



# Cedar Valley Woodworkers

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### Presidents Corner

! Ugh! The Groundhog forecast warned us, 6 more weeks of winter. As I was out clearing out my driveway and sidewalk yesterday from the 8 inches of an Iowa snow storm; it was colder than a mother-in-law's kiss! Now, some fortunate woodworkers have a heated space to give a never-mind to Iowa's temperature extremes. I work inside an unheated garage shop. So, I have to steal a couple of precious few opportune hours of woodworking during a rare warm nice winter day. But sometimes, I have to share time between sitting in a waiting room for a Doctor's appointment or doing high priority errands riding shotgun with the bride; like going shopping for candles at Hobby Lobby! This is all part of the retired game of life! It seems like we go from bitter cold, to mud, then blistering hot & humid, vicious biting bugs and then repeat! However, any gift of time for woodworking in my garage shop, is the best time you can ever spend!

I just broke my table saw. It seems I forcibly exceeded the factory specified limitations of my saw blade lift way too high and stripped out the main nylon gears on the blade adjustment wheel. I couldn't get the blade to either go up or down! Now 15 years ago, I'd just go and fix it myself but; Father Time has taken its toll on me. So, I took it to the tool hospital and they said, "1 month turnaround time minimum." "Yuck!" I felt like a guy given a 30 days sentence to the County Slammer! I'm forced to just do the work the hard way by

embarking on the old school hand saw method, until my fully "FUNCTIONING" table saw returns.

Don't forget to bring your Table Saw Push Stick Challenge Creation to our next March meeting on the 10th. Best overall Challenger gets to pick out a new tool out of our stash! Niall Stallman from Hawkeye Community College will be our unbiased guest judge.

We have a great speaker coming with a very interesting presentation. Mark Clark from MCC Barnwood Creations from Clarksville will be speaking about his passion and handiwork to CVWA on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Then on April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have Terri Summer from Arizona Gourds.com will put on a presentation on her crafting of wooden flutes. She is very talented and has produced some very creative and beautiful wooden flutes.

Most importantly, Be Safe, Have Fun & Happy Woodworking!

*President*

*CVWA*

*Lynn Barnes*

## Calendar

### March 2026

Next Club Meeting **Tuesday March 10, 2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30  
Speaker Mark Clark Barn Wood Creations

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

### April 2026

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday April 14 2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30 PM  
Speaker Teri Summer Wood Flutes and Arizona Gourds'

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday April 20 2026** at 7 PM at Cedar Falls Public Library 524 Main Cedar Falls  
Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday April 16 2026** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

### February 2026

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday May 12 2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30  
Speaker Candace TBA

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 19 May 2026** at 7 PM at Cedar Falls Public Library 524 Main Cedar Falls  
Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday May 14 2026** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

## Editors Notes

# CVWA New Member Campaign 2026:

**Be a sponsor bring a guests 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.**

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.*

## CVWA Club Meeting Minutes 10 February 2026

President Lynn Barnes called the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 PM.

38 Members, 1 new member and 2 guests were present:  
New Member: Scott Steege  
Guests: Dave Peters and Tom Lubert

### Thank you to:

Mark Widdel, Reed Craft & Paul Frederiksen for furnishing treats.  
Rod Lair for making coffee.

### Announcements:

#### Lynn Barnes:

**New Membership Campaign:** Currently, CVWA has 56 currently paid members plus 1 Life-time member. The new membership campaign requirements and prize for the current member who signs up a new member were explained.

**Looking for donors and sponsors to help keep the 'Non-profit' CVWA financially secure.** Ways to do so would be to give the person at the registration desk cash or a check, purchase extra tool raffle tickets. Include CVWA as part of your Annual Minimum Distribution, or as a beneficiary.

