



Cedar Valley Woodworkers

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Sawdust Sentinel

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Presidents Corner

Greetings woodworkers!

It seems like our summer has been an endless series of thunderstorms. The Cedar Valley has suffered a lot of tree damage as a result of these storms. It is sad to see the loss of beautiful old trees and the canopy they provided. Most of these downed trees are probably firewood or chipped into mulch. Hopefully, some enterprising woodworkers have taken advantage of the situation and made lumber out of some of the logs.

In spite of the hot humid weather, I made it to the Iowa State Fair as I have in previous years (always hot). Some of my favorite things to see are the woodworking projects displayed at the Cultural Center. This year the projects shown in the photos caught my eye. I was admiring the colorful green swirl bowl and I commented on it to a gentleman standing next to me. I mentioned that I thought the other segmented bowls were also well done. Well, it turns out he was the maker of these other bowls. I asked him what was challenging about making this type of bowl. He said glue up was because he had to clean out glue between each of the segments with a Q-tip swab as the pieces were glued up. Very Tedious!

Our August meeting did not go as planned due to an unfortunate event. The speaker from SawStop hit a deer on his way down from Minnesota. Steve Crouse and I put together videos a few hours before the meeting for our plan B presentation. Hopefully, the SawStop speaker will be on the schedule next year.

As most of you know, we do not have a regular meeting in September, but we do have two events. The first is our annual picnic on Sunday, September 7th. The picnic will be from 1:00 to 2:30 with shop tours to follow. The picnic will be at shelter #1 in the NW corner of Island Park in Cedar Falls. Bring table service, drink and a dish to share; smoked pork loin, buns and

condiments will be provided. Also coming in September, is the CVWA's project display and scroll saw demonstration at Cattle Congress. If you have a project you would like to display or are willing to operate the scroll saw during demonstration times, contact Reed Craft or other board member. The fair runs Wednesday through Sunday September 17-25, 2025.



Happy Woodworking!

President CVWA

John Gilbert

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Calendar

September 2025

Next Club Meeting **Sunday Sept 7, 2025** Annual Club Picnic More info to Follow

Speaker Two Shop Tours after picnic

The next Executive Board meeting **Tuesday 16 September 2025** at 7 PM at Dave Turner's home 430 Prospect Waterloo

Corridor Wood turners meeting **Thursday September 18 2025** at 6:30 at the Marion High School Wood Shop

October 2025

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

Speaker TBA

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 TBA

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

Editors Notes

Annual Picnic

Date: 7 September 2025

Time : 1PM to 2:30PM

Place: Island Park Cedar Falls IA Shelter #1

Club will furnish Meat Buns and Condiments

Members need to bring a hot or cold dish to pass and table service and drinks

Tours:

Kevin Gade 24463 150th ST Greene

Dan Risse 309 Locust Allison IA

National Cattle Congress September 17 through the 21st

The Cedar Valley Woodworkers will again displaying items made by the membership r

Small items may be brought to the picnic on September 7, I will take them to the NCC. Or you may bring items to the AG building on Monday the 15th between 10:30 and 3:30 Or Tuesday, the 16th from 1:30 to 6:30 I will be there receive your items both days.

Each person providing one or more items will receive a ticket to the NCC to use any day or to enter before the 6:00 p.m. closing time on Sunday.

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 12 August 2025

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

34 Members; 1 New Member; and 1 Guest were present:
New Member: Dick Groves
Guest: Dan Schaefer
Raffle: \$90.00

Thank you to:

Steve Robb, Jim Fitkin & Thomas James for furnishing treats.

Rod Lair for making coffee.

Announcements:

John Gilbert:

Jim Burkhart is having a Garage Sale August 14th, 15th & 16th at his home. A listing of items and his address is on a flyer here on the table.

Presentation of the \$25.00 gift card to Mark Widdel for being the winner of the 'Pizza Knife Challenge.'

Leadership of CVWA: According to the clubs' by-laws, since Matt Mulnix resigned his position as 1st Vice-President, the 2nd Vice-President, Don Diestler, then automatically fills the position of 1st Vice-President. At the last board meeting, Lynn Barnes was asked, and agreed, to fill the position of 2nd Vice-President until January 2026. At our November 2025 annual meeting, we will have the election of CVWA officers for 2026. Rod Lair made the motion to have Lynn Barnes fill the position of 2nd Vice President of CVWA. 2nd by Dave Turner. Motion: Approved.

Rod Lair presented the revised '2026 Membership Drive.' Any member that brings a guest to a membership meeting, sometime during Oct 2025 to Oct 2026, can act as a 'sponsor' to that guest. If the guest becomes a 'dues paying member' in 2026, then the 'sponsor' will receive a coupon in 2026 for 5 tool raffle tickets that can be used (all five at once) at a regular membership meeting in 2026. The coupon expires on 30 Nov 2026 and can't be used at the December 2026 meeting. The sponsor would turn the coupon in to the ticket sellers and receive 5 raffle tickets for that meeting's drawing. The 'sponsor' is responsible for getting his name on the membership application. Past members from previous years that are not current members can be considered new members for 2026, and their 'sponsor' would be eligible to receive the coupon.

