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Presidents Corner

Ho! ho! ho! Woodworkers,

Yes it is December. I hope you all took my advice and have been making stuff to stay on top of the Holiday gifts. My saw has broken down, my space heater doesn't work soooooo no I have not been keeping up! I sure hope Santa is watching and will fill my wood shop with new tools.

This will be my last newsletter to you. Starting January 1st John Gilbert will be your next president. John will do a great job. We have a lot of items in the works for the upcoming year so I hope you will continue to support your woodworkers.

As I reflect on the past year I think of the items we did. We started our project for the library at the beginning of the year. We finally finished the beginning of July. Although it took longer than anticipated we had a great team to work with, we made \$900 bucks for the club and saved them \$23,000. We have our name on the desk we did so hopefully we will draw people to our woodworkers club. Next we did the butterknife challenge and we had several join in on that. I had the, "What mistake did you make, Show and Tell?" I was the only one that made a mistake, or I was the only one that admitted it! LOL! Our last project was to make a birdhouse out of pallet wood. There were functional and

nonfunctional classes. The end result was a winner in both classes and the women at the Christmas party may have a chance to win one.

I would like to thank all the board members for their ongoing support with all the new things I tried. It was a good time getting to know you all better and also working with you on the library project and other random items. The speakers were great and I am looking forward to stepping down and enjoying the rest.

And one last time; as my dad would say Let's save our digits and make some sawdust!

President

Mark Widdel

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Calendar

December

Club Meeting **Annual Christmas Party Wednesday December 11, 2024** AT The Waterloo Center for the Arts 220 Commercial ST
More INFO BELOW

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 17 December, 2024** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo
Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday December 19 2024** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop.

January 2025

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

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday January 21 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo
Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday January 16, 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

February

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday February 11 2025** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30
Speaker TBA

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 20 February 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo
Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday February 13 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

Editors Notes

2024 Christmas Party*

Wednesday Dec 11th Schoitz banquet room west end of building.

MEMBERS

Bring a hot & cold dish to share with serving spoon if needed.

CLUB:

supplies your table service & drinks witch include (water, pop, and coffee)

***We start eating promptly at 6:30**

Show & Tell:

* Members are encouraged to bring a project for show and tell.

We have 7 categories for projects furniture, scroll saw, turning, toys, carving, intarsia, misc.

**We will vote on each category plus the overall People's Choice Award.

THE RAFFLE

*For every month you attended a meeting you get a raffle ticket. These tickets are used for a chance to win the \$100.00 grand prize.

*Each member gets **one** ticket for the tool raffle.

*Spouses receive one ticket for a separate raffle.

*Pay your \$30 dues by the end of the year and get a chance to win a free year.

CVWA Club meeting Minutes – 12 November 2024

President Mark Widdel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

59 members were present; 2 Guests - Kevin Heade & Michael Goyen; 4 New Members
Dave Bahe, Jeremy Bahe, Sam Lennox & Joseph Gorsche.

Thanks to the people that brought treats and to John Gilbert for making the coffee.

Annual Meeting:
Called to order. Mark asked for “old business” three times. No old business was presented.

Mark asked for new business. Mark stated that proposed officers for 2025 would be:

John Gilbert – President
Matt Mulnix – First Vice President
Matt moved that that Don Diestler be nominated for second vice president. Mike Timmer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mark asked that the members approve the nominations of John, Matt, and Don to the respective offices. The motion passed.

For 2025, John Gilbert will be the president, Matt Mulnix will be the first vice president, and Don Diestler will be the second vice president.

Mark made announcements regarding:
The raffle at regular meetings will be revised to have two drawings (winners) from a single group of tools.
Dues for 2025 will be \$35 and if people want the newsletter mailed to them, the dues will be \$45.

Look at the November newsletter for information about the Christmas potluck to be held on 12 December '24.

A projector was purchased by the club with money earned from the library desk project. The projector replaces one that was owned by Steve Crouse. Thanks to Steve for letting us use his projector.

Signup sheets for treats for the regular meetings in 2025 are available. Please sign up.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM (motion by Dave Turner, seconded by John Gilbert)

Winners of the November monthly raffle:
Dominic DiModugno
Rex Pershing

The show and tell items included: cutting board from a young guest (sorry, I didn't get the name.) Chip Schmidt (Skee ball game), Rod Lair (cutting board), Dick Buchanan (canisters with threaded lids), Kevin Gade (bowl from a burl), John Hix (ornaments), Ken Walleser (intarsia), and Barney Barnes (planter).

