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Presidents Corner

Greetings woodworkers!

This past month we have been busy putting together upcoming events for the CVWA. It's always a challenge to keep the monthly speaker pipeline filled. The May meeting will not have a dedicated speaker, but will have videos selected by your board members to help educate, and hopefully be of interest to our members. One video will be on table saw safety, and another will be a project of interest.

Our April 8th meeting featured Roger Ipsen speaking on 'Exploring Native woods of Iowa'. Roger explained how he acquired burls, both native and exotic, and how he carved these burls into unique bowls/objects, several of which were displayed.

At the last meeting we announced an April 15th open house at the Cedar Valley Makers located in the Tech Works building. In addition to the eight CVWA members present (with display projects), there were CVM members, several JD employees, and a group of UNI students enrolled in the class 'The Creative Experience'. This open house gave the CVWA a chance to show off our organization to potential new members.

Earlier in April, Dave Turner and I visited the UNI sculpture department's wood and metal shops. This was a scouting visit for an upcoming CVWA tour. Tentatively, this tour will be in July. More date and time detail to come.

There is a tour to visit Kreg Tool in Huxley Iowa on Thursday May 15th at 10:00am. The group will meet at the Cedar Falls Visitors Center, leaving at 8:00am for Huxley. Dave Turner will be sending out an email, and

there will be a signup sheet at the May meeting.

Show and Tell is a great way to show off your latest project, but what if you don't want to haul that dining table to the meeting? In an effort to let the members see more of the larger projects, we are encouraging members to take photos of these projects to show at the 'show and tell'. Ideally the photos would be jpg format and sent to Stephen Crouse ahead of the meeting, so that they can be shown on the big screen.

The CVWA has received a donation of a Seiko wall clock that will be raffled off at our June meeting. This clock will be on display at the May meeting.

Also, there are still five kits left for the 'pizza cutter knife challenge'. These will be available at the May 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 6:30pm at the Waterloo Center for the Arts.

Happy Woodworking!

See you at next meeting May 13th, 2025.

President CVWA.

John Gilbert



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Calendar

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

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday May 15 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

June 2025

Next Club Meeting **Tuesday June 10,20245** AT The Waterloo Center for the Arts 220 Commercial ST at 6:30

Speaker TBA

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

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

July 2025

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

Speaker TBA

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday July15 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

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

Editors Notes

Upcoming Tours:

Kreg Tools

Manufacturing plant 201 Campus DR
Huxley, IA.

Meet at 8 AM, at the 'Cedar Falls Visitors Center' to
carpool to Huxley

Tour starts 10 AM.at the manufacturing facility

UNI Sculpture Shop –

July 10 (tentative date/time)

More info to come

CVWA Club Meeting Minutes 8 April 2025

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

46 Members 0 new members and 3 guests were present: Dick Groves, Casey Henry, & Dale Bright

Thank you to:

Rod Lair, Dennis Gilroy, Dave Turner & Paul Frederiksen for furnishing treats and to Dennis Gilroy for making coffee.

Announcements:

John Gilbert:

If you haven't picked up your 2024 addendum for the membership directory, they are available at the Check-In desk.

Pizza Knife Challenge: The club has bought 10 '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.

If the builder wants to keep the knife for themselves, they will be charged \$25.00.

Creative Cedar Valley/UNI along with 'Cedar Valley Makers' & CVWA are hosting an Open House, Tuesday April 15th at 6 PM at the 'Cedar Valley Makers' location, 3rd floor of 'Tech works.' More information sheets are available.

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

Campbell Supply is having their 'Vender Appreciation Days' this Thursday from 9 - 2 PM.

Due to the Open House next Tuesday, our next Board meeting is moved to Monday, April 14th at Dave Turners shop at 7 PM.

Winners of Monthly Raffle:

Tool 1: Mike Henning – Ruler / straight-edge

Tool 2: Mark Widdel – Safety kit

Show and Tell Items included:

Sam Lennox – 2 Bowtie shelves

David Bahe – Marble machine

Tom James – Wall hanging for thermometer

Rod Lair – Candy dispenser & Toolbox

Kevin Gade – Stool

Pete Cullum (by Kevin Gade) – 3 Bow saws Kevin also announced that Pete is willing to teach a class of members how to make a bow saw.

The program was presented by: Roger Ipsen of Homestead, IA. His program is 'Exploring Native woods of Iowa'. Roger explained how to work with a wood burl.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned:

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 14 April 2025

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

Members Present:

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

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 Dave Turner. Approved.](#)

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

Agenda:

Member info update sheet: *Info item only* – all of the information has been updated; old sheets have been destroyed and updated addendums will be at the check-in desk at the May membership meeting.

Pizza cutter challenge: 4 kits have been assigned; 6 kits are still available.

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Seiko Wall Clocks – Lynn Barnes: Bob Dickinson, a Seiko dealer, has given the club 3 wall clocks to be used as a fund raiser for the club. After discussion, Steve Crouse made a motion to accept the clocks and to hold 3 raffles, with the proceeds to go into the club's 'office fund.' 2nd by Jim Wikle. Approved.

Maker's Space, UNI, CVWA Event: Event starts at 6 PM. We need to bring samples of projects to display. Business cards and brochures should also be taken to the event.

Brochures: 2 options were presented to board members to decide which they wanted for 2025. Correction for meeting times and year's date to be added.

Grants – Lynn Barnes explained the variety of grants that are available to organizations like ours. The process of what we would need to do to apply for a grant: submit, after May 1st a 'Letter of Intent' to the organization for 'Operational Support.' If it is approved, we would then need to file an 'Application' and wait for approval. Lynn told us only 30% of applications are approved. After discussion, Jim Wikle made a motion for CVWA to seek an 'Operational Support' grant, for rent. 2nd by Dave Turner. Approved. Milo Mead made a motion to seek a grant from 'Target.' 2nd by Jim Wikle. Approved.

Speakers for upcoming meetings:

May: A speaker, at this point, has not been found. Policy was established where, if a speaker is not available, we will show 2 videos: 1 safety video and a project video.

Tumbler with CVWA logo etched on it and CVWA ruler: approved as gifts to a program speaker.

Upcoming Tours:

'Kreg Tools,' manufacturing plant, Huxley, IA. 10 AM. Meeting at 8 AM, at the 'Cedar Falls Visitors Center' to carpool to Huxley.

UNI Sculpture Shop – July 10 (tentative date/time)

Website Updates/Corrections: A listing of items that need to be updated was given to the person who creates the text for our website.

For the 'Show and Tell' portion of our membership meetings, if someone wants to have a video of their project shown, they need to give their flash drive to Steve Crouse, the day before the meeting.

Rod Lair – Made a proposal for '2026 Membership Drive.' Discussion on the proposal was tabled until the May Board Meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Steve Crouse. 2nd by Steve Robb. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Show and Tell



Above: Wall Hanging for a Thermometer by Tom James

Show and Tell



Above: Cantilever Tool Box by Rod Lair
Below Left: Two Bow Tie Shelves by Sam Lennox
Below Right: Marble Machine by David Bahe



Show and Tell



Above: Three Bow Saws by Pete Cullum

Above Right: Cutting Board by Jerry Krug

Below Left: Stool by Kevin Gade

Below Right: Roger Ipsen this months speaker explaining how to work with burls



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

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2nd Vice President **Don Diestler**

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Treasurer **Reed Craft**

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Dave Turner

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Jim Wikle

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Committee Members **Mark Widdel**

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