



Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild



Newsletter

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Up Coming Events

Jan. 2 - General Meeting
7:00 pm. Demo: Finishes

Jan. 12 - Coffee and
Chips 8-noon

Dues Reminder

Dues for 2013 are due. They are only \$25 for 12 meetings and 12 Saturday Open Houses (aka Coffee and Chips). We also have a summer picnic that has been widely attended in the past.

What a sensational bargain for only \$25. Other nearby clubs charge \$35 or more, so get your dues in while you can. Send a check to:

CVWG
1125 Starr Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Or give to Dick Fornasiere at the meeting.

Presidents Corner

In late Fall of 2008 25-30 people came together at an Alan Lacer turning demonstration at Heartland Hardwoods on a Saturday. Out of that demonstration came the core of 10 people that formed the Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild and affiliated with the American Association of Woodturners. AAW supplied us with the constitution and by-laws and helped us get off the ground running.

From those humble beginnings we met at Heartland Hardwoods until April of 2010 when we secured a 10 year lease on space at our present location of 1125 Starr Avenue, here in Eau Claire.

The original Board of Director members, as required by AAW, were all AAW members. Richard Golde as Vice President, Al Waite as Secretary, Carl Brown as Treasurer, and myself as founder and President. The Board met the third Wednesday of the month and our regular membership meeting was held the first Wednesday of the month. The Board met at Culvers Restaurant on the west side of Eau Claire to make it more convenient for Al Waite who lives north of Menomonie. It was somewhat later, at the request of Richard Golde, that we met before the monthly meeting so everyone wouldn't have to come out twice a month. From the very beginning, all of the Board meetings have been made available to attend by any member of the club.

In 2009 Cindy Hansen and her husband Rick joined the club and got right into being involved. At one of our regular membership meetings (August, as I recall) at Heartland Hardwoods, Cindy offered the use of the meeting space at Sleep Inn Country Suites on CTH "T" and WI HWY 29. WOW! 2800 Square Feet FREE to put on a show.

There were the usual naysayers but, thanks to a small group of members that felt it could be done in a short period of time (1st weekend in November) we pulled it off, not really knowing what to do other than ideas we each had from our past experiences. Many, many members stepped forward to volunteer at the Expo and do whatever they could to be of help. Cindy and Rick were a huge help that first year and so again in our second year.

Ron Bartz was in charge of advertising; Chuck Brovold was in charge of everything from food to set up to tear down to collecting funds. Carl Brown, as CVWG Treasurer, handled all the monies in and out. Barry Grill and I and Ron Bartz trudged through deep snow to put up posts and signs along Highway 29 and CTH "T." To this day we still get coverage on WEAU TV 13 for our EXPO thanks to those original contacts made by Ron Bartz.

Ron later set up an interview with Volume One Entertainment magazine for the Chippewa Valley as well as interviewing by Public Radio. We were excited with the turnout for the whole event from the general public as well as potential turners. We picked up 29 new members from that first Expo and continue to have new members join as a result of each Expo.

That first year, as well as year two, had Rick Bauer and Fran Passe giving demonstrations. WQOW TV came out and taped Rick doing his demonstration on turning a bowl from green wood. As the green wood curled away from the lathe you could hear the "ooh's" and "aaah's" coming from the audience. Both Rick and Fran did a great job, as did Bruce Scherlin and Bob Eberhardt on

sharpening.

Year two saw us invite Lyle Jamieson from Michigan to be our featured turner. We grew to 4500 sq. ft. We were busting at the seams, made another profit, albeit small, and gained 13 new members. It became evident that we had to change our location to continue to grow.

After looking at several options it became evident to the WWE Planning Committee that The Plaza Hotel & Suites was the place for us to continue to grow. For \$1900.00 we were able to get the Crystal Ballroom of 6,000 Sq. Ft plus they threw in the Four Seasons Room of 4,000 Sq. Ft free.

Our membership ends 2012 with about 75 members starting out the new year of 2013.

In 2010 it became clear to me that we were busting at the seams having our meetings at Heartland Hardwoods. We would bring in extra chairs, benches, and boxes for people to sit on instead of having to stand through a 2-3 hour get together.

