



# Cedar Valley Woodworkers

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Reed Craft  
President

## Woodcraft

## Woodcraft By Craft

(Editors note ) John Schwartzkopf is this months guest columnist.

### Finishing

By John Schwartzkopf

Here are more complete instructions on the methods I mentioned at the April Club meeting

I use a random orbital sander ( mine is a Festool Rotex) starting with 80 grit, followed by 120 and 150 grits.

Before the final 150 grit sanding, I break the edges and sand tight spots with a quarter sheet sander using 120 grit paper. (I use a Porter Cable Speed-Bloc ). It helps to brush off or vacuum off the piece and the bench top between grit changes. This removes dust and loose grit that can cause scratching during the next finer sanding step. I use a piece of cardboard on top of the bench to help cushion the work piece and help cut down on marring the wood. After the 150 grit step you are ready for finishing. I don't use stain, which will magnify scratches. The best way I've found to see them, is to wet the piece with denatured alcohol (not water- it raises the grain). Unlike thinner which can interfere with the finish, the alcohol leaves no residue behind.

I mentioned three finishes: Waterlox, Minwax wipe-on Poly, and

Paperstone

I use Waterlox for the first coat, and on porous woods for another couple of coats. It is a great finish just on its own. but a coat of poly adds a little more protection. Waterlox is a polymerized

Tung oil, so

it penetrates like an oil, but has a slight surface build. Extra layers add more gloss- it is basically a semi-gloss finish. When dry, I disc sand using 180 grit foam backed discs (Mirka Abralon - Acme Tools)

Don't sand through the finish, just get rid of the rough spots.

The top coat I use is Minwax wipe-on Poly, 50/50 mix of gloss and semi-gloss. Between coats I hand sand (if necessary) with black 300-400 grit paper. The number of coats necessary depends on the wood, maple may only need three coats total, and oak may need five or six. Use your own judgment.

I use the Paperstone finish as a final buff-out coat after I'm done to dust off and even out the finish while checking to make sure everything looks right. It is basically a salad-bowl finish- all natural oils and waxes. When used alone it has a soft luster, but needs to be reapplied periodically for upkeep.

I forgot to mention application. I use foam brushes- the best ones are made by Jen, the don't break down in

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**For sale**  
Craftsman oscillating drum sander. Asking 120.00.  
Bill & Becky Neal 2451 Windfall Ave Nashua, IA 50658  
641-435-4482 641-330-1424 cell

**The Oak Bulletin Board**

The regular CVWA Meeting Will be held at the Waterloo Center for the Arts 225 Commercial at 6:30 June 8, 2010

The next Executive Board meeting will be Wednesday June 16, 2010, 7:00 PM at Hy-Vee Crossroads meeting room.

Scroll saw club meeting , There will be no meeting in June.

Corridor Wood turners meeting June 10, 2010 at John Shwartzkopf's Shop in the Cherry Building 329 10th Ave SE in Cedar Rapids.

The Amana Colonies furniture factory is having a Wood Fest in October 2010 more details will be provided when they become available. Even if you don't buy any thing it should be an interesting experience.

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Shop Tours & Picnic**  
August 8, 2010  
More information on pages 3 and 5  
**Dennis Gilroy.**

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oils (I buy in bulk on-line, but Menards carries them) Wipe off and even the finish with Scott blue shop towels (no lint) Keep a wet towel for the first wipe, then follow with a dry one. It almost seems like you're wiping it off, but you're not. Too much left behind leaves a rough finish. If you quarter-fold the towel squares it gives a nice sized pad which can be rotated and folded back to keep a fresh surface. Since the finishes are ready to recoat in 3-4 hours, you can wrap the brush in one of the wet towels and use it for the next coat- the way I use brushes, it saves me a lot of expense.

If a heavy duty finish is needed for a dining room table, bar top, ect. I use a couple of coats of Minwax brush-on poly after a coat of wipe-on poly. Sand between coats with the 180 grit sanding discs, and top coat with a coat or two of the wipe-on poly to even out the finish. This gives a very strong finish with very few brush marks.

I hope this is helpful- let me know if anyone has questions.

John Schwartzkopf

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**REMEMBER: SPOUSES ARE INVITED**

**Dennis - 277-3013**

d.s.gilroy@cfu.net

Date: June 12, 2010

Time: 9AM-10AM

Where: Tom Lown

5530 Sierra Dr.

Waterloo, IA 50701

Any questions, call

Dave Turner

(LL) 319-822-9231

Cell: 319-240-9977

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# June Shop Tour

**. CEDAR VALLEY WOODWORKERS CLUB  
MEETING- MAY 11, 2010**

Seventy One members , two new members and two guests were welcomed by President Reed Craft at the CVWA meeting in May. Reed mentioned that the club still has a special price on steel wool to sell. A workbench was also for purchase at the club, \$100.00 or best offer. