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Presidents Corner



Hello woodworkers, spring has sprung and it is time to get out and clean up the yard (unless of course you live in a condo). I have a project this spring to repair the lawn where we had a tree removed last year, and finding a replacement tree. I like trees, trees are the lifeblood of our hobby, without trees no wood, no wood no woodworking.

Recently, I was watching the utility companies' tree trimmers cut back branches away from high voltage power lines so the tree could be removed. This got me thinking about how much lumber this large tree would yield (a good amount given the tree was over 40 inches in diameter). But, I know from firsthand experience getting a tree like this into usable lumber is no easy task, one that requires time and effort. First, you have to get the tree on the ground and cut into usable/ manageable logs and move the logs to a mill or mill on site. Freshly milled lumber is wet and heavy, and needs to be stacked to dry, then you wait...wait....and wait for it to dry (or you have it kiln dried). Once you have dry lumber, the rough boards need to be processed by roughing out pieces, flattening, thickening and straightening before finally laying out the piece to be made. The quality of the lumber depends on the how good the log is and how it is sawn. What you typically get is 'run of the mill' or the good, the bad and the ugly, non-graded lumber.

This is not to discourage you from making your own lumber because there is also satisfaction in making projects from lumber you have created yourself. And custom milling allows you to get the type of lumber you want. You should try it at least once,

even on a small scale; it will give you a greater appreciation of that S4S board you buy at the lumber store.

At the March meeting Neal Leeper, from the Black Hawk RC Pilots AMA club, gave an interesting and informative presentation on the history and construction of radio controlled airplanes and drones. The presentation also included many examples of airplane, showing the various types of construction and design.

Upcoming meetings.....

Our April 8th meeting will feature Roger Ipsen speaking on 'Exploring Native woods of Iowa'. Roger's specialty is carving burl wood.

CVWA has been invited to join Cedar Valley Makers (CVM) in co hosting an open house event. The open house will be April 15th 6:00PM at the CVM space on the 3rd floor of the Tech works in Waterloo. CVWA members are encouraged to bring projects to display at the event.

There is a tour in the planning stage to visit Kreg Tool in Huxley Iowa. More info to come...

.....Guests are always welcome. We hope that guests will enjoy our meetings and activities, and consider membership in CVWA (\$35/year). We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Waterloo Center for the Arts.

Happy Woodworking!

See you at next meeting April 8th, 2025.

President CVWA.

John Gilbert

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Calendar

April 2025

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday April 8, 2025** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30 PM

Speaker: Roger Ipsen Homestead, IA, will showcase bowls and artistic creations carved from burls and sealed to look natural.

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday April 15 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday April 10 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

May 2025

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday May 13 2025** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30

Speaker TBA

.The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 20 May 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday May 15 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

June 2025

Next Club Meeting **Tuesday June 10, 2024** AT The Waterloo Center for the Arts 220 Commercial ST at 6:30

Speaker TBA

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 17 June 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday June 12 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

Editors Notes

Additional Presidents Message

Additional items worth mentioning (or repeating).....

Guests are always welcome. We hope that guests will enjoy our meetings and activities, and consider membership in CVWA (\$35/year).

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Waterloo Center for the Arts.

If you have ideas for program speakers or tours let me or one of the board members know.

Our monthly meeting will be cancelled when Waterloo schools are cancelled due to weather

CVWA Club Meeting Minutes 11 March 2025

President John Gilbert called the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 PM.

47 Members, 0 new members and 2 guests were present:

Guest: Jerry Dixon and Kris Verrett

Thank you to:

Jerry Krug, Bob Hewitt, Dan Stephens & Dave Turner for furnishing treats.
Dennis Gilroy for making coffee.

Announcements:

John Gilbert: At the check-in desk, you should have seen an addendum to our Members' Directory. It has a listing of the members who have joined since January of 2024 and Up-ToDate email addresses for our other members. If you didn't pick one up, please pick one up on your way out.

Steve Crouse: presented a financial breakdown of the monies that the members' dues, etc., bring into the club and how those monies are spent.

Pizza Knife Challenge: The club has bought 10 'Rockler' curved pizza knife kits.
Those interested in designing & finishing a pizza knife, need to sign the 'Challenge' sheet and take a kit.
The knives will be judged at the July membership meeting.
The knives will be given away at the Christmas party as gifts to the spouses/guests.
If the builder wants to keep the knife for themselves, they will be charged \$25.00.

