



# Cedar Valley Woodworkers

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### Presidents Corner

Hello Fellow Woodworker's,

Well, once again we are talking about rain and crazy weather. The good thing is now that you can't mow, water flowers or weed the garden, you should have a few wood projects for "Show and Tell". We have been to a lot of grandkids ballgames at night, and it seems someone is always needing something during the day. What did I do before I retired? I am writing this the day before I leave for prairie dog shooting in Lemon, South Dakota. The library desk will have to wait. They now are trying to decide which stain to use so that should take at least a week to make up their mind. You still have a chance to help with this project at the library when I get back. Give me (not this week) or Steve Crouse a call.

If you missed our June meeting, we have a new challenge. You are to build a bird house out of pallet wood only. It can be functional or non-functional. You can enter one of each if you would like. I will be bringing pallet wood to the July meeting.

Our July meeting brings in a speaker that builds indoor and outdoor furniture. His name is Steve Dewey. He will also talk about how he has made it into his business. It would be great to

learn how we could make an income from the things we make. Sometimes we think anyone can do it, but I have seen some of your skills and it has value. With rising prices in so many items' these days remember your time and skill have value and don't let people take advantage of your big heart and talent. People appreciate it more when it is connected to money. That is strange but if you think about it, you will pay more for a certain brand of car, truck or wood tools because they are worth the value. If you are rich and just do it as a hobby, good for you. But some of us may need it to pay bills, buy food or pay for a celebration. All I am saying is don't be afraid to charge for what you do your skill has value.

There, you got your lecture for the day and as I write this, I too need to remember not to let people take advantage of my skill and my time. Before I know it, everyone is happy but me because I can't do what I want or need to do. Anyway, as my dad always said,

"Make sawdust and remember to save your digits! "

*President*

*Mark Widdel*

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# Calendar

## July

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

Speaker: Steve Dewey Discussing the furniture he has made

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

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

## August

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

Speaker Bernie Kluesner He makes miniature wooden farm implements

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

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

## September

Club Meeting **Annual Club Picnic September 8, 2024** AT Island Park in Cedar Falls

More INFO BELW

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

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday September 12 2024** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop.

# Editors Notes

**Annual Picnic & Shop Tours Sunday September 8, 2024**

The picnic will be held at Shelter 1 (N. W. corner in Island Park in Cedar Falls).

The picnic will start at 1:00.

What to bring to Picnic

A hot OR cold dish to share (with serving spoon if needed).

The club will provide BBQ Pork Loin for sandwiches, buns and condiments.

You need to bring your own table service and your favorite drink.

**1<sup>st</sup> Tour**

**Mark Dutton**

**409 E State St**

**Dike**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tour**

**Don Diestler**

**1520 Williston**

**Waterloo**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tour**

**Matt Mulnix**

**2608 Laurel St**

There will be a sign up at the July and August Meetings.

**REMEMBER: SPOUSES ARE INVITED**

## CVWA Club Meeting Minutes 11 June 2024

Approved 18 Jun '24

The regular meeting of the Cedar Valley Woodworkers Association was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Mark Widdel.

There were 46 members present and two guests.

Mark gave us an update on past and future activities.

The two planes that were donated by Martin Chin were sold to Steve Crouse for \$50.

The first tool raffle was won by Pete Cullum. The second raffle was won by Dan Webb.

Thanks to the people that brought treats.

Thanks to John Gilbert for making the coffee and organizing treats.

Mark explained his "Challenge" to build a bird house from pallet wood. Mark had some pieces to use in the project. There are two categories, one for functional bird houses and the other for non-functional bird houses. The bird houses will be judged at the 08 October '24 meeting. The houses will be donated to the club to be used as gifts for guests and spouses at the Christmas Potluck on 11 Dec '24.

After the break, Steve Crouse presented the project to build a desk for the Waterloo Library. Several people have donated time and shop space to construct the desk. They hope to have the desk installed in July. The Waterloo Library director spoke during the presentation to thank the club for making the desk. Members should contact Steve or Mark if they want to help with the project. The cost of the desk will be lower than the estimate to have a desk constructed by a contractor.

The next board meeting will be 18 June '24 at Dave Turner's

shop.

The next regular meeting will be at 6:30 PM, 09 Jul '24 at the WCA

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by Rod Lair for Steve Robb.

## CVWA Executive Board Meeting

### 18 June 2024

The 18 June '24 meeting of the Cedar Valley Woodworkers Association board was called to order at 6:55 PM. Members present were Mark Widdel, Jim Wickle, Reed Craft, Gene Knief, Steve Crouse, Milo Mead, John Gilbert, Dave Turner, Dennis Gilroy, and Rod Lair.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Reed Craft presented the Treasurer's report. Jim Wickle moved to approve the report and Dennis Gilroy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote of those present.

The Secretary's report was presented by Rod Lair. Reed Craft moved to approve the report and Jim Wickle seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote of those present.

Hats and Shirts—Dave has orders for 12 items. He will place the order on 19 June '24. We plan to hand out the items at the 09 July '24 meeting.

Library Desk—The desk for the Waterloo Public Library is being constructed. Thanks to everyone that is helping with the project. The desk is planned to be installed in July.

Tour—We are planning a tour of Schumacher Elevator Compa-

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ny, Denver, Iowa on 10 Oct '24 at 9:00 AM.

Club Challenge—The bird house challenge that Mark issued at the June meeting will be judged at the 10 Oct '24 regular meeting at the WCA.

Membership—The board discussed ways to increase membership. We currently have 76 members that have paid dues for 2024. We would like to get back to the pre-Covid membership of approximately 100. Everyone is to think about ways to increase membership and be prepared to discuss them at the 16 July board meeting.

Picnic—The picnic will be 08 Sep '24 at 1:00 PM. Mark Widdel will prepare the meat. Dennis Gilroy will have sign up sheets at the next meeting to get an estimate of the people that plan to attend. Dennis has some shop tours lined up.

Cattle Congress—Cattle Congress is 19-22 September '24. We will meet at Reed's house on 18 September to get material to set up the display. Reed will talk about the display at the next regular meeting. We need to get people to bring items to display. We will have the scroll saw demonstration again this year.

Projector—Steve Crouse will research projectors to use at the meetings that are held at the Waterloo Center for the Arts. He will report back at the 16 July '24 meeting.

Regular Meeting—The next regular meeting will be 09 July '24 at 6:30 PM at the Waterloo Center for the Arts. Steve Dewey will present information about his business.

Board Meeting—The next board meeting is 16 July '24 at Dave Turner's shop.

Newsletter—The information for the newsletter is to be sent to Jim Wikle by 25 June '24.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

**Submitted by Rod Lair for Steve Robb.**

# Show and Tell



**Above : Laser engraved box by Jon Hix**



# Show and Tell



**Above Left:** End Table by Reed Craft

**Above Right:** Stool by Kevin Gade

**Left:** Occasional Table by Rod Lair

# Show and Tell



**Above Left:** Stool with Upholstered Seat by Dan Webb

**Above Right:** School House Tissue Box by Lynn Barnes

**Below:** Basketball holder by Dean Schmitt



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  
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 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** Mark Widdel  
**1st Vice President** John Gilbert  
**2nd Vice President** Matt Mulnix  
**Secretary** Steve Robb  
**Treasurer** Reed Craft

*Committee Member*

**Gene Knief**

*Committee Member*

*Membership*

**Dave Turner**

*Club photographer*

**Dave Turner**

*Refreshment Chairman*

**John Gilbert**

*Newsletter*

**Jim Wikle**

Appointed Committee Members

*Committee Members*

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