The National Cattle Congress Fair: runs Sept. 17th – 21st.

The display area is in the same building as last year.

See Rod Lair if you are willing to help with the scroll saw demonstration.

Reed will have admission passes for those helping at the booth and those who display their projects.

If you're able to help setup the display, meet at Reed's home at 10 AM.

Monday, the 15th. He'll be at NCC, 10:30 – 2:30 PM

Tuesday, Reed will be at our booth 1:30 – 6:30 PM

Your projects that are part of the display can be picked up on Sunday after 6 PM.

September Picnic: 1 PM Sunday Sept. 7th at Island Park, Cedar Falls.

Mark will again be preparing the pork loins for sandwiches

People will leave for the tours at 2:30 PM

Tours are to the shops of:

Kevin Gade – 24463 150th Street, Greene, IA

Dan Risse – 309 Locust, Allison, IA

Please sign up if you're planning to attend

Winner of Monthly Tool Raffle: Don Lee

Show and Tell Items included:

Jack Ackerman – Napkin holder and Name display that showed Helen & Jack

Rod Lair – Marble game

Reed Craft – 3 drawer jewelry box and a Keepsake box

Kevin Gade – Jewelry box made from crown molding and a Bow saw

John Hix – Pheasant burned into a cabinet door

Dave Turner – Large cutoff sled

Dan Risse – Epoxy table

Due to Scott Audette, with 'SawStop' hitting a deer, the program was 3 videos.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned: 7:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

**Cedar Valley Woodworkers
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
19 August 2025**

Meeting called to order by President John Gilbert at 6:58 P.M. at Dave Turner's home.

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Members Present:

Lynn Barnes, Reed Craft, John Gilbert, Rod Lair, Milo Mead, Steve Robb, Dave Turner, Mark Widdel & 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 Dave Turner. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Reed Craft presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Membership is 79 paid members + 1 charter member. Motion to approve was made by Dave Turner. 2nd by Mark Widdel. Approved.

Agenda:

Meeting Refreshments: Jim Wikle and Mark Widdel agreed to furnish refreshments for the November general membership meeting along with Bob Renz.

National Cattle Congress Fair: runs Sept. 17th – 21st.

The display area is in the same building and the same booth as last year.

Reed will have admission passes for those helping at the booth, either working in the booth or bring items to be displayed

Rod has contacted Matt M., Steve C., & Don D. regarding scroll saw demo for Thurs., Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Discussed items needed for the demonstration

Move in our display – meet at Reed's home, Monday, Sept 15th at 10 AM.

Items for display can be brought to the picnic on Sunday, or to the NCC on Mon., Tues., or Wed. Items that are brought to the NCC can be picked up after 6 PM on Sunday.

Reed has requested 100 more brochures for NCC.

September Picnic: 1 PM Sunday Sept. 7th at Island Park, Cedar Falls.

Mark will prepare the 2 pork loins

Steve Robb will pick up buns and condiments

Reed will keep attendance

People will leave for the tours at 2:30 PM

Tours are to the shops of:

Kevin Gade – 24463 150th Street, Greene, IA

Dan Risse – 309 Locust, Allison, IA

Discussion on Holiday Party planned for December 10th:

Schoitz room (west end) of the 'Waterloo Center for the Arts' has been confirmed.

Discussion on the number of carry-over gifts and the number of new gifts to be bought, made and the number of flow-ers to be purchased.

Jim Clark tools:

Pictures will be emailed to members of the tools that Jim wants to sell.

Members will be dealing with Jim directly on availability and price.

Jim is donating the price of the tools to the CVWA.

Grants and School Updates: Lynn Barnes reported that he hasn't heard back from Target on their grant. Lynn has contacted the new Cedar Falls school but was told to check back after school started.

Programs for upcoming membership meetings:

September: Club Picnic

October: Open

November: In addition to the Annual meeting, the program speaker hasn't confirmed their program.

Future CVWA president: John Gilbert will make contact to confirm.

Newsletter Deadline: August 25th

Motion to Adjourn: 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Robb, Secretary

Show and Tell

Above: Three Drawer File cabinet by Lynn Barnes

Show and Tell



Above Left: Jewelry Box Made from Crown Molding by Kevin Gade

Above Right: Three Drawer Jewelry Box by Reed Craft

Below Left: Napkin Holder by Jack Ackerman

Below Right: Marble Game by Rod Lair



Show and Tell



Above Right: Epoxy Table by Dan Rise

Above Right: Pheasant burned into a Cabinet Door by Jon Hix

Below: Large Cutoff Sled by Dave Turner



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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50266
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1-800-835-5084



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Waterloo Cedar Falls
And 2
Nation wide



****501 West 1st Avenue
Durant, Iowa 52747-9729
800-344-6657**

**Acme Tools **
1943 Blair's Ferry Rd.
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

Newsletter

Jim Wikle

Appointed Committee Members

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