



# Cedar Valley Woodworkers

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### Presidents Corner

Greetings Woodworkers!

Back in April, I mentioned that I had removed a tree and needed a replacement. I was looking to replace it with a native Iowa tree, a hackberry, but was encouraged by my wife to get a tree with nice fall colors. We ended up with a hybrid maple, Autumn Blaze. I am not fond of the maple hybrids, in general because some have poor structure/shape and shorter life spans, but in the end, aesthetics won out. Maybe next time I will get a native tree.

At the May meeting, several videos were presented in lieu of a speaker. Two were on aspects of table saw safety, where we learned the mechanics (in slow motion) of the phenomenon of kickback and how dangerous it can be. Another video was of an amazing table that incorporated the use a spirograph jig in the making of a design on a tabletop. If you didn't make it to the meeting, or want to see the videos again, an email with links to the video will be sent out to members.

Also in May, there was a tour of Kreg Tool in Huxley, Iowa. The Huxley plant does machining of metal parts and injection molding of various components used in their products. We learned of the processes required to achieve the quality needed in the parts and the push to bring parts 'in house' that had been made 'off shore'. We had 16 people attend the tour.

For our June meeting, member Kevin Gade will tell us how he makes banding inlays and a give a demonstration of some of the process.

As mentioned in the May newsletter, there will be a tour of the UNI Sculpture departments' wood and metal shops. The tour is scheduled for Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> at Kamrick Hall on the UNI campus. The time of the tour has not been confirmed at this time, but will likely be in the later AM.

The CVWA has received a donation of a Seiko wall clock that will be raffled off at our July meeting. (This is a change from what was said in the May newsletter). The clock will be on display at the June and July meetings. The tickets for the raffle will be \$2.00, and can be purchased at the June or July meeting. You need not be present to win.

Also, there are still some kits left for the 'pizza cutter knife challenge'. These will be available at the June meeting, so sign up for a kit and be creative. Judging will be at the July meeting.

Last but not least,

.....Guests are always Welcome. We hope that guests will enjoy our meetings and activities, and consider membership in CVWA (\$35/year). We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm, at the Waterloo Center for the Arts.

Happy Woodworking!

See you at next meeting, June 10th, 2025.

*President*

*CVWA.*

*John Gilbert*



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## Calendar

### June 2025

NEXT Club Meeting: **Tuesday 10 June 2025** at the Waterloo Center for the Arts 220 Commercial St. at 6:30 PM

Speaker: Kevin Gade, Banding Demo

The next Executive Board meeting: **Tuesday 17 June 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Blvd, Waterloo

Corridor Wood Turners meeting: **Thursday 12 June 2025** at 6:30 PM at the Marion High School Wood Shop

### July 2025

NEXT Club Meeting: **Tuesday 8 July 2025** at the Waterloo Center for the Arts 220 Commercial St. at 6:30 PM

Speaker: Frankie Falotico, 'Milwaukee Tools'

The next Executive Board meeting: **Tuesday 15 July 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Blvd, Waterloo

Corridor Wood Turners meeting: **Thursday 10 July 2025** at 6:30 PM at the Marion High School Wood Shop

### August 2025

NEXT Club Meeting: **Tuesday 12 August 2025** at the Waterloo Center for the Arts 220 Commercial St. at 6:30 PM

Speaker: Scott Audette, 'Saw-Stop'

The next Executive Board meeting: **Tuesday 19 August 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Blvd, Waterloo

Corridor Wood Turners meeting: **Thursday 14 August 2025** at 6:30 PM at the Marion High School Wood Shop

## Editors Notes

Upcoming Tour:  
UNI Sculpture Shop  
July 10, 2025

More Information to Follow

## CVWA Club Meeting Minutes 13 May 2025

President John Gilbert called the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 PM.

37 Members 1 new members and 2 guests were present:

New Members: Casey Henry

Guest: Mary & Mark Staudt

### Thank you to:

Dave Turner, Robert Gruver, Bob Lee & Rod Lair for furnishing treats.

Dennis Gilroy for making coffee.

### Announcements:

#### John Gilbert:

Your 2024 addendum, that has the information for our new members and updated email addresses are available at the Check-In desk.

Someone has donated a box of sanding belts.

They are 3" X 24"

Mary & Mark Staudt are remodeling an old Victorian house in Cedar Falls and are looking for someone who would be interested in making a number of spindles for their house's porches, or if you know of someone who might be interested in making the spindles for them.

**Pizza Knife Challenge:** The club still has 6 'Rockler' curved pizza knife kits.

Those interested in designing & finishing a pizza knife need to sign the 'Challenge' sheet, that is with Reed and to take a knife kit.

The knives will be judged at the July membership meeting.

The knives will be given away at the Christmas party as gifts to the spouses/guests.

