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Presidents Corner

My wife and I are looking forward to Springtime with the warmer weather to get rid of the cabin fever we developed being hunkered down during this long Iowa winter. Now I can get into my garage workshop and start being creative in my woodworking pursuits. My broken table saw; came back from the tool hospital good as new and works just like it should!

I don't know if you have noticed, I have a strong desire to increase our CVWA membership. Board Member Rod Lair came up with a great and simple program that dovetails with my thirst to increase the membership roll. With every new member paid sign-up; you receive 5 tool raffle tickets. You can use them all at once, parse them out, or give them away to the new member.

There are a couple of "Splinter Groups," our membership is missing out on. I am actively seeking students that want to get involved with woodworking and an area that we often overlook as well; women woodworkers. They enjoy the creativity just as much as the rest of the membership. They are actively doing woodworking in the Cedar Valley; we just have to be on the lookout for them. If you ever cross paths with one, gently nudge them in our direction. We all benefit from our woodworking experiences. Any full-time student CVWA yearly dues are \$10.

We are looking for creative ideas for wood challenges. We talked at our Board meeting about a future challenge of a "Motion" project

challenge. Such as a whirligig or garden sculpture, etc. More update on that later on this year.

Beside our regular \$1 Tool Raffle, I'm building a new fun "Plinko" game addition to enhance our CVWA meetings. Dick Groves custom made 2 walnut pucks perfectly for the game. It will offer a \$5 raffle drawing for a game contestant to "Come on Down" for a chance to get better prizes.

We have great speaker lineups coming up with some very interesting presentations. For our April Meeting on the 14th, we get to meet Matt McCulley, the new Waterloo United High School Woodshop Instructor. He will be presenting a rare opportunity on how to set up a new High School Woodshop.

Then in our May Business Meeting, Terri Summer from Arizona Gourds.com will put on a presentation on her crafting of wooden flutes. She is very talented and has produced some very creative and beautiful wooden flutes.

Most importantly, Be Safe, Have Fun & Happy Woodworking!

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President

CVWA

Lynn Barnes

Calendar

April 2026

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday April 14 2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30 PM
Speaker Matt McCulley Woodworking Teacher at Waterloo Career Center
The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday April 20 2026** at 7 PM at Cedar Falls Public Library 524 Main Cedar Falls
Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday April 16 2026** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

May 2026

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday May 12 2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30
Speaker Candace Terri Summers will discuss Wooden Flutes and Arizona Gourds
The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 19 May 026** at 7 PM at Cedar Falls Public Library 524 Main Cedar Falls
Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday May 14 2026** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

June 2026

Next Club Meeting **Tuesday June 9, 2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30
Speaker Mark TBA
The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 16 June 2026** at 7 PM at Cedar Falls Public Library 524 Main Cedar Falls
Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday June 11 2026** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

Editors Notes

CVWA New Member Campaign 2026:

Be a sponsor bring a guests when your guest joins the club, you get 5 raffle tickets for a tool drawing in 2026. You can use the tickets or give them to the new member.

Questions: contact Rod Lair or any board member.

It's that time of year.....

Weather Cancellation Policy Cedar Valley woodworkers meeting will be cancelled when Waterloo Schools are cancelled on the same day due to weather.

CVWA Club Meeting Minutes 10 February 2026

President Lynn Barnes called the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 PM.

42 Members, 0 new members and 1 guest were present: Guest: Dave Peter

Thank you to:

Robert Gruber, John Gilbert and Jim Burkhart for furnishing treats.
John Gilbert for making coffee.

Announcements:

Chip Schmidt – Due to relocating, the books and various items on the table are available to the members.

Lynn Barnes:

CVWA New Membership Campaign:

Currently we have 58 paid-up members + 1 Life-time member. At the last meeting, we had 1 visitor and 1 new member. Those of you that have not paid your 2026 dues, please do so ASAP.

Bring a Guest to a CVWA meeting: If that guest joins and you're their sponsor, you get 5 free raffle tickets, for a tool drawing, to be used between the time they join and our Christmas party.

Looking for donors and sponsors for CVWA to help keep the not-profit CVWA financially secure.

Looking for 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents. If you're interested, talk to one of the board members

CVWA Board Meetings are now being held at the 'Cedar Falls Public Library', in the 2nd floor conference room at 7 PM. If you're wondering about how things are run or have suggestions, our next board meeting is next Tuesday, the 17th.

Yard Sale: we're in the planning stage of a One-day Tool Yard Sale; the date is TBD.

Winner of Monthly Raffle: Richard Groves

Show and Tell Items included:

Kevin Gade – 3 drawer chest and wood card box
Dan Risse – Cooper box and a rifle ink pen
Warren Brecheisen – Cooper box with inlays and sliding drawers
Dean Schmitt – 3-D cutting board
Dale Tayloe – 19th century shaving box
Jerry Krug – 3 3-D cutting boards

'Push-stick' Challenge': Judge: Niall Stallman (Hawkeye Comm. College)

Jerry Krug
Milo Mead
John Gilbert
Paul Frederiksen
Lynn Barnes - Winner

The program was presented by: Mike Clark – 'MCC Barn-wood Creations'

With no other business, the meeting adjourned: 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 17 March 2026

Meeting called to order by President Lynn Barnes, at 6:58 at the Cedar Falls Public Library, 2nd floor conference room.

Members present:

Lynn Barnes, John Gilbert, Stephen Crouse, David Turner, Jim Wickle, Reed Craft Milo Mead, Rod Lair, Mark Widdel.

