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Presidents Corner

President's Corner

Here it is Thanksgiving week and I am working on my last newsletter. It doesn't seem that long ago it was January and I had 12 months ahead of me in which to learn and manage the month to month activities of the CVWA. Three years ago, Rod Lair asked me to consider being 2nd VP. I accepted with some reservation, but it has been a good three years being involved in the CVWA and working with a great group of guys.

I would like to thank the members of the board for all their support over the last year. It truly is a group effort to make our organization work.

The board put together a nice variety of speakers and activities in 2025. We had presentations that included shop techniques, tools, and wood businesses, to RC planes and drones. Our annual September picnic had good weather and great food, followed by shop tours. The same month included our project display and scroll saw demo at the Cattle Congress. We also had the opportunity to go on tours to Kreg Tool in Huxley Iowa, the UNI Sculpture shops, and the new Cedar Falls High School shops. Looking back, it has been a good year!

The Christmas party/potluck is scheduled for Wednesday December 10th. If you are bringing a project to display, please do so from 5:30 to 6:00. Voting on the projects will be at 6:15. We will start eating at 6:30. There will also be a silent auction throughout the evening for a Seiko wall clock that was shown at the last meeting. See the Editor's Notes of the newsletter for additional party information. I hope to see you there!

Our scheduled speaker for our January 13th meeting is Shelly Anderson. Shelly works

with gourds and non-wood media to make unique crafted items. It should be an interesting presentation.

As in past years, if you pay your annual dues before December 31, 2025, you will be eligible for a drawing for reimbursement of your 2026 dues. Club dues are \$35. Dues are \$45 for those who get the newsletter mailed to you, due to postage.

As of January 2026, Lynn Barnes will be the president of the CVWA. Currently there are vacancies for VP and 2nd VP. Please consider volunteering for these positions.

What do you want? We are always looking for ideas for monthly presentations. What type of presentation would you like to see? If you have an idea for a subject or the name of a potential speaker, please pass it on to one of the board members.

Happy Woodworking and have a very Merry Christmas!

President

CVWA

John Gilbert

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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.

Calendar

December 2025

Next Club Meeting **Wednesday December 10, 2025 the Annual Christmas Party** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST More info below

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

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday December 11 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

January 2026

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday January 13 2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30 PM
Speaker TBA

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday January 20 2026** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday January 15 2026** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

February 2026

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday February 10 2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30
Speaker TBA

.The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 17 February 2026** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday February 13 2026** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

Editors Notes

2025 Christmas Party*

Wednesday Dec 10th 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 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.

.CVWA Club Meeting Minutes 13 November 2025

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

41 Members 0 new members and 3 guests were present:
Guest: Harold Dirks, Lowell Kuecker, Eldon Basch

Thank you to:

Jim Wikle, Bob Renz & Mark Widdel for furnishing treats.
Rod Lair for making coffee.

Announcements:

John Gilbert:

Official Annual: President John Gilbert called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:35 PM

John asked if there was any 'Old Business' that needed to be brought up, hearing none,

John asked if there was any 'New Business.' Steve Crouse said we need additional 'Gifts for the Spouses' for the Christmas party.

John stated that the Board has proposed the following slate for the 2026 officers of CVWA:

President: Lynn Barnes

1st Vice-President:

2nd Vice President:

Treasure: Reed Craft

Secretary: Steve Robb

John asked those in attendance if there were any members who would like to fill any of the positions. Hearing none, John then asked those present if they would like to use a paper ballot or a show of hands. A 'show of hands' was unanimous. John then called for a vote on the slate that was presented. The slate was unanimously accepted.

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John then asked again if there was any additional 'New Business' that needed to be brought up. Hearing none, John closed the Annual Meeting portion of the meeting at 6:41 PM.

Regular CVWA Meeting resumed:

Membership dues for 2026 will remain \$35.00.

If Reed has received your 2026 dues by 31 December 2025, your name will be entered into a drawing to have your \$35.00 refunded

The annual Christmas party is December 10th in the 'Schoitz Room,' west end of the WCA.

Times:

5:30 – 6 PM: Bring your projects to show

6:15 PM: Voting begins

6:30 PM: Dinner

What You Need to Bring: A Hot and Cold

dish to share AND serving utensils.

What CVWA is providing: Plates, eating utensils and coffee, sodas & water.

