



# Cedar Valley Woodworkers

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### Presidents Corner



Here it is the end of February as I write my bit for the March newsletter. Last month, I lamented on the cold spell that was upon us and how the cold limited my woodworking efforts in an unheated garage. Based on the show and tell projects presented at the last meeting, people are still getting things done in their shops.

Our February meeting was well attended and Kris Wegner spoke about his business RealWood Furniture. He produces slab wood tables, wall art and commissioned custom slab products. The smaller furniture and wall art are sold at various markets during the warmer months. Kris mills his own slabs and has the ability to flatten the large slabs with a custom made router setup. The large slab products are most impressive due to their size, and the need to move the slabs with a forklift.

Also, at February's meeting, we had a short presentation from Tim Combs, founder of Americans for Independent Living (AFIL). The AFIL is an organization serving NE Iowa veterans. Tim gave us the history of AFIL and the various ways they serve the veterans. They are in the process of creating a woodworking space for the veterans to use. In this effort, they are looking to acquire tools for this shop space. If you have extra tools, or are downsizing your shop, consider donating them to the AFIL. If interested, contact Tim at 319-232-2552.

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Upcoming meeting topics...

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.

A new woodworking challenge will be presented at the March meeting. The CVWA has acquired kits to make pizza cutting rocker knives for this challenge.

Additional items worth mentioning (or repeating).....

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 6:30pm at the Waterloo Center for the Arts.

If you have ideas for program speakers or tours let me or one of the board members know.

Our monthly meeting will be cancelled when Waterloo schools are cancelled due to weather.

Happy Woodworking!

See you at next meeting March 11, 2025

*President*

*John Gilbert*

## Calendar

### March 2025

Next Club Meeting **Tuesday March 11, 2025** 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 18 March 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday March 13 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

### April 2025

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday April 8, 2025** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30 PM

Speaker: Roger Ipsen Exploring Native woods of Iowa

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

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday April 10 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

### May 2025

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday May 13 2025** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30

Speaker TBA

.The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 20 May 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

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## Editors Notes

### Additional Presidents Message

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## CVWA Club Meeting Minutes 11 Feb 2025

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

42 Members; 1 New member and 2 guests were present:

New Members: Mike Henning

Guests: Tim Combs of AFIL and Kyle K

### Thank you to:

Jim Burkhardt, Don Diester, Reed Craft &

Dave Turner for furnishing treats.

Dennis Gilroy for making coffee.

### Announcements:

#### John Gilbert:

Dennis Gilroy is now our 'Refreshment Chairman' who is responsible of making coffee for our meetings and the 'sign-up' sheet, where you members sign up to bring treats for the monthly meetings. That sheet can be found over on the treat table.

Chip Schmidt has donated 2 clock frames to be auctioned off to the members.

The proceeds are to be donated to the club. He has also brought in the plans for 2 Intarsia projects that are free to any member.

**Pete Murphy** – Every spring 'Hartman Nature Center' taps their maple trees and the sap is collected in galvanized buckets. They have decided to scrap all galvanized parts, and I thought the parts could be made into bird houses, or feeders. If you're so inclined to make a bird house or two, and donate them to the 'Hartman Nature Center,' they would be happy to put them to use rather than to have the metal thrown away.

**Tim Combs – AFIL** 'Americans for Independent Living.' 'We provide safe and renovated housing for veterans experiencing homelessness. Tim presented to our group a history of the organization, from where it started and to where it is today. He explained that we can help in any number of ways from donating furniture and tools to our time.

### Winners of Monthly Raffle:

**Tool 1:** Steve Crouse – 6" clamp and a sanding

block

**Tool 2:** Ted Boger – Battery drill kit

### Show and Tell Items included:

Rod Lair – 4 bandsaw boxes

Kevin Gade – Shoe Saver Cane

Steve Crouse – Urn box

John Hix – 3 CNC lamps

Sam Lennox – CNC 'Sam's Workshop

**The program was presented by:** Kris Wegner – 'Real Wood Furniture' – Furniture out of slabs.

**With no other business, the meeting adjourned:** 8 PM

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Steve Robb, Secretary**

## Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 18 February 2025

**Meeting called to order by President John Gilbert at 6:50 P.M. at Dave Turner's home.**

### Members Present:

Stephen Crouse, Reed Craft, Don Diestler, John Gilbert, Dennis Gilroy, Milo Mead, Matt Mulnix, Steve Robb, Dave Turner, Mark Widdel & 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 John Gilbert. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Crouse. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. We now have 67 members. Raffle \$76.00 Motion to approve was made by Steve Robb. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Gilroy. Approved.

