

# Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild



## Newsletter

August 2012

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### Up Coming Events

Aug 11 – Coffee and Chips

Aug 15 – 2012 WWE  
Committee meeting

Aug 25 – Annual picnic at Bob  
Eberhardt's

Sep 5 – General meeting

Sep 8 – Coffee and Chips

Sep 19 – 2012 WWE  
Committee meeting



Dennis Ciesielski in July's Show and Tell with a maple/walnut composite bowl saved from the waste bin by cleverness.

## Presidents Corner

### **Free Wood**

It has been a funny series of events that have seen us not cut down a large Black Walnut tree in Chippewa Falls. It is still there awaiting those skilled with a chain saw and cant hook. We were going to do it on August 25<sup>th</sup>, but that interferes with the club's annual picnic at Bob and Pam Eberhardts' place on the Red Cedar River outside Colfax.

We also have a Catalpa tree to take down as soon as Harvey's Tree Care gets back to me with a price for the homeowner to drop it down. Some of the Catalpa was stacked on the side of the street last week and I took a few pieces. I made an urn and then boiled it in a pot for an hour and a half, let it cool down and put it in a grocery bag to dry out before final turning and sanding. It is one of two that I have to make for a family's dogs.

### **Annual Picnic**

We are gathering once again at Bob and Pam Eberhardts' cabin on the Red Cedar River outside Colfax for our annual picnic. All you have to do is bring a dish to pass, your dishes and utensils, some of your turnings for a "show and tell" and a good time will be had by all. Water for drinking will be provided by the club. Bringing turnings to "show and tell" will let spouses and others see what we do in our shops. Look for an attached map to Bob's cabin.

The party is potluck and is from 1 PM to 4 PM. The club will provide bottled water and Crystal Lite type flavorings. You bring eating utensils, plates, cups, mugs, chairs, and any special beverage you wish in addition to potluck dish. There will be plenty of tables to display your wares. It will be hard for Bob and Pam to top the fun we had last year but it's worth an attempt.

Directions from Bob Eberhardt:

1. Go North on Hwy 40 from HWY 29 near Elk Mound to Colfax.
2. Go through downtown Colfax and take a left turn onto HWY 170 west.
3. Go about 1 mile on Hwy 170 then take a left turn at the bottom of the hill onto 910th St. also known as (River Rd)
4. Follow 910th St for 1 mile.
5. Turn left into my driveway at E7950.

## **2012 Expo**

Barring any last minute glitches, we are filled up with demonstrators for the 2012 Wisconsin Woodturners Expo. Sally Ault from San Diego and Steve Antonucci of New Jersey are the featured national turners along with Mike Hunter, of Hunter Tools, and David Hiller of the Badger Woodturners. Our own Barry Grill will be demonstrating his dyeing technique.

Vendors include Up North Burls, A-Line Machine & Tool, Robust Lathes, Stubby Lathes, Ron Bartz Tools, Steve Schwartz's Wisconsin Woods Wood, Butternut and More, and we're still working on more. Already, registrations are coming in for exhibitor booths. All booths this year will be a full 10' X 10' space with each having 120 electric available or 240 available for vendors.

The floor plan layout is different this year so be sure and check out the floor plan file on the expo website at [www.witurnersexpo.org](http://www.witurnersexpo.org).

## **Websites**

Notice that I have used an "s" on the above title. That's because our webmaster, Jim Gobel, with help from a new member, John DeRyckere, has been busy learning new software for developing our club website and a new Expo website. Check them out if you haven't already. Club address is [www.cvwg.org](http://www.cvwg.org). That has not changed. With all the additional information added to the Expo page it was decided to start up a separate website for the Expo. You can get there by clicking on a link at [cvwg.org](http://cvwg.org) or typing in [www.witurnersexpo.org](http://www.witurnersexpo.org) in the address box. These gentlemen have done an exemplary job of getting up to speed on both websites. Kudos to Jim, and John for his help.

## **Photographer**

If you were at the August meeting, you will have seen our new photographer in action. John DeRyckere is a member of the Chippewa Valley Photography Club and being a new member with CVWG, he has stepped up to take the pix. Thanks, John for being involved. He will also be taking pictures of your turnings for addition to our page on the website called "The Gallery". Each member will have a section in the Gallery to display his art.

## **Clubhouse**

Finally. Kudos to Tom Schye and his committee for all the work they have done to get the clubhouse in great shape. Tom's sharp eye for a bargain has helped us procure two additional lathes, along with tools for each, which are hooked up and rarin' to go.

## Show and Tell



**Jim Gobel** made some one piece pens. One of them had a turquoise inlay. The finish was a modified French Polish made with walnut oil and paste wax.