**Upcoming Tour to the 'Kreg Tool' company in Huxley, IA on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.** Meet at the 'Cedar Valley Visitors Center,' Cedar Falls at 8 AM to carpool to Huxley.

### Winners of Monthly Raffle:

**Tool 1:** Dave Dreyer

**Tool 2:** Bob Hewitt

### Show and Tell Items included:

Steve Crouse & Chuck Bachman – 2 Urn boxes

Kevin Gade – Chessboard

Kevin Gade & Dan Risse – Epoxy River table

Rod Lair – Patterned box

Jack Ackerman – Scroll-saw horsehead

Dave Dreyer – Pictures of construction of dining room table

**The program was:** 3 safety videos and a video of the construction of Spirograph table.

**With no other business, the meeting adjourned:** 7:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Steve Robb, Secretary**

## Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 20 May 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, & Jim Wikle

**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reed Craft. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. The beginning Office Fund was \$3013.69, No Expenses. 3 dues, \$105.00, were collected from members + 1 new member \$35.00, plus \$87.00 from the 'tool' raffle = \$3340.69. Total membership is 77 members. Motion to approve was made by Steve Crouse. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Robb. Approved.

### Agenda:

**Since Dennis Gilroy is recovering from surgery,** Rod Lair will be responsible for following up with the people who signed up to bring treats to the June membership meeting. Rod will also be responsible for making coffee for the same meeting.

**Pizza cutter knife challenge update:** 4 of the 10 kits have been assigned. Judging is still scheduled for the July membership meeting.

**Seiko Wall Clock Raffle/Auction:** Discussion regarding the handling of the 4 wall clocks that have been given to the club. One clock, with a value of \$100.00, will be shown at the

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June membership meeting and then sold, by way of a raffle at the July membership meeting. Tickets will be \$2.00 each. The 2<sup>nd</sup> clock, valued at \$400.00, will be sold via a 'Silent Auction' at the December Christmas party. A picture of the clock will be part of the invitation that is sent to spouses / significant others.

**Regarding the availability of the laser engraver letter:** If a member is interested in the engraver, Mike Hoffman & Sara Paul will be contacted to see if it is still available.

**Speakers for the upcoming membership meetings:**

**June – Kevin Gade** will give a demo on banding.

**July – Frankie Falotico**, *Milwaukee Tools*

**August – Scott Audette**, *SawStop*

**September** - Picnic

**Tour Update: UNI Sculpture Shop** – Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Start time TBA

**2026 Membership Proposal:** Rod Lair made the following motion: "To increase membership in the Cedar Valley Woodworkers Association, the club should have a membership campaign for 2026. Any member that brings a guest to a club membership meeting, sometime during October 2025 through 31 October 2026, can act as a 'sponsor' to that guest. If the guest becomes a dues paying member in 2026, then the 'sponsor' will receive a coupon in 2026 for 5 tool raffle tickets that can be used (all five at once) at a regular meeting in 2026. The coupon expires on 30 November 2026 and cannot be used at the December 2026 meeting. The 'sponsor' would turn the coupon in to the raffle ticket sellers and receive 5 tickets for that meeting's drawing. The 'sponsor' is responsible for getting his/her name on the new members' application. Past members, from previous years (say 2024 and earlier) cannot be considered "new members" for 2026." 2<sup>nd</sup> Reed Craft. Approved

**Grant Update:** Lynn Barnes reported that he has already filed an application with 'Lincoln Saving Bank' for Operation Support (Rent Assistance) for \$5000.00 and is in the process of filing an application with Target' for \$100.00.

**Website Update:** Jim Wikle presented to the board a number of updates that will be discussed at the next board meeting.

**Newsletter Deadline:** May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Motion to adjourn to:** 8:17 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Steve Robb, Secretary**

## Show and Tell



**Above:** Scroll Saw Horse by Jack Ackerman

**Below:** Chess Board by Kevin Gade





# Show and Tell



**Above:** Urn Boxes by Steve Crouse & Chuck Bachman

**Center Left:** Patterned Box by Rod Lair

**Center Right:** Picture of Table Construction by Dave Dryer

**Below:** Epoxy River Table by Dan Risse & Kevin Gade



# Tour Pictures



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, rbuchanan5116@gmail.com

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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1-800-835-5084



501 West 1st Avenue  
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 Board Members

President	John Gilbert
1st Vice President	Matt Mulnix
2nd Vice President	Don Diestler
Secretary	Steve Robb
Treasurer	Reed Craft

### Appointed Board Members

<i>Committee Members</i>	Mark Widdel
<i>Committee Member</i>	Milo Mead
<i>Committee Member</i>	Dennis Gilroy
<i>Committee Member</i>	Gene Knief
<i>Committee Member</i>	Don Diestler
<i>Membership</i>	Dave Turner
<i>Club Photographer</i>	Dave Turner
<i>Refreshment Chairman</i>	Dennis Gilroy
<i>Newsletter</i>	Jim Wikle