I spent considerable hours and days searching throughout the metro area looking for suitable space that we could use for our monthly meetings. After approximately 6 months of looking, I found some cold, flooded out commercial/industrial space through a friend in the real estate industry.

With Ron Bartz heading up the project, we started cleaning up the space, signed a ten year lease, installed a new roof hvac unit and were moving to 1125 Starr Avenue. That was in April 2010.

Four years plus is a long time to be president of any organization. Not only for me, but the membership as well. New people bring new ideas and focus.

I see the future holding good things for CVWG. I proposed to the new incoming Board of Directors that a Long Range Planning Committee be formed to plan for our future as a growing organization. The first two years of our ten year lease have gone by very, very fast.

I see the day when we will have ongoing beginner's classes at the clubhouse and intermediate/advanced courses and demonstrations as well. I see the Expo/Symposium continuing to grow and prosper. I see the coming together of clubs in Wisconsin and Minnesota for the exchange of ideas, demonstrators, fellowship, and representation. I see the day when we will have over 100 members.

I see the continuance of attendance at our monthly membership meetings to continue to be in the high 60 percentile of membership. The reason being that with the presentations of very worthwhile club members demonstrating their passion and skills makes it worthwhile to be at the meetings. Not to mention the great wood auctions and support from Richard Waller and Steve Schwartz.

Finally, at risk of missing someone, I wish to thank those that have helped along the way to make this dream come true.

Chuck Brovold was a true friend that I made the acquaintance of because of this group. He contributed immensely before his passing.

Ron Bartz never ceased to amaze me as he stepped forward whenever he could to be of help. Carl Brown for being our first Treasurer, and what a great job he did. Stepping into his boots was Keith Boesel as our second Treasurer. Thank you for your support, Keith. And Bob Merker for filling in as Secretary.

The Board of Directors was expanded to include the Tool/Equipment Director, Orville Bierman and later Tom Schye. Orv set the pace and Tom stepped in, picked up the pace and what you see in the clubhouse of equipment and tools is a result of Tom's amazing ability to scrounge and spend wisely the earnings of the Expo.

Added also to the Board was an Education Director in the person of Bob Eberhardt. Under his guidance and tutelage, the first beginner's classes were held with 26 students in our first 8 sessions. These were held in Fran Passe's shop in Durand with Rick Bauer assisting; Bob Eberhardt's shop with Barry Grill assisting; and my shop with Chuck Brovold assisting. Additional classes for beginners were held in later years and continue to be a focus of our current Education Director, Richard Golde.

We added a library in our beginning years and have over \$500.00 worth of DVD's along with magazines and books for free checkout by our membership. Mark Abramovich donated a beautiful Hard Maple cabinet for storing our DVD's and Dennis Ciesielski is working on updating that service.

Thanks to Ron Bartz for stepping up and helping with every Woodturning Expo we have had since 2009. Barry Grill for being involved from the start. Thanks to all those who spent many Saturdays cleaning up the cold storage mess that was our space before we moved in. Thanks to Carl Brown for finding chairs for us to use at Heartland. Thanks to all those who have donated tools, equipment and resources to the clubhouse. Thanks to John Timmers who donated the very first piece of equipment which was a face mask from Craft Supplies. That really got the ball rolling.

Thanks to all the members who volunteered for the first Expo in 2009. That helped the club realize we could do it again and do more. Thanks to all the members that have volunteered to do demonstrations at the monthly meetings, donated wood, and tools. My special thank you to Steve Schwartz for his continued support and donations as a professional logger and businessman.

Without the computer skill and technical knowledge of Jerry Engedal, we would not have a computer system in the clubhouse for our use. He donated all the hardware and set up the connection to the internet for the club. Jerry has proved to be invaluable as a graphic artist when it came to working on the Expo publications and advertising pieces.

People have come from Spooner, Chetek, Durand, Woodville, and other outlying areas to support this organization and its growth.

Chuck Brovold developed our current website and it has been doing great with the enhancements Jim Gobel has provided. Chuck also developed the newsletter that Rich Thelen took over when he became the Secretary of CVWG. He has done an excellent job as Secretary and Newsletter editor.