**Dick Fornasierre** made two bowls with natural edges, one with no bark. Both were of cherry, turned green, microwaved and lacquer finish.



**Dennis Ciesielski** made two bowls. The one on the left is a stacked ring bowl of walnut/maple. He was able to salvage this bowl after a tenon broke. The other is southern pine and is spalted.



**Jeff Fagan** made this bowl from salvaged red bud from a tree in Iowa. It was a very large red bud tree.

## Monthly Demo



Brian George handled the demo this month on wet wood. Some tips:

- Cut wood in winter when the sap is down if you want the bark to stay on for natural edge vessels. In the summer, if wood is cut the bark will eventually fall off.
- If you turn green wood, you will need to use an artificial drying process. Brian microwaves for 30 seconds and then waits for it to cool and then repeats until he is happy with the moisture level. The item will become ob-round.
- You can also rough turn the item using the rule of wall thickness equal to  $1/10^{\text{th}}$  of wood diameter. Store for a while until dry and then do a final turning.
- You can use Anchorseal on your wood cutting and store for a while. You can use paraffin instead of Anchorseal.
- Another method is to turn the bowl green leaving a tenon and store in a paper grocery bag. It will take several months. Add wood chips to the bag to reduce drying time and prevent cracks and checks.
- Boiling your wood: Turn a bowl using the 10:1 rule and put the bowl(s) in a pot of boiling water fully submerged. The lignin will soften and reach an equilibrium. See Steve Russell's website at <http://www.woodturningvideosplus.com/>. You can still put the wood in a paper bag, but it takes less time to reach equilibrium (15 days). You can also use de-natured alcohol in lieu of boiling water.
- Check out the USDA webpage for plans on making a solar kiln. The URL is <http://www.solarkilninfo.com/solar-kiln-resources-on-the-internet/links-to-plans-for-building-a-solar-kiln>



For boiling wood bowls and other pieces, Brian uses a cut off 55 gallon barrel sitting on a gas burner you can get at a camping store for about \$20. It hooks up to propane.

**Chippewa Valley Woodturner's Guild  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2012**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Brian George. In attendance were Brian George, Dick Fornasiere, Jim Gobel, Rich Thelen and Tom Schye.
2. Dick Fornasiere presented the treasurer's report. Cash on hand is \$2920.00

with \$2500 reserved for WWE. Expenses were \$942.54 and income was \$42.50.

3. Membership stands at 68 members. Two new members were added at the general meeting August 1 for a total of 70.
4. 2012 WWE Update:
  - a. A rotation schedule was passed out and all slots are filled except one. Jim Franke from LaCrosse may take this spot.
  - b. We have sold 10 vendor booths to Up North Burls, Lyle Jamieson, Aline Tools and Robust Tools.
  - c. It was suggested we look at the rotation schedule to mix up the demonstrators and the topics better.
  - d. Doug Thompson, a tool maker and a previous vendor will not make the show due to hardship.
  - e. Tom Austen from Aline will look at the possibility of getting a machine to auction. He will also provide two Jet 1642 machines for demos.
5. Web Page: Jim Gobel reports that the web page and the WWE page have been updated. He is trying to get some photos for a member gallery section, but the old gallery pictures were deleted from the old website. John deRyckere will try to take gallery photos at the meetings using the light box. The "contact us" link will send email to Brian. All of the demonstrator bios will be posted to the site. A list of vendors with links will also be posted.
6. We would like to have a space for youth turning so young people can learn to turn. Space in the main hall is limited and we hope to find some space there.
7. A fork lift will not be available this year for vendors moving into the show spaces.
8. John Layde says upcoming demos will include metal spinning and we will need a DVD projector for this.

The meeting was adjourned.

This report was recorded by Rich Thelen (Secretary) and is presented as a record of the board meeting of August 1, 2012.

**Chippewa Valley Woodturner's Guild**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**August 1, 2012**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Brian George. There were 38 members and guests in attendance. Two guests became new members.
2. See the board meeting report for information also discussed at the board meeting.
3. Dick Fornasierre provided 4 wooden cases for our new lathe tools. Tom Schye has color coordinated them by using color tape on the handles.
4. 2012 WWE update. Exhibits are \$100 less \$25 for members. Steve Schwartz will take two spaces this year. Youth training will be on small kits like pens or tops. The AAW sent out an email to all AAW members about the 2012 WWE. Next we will issue a poster to the Wisconsin chapter and then to the press.
5. Brian George handled the demo this month on wet wood. Some tips:
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6. The annual summer picnic will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm at Bob Eberhardt's place near Colfax. Watch for an upcoming notice.
7. Brian advised there is a large walnut tree in Chippewa Falls that must be taken down. Brian will send an email notice when the details are confirmed. Send an email to Brian if you are interested.
8. Show and Tell features:
  - a. Jim Gobel showed three pens. They were finished with walnut oil and paste wax. This is a sort of revised French polish. One of the pens has a turquoise inlay.
  - b. Dick Fornasierre showed two bowls. One was a natural edge cherry burl with no bark. The other was cherry with a natural edge. He microwaved them and used a lacquer finish.