Winners of Monthly Raffle:

Tool 1: John Gilbert

Tool 2: Don Diestler

The program was presented by:

Dean Schmitt – Short film of his building a valet chair and a birdhouse
Kevin Gade – Short film on restoring a 1958 bandsaw

Show and Tell Items included:

Derek Eagles – Bat House
Dave Turner – Jig for his bandsaw
Mark Widdel – Turned bowl and charcuterie

board

Thomas James – Display case for money clips
Jerry Krug – Cutting board
Lynn Barnes – Tissue box
Dean Schmitt – Dresser valet box
Bob Hewitt – Displayed his 3-D cutting board
Jack Ackerman – Lion's Head done with a jig saw
John Hix – 2 cribbage boards and a tissue box done with a CNC

The main program was presented by: Neal Leepers of 'Black Hawk R/C Pilots'

With no other business, the meeting adjourned:
8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 18 March 2025

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 by President John Gilbert at Dave Turner's home shop.

Members present:

Stephen Crouse, Milo Mead, Reed Craft, Dennis Gilroy, David Turner, Jim Wickle, John Gilbert, Mark Widdel, Rod Lair, Don Diestler

The agenda was reviewed no adjustments and was approved

Secretary's Report was read by Stephen Crouse. A motion to approve was made by Dave Turner, seconded by Mark Widdel, and approved

Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Reed Craft.

We now have 71 members. A motion to approve was made by Mark Widdel, seconded by Dennis Gilroy, and approved

John Gilbert handed out sample brochures. There was much discussion. Several proposed changes were offered. 1. In an upper corner, place a photo the meeting audience and if possible, a presenter. 2. We liked having a young woodworker in a photo. 3. There could be a photo of Cattle Congress display or the Sept Picnic. 4. The

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group agreed to moving the mission statement to the middle of the back page. 5. We questioned having the library desk in the brochure. This may send a message that we want to do more of those large projects. Stephen Crouse made motion that John G. and Steve Robb will take comments into consideration. Only those 2 board members will determine what is on the new brochure. it was approved.

Applications were handed out for review We will use old ones. Jim Wikle proposed: When making new ones, the Blue Border will be used. Don Diestler 2nd, Approved. Jim Wikle has 60 # paper for use.

NO New information about an additional domain name

CV Maker Space is working with UNI to join an event.

UNI is holding 3 event per year. This sounded like a good way to increase our visibility to younger people. John Gilber said the proposed event is 15 April 2025. Declining is an option. John Gilbert will make a further investigation. As this is the same night at the April board meeting, that meeting will be moved to Monday 14 April. That was approved.

No updates on grants Turner to check with Lynn Barnes

April speaker is Roger Ipsen from homestead.

We have no May speaker arranged

Don Diestler is to contact Cedar River Woodworking for a speaker.

Turner to contact Klingspor to see about a speaker about abrasives.

John Gilber proposed: having a preplanned meeting.

This could be used as a fill in. This could include a video and then actual parts showing the technique.

Dave Turner: to contact Kreg Tool to tour their Huxley manufacturing plant. Proposed for 10 am on 15 May Carpool would have to leave at 8 am.

Church Pews: Turner, Crouse, Boger, Craft had reviewed. As new owner of Walnut Ridge Baptist wants to keep those fastened down. There will only be about 6 to have and to determine salvage process.

Web Page: Jim Wikle to review and select and update photos.

John Hix made some special rulers. Those can be used for speaker gifts. As one broke, there may be a need for some material change. Gilbert made propose to use rulers as a gift. 2nd by Don D. Approved

To all board members : please read the website and be ready to discuss at April meeting

