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Dovetail Express By Pat Vollbrecht



As I mentioned at the January meeting, the CVWA is attempting to become a 501 3C corporation. After the club incorporated in 2007, your board of directors thought it would be appropriate to consider becoming a non profit organization. The basic reason for this is to lessen the income tax filing that would have to be done each year. Jeanine Begalske, being a Certified Public Accountant, volunteered to put together a packet of forms and past history on our club. She invested many hours and a lot of work to complete this task. The next time you see her, give her a BIG thank you for her efforts!

The following statement was contributed to by Jeanine, Paul and Wanda Bailey, Bob Hewlitt, Dennis Gilroy, Martin Chin, Dick Buchanan and I. If you're new to the club or just didn't know the club's history, the following information will give you some insight:

Past, Present & Future CVWA

Mission Statement

Our club is devoted to all woodworkers of all skill levels and every kind of woodworking interest. We are here to promote safety, good fellowship, and to create and improve ideas, and better success with each project. December 30, 2003

Initially, the CVWA promoted the values as stated in the mission statement. However we have expanded our horizons to include the overall community and their needs and interests as well.

The Cedar Valley woodworkers association was started in 1999. The club was the brain child of Dan Dunnwald, who wanted to share his woodworking skill with others and learn from them. The group met on a regular basis in Dan's garage for about 4 years... After the meager beginning, within the first 3 years of existence, the group had grown to more than 50 members. The group was primarily helping each of the members by doing demonstrations on various woodworking techniques and procedures. With word of mouth, the group quickly grew. They outgrew the 2-car garage in short order and moved to a meeting room at Lowe's Building Supply. After a short stint there, the meetings had to be expanded again because of the number of new members. We then rented a meeting room from the Waterloo Center for the Arts building. (City owned building) At the current time we have 109 members, and have gained one or two members every month in the past two years.

The membership is open to the public and we have members ranging in age from 14 to 80+ years of age. Our membership encompasses a radius of approximately 60 miles, including approximately 10 or more cities. We have established a set of bylaws, completed our incorporation papers and have purchased liability insurance for our club activities. The leadership attempts to have two tours a year for expanding the member's horizons into other aspects in woodworking. We also have shop tours, of member's shops, so that the other

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From: Gary Lee Thurm

For sale older Craftsman wood lathe. Very reasonable. This belongs to a friend. Just give me a call and I'll get you in touch. Also, Gary Lee has a friend who is looking for a router table. Please contact Gary Lee if you have one for sale. Gary Thurm (319) 279-3219

The Oak Bulletin Board

Scroll saw club meeting Thursday February 28th 6:30 pm at Art Mehman's shop. His shop is at 1205 Fairview Avenue, Plainfield, Iowa. Ph. (319) 276-3032.

Remember:

SAFETY FIRST!!! in the shop.

The next Executive Board meeting will be Wednesday February 20th at 7:00pm. At Dick Buchanan's home. 2213 Yorkshire Dr., Cedar Falls.

The regular CVWA Meeting at the Waterloo Center

for the Arts. 225 Commercial Street, Waterloo, IA. Tuesday February 11th at 6:30pm. It will be a Shaker box demonstration by Mark Dutton, former Prez of the CVWA.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

If a meeting needs to be canceled due to weather, Pat will contact KWVL- TV and KXEL and KWLO radio. Pat will also send an e-mail to all members who have e-mail and the board will call those without email. If the Waterloo and Cedar Falls Schools are closing early, the wood club meeting will be canceled.

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members can see how to set up their shops or develop their shops and tools accordingly. In December, we finish out the year with a Holiday potluck. Spouses are invited, members bring in projects that they have done during the year. All members and their significant others are invited to vote on the projects to determine the best in each category. The winners are announced and the new officers introduced for the coming year.

Cedar Valley Woodworkers Association (CVWA) newsletter is published monthly and distributed both electronically via email and regular postal mail. The newsletter recaps the highlights of the previous meeting, announces the upcoming topic for the next meeting, and has a section for sale/wanted to buy section for the members. It also has the minutes of the regular club and board meetings along with any club announcements. The cost for producing and mailing the newsletter is covered by the member dues.