Dan Risse bought the Skee ball game for \$30, which was donated to the club by Chip Schmidt. Thanks to Chip for donating the game.

After refreshments, Derek Eagles delivered an interesting presentation about his chainsaw sawmill.

After questions and answers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**Submitted by Rod Lair
for Steve Robb.
Secretary**

**Cedar Valley Woodworkers
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
19 November 2024**

Meeting called to order by President Mark Widdel at 7 P.M. at Dave Turner's home.

Members Present:
Stephen Crouse, Reed Craft, Don Diestler John Gilbert, Dennis Gilroy, Gene Knief, Milo Mead, Matt Mulnix, Steve Robb, Dave Turner, Mark Widdel & Jim Wikle

The proposed agenda was reviewed, and no additions or deletions were made.

Secretary's Report: Steve Robb presented the monthly Secretary's Report that was written by Rod Lair in Steve Robb's absence. Motion to approve was made by Dave Turner. 2nd by Reed Craft. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve was made by Jim WIKLE. 2nd by Steve Robb. Approved.

Agenda:
2025 Tours: Discussion on possible tours for the

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upcoming year: 'Marshalltown' (old Marshalltown Trowel), Chainsaw Museum in Dike, 'Matchstick Museum' in Gladbrook, 'Kreg Tool' manufacturing.

Christmas Party Planning: Assignments of duties were made.

Discussion on the CVWA website: Don Diestler & Jim Wikle will form and manage the committee to update and maintain the club's website. An update on the plans will be discussed at the January board meeting.

Confirmed the number of gifts for spouses and significant others.

La Porte City Public Library: Currently not in a position.

Discussion on increasing membership numbers – Waterloo Career Center

Americans for Independent Living – Looking for donated tools.

Clarification on Family memberships

Newsletter Deadline: November 25th

Next General Meeting date: 14 January 2025

Next Executive Board Meeting date: 17 December 2024 at Dave Turner's shop.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Show and Tell



Above: Planter by Barney Barnes
Below: Wooden Swiss Army Knife by Rod Lair



Show and Tell



Above Left: Skee Ball Game by Chip Schmidt
Above Right: Windsor Stool by Pete Murfey
Below Left: Live Edge Bowl Turned from a Burl by Kevin Gade
Below Right: Cutting Board by Sam Lennox



Show and Tell

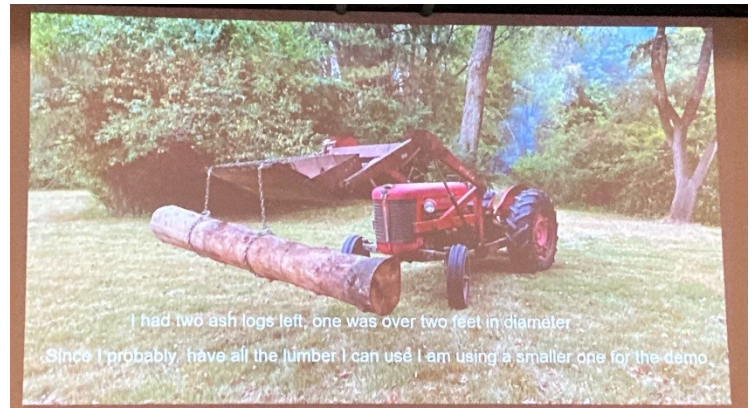


Above Left: Ornaments by Jon Hix

Above Right: Intarsia Light House by Ken Walleser

Below Left: Canister Set with Threaded Lids by Dick Buchanan

Below Right: Part of the Presentation by this months speaker on his chain saw sawmill by Derek Eagles



I had two ash logs left, one was over two feet in diameter
Since I probably have all the lumber I can use I am using a smaller one for the demo

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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 1-800-835-5084



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 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 **Mark Widdel**
1st Vice President **John Gilbert**
2nd Vice President **Matt Mulnix**
Secretary **Steve Robb**
Treasurer **Reed Craft**

Committee Member
Committee Member
Membership
Club photographer
Refreshment Chairman
Newsletter

Gene Knief
Don Diestler
Dave Turner
Dave Turner
John Gilbert
Jim Wikle

Appointed Committee Members

Committee Members

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