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Presidents Corner

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Happy New Year Cedar Valley Woodworkers! I am your new club president for 2025. I have been a member of CVWA since 2018 and active on the executive board for the past two years. I have been working with wood since grade school and am still learning the craft. I am continually impressed by the skill and creativity shown in the projects that are presented by the club members at show and tell. I also enjoy the interesting and inspiring meeting presentations, and look forward to presentations we will have in 2025.

I would like to thank Mark Widdel for leading the club through a successful year. Mark gave a good summary of the 2024 highlights in the December newsletter. A couple of things Mark introduced to the club are the “project challenge” (butter knife and bird house) and “what mistake did you make” (on your show and tell project). These are two things I would like to see continue.

Upcoming meeting topics....

Our January meeting will have a presentation on the glass slab sharpening technique used in sharpening chisels and plane irons. There will also be a demonstration on the sharpening of scrapers. The presentation will be followed by a hands-on sharpening session. So, if you have a chisel, plane iron or scraper that needs tuning up, bring it along to the meeting.

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.

Additional items worth mentioning (or repeating)

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Due to rising club expenses, the annual membership dues have increased to \$35.00.

Guests are always welcome. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Waterloo Center for the Arts.

The executive board is continually working to provide program speakers for our monthly meetings and finding places to tour. If you have ideas for speakers or tours let me or one of the board members know.

Happy Woodworking! See you at next meeting January 14th

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.

President

John Gilbert

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Calendar

January 2025

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

Speaker: Pete Cullum demonstrating different sharpening techniques

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 Kris Wegner Slab Furniture

.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

March

Next Club Meeting **Tuesday March 11, 2024** 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 17 December. 2024** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect W

Editors Notes

We need ideas to improve the club and more ideas on what speakers or topics you would like presented

CVWA – Christmas Party 11 December 2024

President [Mark Widdel](#) welcomed the attendees. 79 attended.

“Show & Tell”

Drawing for Members and their Spouses / Significant Others.

Drawing for the 16 poinsettias.

Category Winners:

- Furniture – Kevin Gade (Table)
- Hand Carving – Barb Gurney (Tree Ornament)
- Turning – David Bahe (Cube Box)
- Intarsia – Kenny Walleser (Liberty Flag)
- Scroll Saw – Milo Mead (Windmill)
- Functional Miscellaneous. – Rod Lair (Jewelry Box)
- People’s Choice Award – Kevin Gade

Grand Prize Drawing – Paul Frederickson

President Mark Widdel introduced the 2025 Officers and Board Members:

- John Gilbert – President
- Matt Mulnix – 1st Vice-President

Don Diestler – 2nd Vice-President

Remind people to pay their dues (\$35 for a single, or \$45 for a family) by January 1st to be entered in the drawing for a free 2025 membership.

Next Board Meeting is December 17th at Dave Turner’s shop.

Meeting closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Widdel & Steve Robb

Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 17 December 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, Rod Lair, Dave Turner, Mark Widdel & Jim Wickle

The agenda was reviewed, additions made and approved.

Secretary’s Report: Mark Widdel reviewed the report with the group. No changes were made. Mark moved to approve the report. Rod Lair – 2nd, and it was approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer’s Report. No changes were made to the report. There was a discussion to allow alternate means to pay dues. Those included credit card and Venmo. We concluded that with the small amount of money that our group requests of members, we will only accept checks or cash. Alternate means have added cost and complexity. Rod Lair moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Dennis Gilroy – 2nd and it was approved.

Review of Christmas gathering:

Attendance was 79 total. 83 tools were displayed for member selection. 47 tools were selected.

We had 16 Poinsettias distributed on the tables. It is recommended that they are moved to the front, before tickets are drawn. This eliminates finding an available flower.

Paul Frederickson won the \$100 ‘Attendance Prize.’

Project Display winners

- Furniture – Kevin Gade
- Toys – none displayed
- Carving – Barb Gurney
- Turning – David Bahe
- Intarsia - Ken Walleser
- Scroll saw - Milo Mead
- Misc – Rod Lair (there should be a second category, but I did not get the name)
- PEOPLE’S CHOICE – Kevin Gade’s table.

Discussion of replacement of people: We discussed that Dave Turner, Reed Craft, the current President, Steve Robb, Jim Wickle are key to paying bills, organizing meetings, and communicating to members. The discussion was about what happens with a home fire / death of a member, or other disruptive event. It was determined that with several having access to the bank, distribution of member roster, monthly treasure report, and means to communicate, we can rapidly recover from such an event.

Website and added club visibility: Jim Wickle and Don

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Diestler are working on this item. We discussed options to invite / entice new members.

John Gilbert has visited with the manager of 'Americans for Independent Living.' [4020 University Ave, Waterloo, IA 50701](http://4020UniversityAve.com) (319) 232-2552 They are desiring tools for Veterans to use. We could invite the manager to come and give a short presentation.

2025 Meeting Programs:

14 January 2025: Meeting: speaker will be Pete Collum. He will talk about sharpening and sharpen tools. Dave Turner to work with Pete to organize this presentation.

11 February 2025: Meeting: speaker will be Kris Wagner. He makes furniture out of slabs.

Newsletter items: Items to Jim Wikle by 6 Jan 2025.

Submitted by Stephen Crouse for

Steve Robb Secretary

Christmas Party Pictures



Above: Table by Kevin Gade Furniture winner and Best of Show

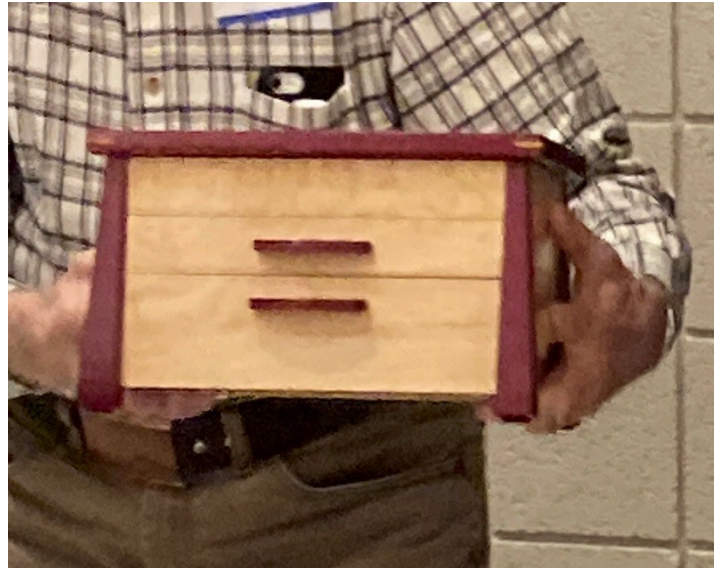
Christmas Party Pictures



Above Left: Winner of Carving Category Barb Gurney
Above Right: Winner of Intarsia Citatory Ken Walleser
Below: Winner of the Turning Category David Bahe



Christmas Party Pictures



Above: Winner of the Functional Misc. Category Rod Lair

Below: Winner of the Scroll Saw Category Milo Mead



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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 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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Elected Committee Members

President **John Gilbert**
1st Vice President **Matt Mulnix**

2nd Vice President

Secretary **Steve Robb**

Treasurer **Reed Craft**

Committee Member

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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**