In the last six years, we have also incorporated the needs of the communities in our area to include service projects that benefit their respective interests. This is a way of club members working together to promote the club and offer wooden items at no cost to worthy organizations. We started off by making triangular flag cases for the families of people who

died in the 9-11 attack on the country. We have made toys for the Salvation Army Christmas toy give-a-way program (4-years running): turned bowls for the North Eastern Iowa Food Bank to auction off for The "Empty Bowl" fund raiser (last year) and again this year: built projects for the Black Hawk County Family and Children's Council to be auctioned again as a fund raiser; donated toys to the Waverly Iowa Battered Women's Shelter; built kitchen cabinets for a Church-sponsored house rehabilitation project in Waterloo; helped in renovation of the Salvation Army's homeless shelter; contributed to the Sartori Hospital's "Festival of Trees" fund raiser, contributed caskets and urns for premature babies through the "Precious Angels of Iowa" and other community service projects.

In the future, we will be assisting one of the nonprofit day care centers in building some rocking horses for auction and decoration by some of the local merchants in town. As well as continuing on with the Salvation Army, Waverly Battered Women's Shelter, North Eastern Iowa Food Bank and other worthy organizations. We will continue to promote woodworking and philanthropy to creditable organizations within the communities. However our main purpose, which will be steadfast in our minds, will be promoting safe woodworking habits and enhancing the skills of the current members.

Show and Tell



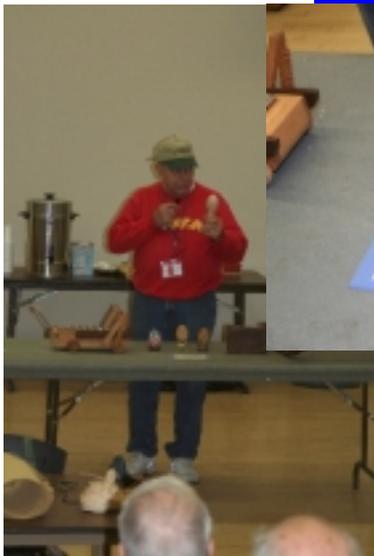
Left: Cricket by Garylee Thurm
Right: Garylee with some scroll wrok



Left: Robert Gruver with a cedar rocking chair
Below: Turned items by Kevin Bierman



Show and Tell and Meeting Pics



Left: Sid Sidler with some eggs
Right: Col. Bierman, in the library with the candlestick



Below: A well deserved round of appreciation



Below left: Gordon Pint, tape measure winner
Below: Mickey Johnson on caning



Minutes of CVWA - January 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 P.M. by President Pat Vollbrecht with a big welcome to all members and guests. President Pat Vollbrecht introduced John Padget representing the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. John spoke of the up coming **Empty Bowl Fund Raiser** in April. Last year they raised \$7500 through the auction and soup supper. Every one was encouraged to start turning bowls and making items for the auction. Kevin Bierman mentioned the **Turning Demo at Fine Woodworking Store in Cedar Rapids**. It will be 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 12th. The demonstration will be turning bowls with dry and green wood. Kevin also offered to have one on one classes at his home on Sundays. **What a wonderful opportunity to learn!!!!!!** Please contact Kevin to take him up on his offer. Thanks, Kevin! Starting Febuary club meeting, your choices for the **Raffle** will change. Besides the great choices of prizes each month, there will also be a \$25.00 gift certificate to one of the local home improvement stores or the Fine Woodworking Store in Cedar Rapids. This will be on a trial basis at this time. **Free Membership** goes to John Mohlis for paying his annual membership early. Congrats, John!! **New Membership Cards** are available from Paul Bailey. Contact him for your card. Thanks to Jerry Krug for printing the cards for the club. **January Raffle winners** are Kevin Bierman :clamp and Gordon Pint: tape measure. Discussion was brought up about the **Salvation Army Toy Give-away**. Toys that the CVWA made went very well. Reed Craft will report back at the next meeting for suggestions for next year. **Certificates of Appreciation** were given to: Don & Barb Gurney (making coffee), John Mason (club photographer), Jeanine Begalske, Dick Buchanan, Dennis Gilroy, Bob Hewlitt, Paul Bailey (treasurer) and Wanda Bailey (secretary). President Pat Vollbrecht thanked Jeanine Begalske for the many hours working on the 501 3C status for the club. Demonstrations coming in the near future are: February- Mark Dutton with **Shaker Boxes**, March- Tom Bussey with **Table Saw Tune up**, and April- Greg Mitchell with **Pen Turning**. Due to the vacancy of **1st Vice President**, Jeanine Begalske will fill this position. **Volunteers** for the business meeting on

