

# Cedar Valley Woodworkers

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### Presidents Corner

Greetings woodworkers!

We'll start with a recap of our July meeting. Our speaker for the meeting was a representative from Milwaukee tool. He presented information on the various battery powered tools, motor designs, and battery features available in the extensive line of Milwaukee tools.

We concluded the pizza cutter knife challenge with seven knives entered in the challenge. The membership present at the meeting voted for their favorite knife. The winning entry with a colorful handle made of exotic woods was made by Mark Widdel. Mark's entry won narrowly by one vote.

We also concluded the raffle for the Seiko wall clock. The lucky winner was Kevin Gade.

On Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 13 of us toured the UNI sculpture department's wood and metal shop. In addition to the shop itself, there were students working on commissioned sculptures. This work in process allowed us to see the various stages of metal sculpture construction.

With the end of summer in sight, we have one more meeting, and then the annual picnic. The August meeting will feature a presentation from a representative from SawStop, maker of table saws. Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> is the date of the annual club picnic. The picnic will be from 1:00 to 2:30 with shop tours to follow. The picnic will be at shelter #1 in the NW corner of Island Park in Cedar Falls.

Also coming in September, is the CVWA's project display and scroll saw demonstration at Cattle Congress. If you have a project you would like to display or are willing to operate the scroll saw during demonstration times, contact Reed Craft or other board member. The fair will run Wednesday through Sunday September 17-25, 2025.

On a business note, our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Matt Mulnix, resigned from the VP position last month. Per club bylaws, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Don Diestler moved to 1<sup>st</sup> VP. At the July board meeting, Lynn Barnes was nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Lynn accepted, and the board voted him in. The general membership will be able to vote on these changes at the November meeting which is the club's annual business meeting.

Last but not least,

.....Guests are always welcome. We hope that guests will enjoy our meetings and activities, and will 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 August 12th, 2025.

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*President CVWA*

*John Gilbert*

# Calendar

## August 2025

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday August 12 2025** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30

Speaker Scott Audette Saw Stop

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 19 August 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday August 14 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

## September 2025

Next Club Meeting **Sunday Sept 7, 2025** Annual Club Picnic More info to Follow

Speaker Two Shop Tours after picnic

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 16 September 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday September 18 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

## October 2025

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday October 14, 2025** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30 PM

Speaker TBA

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday October 21 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday October 16 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

# Editors Notes

The board wants to make membership growth in 2026 a priority. We currently have 79 members and would like to increase the membership so that we can do some new things and not burn out existing members.

That's why we want to encourage members to bring acquaintances to club events as guests. It's a great way to introduce people to our club.

For 2026, if one of your guests joins the club, you get credit for being their sponsor. There's a perk for acting as a new member sponsor. The sponsor will get 5 raffle tickets for a tool drawing in 2026. You can use the tickets when you want and could even give them to the new member.

So, tell others about the club and bring them to a meeting. Become a sponsor and get a chance to win some new tools.....and who doesn't like tools?

If you have questions, contact Rod Lair or any board member.

## Annual Picnic

Date: 7 September 2025

Time :1PM to 2:30PM

Place: Island Park Cedar Falls IA Shelter #1

Club will furnish Meat Buns and Condiments

Members need to bring a hot or cold dish to pass and table service and drinks

Tours:

Kevin Gade 24463 150th ST Greene

Dan Risse 309 Locust Allison IA

## CVWA Club Meeting Minutes 8 July 2025

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

44 Members, 1 new member and 0 guests. New Member: Jason Edgington

### Thank you to:

Dick Buchanan, Craig Johns, Steve Crouse and Keith Johns for furnishing treats.  
Rod Lair for making coffee.

### Announcements:

Longtime member, Dennis Gilroy, passed away yesterday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Visitation is 5 – 7 PM next Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, and his funeral is Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, at 11 AM at Richardson's Funeral Home in Cedar Falls.

