



# Cedar Valley Woodworkers

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### Presidents Corner

Well, here we go to the start of the New Year! I am the new president; Mark Widdel and my wife Teddy and I are writing this the day before our last of six Christmas'. I am excited to be the President of the Woodworkers Club this year and will work hard to perform the duties as best as I can. For those of you that may not know much about me, here is a brief history. I retired after 46 years at Schumacher Elevator Company in Denver, Iowa. My grandfather, dad, son and I all worked there, and we had an input in building the company to be what it is today. My dad Marvin was a long-time member here and had a passion for building furniture. This love for woodworking was passed on to me and I have learned to take my skills one step higher and have taken it to the more creative side. There are three things my dad taught me where wood was concerned: **1. You NEVER paint wood! 2. He lost the top of his finger when he was 90 and when the Dr. told him it was time to give up his woodworking He said, "The way I see it, I still have nine fingers left!" 3. Before his passing he made sure I knew I would get all of his tools which I cherish as I make each item. He said to me and when I die DON'T let them put me in a wood casket, wood is meant to be seen NOT put in the ground!** I feel his spirit in me every time I struggle to come up with a new idea or when someone admires my work, I know he is smiling down on me and is happy I am carrying on his legacy.

My goals for this year are to get more involvement in Show and Tell time. We have so much talent, big and small, simple or hard projects, (even if they fail) we all can learn from each one of you. I hope to bring in

some fun challenges and we will work on bringing in friends to increase membership. Let me know if you have any fun ideas or people to have come talk and let's "build" the best year yet! My wife Teddy and I came up with this 12 Days before Christmas as a woodworker husband.

On the first day of December my wife said to me, we need a baby Cradle!

On the 2nd day of December my wife said to me, 2 wood butterflies,

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December my wife said to me, 3 Hours of shopping,

On the 4th day of December my wife said to me, 4 charcuterie boards,

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December my wife said to me, 5 Christmas Concerts!

On the 6th day of December my wife said to me, 6 wood coasters,

On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December my wife said to me, 7 wooden Christmas Trees!

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my wife said to me, 8 Flags for the sons!

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December my wife said to me, 9 tangled lights!

On the 10th day of December my wife said to me, 10 turning tops!

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December my wife said to me, 11 grandkids coming (1 more top a turning)

On the 12th day of December my wife said to me, 12 days to go!

See you Tuesday

January 9<sup>th</sup>!

President CVWA

*Mark Widdel*

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## Calendar

### January

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday January 9, 2024** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30

January speaker is Billie Oldakowski talking about Pyrography

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 16, January 2024** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday January 11, 2024** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

### February

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday February 13, 2024** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30

Speaker TBA

.The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 20 February 2024** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday February 15 2024** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

### March

Next Club Meeting **March 12, 2024** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30 PM

Speaker TBA

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 17 March. 2024** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday December 15 2024** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop.

## Editors Corner

Mark Widdel and all the board  
wish you a  
Happy New year



## CVWA – Christmas Party 13 December 2023

Matt Mulnix – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

President [Rod Lair](#) welcomed the attendees at 6:30 PM and Paul Fredrickson gave a prayer before the meal was started. 52 members attended, along with 37 spouses/significant others..

After the meal, President Rod Lair thanked:

All for the great food we enjoyed tonight.  
 Dave Turner – tool sale/programs/tours  
 Milo Mead & John Gilbert – for organizing the treats and coffee for our monthly meetings.  
 Dennis & Sarah Gilroy – setting up our Sept picnic and tours and our Christmas party (Jerry and JoEllen Krug)  
 Steve Robb – pictorial directory and being the club's secretary.  
 Reed Craft – being club's treasurer.  
 Reed Craft & Matt Mulnix for organizing the NCC display, and scroll saw demo.  
 Jim Wilke – newsletter  
 Steve Crouse – computer support/projector/PowerPoint  
 Everyone that has helped with the guests' gifts.  
 Dave Turner, Reed Craft and Gene Knief for buying and storing the great tools that we will be choosing from tonight and throughout the year.

“Show & Tell”

Drawing for Members and their Spouses / Significant Others.

Drawing for the 16 poinsettias.

