



# Cedar Valley Woodworkers

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### Presidents Corner

Cedar Falls had a 15 minute golf ball sized hail storm last week that my house & shed got hit hard! . My roof has holes poked down to the fiberglass backing and my siding have vinyl chunks broken off and my gutters and downspouts have huge dents in them. My bare spots in my lawn looked like the face of the moon! .

We started a new additional raffle game, that is very similar to our traditional \$1 Tool Raffle. Beginning next CVWA meeting, it's called the \$5 per coupon "Plinko Game." We will have 2 separate raffles, first our traditional \$1 Tool Raffle and then secondly, the new \$5 per coupon "Plinko" game raffle later during the same CVWA meeting. One lucky winner's \$5 coupon number will be randomly drawn from our second raffle drawing to "Come on Down" for a chance to win a higher value door prize! You place the \$5 "Plinko" Chip at the very top of the "Plinko" board and wherever slot number it lands into, you win the corresponding number valuable door prize! The Door prizes include items such as a brand new \$400 Seiko Wall Clock, Brand New Tools, etc. All proceeds go to help pay our CVWA operational costs. The \$5 "Plinko" raffle game will start right after the short breaktime, just ahead of the Speaker's Program. This way you can purchase as many \$5 tickets as you wish!

CVWA has reserved a huge display case on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Cedar Falls Public Library starting September 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. We need some wood projects to put in the case, that is, if you would like to showcase your talent to the world. The display case is lit by LED lights, so it does not heat up

inside, so your creations will not be damaged by excessive heat. We can add or subtract your handiwork anytime from inside the case. Just ask one of the Board Members and we will retrieve it for you or add to the display. The Board will set up the display case, as a way to attract newcomers to CVWA including a handbill holder for further contact information and where & how to call with questions and where we meet monthly. But most importantly, newcomers will know how to join our merry band of woodworkers! Remember, we need your handiwork for Cattle Congress as well and that is coming up real fast in September!

We will have a Tool Yard Sale Coming up in August. More on that later as we get closer to the date.

We are still looking for new members to join our Club and with every new member that has a part membership, you get 5 free \$1 Tool Raffle Coupons to use however you wish.

Our next CVWA meeting speaker for May is Terri Summer from Arizona Gourds.com. She is an amazing artist who makes gorgeous wooden flutes and she will show how she makes them with her talent.

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

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*President*

*CVWA*

*Lynn Barnes*

## Calendar

### May 2026

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday May 12 2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30  
Speaker Candace Terri Summers will discuss Wooden Flutes and Arizona Gourds

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

### June 2026

Next Club Meeting **Tuesday June 9, 2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30  
Speaker Mark TBA Dan Risse discussing new Epoxy projects

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 16 June 2026** at 7 PM at Cedar Falls Public Library 524 Main Cedar Falls Cedar  
Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday June 11 2026** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

### July 2026

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday July 14 2026** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30 PM  
Speaker TBA

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday July 21 2026** at 7 PM at Cedar Falls Public Library 524 Main Cedar Falls  
Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday July 16 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 14 April 2026

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

36 Members, 1 new member and 3 guests were present:  
New Members: Tom Platt  
Guest: Gary Snook, Charlie Clos, Cam Dewey

### Thank you to:

John Gilbert, Mark Widdel and Dave Turner for furnishing treats.  
Rod Lair & John Gilbert for making coffee.

### Announcements:

Lynn Barnes:

#### CVWA New Membership Campaign:

Currently we have 58 paid-up members + 1 Lifetime member. At the last meeting, we had 1 visitor. If you have not paid your 2026 dues, please do so ASAP

**Bring a Guest to a CVWA meeting:** If that guest joins and you're their sponsor, you get 5 free raffle tickets, for a tool drawing, to be used between the time they join until our 2026 Christmas party.

**Looking for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents.** If you're interested, talk to one of the board members.

**CVWA Board Meetings** is next Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, at the 'Cedar Falls Public Library,' in their 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 'Art & Craft Room' at 7 PM. We are always looking for new board members and their ideas. All members are welcome to attend. Come and check us out!

**Cedar Falls Public Library; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Display case** has been reserved for us to display some of our creations. Sept 1 – Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. More information to come.

**Yard Sale:** we're in the planning stage of a One-day Tool Yard Sale; the date is TBD.

**Dave Turner** has some quality outdoor furniture for sale – Funds will go to the club.

**Asked those in attendance** if there is interest in attending a 'Waterloo Bucks' baseball game as a group – no interest.