Comments from the Minnesota Woodturners and Lake Superior Woodturners indicate that the Expo/Symposium is wanted and much appreciated by other clubs in the surrounding states. "It is the only Expo/Symposium in the Upper Midwest," to quote an officer of a club from another state. It is the major fund raiser for our club. Yes, it takes a lot of work but, many, many members find it rewarding to be involved.

A great and successful club like ours is never the result of one or two people but, instead the collaboration and efforts of many, many members of differing ideas, opinions, and experiences. Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild is a success because of each and every member of this club. Every contribution, whether large or small is very important to the ongoing success of this organization.

I humbly thank each and every one of the members for allowing me to be a small part of their lives these last four plus years.

Brian George

New Secretary and Newsletter Editor

The new secretary will be John DeRyckere. He has been taking photos at the last several meetings and there has been a noticeable improvement in picture quality and we hope he brings that same energy to the newsletter.

We used to have a members' gallery of items taken at the "show and tell" segment of the club meetings. John's goals are to begin the gallery of members' art again, and he has been taking great pictures that will end up in that gallery. The photo tent in the rear of the meeting area is excellent for making perfect photos.

Feed My People

We are once again providing our talents and experience at providing bowls to our favorite charity Feed My People. The focus of the last Coffee and Chips was bowl making and about 8 bowls were completed for the event.

Show and Tell



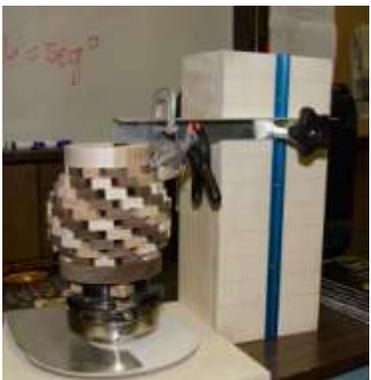
John DeRyckere made two Harry Potter wands. He also made a walnut bowl and a maple bowl.



Barry Grill made this lidded bowl on his new Powermatic lathe. It is a butternut bowl.



Jeff Fagan made this natural edge bowl from black walnut.



Dick Fornasiere made a jig for making open segmented vessels, and showed one under construction.



Dick Fornasierre made a stacked ring bowl by tilting his bandsaw at 45 degrees and making semi-circular cuts.



Dick Prouty made a few ornaments for Christmas including this sea urchin ornament. The urchin is very delicate and has to be fully supported by other pieces of the turning. He used six pieces to make the urchin ornament.

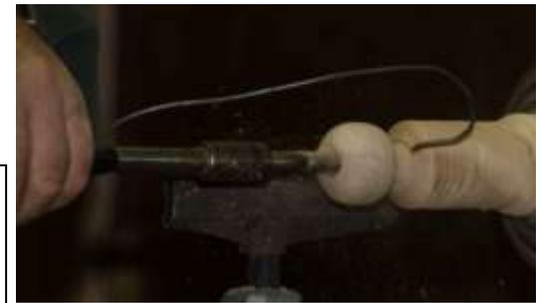


John Layde made a segmented bowl with a turned-in rim. He also tried his hand at making a bullet pen.



This is a buckthorn bowl/cup made by Bob.

Monthly Demo



Rick Bauer's ornament stand was made from an old microphone stand with a disk from a plow welded to the top. The disk had holes on the rim for holding completed ornaments.

The globe portion of the ornament will be made from spalted maple and the finial and icicle will be made from walnut.

He roughed the stock to a cylinder and made a part line 1.25" from the outboard end. He turned this area to a ball shape, sanded and finished with shellac.

Then a 5/8" dia hole was drilled into the ball with a 5/8" Forstner bit.





The globe was hollowed out to a thickness of 1/16" to 1/8". Rick used a special hollowing tool with an outrigger that prevented twisting of the tool in the turner's hand.

The icicle was made of black walnut and used 3 coves and a small detail on the tip. He finishes from the tip inboard to prevent breaking off and sands as he goes. The icicle is finished with shellac and glued to the globe with 3 drops of CA glue.

The finial on top is made from the same wood stock and the same procedure was followed. It was glued to the globe with CA Glue. He drilled a hole in the top and added an eye-screw for hanging.



