

# Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild



## Newsletter

May 2012

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### Up Coming Events

June 6 – Meeting

June 9 - Coffee and Chips

July 4 – NO MEETING

July 11 – Meeting

July 14 - Coffee and Chips



Jeff Fagan's Pet Urn with a deer antler finial on top. The top cover is threaded into the lower vessel body. Nice shape and figuring in the vessel.

## Presidents Corner

### Memorial Tree

Last year the membership approved purchasing a tree for placement in the front yard of **Chuck Brovold's** home. We decided to wait until this Spring to do it because of better planting conditions. **Keith Boesel** had found a Variegated Maple at a nursery company over in Red Wing and he thought it would be ideal for this occasion.

Does anyone have any other suggestions for a great tree to plant? If I don't hear from you with your suggestions we will go ahead and purchase a tree and schedule a time to put it in the ground at the **Brovold** home east of Chippewa Falls.

### Membership Roster

**Dick Fornasiere**, our Treasurer, has been working very hard on getting our membership list into shape. With the purchase of Quick Books bookkeeping software we have been able to organize our membership list even better than in the past. One of the many advantages of this project is that we will be able to print out membership cards. Membership cards in and of themselves are not any big deal but, with a membership card we can verify to participating merchants and get a discount on purchases at their stores. Currently, Rockler, Woodcraft and Heartland Hardwoods are three that I am aware of. **Roger Leonard** brought his special sawbuck to Show and Tell at the last meeting. I was under the weather so didn't make the meeting but, the comments I heard was that it was very interesting. When I got to feeling better, I drove over to **Roger's** house and he showed what he had made. He had just finished cutting some half logs and it sure seemed to work slick. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for plans and cutting instructions on how to make your own sawbuck. See the sawbuck on page 9.

### 2011 Wisconsin Woodturners Expo DVD's

The four DVD set is now in the library at the clubhouse. Thanks to **Dick Purvis**, one of our members, who is Operations Manager at CCATV, the DVD's are really a great product for our very first attempt. We have sold out of the extra sets we made, but if you would like to have one just let me know and I think Dick can have another made up. Also, the presentations on the DVD's are being run on the local CCATV station as I write this. If you have cable you can see them by checking the listings for "Chip Val CTV Pub-Ed" on Charter. Locally it is channel 993 on Basic Service.

I've been spending more and more time in my studio recently trying to implement the techniques I learned from Molly Winton, Trent Bosch, and Michael Mocho presentations I attended at the Minnesota Woodturners sessions the last few months. As the weather continues to warm up it's time for the Spring rituals and make the treks to the seed and flower shops, plant gardens and get the flower beds in shape. As a youngster I picked rock off of fields, now it seems Mary has me bringing rock home to plant. Oh Well!

## Show and Tell



Erin Lahn with a maple bowl finished with wipe-on poly. Nice form.



**Roger Leonard** made a candle holder of maple and walnut. It can be filled with tea candles as shown, or with bottom insert, rocks and marbles to give some color.



**Jeff Fagan** shows a high quality pet remains urn with an antler finial. Also, from the same antler, he created a pen. The earrings are a fast seller for women at his craft fairs.

**Fran Passe** created this nice butternut bowl from some wood he bought from **Steve Schwartz**.



**Tom Bitney** made some bowls of box elder (left), elm and walnut (lower left), and a segmented bowl 22" diameter of hickory.



**Rick Bauer** shows a hackberry bowl with some nice figuring. Note the decoration on the bottom.

Below is a mulberry vase with some character. See also on next page for another view.





**Rick Bauer** with a butternut vase. Nice decoration on the pedestal and beautiful rim at top. Nice form.

Above is another view of the mulberry vase from the previous page.



New member Dave Syverson showed these four pieces. Note the slender and delicate finials and stands for the vessels. Nice multi-wood bowl with small opening and curled rim. He has been turning since November. You've come far, pilgrim!

## Monthly Demo



**Barry Grill** demonstrated the use of dye to colorize a vase. He uses Rit dye and uses microwave drying to speed the setting of the dyes.

He sands from 150 grit up to 320 grit. The bowl is cottonwood and has some nice figuring which he tried to preserve. Note the picture at lower right for an idea of what can happen when the wood gives up a nice grain.