The signup sheet for treats, for the regular meetings in 2026, is now available. Please sign up.

The Seiko clock, located on the table, is part of the 'Melodies in Motion' collection and is valued between \$400 - \$450. This clock is the '*Silent Auction*' item at our Christmas party. Opening bid is \$100.00. (All monies will go into the club's office fund.)

FREE table:

Stephen Crouse has donated a lathe duplicator. The box has never been opened.

Another member has donated a collection of woodworking magazines.

Winner of Monthly Raffle: Gary Klobberdanz

Show and Tell Items included:

Kevin Gade – 3 3-D cutting boards

Dan Riese – Shaker box and 2 turkey calls

John Hix – Turned segmented bowl with an inlay; cell phone/camera mount and a tool to assist loosening a handle

Rod Lair – Toy wood truck w/ removable gates and tilting bed

Jim Clark – used his CNC to make 2 boxes for .22 bullets

Mark Widdel – a '1-cent' case and a liquor cabinet

The program was presented by: Richard Ellis, Lincoln, IA on Veneering

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 11 November 2025

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

Members Present:

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

The agenda was reviewed, additions made and approved.

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Secretary's Report: Steve Robb presented the monthly Secretary's Report. [Motion to approve was made by Jim Wikle. 2nd by Dave Turner. Approved.](#)

Treasurer's Report: Reed Craft said there was no income or expenses this month, therefore the monthly balances are the same as last month. Motion to approve was made by Dave Turner. 2nd by Steve Robb. Approved.

Dave Turner: submitted bills Campbell Supply, rental fee for 2026 Island Park shelter fee and 2 \$25.00 gift cards from Menard's.

2026 Officers of CVWA: John will contact Lynn regarding being 2026 president. Additional discussion on possible VP's and their duties.

Christmas Party: Discussion and assignments of various parts of the party.

Future Speakers: Discussion on future topics.

Newsletter Deadline: Nov 24th

Motion to Adjourn: 8:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Show and Tell

Below Left: Melodies in Motion Clock by Seiko to be auctioned of at the Christmas Party

Below: Liquor Cabinet Made from Antique Radio Cabinet by Mark Widdel



Show and Tell



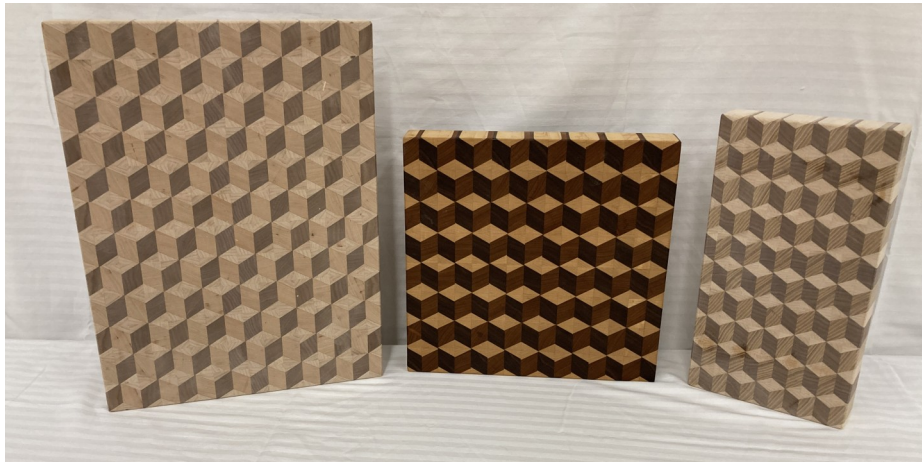
Above Left: Segmented Bowl with Inlay and Stand by Jon Hix

Above Right: Wooden Toy Truck with Dump Box and Removeable Sides by Rod Lair

Below: Shaker Box and Two Turkey Calls by Dan Riese



Show and Tell



Top : Three –D Cutting Boards by Kevin Gade

Below Right: Two Boxes made with CNC Router for 22 Ammunition by Jim Clark

Below Left: Richard Ellis this months speaker displaying a Carving



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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Nation wide



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Durant, Iowa 52747-9729
800-344-6657**

**Acme Tools **
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Cedar Rapids, Ia.
319-363-2211**

**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	
Secretary	Steve Robb
Treasurer	Reed Craft

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