### Agenda:

**New membership application/mission statement update on our brochures and website:**

Current inventory of applications will be used before new ones are created. Further action is tabled until the March board meeting when updated brochures will be presented for the board's approval.

**Available Domain Names:** Don reported that he

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was not able to get a definitive answer regarding the availability of *cvwa.com*. He will investigate other options for the club's Internet presence.

**Knife Challenge for 2025:** The club members will be told of the next challenge at the March membership meeting. Due to the design of the knives that Matt had been sent to buy, the design was changed to a pizza cutting knife. Steve Crouse made a motion to reimburse Matt Mulnix for the difference in the cost of 10 knives. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Wikle. Approved. At the March membership meeting it will be explained to the members that:

The challenge is open to the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 members who want to be part of the '2025 Knife Challenge.'

The challenge will run until the July meeting, when a winner will be declared.

All knives that are judged will be donated as Christmas party gifts.

If a woodworker would like to keep the knife they created, they will be charged \$25.00.

**Grants – Lynn Barnes:** Dave Turner will ask Lynn Barnes if he would make a presentation to the board at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Future Meeting Programs:**

March – Neal Leeper – RC Pilots, of Hartford, IA

April – Roger Ipsen – Exploring Wood, of Homestead, IA. Due to the distance Roger will be traveling, Jim Wikle proposed we offer a \$20.00 gas card. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Diester. Approved.

**Future Tours:** Kreg Tools, Huxley, IA (TBD) Tour of Kreg's manufacturing facility.

**'Shaker Box' Kits** (donated by Kevin Gade) At the March meeting the kits will be offered, at no charge, to the membership.

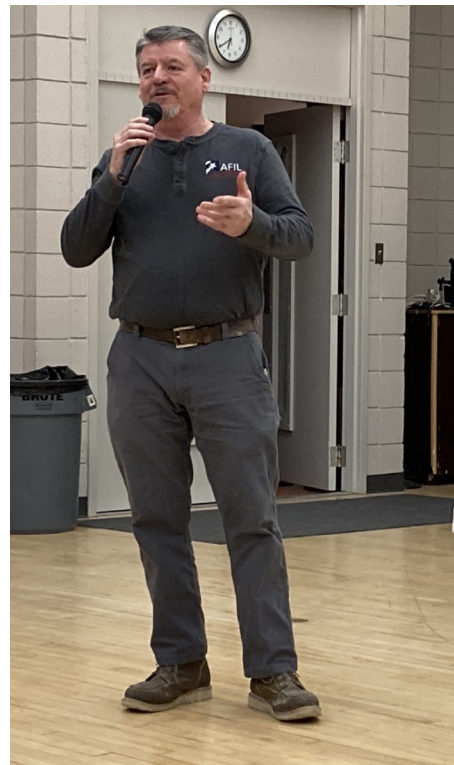
**Newsletter Deadline: Feb 24th**

**Motion to Adjourn: 8:02 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Steve Robb, Secretary**

## Show and Tell



**Above:** Tim Combs Founder of Americans for Independent Living discussing the wood shop they are building



# Show and Tell



**Above Left:** CNC Lamps by Jon Hix

**Above Right:** Windsor Chair by Dan Risse

**Below Left:** Urn by Steve Crouse

**Below:** CNC Plaque for his shop by Sam Lennox



# Show and Tell



**Above Left:** Four Bandsaw Boxes by Rod Lair  
**Above Right:** February presenter Kris Wegner Detailing the many different types of woodworking he Sells at farmers markets in Des Moines and Cedar Rapids  
**Below:** Shoe Saver Cane by Kevin Gade



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  
 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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**Officers and Committee Members**

Elected Committee Members

**President**                      **John Gilbert**  
**1st Vice President**        **Matt Mulnix**  
  
**2nd Vice President**        **Don Diestler**  
  
**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**