**Winner of Monthly Raffle:** Jim Mastain  
**Plinko Game Raffle Intro**

### Show and Tell Items included:

Jack Ackerman – Dancing couple scroll saw project  
Rod Lair – Jewelry box  
Dave Dreyer – Bird feeder  
Dean Schmitt – Labyrinth  
Dick Buchanan – Antique WWI battleship and submarine

Mark Widdel – Intarsia butterfly  
John Hix – 2 Turned bowls and 1 lid  
Cam Dewey – Complete chessboard and men  
Steve Dewey – 2 Planters

**The program was presented by: Matt McCalley from the 'Waterloo Career Center.'**

**With no other business, the meeting adjourned: 8:25 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Steve Robb, Secretary**

## Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 21 April 2026

**Meeting called to order by President Lynn Barnes at 7 P.M. at Cedar Falls Public Library.**

### Members Present:

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

**Secretary's Report:** Stephen Crouse presented the March 17<sup>th</sup> Secretary's Report. [Motion to approve was made by Dave Turner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Gilbert. Approved.](#)

**Treasurer's Report:** Reed Craft didn't report a monthly Treasurer's Report since he was not at the general meeting. Dave Turner gave Reed the attendance sign-in sheet, a receipt from Veridian Credit Union for the monies collected at the meeting and an update re dues paid by Tom Platt, Jamie Cutler & John Heckman. Motion to approve was made by Jim Wikle. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Crouse. Approved.

### Agenda:

John Gilbert reported that members have signed up to bring treats for the May and June general membership meetings. The balance of the year has many open slots. Coffee will be set up by either John Gilbert or Rod Lair.  
Membership Drive Review: Rod's Membership Incentive Update – 3 members have had guests become members of CVWA, therefore

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entitled to receive the 5 raffle tickets, to be used by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The members are Rod Lair, Steve Crouse and Dave Turner. Currently, CVWA has 67 paid members and 1 life-time member.

Speakers for upcoming membership meetings:

May 12<sup>th</sup> - Terri Summer – Arizona Gourd.com and Wooden Flutes.  
June 9<sup>th</sup> – Dan Risse – Working with Epoxy

Discussion on future speakers, woodworking and non-woodworking and videos.

Discussion on future tours

Clarification of the rules for the “Plinko” fundraiser and its timing in the meeting.

Discussion on the vacancies of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidents. Suggested names will be contacted by Dave Turner.

The Secretary position will be filled by Milo Mead with a unanimous vote by the CVWA Board. Milo will be presented to the CVWA membership for their vote of approval, as required by the CVWA By-laws.

Seiko wall clock review: 2 – On-hand / 2 Available.

CF Public Library Display Case – Sept 1 to Oct 31. Discussion on projects to be displayed and the potential new members because of the display.

Discussion on Readiness for the:

Annual September Picnic – the reservation for the shelter house has been made.

National Cattle Congress Fair – Reed will check on our booth location, etc.

CF Public Library display case  
Gifts for Christmas party

Old Business – No additional

New Business:

The CVWA discount at ‘Woodsmith’ is now 5%, not 10%.

The outdoor table and chairs sale - \$200 to the ‘Tool Fund.’

An updated Membership Directory needs to be made available to new members.

**Newsletter Deadline:** April 23rd

**Motion to Adjourn:** 8:10 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Steve Robb, Secretary**

## Show and Tell



**Above:** Jewelry Box by Rod Lair

**Below:** Dancing Couple by Jack Ackerman



# Show and Tell



**Above Left :** Bird Feeder by Dave Dryer

**Above Right:** WWI Battle Ship and Submarine by Dick Buchanan

**Below Left:** Labyrinth by Dean Schmitt

**Below Right:** Intarsia Butterfly by Mark Widdel



# Show and Tell

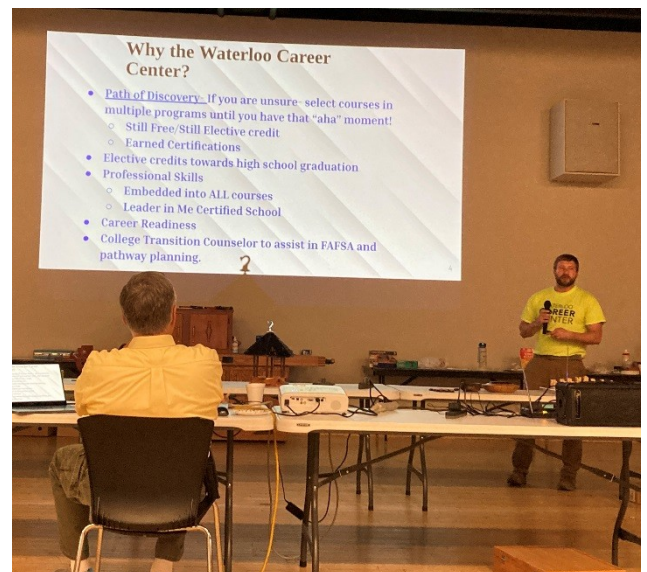


**Top Left:** Two Turned Bowls by Jon Hix

**Top Right:** Chess Board and Pieces by Cam Dewey

**Below Left:** Two Planters by Steve Dewey

**Below Right:** Part of the Presentation by this Months Speaker Matt McCulley



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

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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** Lynn Barnes  
**1st Vice President**  
**2nd Vice President**  
**Secretary** Steve Robb  
**Treasurer** Reed Craft

*Committee Member*

*Committee Member*

*Membership*

**Dave Turner**

*Club photographer*

**Dave Turner**

*Refreshment Chairman*

**John Gilbert/ Rod Lair**

*Newsletter*

**Jim Wikle**

Appointed Committee Members

*Committee Members* Mark Widdel  
*Committee Member* Milo Mead  
*Committee Member*