January 16th at President Pat Vollbrecht's home will be Gene Knief and Bob Glawe. Bob Anderson will be our new **Refreshment Chairman**. A sign up sheet for February and March treats was available to sign. Make Bob's job easy and sign up! Thanks goes to Roger Jordan, Barb & Don Gurney, Robert Jefferson and Don Collum for bringing treats to the January meeting. **Show and Tell:** Kevin Bierman- turning items / candle stick, 3 bowls: Garylee Thurm- Puzzle/ Fruit of the Spirit, Cricket xylophone: Robert Gruver- Cedar rocking chair: Sid Sidler- carved eggs. Sid Sidler will be teaching a **Carving Class** at the Waterloo Art Center March thru May. If you are interest in the classes, contact the Art Center. Brian Davis mentioned he had a source for getting 2.3 gauge pin nailers. Contact Brian if you're interested. Our presentation was given by Mickey Johnson, owner of Mickey's Chair Caning. She has taught **Chair Caning** through Hawkeye Community College's adult Ed program. Mickey has demonstrated chair caning at Cattle Congress for 17 years. Many members asked questions showing that lots of interest in Chair caning. Thanks Mickey for a great demonstration.

Respectfully submitted:

Wanda Bailey- Secretary

Executive Board Meeting: January 16, 2008

The executive board meeting was held at President Pat Vollbrecht's home at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 16, 2008. Those present were: Martin Chin, Bob Hewlitt, Dennis Gilroy, Rick Ruport, Reed Craft, Jeanine Beglaske, Pat Vollbrecht, Paul Bailey and Wanda Bailey. Guest members were Gene Knief and Bob Glawe. Paul Bailey gave the treasurer's report which was given and accepted. Income: \$323.51 Expense: \$152.11 New balance for January is \$2487.36.

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Monthly demos were

discussed. February- Mark Dutton w/ Shaker boxes , March- Tom Bussey w/ Table saw tune up , April - Greg Mitchell w/ lidded boxes. Jeanine Beglaske will be in charge of the February meeting.

Jeanine Beglaske completed the incorporation papers 501 3C summary pages and shared with the board everything that was done for this project. Treasurer, Paul Bailey wrote the check and the incorporation papers are in the mail. Thanks Jeanine for all the time spent on this important project. Rick Ruport brought a laptop computer to the meeting that was donated to the club by his boss, CPM Roskamp. This will be used at the club meetings. Much thanks to CPM Roskamp for the computer and to Rick Ruport for seeing the need for one and asking. President Pat Vollbrecht will send a thank you to Roskamp. Dennis Gilroy mentioned that he has a extention cord that can be used for the

computer. Gene Knief asked about the spring Woodworking Swap Meet. This will be brought before the members to find who all is interested. Gene will also check on the process of doing press releases with the newspaper for the club. Reed Craft reported on the Salvation Army Toy Give-away. He will bring suggestions to the club on what toys are needed for next year. Discussion on a CVWA web site was part of the agenda. Rick Ruport will set up a sample of a club web site and present it to the board members next month. A suggestion from the January meeting was to ask everyone to turn off cell phones during the presentation. Pat Vollbrecht will bring this up at the next meeting. Newsletter deadline is February 1, 2008.

Respectfully submitted:

Wanda Bailey-Secretary

More pictures from the meeting



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