Newsletter needed by 3/26/2025

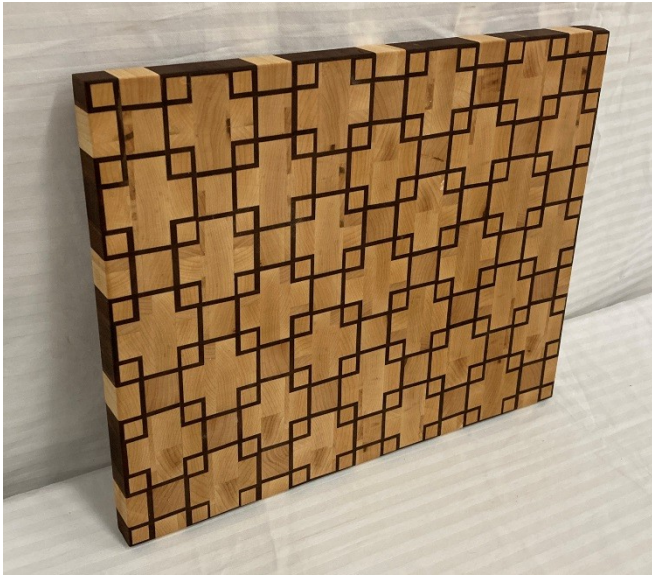
Submitted by Stephen Crouse

Show and Tell



Above: Lion head by Jack Ackerman done with a jig saw

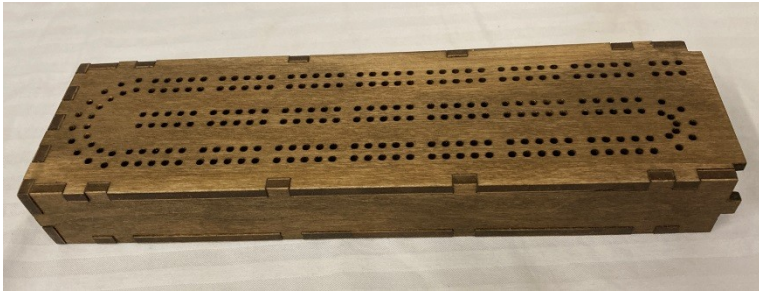
Show and Tell



Above Left; Charcuterie Board by Mark Widdel
Above Right: Tissue Box by Lyn Barnes
Center: 3D Cutting Board by Bob Hewitt
Below Left: Money Clip Display Case by Tgom James
Below Right: Dresser Valet Box by Dean Schmitt



Show and Tell



Above Left: Cribbage Board by Jon Hix

Above Right: Cutting Board by Jerry Krug

Center: Bat house by Derek Eagles

Below Left: Band Saw Jig by Dave Turner

Below Right: Radio Controlled Planes brought by this months presenter Neal Leepers from Black Hawk RC Pilots



List of Mentors for Club Members. I believe the mentor's time is free, but the person being mentored is expected to cover any material costs.

Canoe/Kayak construction, Chip Schmidt, 277-8504, cschmidt@cfu.net

Has the Ability to figure MOST problems out—Dick Buchanan, 277-2477, rbuchanan@cfu.net

Furniture and Cabinet Building, Jerry Krug, 475-2391, jandjkrug@gmail.com

Classes and Services for Pay by Fellow Club Members

Carl Leavell 319-233-4491 Sharpening Service

NEW PATTERN TEMPLATE LIBRARY

Your executive board has developed a new loaner program that might be of interest to each of you. Though the contribution of several different individuals the following full size templates are available for check-out by club members:

Nativity sets: Rocking horse: Two different doll cradles
 Mission Wall Clock #49586. Size-21 1/8" H X 14 1/2" W X 6 1/4" D
 Mission Mantel Clock #49584. Size 16 5/8" H X 12 3/4" H X 5 3/4" D
 Mirrored Mantel Clock #49606. Size 16" H X 10" W X 7" D
 Atkins Mantel Clock #49643. Size 34" H X 12" W X 6 7/8" D
 Carrington Mantel Clock # 49673. Size 12 1/4" H X 9 1/2" W X 5" D
 Bedford II Mantel Clock #49004. Size 10 1/2" H X 18" W X 7 3/8" D
 Key Cabinet Wall Clock # 49028. Size 14 1/2" H X 10" W X 4 1/2" D
 Dearborn Regulator Wall Clock #49604. Size 18 1/8" H X 11 3/8" W X 4 1/2" D
 Mirror & Coat Rack #49199. Size 48 3/4" H X 26 1/4" W X 8" D
 Colonial Desk #435. 48" Wide- 8 drawers
 Assorted Bird Houses

Should any of you have a pattern template set that your willing to share, call a board member

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 2900 University #230
 Clock Tower Square
 West Des Moines IA
 50266
 515-254-9494 or
 1-800-835-5084



****501 West 1st Avenue
 Durant, Iowa 52747-9729
 800-344-6657**

Acme Tools **
 1943 Blair's Ferry Rd.
 Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 319-363-2211

**Sherwin Williams
 Waterloo Cedar Falls
 And 2
 Nation wide**

**Pittsburgh Paints
 528 West 5th St.
 Waterloo, IA 50701
 319-234-1739**

Officers and Committee Members

Elected Committee Members

President **John Gilbert**
1st Vice President **Matt Mulnix**

2nd Vice President **Don Diestler**

Secretary **Steve Robb**

Treasurer **Reed Craft**

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Membership

Club photographer

Refreshment Chairman

Newsletter

Gene Knief

Don Diestler

Dave Turner

Dave Turner

John Gilbert

Jim Wikle

Appointed Committee Members

Committee Members **Mark Widdel**

Committee Member **Milo Mead**
Committee Member **Dennis Gilroy**