He uses wipe-on poly in lieu of lacquer, but the demo is lacquer because it dries faster. He has only started to use the Rit dye and is not sure how long it lasts. It can be affected by exposure to sunlight.

He sands the inside of the vessel using a stick with sandpaper on the end of it. He puts on 4 coats and a final coat of carnauba wax.

He then turns the vessel around and does the bottom with a jam chuck. You could also use a vacuum chuck.





**Barry Grill** also demonstrated making a birdhouse or ornament. He uses Rit dye to stain these items too. Note the colored birdhouses shown at left. He just paints the dye on and lets it dry some.

Then he sands to about 320 grit and parts it off leaving a tenon for attachment later.

The main body is started with a flare to near the start of the mortise. He marks the location of the start of the bottom finial and refines the shape of the house.

Then when happy with the shape, he drills a hole into the body with a Forstner bit. This acts as mortise for the tenon turned on the roof.





**Barry Grill** has a special technique for adding a finial (or icicle) to the base of the birdhouse body. Most turners will turn a finial as a third piece, but Barry turns it onto the bottom of the birdhouse body.

Notice that the body is held firmly by the tail stock to minimize the vibration that would occur while you are turning such a delicate finial. Also the finial is turned on the remainder of the stock that is closest to the head stock.

Barry prefers using a bowl gouge to do this work, and it has excellent results, don't you think?





**Roger Leonard** made this chain saw buck of standard building materials. It is 32" long and 25" high.

- (4) 2"x4" x 24" long for legs
- (4) 2"x4" x 32" long for log rack.
- (2) 1"x4" rail for lower bracing
- (2) plywood for ends 24" wide at bottom, 14" wide at top, and 15" high.

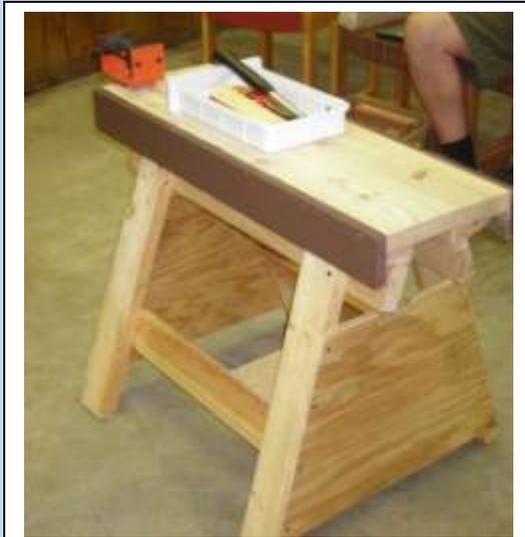
Glue (2) end stops to keep log from being pushed off the saw buck. You can put a small shelf on one end to store tools and clamps. Use countersunk screws. Sand all edges to avoid splinters.



Portable workbench mounts on top of the sawbuck.

- (1) 2"x12" x 36" long.
- (2) 1" x 4" x 36" side rails

Screw the side rails to the 2"x12" top piece. The top can be held on top without fasteners by using a wedge jammed between the siderails and the top of the saw buck.



Chippewa Valley Woodturner's Guild  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order by secretary Rich Thelen. In attendance were Dick Fornasiere, Jim Gobel, John Layde and Tom Schye.

1. Dick Fornasiere presented the treasurer's report. Cash on hand is \$4697.00 with \$2500 reserved for WWE. Expenses were \$854.05 and income was \$691.45
2. Membership stands at 65 members. A new member was added at the general meeting.
3. Jim Gobel reports the Microsoft service the club has used to house its website has changed as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. While the current website may still function for a while (was supposed to shut down May 1<sup>st</sup>), it will soon cease to exist. He is in the process to working with the new service (Microsoft Office 365) to continue the club's web presence. While I am hopeful that we will be able to maintain the same club web address (cvwg.org) it may have to be changed. It is my intention to have the new club website up and running by the June club meeting. The club's online document storage as well as email address will remain the same as before.
4. Tom Schye had asked about a nice Jet lathe with lathe tools, but it was already sold. We may need a fundraiser to get the cash to buy a lathe. Rich Thelen and Tom Schye will contact the coordinator for Festival in the Pines.
5. The July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be moved to July 11<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflict with the holiday.
6. We will hold Coffee and Chips sessions in June, July and August, but they will be open houses with only informal demos if at all.
7. Donations were made by John Layde (nails and screws) and Dick Fornasiere (small tools). Thanks to those members for their generosity.