Rick also showed 14 bowls made with natural edge with bark included. They were black walnut and he made them all in one day. Size was from small 5" to large 12-14". He rough turned them to final thickness and then microwaved them for 3.5 minutes. In three days' time he cleaned up the bottom of each bowl, sanded them with a drill sander and finished them on the lathe.

Chippewa Valley Woodturner's Guild
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2012

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

1. The treasurer reports \$4707.51 in the checkbook. Total expenses in November were \$516 and income was \$659.
2. Membership stands at 73 members. We have added two new members.
3. 2012 WWE Update:
 - a. Income from the 2012 WWE was \$10140 and the Expenses were \$8139.81 estimated. Profit is \$2000.19.
 - b. It was decided to set the WWE reserve at \$1500 for 2013.
4. Nominations were received at the last meeting for the slate of officers as follows:
 - a. President – Rich Thelen
 - b. Vice President – Keith Jones
 - c. Treasurer – Dick Fornasiere
 - d. Secretary and Newsletter – John DeRyckere
 - e. Education Director – Richard Golde
 - f. Webmaster – Jim Gobel
 - g. Tool Director – Tom Schye
 - h. Program Director – John Layde

There are no changes at this time. This slate will be proposed to the membership and a vote will be taken at the general meeting.

5. Brian George suggested the creation of a long range planning committee to find alternatives after our present lease expires in 8.5 years. There was some discussion about the current length of the lease and 8 years seemed a long time forward to be thinking of plans at this point.
6. New membership is 3 new members and 19 potential members from the expo cards. Cards were passed out and everyone will call 3-4 people and urge membership.
7. It was decided to move the library to the meeting hall and allow Dennis Cielsielski to maintain the library.
8. The January program will be on finishes.

The meeting was adjourned.

This report was recorded by Rich Thelen (Secretary) and is presented as a record of the board meeting of December 5, 2012.

Chippewa Valley Woodturner's Guild
General Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by President Brian George. There were 42 members including 3 new members in attendance.
2. See the board meeting report for information also discussed at the board meeting.
3. The demonstration was by Rick Bauer on making ornaments.
 - a. His ornament stand was made from an old microphone stand with a disk from a plow welded to the top. The disk had holes on the rim for holding completed ornaments.
 - b. The globe portion of the ornament will be made from spalted maple and the finial and icicle will be made from walnut.
 - c. He roughed the stock to a cylinder and made a part line 1.25" from the outboard end. He turned this area to a ball shape, sanded and finished with shellac.
 - d. Then a 5/8" dia hole was drilled into the ball with a 5/8" Forstner bit.
 - e. The globe was hollowed out to a thickness of 1/16" to 1/8". He used a special hollowing tool with an outrigger that prevented twisting of the tool in the turner's hand.
 - f. The icicle was made of black walnut and used 3 coves and a small detail on the tip. He finishes from the tip inboard to prevent breaking off and sands as he goes. The icicle is finished with shellac and glued to the globe with 3 drops of CA glue.
 - g. The finial on top is made from the same wood stock and the same procedure was followed. It was glued to the globe with CA Glue. He drilled a hole in the top and added an eyescrew for hanging.
 - h. Rick also showed 14 bowls made with natural edge with bark included. They were black walnut and he made them all in one day. Size was from small 5" to large 12-14". He rough turned them to final thickness and then microwaved them for 3.5 minutes. In three days' time he cleaned up the bottom of each bowl, sanded them with a drill sander and finished them on the lathe.
4. Show and Tell features:
 - a. John DeRuykere showed two Harry Potter wands made for his nephews of cherry and walnut. He also showed a pen made of purpleheart. In addition, he showed a walnut bowl and an oak bowl.
 - b. Barry Grill showed an excellent segmented vase made in two parts and glued up. He also showed a butternut lidded bowl.
 - c. Dick Fornasiere showed a pine bowl made from a plank by tilting the band saw deck at 45 degrees and making circular cuts. They were glued up and final turned.
 - d. Dick Fornasiere also showed a jig made for making open segmented bowls.
 - e. John Layde showed a segmented bowl and a bullet style pen with a stylus tip.
 - f. Dick Prouty showed a couple ornaments. He also showed a sea urchin ornament completed and another one with the six pieces needed to assemble it.