Secretary Report: Dave Turner handed out Steve Robb's report. A motion to approve was made by Rod Lair, 2nd by Lynn Barnes, approved by all

Treasure Report: Reed Craft presented the report. At this time, we have 64 members paid and one lifetime member. A motion to approve was made by Stephen Crouse, 2nd by Rod Lair, approved by all.

Agenda:

☑ There has been adjustment to our speaker order. Matt McCulley will be our speaker on April 14th . Matt teaches wood working and building construction at the Central Career Center, Waterloo Public Schools.

☑ Terri Summers, presentation will move to May 12. She will present Wood flutes and Arizona Gourds.com

☑ April Treats will be brought by John Gilbert, Mark Widdel and Dave Turner. Coffee will be made by John Gilbert and Rod Lair. John Gilbert bought more plates and was reimbursed by Reed

☑ Reed Craft will be gone for the 14 April meeting. Mark Widdel will staff the entry table. Reed gave paperwork to Mark, and raffle tickets are in the WC4A bench.

☑ Reed Craft made a motion: Full time students, including college students, dues should be set at \$10. Dave Turner 2nd, approved by all.

☑ Mark's new member awards him 5 free raffle tickets.

☑ Mark is to check on the annual wood carving show at the WC4A. He will let us know the date/time. We discussed have a

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CVWA advertising table there, but felt the short time would not allow.

☐ Crouse to check to see if Habitat for Humanities would speak at a future meeting.

☐ Makers Space is moving to a space in the building occupied by Americans for Independent Living, 4020 University Avenue, Waterloo.

☐ Lynn Barnes had a brochure from C&S Woodworking, 14784 230th Street, West Union, Iowa. 563 294 4299 www.morethansheds.com morethanshedsia@gmail.com They might be a presenter option. Dave Turner left a voice message at their business on 18 March.

We will consider a tour of the Waterloo Schools Career Center

☐ We discussed how to improve Show and Tell. Could be old projects, new projects, tools, jigs,

☐ Lynn will make a Plinko board. Group discussed option for prizes / income

☐ We need a vice president, and 2nd vice president. We might check with Cliff Cyrzan.

☐ CVWA will have a garage/tool sale in August. Dave Turner is checking on date. We agreed it must be crisp (maybe Friday afternoon and Saturday morning)

☐ We need ideas for small challenges to group. Propeller / Motion driven animation items were discussed.

☐ We were given barnwood bench. This will be given as a spouse/guest gift at the Dec Christmas party.

☐ Jim W. and group determined the members that get snail mail. Tom James, Mike Varco, Pete Cullum

☐ Crouse will contact his daughter, Victoria, about setting up a controlled Facebook site. Will be used to show CVWA mission statement, projects, meeting times/dates.

☐ April 21 board meeting will be in an alternate meeting room on level 2 of CF public library.

Newsletter items to Jim Wikle by 3-25-26

Submitted by Stephen Crouse

Show and Tell



Above: Three Drawer Card Box by Kevin Gade

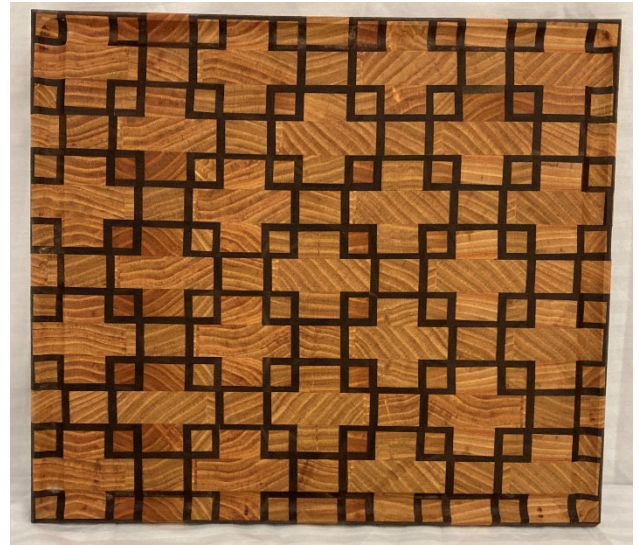
Show and Tell



Above Left : Cooper Box by Dan Risse
Above Right: 19th Century Shaving Box by Dale Tayloe
Below: Push stick Challenge Entries



Show and Tell



Top Left: Cooper Box with Inlays and Sliding Drawers by Warren Brecheisen

Top Right: 3-D Cutting Board by Dean Schmitt

Below : Three 3-D Cutting Boards Jerry Krug



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.

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

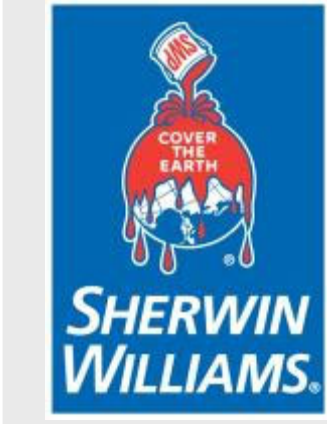
Should any of you have a pattern template set that your willing to share, call a board member

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



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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 Lynn Barnes
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary Steve Robb
Treasurer Reed Craft

Committee Member
Committee Member
Membership
Club photographer
Refreshment Chairman
Newsletter

Dave Turner
Dave Turner
John Gilbert/ Rod Lair
Jim Wikle

Appointed Committee Members

Committee Members Mark Widdel
Committee Member Milo Mead
Committee Member