



Cedar Valley Woodworkers

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Sawdust Sentinel

Lynn Barnes

Presidents Corner

Since February is cold and my shop is unheated, on warmer days, it's a great time to get caught up on some maintenance on my power tools for the upcoming woodworking season. Make sure all your power tools are properly aligned plumb, level & square and tuned up and all surfaces are clean, slick and smooth.

I have a lot of respect for my miter saw and what it can do in its overall performance doing woodworking tasks. I use it almost every day. However, whenever I do use it; I can see 100's of different ways, things can turn perilous right quick! Wood cuts can suddenly slip out of your fingers and shatter into a trillion splinters inside the blade guard! Then, after your composure returns and checking all your digits; you return inside and change your soiled shorts!

Remove all rust, paint overspray, grime and excess grease on all the metal work surfaces. Check all electrical cords and be sure all your chisels, drill bits, saw blades are razor sharp. Toss away any junk materials or dried up glue bottles, paint brushes and cans. Do a though, "Clean-up In Aisle 6" throughout the entire workshop for sawdust removal, organize and what not. But I still like the fact; I enjoy all my woodworking stuff. My wife gives me the hot tongue and cold shoulder after surveying my workshop, "Why do you keep these wood scraps, when they're good for nothing?" But like a broken record, I keep telling her, "I like to keep it until it is good for something! You just never know!"

Don't forget about that our upcoming March meeting, when we will be crowning our "Table saw Push stick Challenge" Champion! Top prize is a choice from our tool pile!

Our next regular meeting is: Tuesday, February 10th 6:30 pm at the Waterloo Center of the Arts.

Our February speaker is, local artist Candace Warby, of "Whimsical Twist", a business window & storefront paint artist that creates a silent spokesperson inviting potential customers and setting the tone for what awaits inside the establishment; making it a memorable experience. All her works of art are a standout performance telling a story, words can't convey!

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

President

CVWA

Lynn Barnes

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

February 2026

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

Speaker Candace Warby Whimsical Twist

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 17 February 2026** at 7 PM at Cedar Falls Public Library 524 Main Cedar Falls

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

March 2026

Next Club Meeting **Tuesday March 10,2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30

Speaker Mark Clark Barn Wood Creations

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 17 March 2026** at 7 PM at Cedar Falls Public Library 524 Main Cedar Falls Cedar

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday March 12 2026** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

April 2026

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday April 14 2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30 PM

Speaker TBA

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday April 2026** at 7 PM at Cedar Falls Public Library 524 Main Cedar Falls

Editors Notes

CVWA New Member Campaign

2026:

Be a sponsor bring a guest 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 January 2026

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

36 Members 0 new members and 5 guests were present:

Guest: Bernice Robb, Jamie & Leslie Cutler, Thomas Platt and Theresa Burd

Thank you to:

Stephen Crouse, Rod Lair & Steve Robb for furnishing treats.
Rod Lair & John Gilbert for making coffee.

Announcements:

Lynn Barnes:

Board Meetings are now being held at the Cedar Falls Public Library. The 2nd floor conference room. The meetings start at 7 PM and are open to all members. We want to thank Dave Turner for hosting our board meetings for many years.

New Board Members: we are always looking for new board members and the ideas they bring to the meetings. We are also looking for 2 vice-presidents. If you're interested, talk to one of the board members.

Thanks: to all of those that made our Christmas party a Great success!

Certificates for the category's winners:

Tom James – Best Toys
John Hix – Best Hand Carving
Barb Gurney – Best Decorative Misc.
Mark Widdel – Best Furniture, Functional Misc., Best Turning & People's Choice

Winner of Monthly Raffle: Kevin Gade (F-Clamp)

Winner of Free 2026 CVWA Dues: Bob Lee

Items that were left at the Christmas party are here at the table and are available to anyone who wants to take them.

Show and Tell Items included:

Tom James – 2 wood toy trucks & 2 wood toy cars:
(video of) oval table (for his grandmother) and 2 desks (for grandson)
Lynn Barnes – raffle ticket drum
Jim Burkhardt – fractal cane and cross
John Hix – AI, CNC & hand carved fish relief carving
Kevin Gade – 2 hand-made knives and sheaths

The program was presented by: Shelly Anderson – 'Arizona Gourds'

February Program: Candace Warby – "Whimsical Twist"

With no other business, the meeting adjourned: 8:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 20 January 2026

Meeting called to order by President Lynn Barnes at 7 P.M. at Cedar Falls Public Library, 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Members Present:

Lynn Barnes, Stephen Crouse, Reed Craft, John Gilbert, Rod Lair, Milo Mead, Steve Robb, Dave Turner & Mark Widdel

The agenda was reviewed, additions made and approved.

Secretary's Report: Steve Robb presented the monthly Secretary's Report. Motion to approve was made by Reed Craft. 2nd by John Gilbert. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Membership to date: 56 Dues Paid + 1 life member. Motion to approve was made by Mark Widdel. 2nd by John Gilbert. Approved.

Agenda:

February's Meeting: Coffee/Treats – Coffee: Rod Lair; Treats: Mark Widdel, Reed Craft, & Paul Frederiksen.

Table saw Push Stick Challenge: Discussed judging and future challenges.

Seiko Wall Clocks Review: 2 on hand and receiving 2 additional clocks from Bob Dickinson, 'Time Lapse Clock Repair,' Cedar Falls, IA. Discussed future raffles methods.

Review of Membership Drive: Discussed it's current success and suggested reminding the members of the promotion to increase membership.

Speakers for the upcoming membership meetings:

February – Candace Warby – 'Whimsical Twist'

March – Mark Clark – MCC Barnwood Creations

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Discussion on 'Speaker' Gifts: Current policy with no changes made.

Discussion on additional Board Members: 3 names were suggested and those people will be approached about filling the vacant positions.

Discussion on Online Tool/Wood/Misc. Page: Tabled for more information. Also discussion on club 'tool/wood swap' at a monthly meeting instead of a program and/or a yard sale.

Update CVWA website to reflect 2026 officers / board members names.

Discussion on ways to ease the club's operating expenses without raising dues.

Early discussion on CVWA hosting an 'Annual Cedar Valley HS Wood Shop Show & Tell Event.

Show and Tell

Next Executive Board Meeting date: Feb 17th at the CF Public Library, 2nd Fl. Conference Room.

Newsletter Deadline: Jan 26th

Motion to Adjourn: 8:22 PM

Below : Collection of Wooden Toys by Tom James

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary



Show and Tell



Above : Raffel Ticket Drum by Lyn Barnes

Below : Carved Fish Relief Plaque using both CNC and Hand Carving by Jon Hix



Show and Tell



Top : Two Hand Made Knives by Kevin Gade

Below Right: Fractal Can and Cross by Jim Burkhardt

Below Left: Shelly Anderson This months Speaker discussing Arizona Gourds



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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West Des Moines IA
50266
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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 John Gilbert

1st Vice President Matt Mulnix

2nd Vice President

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 Mark Widdel

Committee Member Milo Mead
Committee Member Dennis Gilroy