**The Club's Annual Picnic:** is planned for Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at Island Park in Cedar Falls. A 'Sign-Up' sheet and a sheet with more details are here on the table. We'll leave for shop tours at 2:30 PM and visit the shops of Kevin Gade and Dan Risse.

**Reed Craft:** has placed a couple of books on the table that you're welcome to take.

**Tom James:** has been asked by the family, of past member Terry Duckworth, to clean out and liquidate Terry's shop. Any members interested in any of Terry's tools, or wood, call Tom James, 319.493.1055 to make arrangements to see what's available.

**Upcoming Tour:** July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. 'UNI Sculpture – Wood & Metal' at the Kamerick Art Building, 1601 W. 27<sup>th</sup> Street. There is a sign-up sheet here on the table for those interested in attending, as well as UNI parking tags.

**Tool Raffle:** After reviewing the cost of giving away 2 - \$25.00 tools each month. Starting with the August meeting, the board has decided to only raffle one \$25.00 tool / month, so that we can continue giving each member a \$25.00 tool at our Christmas potluck party.

### Winners of Monthly Raffle:

**Tool 1:** Jason Edgington

**Tool 2:** Jerry Krug

### Show and Tell Items included:

Rod Lair – Cedar chair  
John Hix – 2 Indian heads lasered on wood and a tool to assist adding the arbor nut to a table saw.  
Dan Risse – Toolbox  
Lynn Barnes – 3 drawer file cabinet

Steve Crouse – Corner hardware  
Reed Craft – 2 Clocks  
Steve Dewey – Game table (chess, checkers, & cribbage)

**Pizza Knife Challenge:** Winner: Mark Widdel

**Wall Clock Raffle Winner:** Winner: Kevin Gade  
**The program was presented by:** Frankie Falotico, Milwaukee Tools

**With no other business, the meeting adjourned:** 7:52 PM

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Steve Robb, Secretary**

## Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 15 July 2025

**Meeting called to order by President John Gilbert at 7 P.M. at Dave Turner's home.**

### Members Present:

Lynn Barnes, Reed Craft, John Gilbert, Rod Lair, Milo Mead, Steve Robb, Dave Turner & Jim Wikle

**The agenda was reviewed, additions made and approved.**

**Secretary's Report:** Steve Robb presented the monthly Secretary's Report. [After the correction of the 'Newsletter Due Date,' to June 24<sup>th</sup>, motion to approve was made by Jim Wikle. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rod Lair. Motion Approved.](#)

**Treasurer's Report:** Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve was made by Jim Wikle. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rod Lair. Motion Approved.

### Agenda:

**Refreshment Coordinator:** With the passing of Dennis Gilroy, Rod Lair agreed to be the coordinator of treats and to make the coffee for the membership meetings for the balance of 2025.

### Recap of July 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

**Pizza Cutter Challenge Review:** There was a consensus that the method of selecting the winner, members in attendance writing their pick on a ballot, should be the method of selecting any future challenge winner.

**Clock Raffle:** Pleased with the response. The \$32 dollars went into the club's office fund.

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**UNI Shop Tour:** 13 members attended. Received good responses from the hosts and the members who attended.

**Programs for upcoming membership meetings:**

**August:** Scott Audette with 'SawStop'

**September:** Club Picnic

**October:** Open

**September Picnic:** 1 PM Sunday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at Island Park, Cedar Falls.

Dave will pick up table covers and signage from Sarah.

Mark will prepare the meat

Steve R will pick up buns and condiments

People will leave for the tours at 2:30 PM

Tours are to the shops of:

Kevin Gade – 24463 150<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Greene, IA

Dan Risse – 309 Locust, Allison, IA

**Cattle Congress:** runs Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

The display area is in the same building as last year

Reed will have admission passes for those helping at the booth

Rod will contact Matt M., Steve C., & Don D. regarding scroll saw demo for Thurs., Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Move in our display – meet at Reed's home, Monday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

**Leadership of CVWA:** According to the clubs' by-laws, since Matt Mulnix had resigned the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Don Diestler, then automatically fill the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. Lynn Barnes was asked, and has agreed, to fill the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President until January 2026. Rod Lair made the motion to have Lynn Barnes fill the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of CVWA. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Turner. Motion Approved.