- c. Dennis Ciesielski showed a stacked ring maple and walnut bowl. It was salvaged when a catch caused a broken tenon. He also showed a southern oak bowl that had some spalting.
  - d. Jeff Fagan showed two red bud bowls made from red bud burls salvaged from his family home in Iowa.
9. The auction yielded \$139.00. Two new members paid dues for a total of \$50.
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**Chippewa Valley Woodturner's Guild**  
**2012 WWE Meeting Minutes**  
**July 18, 2012**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Brian George. In attendance were Brian George, Dick Fornasierre, Keith Jones, Tom Schye, Rich Thelen, and Ron Bartz.
2. Demonstrators for the 2012 Show are:
  - a. Steve Antonucci from New Jersey doing bowls: flight only, home stay (no \$150 per session) up to 4 max sessions, estimated travel \$500.
  - b. Sally Ault from San Diego will show wood jewelry: Flight, home stay and \$150 per session, estimated travel \$1000.
  - c. David Hiller (Madison, WI) does finials: \$100 per demo, mileage and home stay.
  - d. Mike Hunter from Minneapolis showing tools and doing two demos: \$250 for 2 sessions, no booth.
  - e. Barry Grill from CVWG.
  - f. Lyle Jamieson from Michigan will serve as backup.
3. Announcements have been distributed. AAW just sent a blast email with our announcement. We have 3 inquiries so far.
4. The use of radio ads for promotion may be a problem since the election is on Tuesday following the show. We will put our dollars into print advertising. A motion was made and approved to advertise in the EC Journal, Volume One and Senior Review.
5. Claude Schilling is the airport curator and a photographer. We should be prepared for an art opportunity. We will need printed matter.
6. The posters are aimed at getting general admission not necessarily the seminars. Jerry will get the posters done ASAP.
7. Vist Eau Claire will put our announcement on the web and they will distribute posters.
8. Replacing the craft area with an instant gallery was discussed again, and it was decided to stay with the craft area this year.
9. Rich Thelen and Brian George will split up the solicitation of vendors for booths in the hall.
10. Brian and Rich will send out rotation schedules. (note: schedule was posted in the July Newsletter).

The meeting was adjourned.

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### **Our Auctioneer – Rick Bauer**

Rick lives in Durand and can't always come to the meetings, but when he does, he is our auctioneer. He has a flair that always gets the bidding started and keeps it going. He creates a sense of drama in his remarks and gets everyone involved in the auction. The July auction for wood created cash for the club of \$139.00. This is money we can use to pay the quarterly rent on the clubhouse and to buy needed tools. Items for the auction are donated by our members including Steve Schwartz and Richard Waller among others.

Yuuuup!

### 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: Delta Lathe 1440 - asking \$200.  
Contact Dennis Ciesielski, 715-233-0236

### **Wanted to BUY**

Chain saw: Call John DeRyckere at  
838-9480.

Band saw: Call John DeRyckere at  
838-9480

## 2012 Wisconsin Woodturning Expo Schedule of Events

<b>Friday, Nov 2, 2012</b>	Booth Setup: Noon to 7:00 pm	
Registration	6:00 - 7:00 pm	

<b>Saturday Nov. 3 2012</b>	Booth setup: 7:00 am - 8:30 am	
	Registration: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm	

Silent Auction Bidding 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Rotations	Room 1	Room 4
8:00 to 9:30 am	<b>Sally Ault</b> <i>Wood Jewelry</i>	<b>Steve Antonucci</b> <i>Bowls</i>

9:30 to 10:00 am Visit the Vendors

10:15 to 11:45 am	<b>David Hiller</b> <i>Miniatures</i>	<b>Barry Grill</b> <i>Dying your Works</i>
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11:45 to 1:00 pm Lunch Break

1:00 to 2:30 pm	<b>Sally Ault</b> <i>Box Lid embellishments</i>	<b>Steve Antonucci</b> <i>Hollow Vessels</i>
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2:30 to 3:00 pm Visit the Vendors

