got the earring hooks from Michaels. He gets \$12 for a pair at craft shows.

## Monthly Demo



**Brian George** gave the monthly demo at the Coffee and Chips event. He showed how to ebonize wood. First you get white vinegar and place a wad of steel wool in a jar. Let sit for a few days. The solution will turn black and has some oils from the steel wool in it. When ready to coat the wood, pour through a coffee filter to remove particles and oils. Using a paint brush, coat the wood evenly. The solution will chemically react with the tannic acid in the wood to turn a darker color. Notice how the color changed from photo in lower left to lower right. The time was about 30 minutes. Make sure the wood is clean and free of oil and glue and other contaminants.



Chippewa Valley Woodturner's Guild  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
April 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order by president Brian George. In attendance were Rich Thelen, Jim Gobel, Bob Eberhardt and Tom Schye.

1. Brian George presented the treasurer's report in Dick Fornasiere's absence. \$2500 was placed in the WWE account. There are 62 members in good standing.
2. Dick Fornasiere has been busy setting up Quickbooks and getting a good handle on the members and who is in good standing.
3. Windows Live is going to charge a lot more at the end of April, so we are moving to Dropbox for club record storage.
4. The WWE committee will hold monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse.
5. Bob Eberhardt announced another beginner's class has completed with 3 paid and another person attended this week. We will hold off on printing training manuals until next season starts.
6. Discussion of additional insurance for club officers and shop equipment has been tabled until next month.

The meeting was adjourned.

This report was recorded by Rich Thelen (Secretary) and is presented as a record of the board meeting of April 4, 2012.

Chippewa Valley Woodturner's Guild  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
April 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order by president Brian George. In attendance were Rich Thelen, Dick Fornasiere, Bob Eberhardt and Tom Schye.

1. The sole purpose of the meeting was to discuss moving the clubs banking from Associated Bank to RCU. Dick Fornasiere stated that only a few checks remain and this would be a good time to make such a move. RCU also operates with a lot fewer charges and fees.
2. The motion was made by Dick Fornasiere and seconded by Tom Schye. It was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Chippewa Valley Woodturner's Guild  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
April 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order by president Brian George. There were 38 members in attendance. See the board meeting report for information also discussed at the board meeting.

1. There was no demonstration this meeting. It was deferred until Coffee and Chips on April 14<sup>th</sup>.
2. There were 74 active members last year. At this time we have 57 paid members. Dues were also accepted from 4 members in attendance bringing the total to 61 members.
3. A group of CVWG members made the trip to the University of Minnesota to see a demo by Trent Bosch who makes hollow forms with petals in cherry. He inserts an ash piece and performs some simple carving for a truly unique form. Brian George, Dennis Ciesielski, Jeff Fagan and Rich Thelen attended. The demo was free except for travel. Check out his website at <http://www.trentbosch.com/>.
4. Web Page
5. We had tried to get free ceiling tiles from the Mega Foodstore project, but they were discarded before we could get them. But, we recovered nicely from that. Mark Mueller was able to get a donation of 2x2 ceiling tiles and they were delivered on 13 April at the clubhouse. Rich Thelen, Brian George, Orv Bierman, Tom Schye and Mark Mueller unloaded them in time for their installation at Coffee and Chips on 14 April. We had to buy 2 ft long divider grids because the ceiling is set for 2x4 tiles and these were 2x2.
6. Show and Tell featured:
  - a. Jim Selting with a segmented bowl of red cedar. It was finished with clear woodturner's poly finish. He has been turning 1.5 years.
  - b. Dick Prouty showed a bowl of black ash burl.
  - c. John Timmers showed a candle holder with holders set in clear epoxy in a lacewood and walnut bowl. The epoxy was a barkeeper's finish.
  - d. John Timmers also showed an oak burl bowl that had broken apart. He dried it in kitty litter and then re-glued the pieces back in place and finished it with wipe-on poly.
  - e. Erin Lahn showed a box elder bowl
  - f. Sam Helfenstine showed a red cedar bowl
  - g. Mark Palma showed a boxed set of screw drivers. They were finished in sanding sealer, shellac and wax. The ferrule was adapted from the copper ferrules used in plumbing. The hex wrench seat was turned round after mounting on the handle.
  - h. Dennis Ciesielski showed a bowl of sumac with a piece on brass sculpture wired in place in two defects. He also showed a weed pot of box elder.
7. A raffle was conducted for a piece of black ash burl donated by Up North Burls. Fran Passe won the piece and donated it back to the club for next week's raffle. The raffle netted \$71.
8. The auction yielded \$100.50. Wood was donated by Erin Lahn, Steve Schwartz and Richard Waller.