- g. Jeff Fagan showed a natural edge black walnut bowl with bark included.
5. Nominations were held for a slate of club officers:
- a. President – Rich Thelen
 - b. Vice President – Keith Jones
 - c. Secretary – John deRyckere
 - d. Treasurer – Dick Fornasierre
 - e. Education Director – Richard Golde
 - f. Webmaster – Jim Gobel
 - g. Tool Director – Tom Schye
 - h. Program – John Layde
 - i. Three calls for additional nominations were made and upon receiving none, a motion was made to make the election of the full slate unanimous. The motion carried.
6. The annual Empty Bowls function of Feed My People will occur in March and we have committed to making bowls for the event. To that end, we are going to spend Saturday's Coffee and Chips making as many as we can. We donated over 200 bowls last year and our donations have allowed Feed My People to take in over \$7000 from the sale of the bowls. Our wood bowls are the most attractive bowls at these events and are cherished by the owners.
7. Suggestion: don't use lacquer finish on the bowls because it will chip off after washing. Use of a Wipe-on Poly is excellent or finish with oils.
8. Dennis Ciesielski will be the collection host for Menominee.
9. There was a suggestion from the floor that the Expo be held in March. This will be entertained at the next WWE committee meeting.
10. Rich Thelen presented a comparison of income and expenses from the last three WWE Expos.

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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.

Segmented Turning Class with Phil Miller in LaCrosse

I am working on a Saturday class. Start at 8am till 12pm, for 5 weeks not all in a row. It would be hands on, but no student turning. The student would bring their own lumber that is cut and planed to the cut list. We would meet at A-line Tool in LaCrosse. We will be cutting, and gluing.

We will do 3-4 projects, the lumber will be domestic, no exotics. The first project will be a 6 segments, and then 12 segments projects.

Dates 1/12/13, 1/19/13, 2/2/13, 2/16/13, 3,2/13.

I am working on the whole lay out more to come.

Class fee will be \$125 per person for the 5 classes.

I will Limit the class size to 5 to 6.

Now the student has to have a lathe at home or access to one and know how to use a chop saw and table saw.

All fees have to be paid to me to hold their spot.

Contact Phil Miller by email at: pmiller010@centurytel.net. One CVWG member has already signed up to attend.

Fred Steffens says he needs a 8" or 12" tool rest with a 5/8" shaft. Contact him at fsteffens@sbcglobal.net

"WANTED" used lathe, older heavy duty for rough turning log sections 18" for lamps.

Duane Walker
715-577-2248
elk.stir@gmail.com

Coffee and Chips



Jim Selting making a bowl of pine for Feed My People.

Potential new member Ginny gets a hand from teacher Ron Bartz. She had some good techniques and we welcome her to join the club.



Feed My People – Empty Bowls

Every year we task ourselves with a charity project with the food bank, Feed My People. They have a fundraising dinner called “Empty Bowls” where they charge \$8 for a bowl of soup. If you pay \$18 you get to keep the bowl. This event is a hugely popular fundraiser and they have raised over \$7000 from the sale of bowls made by CVWG wood turners.

Also, the Menomonie Empty Bowls is scheduled for March 3rd. This will be the second year that the CVWG will also be turning bowls for Stepping Stones of Dunn Co. Dennis Ciesielski will be the collection point for the bowls for Stepping Stones. His phone # is 715-233-0236.

At the December Coffee and Chips, we made 8 bowls for Feed My People with wood donated by Rick Bauer.



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
Richard Golde - 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 doc54701@yahoo.com 715-839-8880	Basic turning, Bowls Richard also offers his shop to those who don't have a lathe yet.	 Brian George captainbg@gmail.com 715-834-8749	Basic turning Natural Edge Bowls Peppermills
 Rick Bauer pbrook@nelson-tel.net 715-672-5407	Hollow forms Bowls	 Barry Grill bgrill@hotmail.com 715-568-4586	All aspects of turning; Basic Hollow forms Bowls
 Bob Eberhardt ple13@charter.net 715-835-7300	Basic turning Bowls Sharpening	 Fran Passe franpasse@yahoo.com 715-672-5762	Pens
 Bruce Scherlin bscherlin@centurytel.net 715-878-9490	Pens	 Ron Bartz rbartz@charter.net 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.