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Presidents Corner

Greetings woodworkers!

I was not able to attend the October meeting, being in Phoenix AZ attending a family reunion. You say Arizona and think 100-degree heat and sun, but what I had was 80s and rain four out of five days. I was told it was the remains of a hurricane, go figure! Thanks to Stephan Crouse for conducting the meeting in my absence. I heard it was an interesting presentation, although maybe a little too technical for some. I am sorry I missed it.

On the 16th of October a group of CVWA members toured the shops of the new Cedar Falls High School. The shops (wood, metal, and automotive), were all nicely equipped. Much of the wood shop's equipment came over from the old school with some new additions. As with many of our shops, the space in the new school shop could be larger to accommodate the growing interest in wood shop class. We learned of the projects required of the students (1st and 2nd year wood students) and the concepts being taught of planning and executing the build of the project.

The speaker for the November meeting will be Richard Ellis. Richard makes and sells a variety of wood products. He will tell us about a veneering wood project and some of his other woodworking.

Our November meeting is also our annual business meeting for the CVWA. During this time, we will nominate and elect new officers for the 2026 calendar year. We recently had a resignation of our first VP, so we have vacancies to fill. If you would like to support

the club in this capacity, please consider a nomination for a VP position. If you have questions about these positions, please contact me or another board member.

Last but not least, the annual Christmas party. This will be at the WCA on Wednesday Dec 10, at 6:30pm (see editors notes for details). Look for a project that you can display. The projects will be voted on in seven different categories, and an overall peoples choice award. As in past years, if you pay your annual dues before December 31, 2025, you will be eligible for a drawing for free 2025 dues.

Also, at this year's Christmas party there will be a silent auction for a Seiko wall clock. More details regarding the clock will be given at the November meeting and via email.

The next meeting will be November 11, 2025.

Happy Woodworking!

President

CVWA

John Gilbert

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Calendar

November 2025

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday November 11 2025** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30

Speaker Richard Ellis Wood Unique projects he has made

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 18 November 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

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

December 2025

Next Club Meeting **Wednesday December 10, 2025 the Annual Christmas Party** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST More info below

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 20 January 2026** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

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

January 2026

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

Speaker TBA

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

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

Editors Notes

2025 Christmas Party*

Wednesday Dec 10th Schoitz banquet room west end of building.

MEMBERS

Bring a hot & cold dish to share with serving spoon if needed.

CLUB:

supplies your table service & drinks witch include (water, pop, and coffee)

***We start eating promptly at 6:30**

Show & Tell:

* Members are encouraged to bring a project for show and tell.

We have 7 categories for projects furniture, scroll saw, turning, toys, carving, intarsia, misc.

**We will vote on each category plus the overall People's Choice Award.

THE RAFFLE

*For every month you attended a meeting you get a raffle ticket. These tickets are used for a chance to win the \$100.00 grand prize.

*Each member gets **one** ticket for the tool raffle.

*Spouses receive one ticket for a separate raffle.

*Pay your \$30 dues by the end of the year and get a chance to win a free year.

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.

CVWA Club Meeting Minutes 14 October 2025

Stephen Crouse called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in President John Gilbert's absence.

38 Members 0 new members and 0 guests were present.
Raffle - \$89.00

Thank you to:

Barb Gurney, Donna Webb & Rex Pershing for furnishing treats.
Rod Lair for making coffee.

Announcements:

Steve Crouse:

September Picnic Recap: Thanks to Mark Widdel for smoked loin: and Dan Risse and Kevin Gade for opening their shops for a tour.

National Cattle Congress: Thanks to those who brought projects for the display and those that helped with the display and scroll saw demonstration.

Dave Turner:

Toy Wood Patterns: Are available at the front table.

CVWA Logo wear: Shirt and Cap order

CFHS Shop Tour: Thursday, October 16th at 4 PM. Told members to take a phone photo for details on parking and where to meet.

Winner of Monthly Raffle: (F-Clamp) Stephen Crouse

Show and Tell Items included:

John Hix – Turned bowl and a laser-cut cell phone holder

Lynn Barnes – Cell phone amplifier

Dean Schmitt – Cell phone holder with inlays

Reed Craft – Mantle clock

Kevin Gade – Drawer from a chest of drawers w/400 hand-cut dovetails

Jack Ackerman – Stand, with twisted legs

Dave Bahe – Candle holders with inlays

Rod Lair – Wood toy crane

The program was presented by:

Bob White – spoke on his development of shipping packaging for fragile artwork.