**Lynn Barnes reported:**

CVWA didn't receive this quarter's Target's grant, but he has already applied for their next quarter's grant.

He visited the 'Boys & Girls Club of the Cedar Valley' and they have nothing, no tools or supplies.

**Trophy Case:** Dave Turner reported to the board that he had been approached by Mike Massina for the CVWA to build a display case like the one at the "Cedar Valley Sportsplex." After discussion, Rod Lair made the motion to decline making the requested display case. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Turner. Motion Approved.

**2026 Membership Promotion Amendment:** a motion was made by Rod Lair to change the wording of the 2026 Membership Promotion that was passed at the May 2025 board meeting to read as:

*To increase membership in the Cedar Valley Woodworkers Association, the club*

*should have a membership campaign for 2026. Any member that brings a guest to a club membership meeting, sometime during Oct 2025 to Oct 2026, can act as a 'sponsor'. If the guest becomes a 'dues paying member' in 2026, then the 'sponsor' will receive a coupon in 2026 for 5 tool raffle tickets that can be used (all five at once) at a regular meeting in 2026. The coupon expires on 30 Nov '26 and can't be used at the December meeting. The sponsor would turn the coupon in to the ticket sellers and receive 5 raffle tickets for that meeting's drawing. The 'sponsor' is responsible for getting his name on the membership application. Past members from previous years that are not current members can be considered new members for 2026, and their 'sponsor' would be eligible to receive the coupon.*

**Terry Duckworth's Tools:** To assist Tom James with clearing Terry's tools, wood, stains, etc., Dave will send out a mass email to the members with Tom's phone number.

**Fall Tool Sale:** Dave Turner and John Gilbert will look at what Jim Clark wants to sell.

**Newsletter Deadline:** July 24<sup>th</sup>

**Motion to Adjourn:** 8:10 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Robb, Secretary**

## Show and Tell



**Above:** Three Drawer File cabinet by Lynn Barnes



# Show and Tell

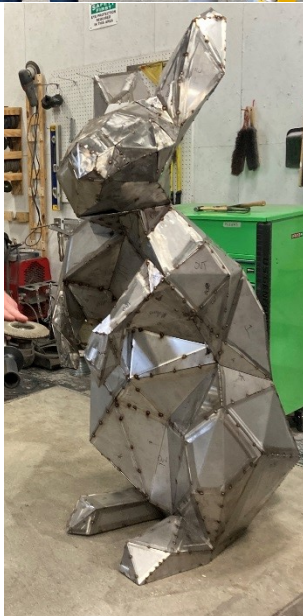


**Above Left:** Laser Carved Indian Heads by Jon Hix  
**Above Right:** Two Clocks by Reed Craft  
**Center:** Tool Box by Dan Risse  
**Below Left:** Game Table by Steve Dewy  
**Below Right:** This months speaker Frankie Falotico the Milwaukee rep for this area  
**Not shown** Cedar Chair by Rod Lair





# Tour Pictures



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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Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
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**Officers and Committee Members**

**Elected Committee Members**

<b>President</b>	<b>John Gilbert</b>
<b>1st Vice President</b>	<b>Matt Mulnix</b>
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Steve Robb</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Reed Craft</b>

*Committee Member*

**Gene Knief**

*Committee Member*

**Don Diestler**

*Membership*

**Dave Turner**

*Club photographer*

**Dave Turner**

*Refreshment Chairman*

**John Gilbert**

*Newsletter*

**Jim Wikle**

**Appointed Committee Members**

<i>Committee Members</i>	<b>Mark Widdel</b>
<i>Committee Member</i>	<b>Milo Mead</b>
<i>Committee Member</i>	<b>Dennis Gilroy</b>