The meeting was adjourned.

This report was recorded by Rich Thelen (Secretary) and is presented as a record of the board meeting of May 2, 2012.

Chippewa Valley Woodturner's Guild  
General Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order by treasurer Dick Fornasiere. There were 37 members in attendance.

1. See the board meeting report for information also discussed at the board meeting.
2. There was a demonstration at this meeting by Barry Grill. He showed how to color a hollow vessel.
3. There were 74 active members last year. At this time we have 67 paid members. Dave Syverson joined at tonight's meeting.

4. John Layde passed out a survey sheet to see what demos the members would like to see in the future.
5. A group of CVWG members made the trip to the University of Minnesota to see a demo by Michael Mocho who makes small boxes and threaded items. Brian George, Dennis Ciesielski, Jeff Fagan, Tom Schye, Roger Leonard and Rich Thelen attended. The demo was free except for travel.
6. Dave Syverson, a new member tonight, announced that he is selling Anchor Seal for \$12/gallon if anyone is interested.
7. The June demo will be John Layde on segmented turning with a special jig.
8. Show and Tell featured:
  - a. Erin Lahn showed a maple bowl finished with wipe-on poly.
  - b. Roger Leonard passed around a turning from monkey pod which has a noxious dust, so be careful if you turn with monkey pod. He also showed a candle holder of maple and walnut.
  - c. Roger Leonard brought a sawbuck that he had made for cutting large logs with a chain saw. It also featured a removable top so it could act as a workbench.
  - d. Jeff Fagan showed a pen made from deer antler. He also showed earrings made from butternut. His urn for cremains was very elegant and made with a deer antler finial.
  - e. Fran Passe showed a butternut bowl using wood from Steve Schwartz.
  - f. Tom Bitney showed a bowl made with elm and walnut. He also made a bowl of box elder and a hickory 22" diameter segmented bowl.
  - g. Rick Bauer showed a hackberry bowl, a mulberry vase, and a butternut vase.
9. The auction yielded \$73. Wood was donated by Steve Schwartz.

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January 6, 2012

Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild  
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Dear Community Supporter,

Thank you for your donation of \$200.00 to Feed My People Food Bank. Your thoughtful gift will help provide meals and hope for hungry children, seniors and working adults in west central Wisconsin.

Every month, thousands of families find relief at one of Feed My People's 97 partner agencies. With the rising costs of utilities and health care, many of our neighbors are struggling to make ends meet. Knowing they can receive food from a local pantry or community kitchen not only provides them nourishment, it also eases their tight budgets and gives them peace of mind.

Feed My People distributed over 5.5 million pounds of food in 2011, an average of 25,000 each day. This is more than double the distribution in 2009. Thanks to generous community members like you, we're able to keep up with the increased need for food assistance across west central Wisconsin.

Please contact me directly, at (715) 835-9415 or michelle@fmpfoodbank.org with any questions regarding your donation or about Feed My People.

With kind regards,

Michelle Dingwall  
Assistant Director

*Thank you for your donation of \$200.00 that Feed My People received on January 6, 2012. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.*



## Classified Ads

If you have any turning related items for sale or are looking to buy such items. Email Rich Thelen at rithelen@charter.net and I will place your ad in the next newsletter.

### **For Sale: Ron Bauman 715-225-4556**

I have a Legacy Mill for sale. I am asking only \$1,000. The buyer will need to purchase a router. I have all the necessary attachments for making canes, walking sticks and turning any wood items.



### **Wanted to buy:**

1. Used Craft Sale canopy/tent Call **Jim Gobel** at 715-715-205-0496
2. Lathe tools, especially 1/2" and 3/8" bowl gouges and 1/4" fingernail gouge. Call **Marty Wallace** at 715-875-4244
3. Motor, needs to be 1-1/2 HP or 2 HP. Contact **John Lonsdorf** at 715-874-5203.
4. **Orv Bierman** at 715-834-9378 wants a parting tool that will hold an edge.

## Board Members

Brian George - President  
Richard Golde - Vice President, Librarian  
Dick Fornasiere - Treasurer  
Rich Thelen - Secretary, Newsletter

John Layde - Program Director  
Tom Schye - Tool Director  
Bob Eberhardt - Education Director  
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
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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.