**New Board Members:** we are always looking for new board members and the ideas they bring to the meetings. We are also looking for 2 vice-presidents. If you're interested, talk to one of the board members

**CVWA Board Meetings** are now being held at the Cedar Falls Public Library, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room at 7 PM. Our next meeting is next Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Table saw Push Stick Challenge:** We have hard copies of the guidelines for those who would like one. Judging for the 'Challenge' is at next month's membership meeting. Nial Stallman, a student at Hawkeye Community College's woodworking program, will be the judge.

**Winner of Monthly Raffle:** Keith Johns

### Show and Tell Items included:

Cliff Cyrzan – 2 wood toy semi-tractors with trailers  
Tom James – multi woods jewelry box  
Steve Crouse – gourds  
Mark Widdel – wood cross on olive wood  
Kevin Gade – cabinet with curved front  
Jerry Krug – 3 cutting boards  
Paul Frederiksen – cabinet with curved front  
Mark Dutton – video of construction of sideboard

**The program was presented by:** Candace Warby –

“Whimsical Twist”

**March Program:** Mark Clark – MCC Barnwood Creations

**With no other business, the meeting adjourned:** 8:00 PM

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Steve Robb, Secretary**

## Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 17 February 2026

**Meeting called to order by President Lynn Barnes at 7 P.M. at the Cedar Falls Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.**

### Members Present:

Lynn Barnes, Reed Craft, John Gilbert, Milo Mead, Steve Robb, Dave Turner & Jim Wikle

**Secretary's Report:** Steve Robb presented the monthly Secretary's Report. [Motion to approve was made by John Gilbert. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave turner. Approved.](#)

**Treasurer's Report:** Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve was made by Dave Turner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Gilbert. Approved. Membership: 58 Paid Members + 1 Lifetime = 59

Reed Craft also said he filed today, 17 February 2026, for CVWA, their IRS 2025 990N report.

### Agenda:

**Refreshments** for March Membership Meeting -  
Treats: Robert Gruver, Mark Widdel, & Jim Burkhardt. Coffee: Rod Lair & John Gilbert

**Table saw Push Stick Challenge** – Finalized the plans for determining the winner the challenge. Prize for winning is a CVWA tool.

**Seiko Wall Clock Review** – Will bring one of the clocks to the March membership meeting and have a raffle to win it.

**Membership Drive Review** – Mark Widdel will be given his tickets at the next meeting. Additional discussion on ways to reach out to visitors.

### Speakers for the upcoming membership meetings:

March - Mark Clark – MCC Barnwood Creations

April – Terri Summer – Wood Flutes & Arizona Gourds.com

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Vacan-**

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cies – More discussion

**Discussion on Swap Sheet / Meet / Yard Sale –**

After discussion, a Yard Sale this summer.  
Date to be determined.

**Update the CVWA website with current CVWA  
board officers' names and sponsors.**

**Opportunities:**

**'Diamond Star Academy' K-6 STEM  
School – K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Total of 36 stu-  
dents.**

**'Waterloo Bucks' Outing – will check  
with membership re: interest.**

**Fund-raising opportunity to offset club  
expenses – 'Plinio'**

**Newsletter Deadline: February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Motion to Adjourn: 8:17 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Steve Robb, Secretary**

# Show and Tell

**Below Left: Curved Front Cabinet by Kevin Gade**

**Below Right: Curved Front Cabinet by Paul Frederiksen**



# Show and Tell



**Above Left :** Sideboard Made by Mark Dutton  
**Above Right:** Multi Wood Jewelry Box by Tom James  
**Below:** Two Wooden Semi-tractor trailers by Cliff Cyrzan



# Show and Tell



**Top :** Three Cutting Boards by Jerry Krug

**Below Left:** Wooden Cross on Olive Wood and a Golf Ball Display Rack by Mark Wijddel

**Below Right:** This Months Speaker Candace Warby from Whimsical Twist



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

Please remember to patronize our Sponsors!\*\*

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 800-344-6657**

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 Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
 319-363-2211

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 Waterloo Cedar Falls  
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 Nation wide**

**Pittsburgh Paints  
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 Waterloo, IA 50701  
 319-234-1739**

**Officers and Committee Members**

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**