



Cedar Valley Woodworkers

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**Lynn
Barnes**



Presidents Corner

Happy New Year Cedar Valley Woodworkers! I'm Lynn Barnes the CVWA newest president for 2026. Since taking High School Shop classes and UNI, I've been a wood enthusiast. In 2017, I retired from the Bosch Power Tool Company. I'm always amazed at the talent & craftsmanship shown by our creative woodworkers during the Show & Tell time at monthly meetings. Even with advanced experience, I'm still learning the craft & techniques from kindred CVWA members! I want to thank past president John Gilbert for all the hard work and dedication that John successfully provided the club this past year. We have grown both in numbers and strength financially in 2025. I want to thank the Executive Board members for providing assistance in showing the ropes to me on how the club operates day to day; so we all enjoy woodworking in the Cedar Valley and be here for good.

Local artist Shelly Anderson of Arizona Gourds.com as our January speaker, who works in non-wood media. She will demonstrate her talents and craftsmanship at our next meeting. Our February speaker, is local artist Candace Warby, of "Whimsical Twist", a window & wall

paint muralist that can paint entire pictures and letters on hard surfaces with a creative artistic twist. We look forward to hearing from both of them.

Our new Woodworking Challenge will be announced at the January Meeting. Since we all use a table saw for most of our wood projects; our next challenge will be a "Table saw Push stick." More on that at the January meeting.

The annual membership dues are \$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 13th!

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

January 2026

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

Speaker Shelly Anderson Arizona Gourds

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday January 20 2026** at 7 PM at Cedar Falls Public Library 524 Main Cedar Falls

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 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

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

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 – Christmas Party

10 December 2025

President John Gilbert welcomed the attendees at 6:30 PM and asked for a moment to remember the three members who have passed away this year:

Derrick Eagle
Terry Duckworth
Dennis Gilroy

Paul Frederickson gave a prayer before the meal started.

42 members attended, along with 33 spouses/significant others/friends.

After the meal, President John Gilbert thanked:

All for the great food we enjoyed tonight.
Dave Turner – buying and managing tools, lining up our monthly programs, lining up tours and being the club photographer.

Rod Lair – for organizing the treats and coffee for our monthly meetings.

Reed Craft – being club's treasurer and for organizing the NCC display

Peggy Gilbert & Bernice Robb – setting up our Christmas party.

Steve Robb – being the club's secretary.

Jim Wilke – managing the newsletter

Stephen Crouse – computer support/projector/PowerPoint for the monthly meetings and the slide show tonight.

Those that manned the NCC display and scroll saw demo. And all of those that brought their projects to display at the NCC.

Everyone that has helped make the guest/spouse gifts.

Dennis and Sarah Gilroy organized the club's picnic and Christmas party for several years until Dennis' passing earlier this year. Thank you to all that helped with the annual picnic and Christmas party in Dennis' absence. Thank you to Bernice Robb and Peggy Gilbert for decorating the tables today.

“Show & Tell”

Mark Widdel – Liquor Cabinet, turned Segmented Bowl & Inlaid Hickory Serving Tray

Kevin Gade – Jewelry Chest

Dan Risse – Picture of 9' Table with Epoxy River & Epoxy Charcuterie Board

Tom James – Collection of Toy Wood Cars

John Hix – Hand-carved Owl on a branch & a Tissue Box

Bob Hewlitt – Inlaid Wood Pepper Mill

Lynn Barnes – House-shaped Tissue Box

Dale Tayloe – Wood Flyrod Case

Steve Dewey – Herringbone Serving Tray

Warren Brecheisen – 2 Shaker Boxes

Rod Lair – Inlaid Zig Zag Box

Stephen Crouse & Milo Mead – 2 Urns, Lazy Susan & Sleigh

Reed Craft – Mantle Clock

Barb Gurney – Hanging Ornament of Christmas Diorama

Drawing for the 16 Poinsettias

Drawing for Members and their Spouses / Significant Others.

