



# Cedar Valley Woodworkers

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### Presidents Corner

Greetings woodworkers!

It is now officially fall, and the end of the year is in sight. Oh how the time does fly! Time to start thinking about projects you want to make for Christmas gifts before the busy season sets in.

We didn't have a meeting in September, but we did have two events; the annual CVWA picnic and the CVWA display and scroll saw demonstration at the Cattle Congress.

The picnic had 39 people in attendance and a lot of good food. Mark Widdel prepared the delicious smoked pork loin again this year - thanks Mark! Following the picnic there were two tours. The first was at Dan Risse's shop. Dan has a small shop dedicated to epoxy work with a separate shop for making sawdust. Dan explained the epoxy pour method and some of the problems one will encounter in the process. The next stop was at Kevin Gade's shop, a well equipped converted two car garage. Kevin showed us some of his past projects as well as an in process chest of drawers with amazing custom cast brass drawer pulls. Thank you Dan and Kevin for opening your shops to us and thanks to the board members who made the picnic happen.

If you attended the Cattle Congress this year, hopefully you had an opportunity to visit the Ag building to see the CVWA display. We had 40 projects on display and scroll saw demonstrations twice a day. I spent time doing one of the demonstrations as did Lynn Barnes, Milo Mead, and Mark Widdel. Thanks guys. During my time at the display Thursday, the foot traffic was somewhat slow, but I heard it was very busy on Saturday, great for showing off CVWA.

Thanks to all that brought projects to display, and thanks to Reed for organizing this, and all those that helped with setup and teardown of the display.

We have two more regular meetings and then the annual Christmas party.

For the October meeting, the speaker will be Bob White. Bob, an engineer, will give a presentation on the development of specialized shipping crates to transport fragile artwork.

The speaker for the November meeting will be Richard Ellis. Richard makes and sells a variety of wood products. He will tell us about his woodworking that includes carving, veneering and turning.

Last but not least, the annual Christmas party. This will be at the WCA on Wednesday Dec 10, at 6:30pm. Reed and Dave have been busy buying tools so there will be a good selection to choose from and members are busy making gifts for spouses. Look for a project that you can display.

The next meeting will be October 14, 2025.

Happy Woodworking!

*President CVWA*

*John Gilbert*

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# Calendar

## October 2025

NEXT Club Meeting **Tuesday October 14 2025** AT The Waterloo Center for the ARTS 220 COMMERCIAL ST at 6:30 PM

Speaker Bob White Developing shipping containers for million dollar pictures to be shipped to other museums

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday October 21 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday October 16 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

## 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

# Editors Notes

## 2025 Christmas Party\*

Wednesday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 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 which 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 Picnic/Tour Minutes 7 Sept 2025

President John Gilbert thanked all those who attended and he called a brief meeting to order promptly at 1:00 PM at Shelter #1 in Island Park, Cedar Falls, IA.

Picnic Attendance: 39 attended; 18 couples, 3 singles (21 Members)

### John:

Reminded those in attendance that there is no regular membership meeting this month at the *Waterloo Center for the Arts*.

Thank you to Mark Widdel for preparing the meat

Thank you to Dave Turner for all his work in picking up the supplies from Sarah Gilroy and setting up the signs and tables.

And thank you for all the great food that was brought to be shared.

**Winner of 'Tool Raffle:'** was Mark Widdel

**Blessings of the food:** Dale Tayloe

**Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM**

**Raffle #1 of extra loin and buns:** Steve Robb

**Raffle #2 of extra loin and buns:** Don Lee

### Tours at:

Dan Risse, 309 Locust, Allison, IA

Kevin Gade, 24463 150<sup>th</sup> St., Greene, IA

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Steve Robb, Secretary**

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 Dave Turner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reed Craft. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve was made by Mark Widdel. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Robb. Approved.

### Agenda:

#### National Cattle Congress:

Verified staffing of CVWA display and scroll saw demonstration

Sunday – Booth and the projects display must remain intact until 6 PM.

Discussion on dismantling the booth

Letter of thanks needs to be sent to Jim Koch

#### Recap of September Picnic:

39 people attended, 23 were members of CVWA. Many positive comments.

A different person is needed to arrange the 'shop tours' for the 2026 picnic.

Dave will reserve the same Island Park picnic shelter, for 2026, this week.

#### Christmas Party:

Dave will speak with Sarah Gilroy re any notes concerning the setting up and supplies, i.e. ice, sodas, water, etc. needed for the holiday party.

**Tour of Cedar Falls High School Wood Shop –** Details are being worked out with the Industrial Tech Instructor for a tour of the Cedar Falls High School's new shop area.

#### Grants and School Update:

Lynn reported that he hasn't received any reply to the application he made to Target Corporation.

Lynn said that his contact at Cedar Ridge High School is Ryan Lee and at the present time, they have no woodworking shop. The school has an extensive metal-working shop that has been set up by GearHeads ministries. John Gilbert suggested that a committee, starting with Lynn Barnes and Don Diestler, gather the needed information to make a presentation to the club's general membership, to see if there is interest and what actions CVWA is willing to extend 'woodworking basics' to their students. Don Diestler made a motion to table further discussion until Lynn has an update with more information. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Crouse. Approved

**Speakers for October and November Meetings:**

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## Cedar Valley Woodworkers Executive Board Meeting Minutes 16 September 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, Don Diestler, John Gilbert, Rod Lair, Milo Mead, Steve Robb, Dave Turner & Mark Widdel



October: Hasn't received confirmation from speaker

November – Richard Ellis, Lincoln, IA – Variety of woodworking projects

**Future CVWA President:** When Don Diestler was asked if he wants to become the 2026 President of the CVWA, he said he wants to step away from board.

**John Gilbert will not be able to conduct the October 14<sup>th</sup> membership meeting** – Steve Crouse will conduct the meeting.

**Wood Toy Patterns:** Dave Turner will bring them to the next membership meeting.

**Spouse/Friends Christmas Party Gifts:** Discussion on the number of gifts already on hand and the number of gifts needed.

**CVWA Logo Wear:** Dave Turner will address the members at the next meeting regarding ordering additional pieces or styles.

**Newsletter Deadline:** September 23rd

**Motion to Adjourn:** 8:24 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Steve Robb, Secretary**

## Cattle Congress Pictures



## Show and Tell



**Above:** Three Drawer File cabinet by Lynn Barnes





# Picnic Pictures





# Shop Tour 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  
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 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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**Acme Tools \*\*  
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Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
319-363-2211**

**Officers and Committee Members**

Elected Committee Members

<b>President</b>	<b>John Gilbert</b>
<b>1st Vice President</b>	<b>Matt Mulnix</b>
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Steve Robb</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Reed Craft</b>

*Committee Member*

**Gene Knief**

*Committee Member*

**Don Diestler**

*Membership*

**Dave Turner**

*Club photographer*

**Dave Turner**

*Refreshment Chairman*

**John Gilbert**

*Newsletter*

**Jim Wikle**

Appointed Committee Members

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