3:00 to 4:30 pm	<b>Mike Hunter</b> <i>Lidded Boxes</i>	<b>Ben Manor</b> <i>Animal Carving</i>
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4:45 to 6:00 pm	<b>Bob Boettcher</b> <i>bottle stoppers</i>	<b>Barry Grill</b> <i>Dying your Works</i>
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<b>Sunday Nov. 4 2012</b>	Registration: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	
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Silent Auction Bidding 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Rotations	Room 1	Room 4
8:00 - 9:30 am	<b>Bob Boettcher</b> <i>bottle stoppers</i>	<b>Steve Antonucci</b> <i>Hollow Vessels</i>

9:30 to 10:00 am Visit the Vendors

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1:00 to 2:30 pm	<b>Sally Ault</b> <i>Design</i>	<b>Steve Antonucci</b> <i>Bowls</i>
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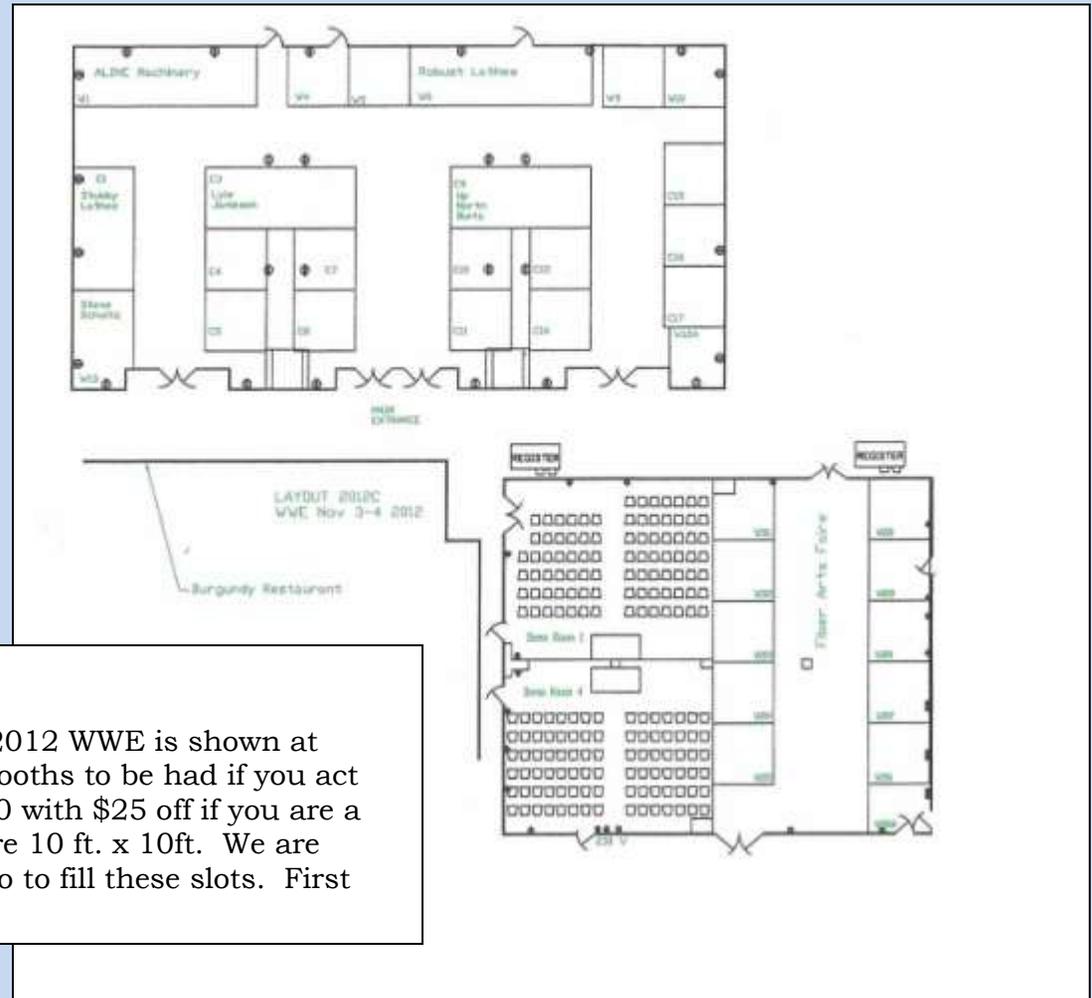
2:30 to 3:00 pm Visit the Vendors

4:00 pm Silent Auction Closes

3:00 to 4:30 pm	<b>Sally Ault</b> <i>Box Lid Embellishment</i>	TBA
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4:30 pm Announce Silent Auction Winners

2012 WWE Rotation r3



**2012 WWE Layout**

The floor plan for the 2012 WWE is shown at right. There are still booths to be had if you act quickly. They are \$100 with \$25 off if you are a member. All booths are 10 ft. x 10ft. We are contacting vendors also to fill these slots. First come first served.

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

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.