Dick Buchanan – showed a 'PowerPoint' of his making a modified 'murphy bed.'

With no other business, the meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 21 October 2025

Meeting called to order by President John Gilbert at 6:55 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. 2nd by Lynn Barnes. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve was made by Lynn Barnes. 2nd by Steve Robb. Approved.

Agenda:

Steve Robb made a motion to accept Don Diestler's resignation from the CVWA Board of Directors. 2nd by Jim Wikle. Approved.

Curtis Balvanz, the head of the CFHS Industrial Technology area, conducted the tour of their area. At present, there was no interest in any CVWA assistance.

Recap of the October General Membership meeting was very positive.

Dave Turner reported that, from the membership meeting, he will be placing an order for additional CVWA logo wear.

The annual Christmas party is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec 10th in the Schoitz room. Preliminary plans were discussed and assignments made.

November speaker: Richard Ellis, 'Veneers, Carving and Other Projects.'

Discussion on leadership of 2026 CVWA

Grants and School Update: Lynn Barnes reported that he hasn't received any responses to the grants he has applied to on behalf of CVWA, Lynn also said he hasn't received any response from Cedar Ridge Christian School.

Discussion on the ideas for 'Successful Club' received from Dale Tayloe.

Received the suggestion, from John Hix re: <http://>

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bywesternhands.org as an option for a time when a speaker cannot attend a membership meeting.

Discussed the request, from the 'Waterloo Public Library,' for CVWA to build a book cart. After discussion, CVWA will decline.

Newsletter Deadline: Oct 27th

Motion to Adjourn: 8:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Show and Tell

Above: Three Drawer File cabinet by Lynn Barnes



Top Right: Twisted Leg Stand by Jack Ackerman

Below Right: Mantle Clock by Reed Craft

Below: Cankle Holders with Inlays by Dave Bahe



Show and Tell



Top: Toy Crane by Rod Lair

Bottom Left: Drawer with Hand Cut Dove tails
by Kevin Gade

Bottom Right: Turned Bowl by Jon Hix

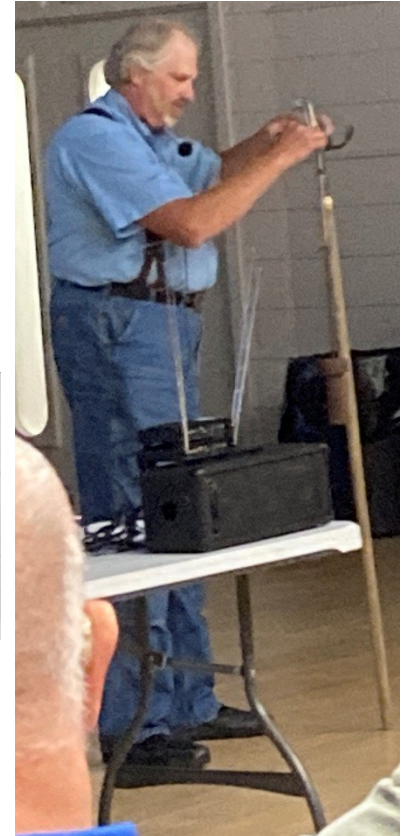


Pictures

Below Left: Cell Phone Holder with Inlays

Bottom Right: Cell Phone Passive Speaker by Lynn Barnes

Far Right: Bob White Discussing how to make a damage Proof Container for Art Work



Tour and Arberitum 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.

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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Durant, Iowa 52747-9729
800-344-6657**

**Acme Tools **
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Cedar Rapids, Ia.
319-363-2211**

**Pittsburgh Paints
528 West 5th St.
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

Gene Knief

Committee Member

Don Diestler

Membership

Dave Turner

Club photographer

Dave Turner

Refreshment Chairman

John Gilbert

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Jim Wikle

Appointed Committee Members

<i>Committee Members</i>	Mark Widdel
<i>Committee Member</i>	Milo Mead
<i>Committee Member</i>	Dennis Gilroy