This report was recorded by Rich Thelen (Secretary) and is presented as a record of the general meeting of April 4, 2012.

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**2012 WWE Meeting Minutes**

April 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order by president Brian George. In attendance were Brian George and Rich Thelen.

1. Signage – Mark Mueller will donate and make some signs and easels.
2. National Demonstrators: The following were discussed.
  - a. Mike Stafford: <http://turnedwoodboxesbymike.com/>
  - b. Bill Grumbine: <http://wonderfulwood.com/>
  - c. Malcolm Tibbetts: <http://www.tahoeturner.com/>
3. Crafts and Vendors: A discussion was held about the problem of members selling crafts not being able to see the demos. Consideration was given to using a partition to divide the ballroom into 2000 and 4000 sq ft to have vendors on one side and crafts on the other. No decision
4. We would like to have an area for kids to learn to turn like they did at the national AAW convention in Minneapolis.
5. The Visitor's Bureau may be used to do some promotions for us. Linda Johns is the manager.
6. Marketing: UWEC students may be used to help with marketing. Tom Schye may be able to get some UWEC names.
7. Meetings for the 2012 WWE are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month at the clubhouse at 6:30pm.

This report was recorded by Rich Thelen (Secretary) and is presented as a record of the 2012 WWE committee meeting of April 3, 2012.



I am looking at selling my Delta 1440 wood lathe for \$250.

Contact: **Dennis Ciesielski**  
Menomonie, WI  
715-233-0236



**Richard Golde** has a Harbor Freight lathe and it has been sitting at the clubhouse for some time and maybe it is time to sell it. It has a 12 inch swing with a variable speed Reeves drive. It works great for spindle work and bowls if they are more round blanks as the lowest speed is 600 rpm. I believe the retail price is about \$300.00 and would be a good starter lathe or as a second lathe. A price of \$100.00 is a great price for the right person. Phone# is **715-839-8880**

### Board Members

Brian George - President	Dick Fornasiere - Program Director
Richard Golde - Vice President, Librarian	Tom Schye - Tool Director
Dick Fornasiere - Treasurer	Bob Eberhardt - Education Director
Rich Thelen - Secretary, Newsletter	Jim Gobel - Web Master

## CVWG Mentors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Willing to help with:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Willing to help with:</u>
 Richard Golde <a href="mailto:doc54701@yahoo.com">doc54701@yahoo.com</a> 715-839-8880	Basic turning, Bowls  Richard also offers his shop to those who don't have a lathe yet.	 Brian George <a href="mailto:captainbg@gmail.com">captainbg@gmail.com</a> 715-834-8749	Basic turning Natural Edge Bowls Peppermills
 Rick Bauer <a href="mailto:pbrook@nelson-tel.net">pbrook@nelson-tel.net</a> 715-672-5407	Hollow forms Bowls	 Barry Grill <a href="mailto:bgrill@hotmail.com">bgrill@hotmail.com</a> 715-568-4586	All aspects of turning; Basic Hollow forms Bowls
 Bob Eberhardt <a href="mailto:ple13@charter.net">ple13@charter.net</a> 715-835-7300	Basic turning Bowls Sharpening	 Fran Passe <a href="mailto:franpasse@yahoo.com">franpasse@yahoo.com</a> 715-672-5762	Pens
 Bruce Scherlin <a href="mailto:bscherlin@centurytel.net">bscherlin@centurytel.net</a> 715-878-9490	Pens	 Ron Bartz <a href="mailto:rbartz@charter.net">rbartz@charter.net</a> 715-723-6343	Stacked ring bowls Basic bowl turning Spindle turning

A guild mentor is a member willing to share their turning knowledge with other members of the guild. Feel free to call a mentor for your turning questions or for one on one help with your turning.