Category Winners:

Furniture – Mark Widdel

Turning – Mark Widdel

Toys – Tom James

Carving – John Hix

Functional Miscellaneous. – Mark Widdel

Decorative Miscellaneous – Barb Gurney

People's Choice Award – Mark Widdel

Grand Prize Drawing – John Gilbert

Winner of Silent Auctions:

Seiko Wall Clock: Mark Widdel
Charcuterie Board: Stephen Crouse

Winner of the \$100.00: John Gilbert

President John Gilbert introduced the 2026 President: Lynn Barnes, Treasurer: Reed Craft, Secretary: Steve Robb and the board members

Reminded 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 2026 membership.

Next Board Meeting is December 16th at Dave Turner's shop.
Next Membership Meeting is January 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 16 December 2025

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

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 Rod Lair. 2nd by Reed Craft. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve was made by Rod Lair. 2nd by Lynn Barnes. Approved.

Review of Christmas gathering:

Attendance 42 members and 33 spouses/significant others/friends

Discussion regarding the garland, donate them to the Habitat for Humanity

Surplus sodas and water – donate to WFD, Salvation Army or Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

Due to the number of entries, 'Functional Miscellaneous' needs to be broken into more specific groupings

Next year, those at the 'spouse/guest table' need to mark down the 1st tickets number and the last ticket, so we will have an accurate headcount.

Winners:

Mark Widdel won the Seiko clock

Stephen Crouse won the charcuterie board.

John Gilbert won the \$100 'Attendance Prize'

Certificates for the Christmas party project winners, to be handed out at the January meeting will be made by Steve Robb.

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Coffee and Treats for 2026: John Gilbert and Rod Lair will share the responsibility for making coffee and finding members to provide the treats for the monthly membership meetings.

2026 CVWA Board Meeting New Location: Cedar Falls Public Library, 2nd Floor Conference Rm., 524 Main St., Cedar Falls, IA 50613 The start time is 7 PM.

Speakers for 2026:

January – Shelly Anderson – ‘Arizona Gourds’
February – Candace Warby – ‘Whimsical Twist’

Discussion on replacing board members.

Newsletter Deadline: December 23rd

Motion to Adjourn: 8:01 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary



Show and Tell

% Sign = Category Winner

%%Sign=Peoples Choice

%Above Right: Wooden Toys made by Tom James
%Center: Decorative Carving by Barb Gurney
%%Below Left: Liquor Cabinet by Mark Widdel
Below Right: Mantle by Reed Craft



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%Above Left: Hand Carved Owl on a Branch by Jon Hix

Above Center: Herring Bone Serving Tray by Steve Dewy

Above Right: Shaker Boxes by Warren Brecheisen

%Below Left: Segmented Turned Bowl by Mark Widdel

Below Center: Christmas Sleigh by Steve Crouse and Milko Mead

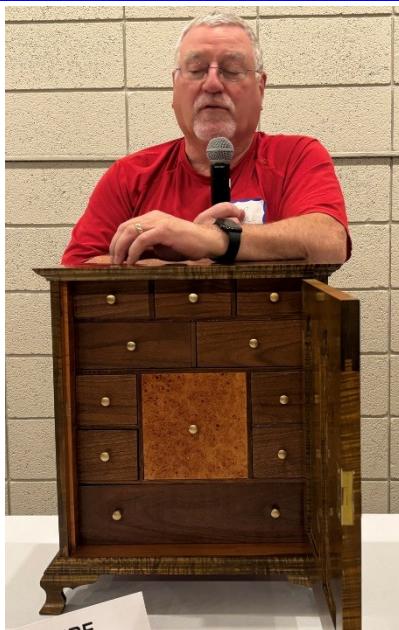
Below Right: Inlaid Zig Zag Box by Rod Lair



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%Top Left: Inlaid Hickory Serving Tray by Mark Widdel

Top Center: Jewelry Box by Kevin Gade

Top Left: Fly Rod Case by Dale Tayloe

Below Right: Inlaid Wooden Pepper Mill by Bob Hewlett

Below Left: Tissue Box Shaped Like a House by Lynn Barnes



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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800-344-6657

Acme Tools **
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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

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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