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Presidents Corner



As I write for this newsletter, I can hardly believe February is only a week away. The weather hasn't helped in this perception, being as warm as it was, but the recent cold snap reminded us that it truly is winter. For woodworkers that have an unheated shop, you have to be determined to venture out and make sawdust when the temps are near zero! Due to this, I have limited my shop time to projects that cannot wait.

Our January meeting had a good turnout despite the cold weather. Club member, Pete Cullum, presented the theory and practice of sharpening chisels and plane irons, and Dave Turner demonstrated the sharpening of card scrapers used in hand scraping. Thanks to Steve Crouse's camera and projector setup, members were able to see up close in the comfort of their seats. After the presentations, members were able to get up close to view and try their hand at the sharpening techniques.

A popular part of our meeting is coffee and treats time. I have been Refreshment Chairman for the past 15 months, making coffee and lining up members to bring in treats. Dennis Gilroy has graciously volunteered to take over as refreshment chairman, Thank you Dennis!

Upcoming meeting topics...
The February meeting speaker, Kris Wegner, will talk about his business, RealWood Furniture, and the making of wood slab tables and wall art.

The March meeting speaker, Neal Leeper, from the Black Hawk RC Pilots AMA club, will present information on the components

and material/construction of radio controlled airplanes and drones.

In recognition of Valentine's Day....



Happy Woodworking!

See you at our next meeting February 11, 2025

President

John Gilbert

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Calendar

February 2025

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

Speaker Kris Wegner Slab Furniture

.The next Executive Board meeting Tuesday 18 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

March 2025

Next Club Meeting Tuesday March 11,20245 AT The Waterloo Center for the Arts 220 Commercial ST at 6:30

Speaker Neal Leepers Talking about RC planes and drones

The next Executive Board meeting Tuesday 18 March 2025 at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting Thursday March 13 2025 at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

April 2025

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

Speaker: TBBA

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

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 14 January 2025

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

49 Members 0 new members and 4 guests were present:
Guest: Ryan Pautsch, Mike Henning, Doug Ebert &
McDonald

Thank you to: Mark Widdel, Steve Crouse & John Gilbert for providing treats.

Announcements:

John Gilbert:

Announcement of the category winners from the 2024 Christmas party. Due to technical problems, their certificates will be delivered later:

Furniture – Kevin Gade (Table)

Hand Carving – Barb Gurney (Christmas Ornament)

Turning – David Bahe (Cube Boxes)

Intarsia – Ken Walleser (Liberty Flag)

Scroll Saw – Milo Mead (Windmill)

Functional Misc – Rod Lair (Jewelry Box)

People's Choice Award – Kevin Gade (Table)

Winner of the \$100 raffle for meeting attendance – Paul Frederiksen

Winner of the drawing for the free 2025 dues – Mike Varco

Sale Table – Gary Kloberdanz has 2 trays of router bits for sale. There are also 3 trays on the table that are Free for the taking.

If you haven't received your 2025 membership cards yet; or need to have your name tags replaced, see Dave Turner.

Winners of Monthly Raffle:

Tool 1: Jason Edgington – Set of 2 F-Clamps

Tool 2: Bob Renz – Pkg of feather boards

Show and Tell Items included:

Steve Crouse & Milo Mead – Cremation box

Jason Edgington – Turned live edge walnut bowl

Jerry Krug – Magnetic dust collection attachments, carrier for coffee & donuts, carrier for drink & TP

John Hix – 2 Lanterns

Kevin Gade – Chair & 2 turned finials

Dan Risse – Chair

Martin Chin – Chair

Paul Frederiksen – Chair

The program was presented by: Pete Cullum & Dave Turner – Pete showed & explained the process on how to sharpen chisels. Dave showed & explained how to sharpen scrapers and how to use them.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned: 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 21 January 2025

Meeting called to order by President John Gilbert at 6:55 P.M. at Dave Turner's home.

Members Present:

Stephen Crouse, Reed Craft, Don Diestler, John Gilbert, Dennis Gilroy, Milo Mead, Matt Mulnix, Steve Robb, Dave Turner & Jim Wikle

The agenda was reviewed, additions made and approved. Motion to approve was made by Steve Robb. 2nd by Matt Mulnix. Approved.

Secretary's Report: Steve Robb presented the monthly Secretary's Report. Dave Turner made an addendum to correct the spelling of the February speaker to read Wegner. [Motion to approve was made by Dennis Gilroy. 2nd by Reed Craft. Approved.](#)

Treasurer's Report: Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Office 365 should be payable in 2025, not 2026 as printed and will be corrected. Membership is 65. The raffle brought in \$103.00. Motion to approve was made by Milo Mead. 2nd by Steve Robb. Approved.

Agenda:

A 'Coffee and Treat Person' – Dennis Gilroy will take over the making coffee for the membership meetings and be responsible for filling in the 'Treat Sign-up' sheet. February: Don Diestler added his name to the treat sheet.

Christmas project winner certificates: Decided that since the winner's names were announced at the

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party and January membership meeting, the certificates will be handed out at the meeting's check-in desk when the winners arrive.

Tim Combs, AFIL (Americans for Independent Living) (afil.org), will give a short presentation on their organization at the February meeting.

New membership application – discussion on the presented application: mission statement needs to be updated, on the website, etc. Motion to table until the February meeting by Don Diestler. 2nd by Steve Robb. Approved.

Availability of other domain names – we will not pursue the longer URL that was sent to us, but Don Diestler will investigate a shorter version of our domain name and report back at the February meeting.

Challenges for 2025: After discussion on possible challenges, motion was made by Don Diestler to purchase 10 ulu knives. 2nd by Steve Crouse. Approved.

Grants available to CVWA – Lynn Barnes will come and make a presentation at our February board meeting. Motion to approve was made by Dave Turner. 2nd by Don Diestler. Approved.

'Makerspace' – idea of moving our general membership meeting location to the new 'Makerspace' location. After discussion, a motion to table this until more information is presented was made by Jim Wikle. 2nd by Steve Crouse. Approved.

Idea of using 'Makerspace' in a joint venture, by Don Diestler. Don Diestler made a motion to table this for more discussion, until later this summer. 2nd by John Gilbert. Approved.

Chip Schmidt extended an invitation for the board to attend one of the 'Men's Shed' Wednesday 8 AM meetings. Tabled until such time that a visit has been made and we can discuss future outreach and potential membership.

Scholarship/Sponsorship of \$10.00/year for any youth, under the age of 18, who wants to join CVWA, and whose parent is not already a member of CVWA. Motion to approve was made by Steve Crouse. 2nd by Don Diestler. Approved.

Reed Craft proposed a motion that when a drawing is held for a free membership, and the winning number's owner is a youth, spouse or significant other, the amount paid will be \$35.00. 2nd Matt Mulnix. Approved.

Steve Robb requested permission to print an addendum to our pictorial directory that provides our new members' contact information, and the updated email addresses for our other members. Motion to approve was made by Steve Crouse. 2nd

by Don Diestler. Approved.

Newsletter Deadline: January 25th

Motion to Adjourn: 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Robb, Secretary

Show and Tell



Above: Two Lanterns by Jon Hix

Show and Tell



Above Left; Live Edge Walnut Bowl by Jason Edgington

Above Right: Windsor Chair by Dan Risse

Below Left: Windsor Chair Paul Frederiksen

Below Right: Windsor Chair by Kevin Gade



Show and Tell



Above Left: Cremation Box by Steve Crouse and Milo Mead

Above Right: Drink and TP Carrier by Jerry Krug

Below Left: Windsor chair by martin Chin

Below Right: This months speaker Pete Cullum & Dave Turner on Sharpening



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
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 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

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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**