Category Winners:

Furniture – Mark Widdel  
 Scroll Saw – Barb Gurney  
 Turning – Mark Widdel  
 Toys – Rod Lair  
 Carving – Barb Gurney  
 Machine Carving – Jeanine Begalske  
 Intarsia – Kenny Walleser  
 Functional Miscellaneous. – Matt Mulnix  
 Decorative Miscellaneous – Jim Burkhart  
 People's Choice Award – Mark Widdel  
 Candy Dispenser Challenge Winner – Steve Robb

Grand Prize Drawing – Matt Mulnix

President Rod Lair introduced the 2023 Officers and Board Members:

- Mark Widdel – President
- John Gilbert – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Remind people to pay their dues (\$30 for a single, or \$40 for a family) by January 1<sup>st</sup> to be entered in the drawing for a free 2024 membership.

Next Board Meeting is December 19<sup>th</sup> at Dave Turner's shop.

Next Membership Meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup>. The program is on pyrography (wood burning.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Steve Robb**, Secretary

## Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 19 December 2023

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

### Members Present:

Stephen Crouse, Reed Craft, John Gilbert, Dennis Gilroy, Rod Lair, Steve Robb, Dave Turner, Bob Anderson & Don Diestler

**Treasurer's Report:** Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve was made by Steve Robb. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Gilroy. Approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Steve Robb presented the monthly Secretary's Report. Motion to approve was made by Reed Craft. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Turner. Approved.

### Agenda:

**Christmas Party Recap: Members: 52: Guests: 37:**  
 +5 over LY Discussion on how to improve the flow of the meeting.

Dave Turner will continue to gather and compile the information on club logo wear.

**The 'Woodpecker Square' drawing** will be promoted at the January & February membership meetings with the drawing being held during the February meeting. The price of the tickets will be \$2/ ticket. The January buyers' names will be written on the back of the tickets since the winner does not need to be present to win.

**Tours for 2024:** Several tour possibilities were dis-

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cussed.

**Christmas 2024 party gifts:** Recap of the remaining gifts and ideas for next year's gifts were discussed.

**Silent Auction:** Details for the silent auction for the table saw sled, used to make segmented bowls that was donated by Kevin Gade, were finalized for the March meeting.

**Next general membership meeting:** 9 Jan '24 at the 'WCA.' The presenter is Billie Oldakowski (wood burning). Dave Turner will contact Billie to arrange for the equipment she may need for her presentation.

**Next Board meeting:** 16 Jan '24 at Dave Turner's shop.

**Future meeting topics:** Discussion on future plans.

**Motion to Adjourn:** 7:58 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Steve Robb**, Secretary

## Christmas Party Category Winners



**Above :** Toys Winner Winnert; Rod Lair Puzzle Box

**Left:** Furniture Winner; Mark Widdel End Table

**Below:** Turning Winner; Mark Widdel; Chess Board Castle





# Christmas Party Category Winners



**Above Left:** Box Built for Gun Safe to Sit on by Steve Crouse

**Above Right:** Upholstered Chair by Kevin Gade

**Below Left:** Chair by Hawken Mulnix

**Below Right:** Donation Box Shaped like a Piano by Lynn Barnes

Not pictured here Dean Schmitt's power point presentation on his Walnut Dinner Table



# Christmas Party Category Winners



**Above Left:** Functional Misc. Mat Mulnix; Shoe Rack

**Above Right:** Candy Dispenser Challenge; Steve Robb; Candy Dispenser

**Below Left:** Decorative Misc. Jim Burkhart; Inlaid Crosses



## Best of Show



**Above :** Vertical Chess Board Castle with al the Pieces by Mark Widdel

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  
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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**

<b>President</b>	<b>Rod Lair</b>	<i>Committee Member</i>	
<b>1st Vice President</b>	<b>Mark Widdel</b>	<i>Membership</i>	<b>Dave Turner</b>
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	<b>John Gilbert</b>	<i>Club photographer</i>	<b>Dave Turner</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Steve Robb</b>	<i>Refreshment Chairman</i>	<b>Milo Mead</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Reed Craft</b>	<i>Newsletter</i>	<b>Jim Wikle</b>

**Appointed Committee Members**

*Committee Members*

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

*Committee Member* **Gene Knief**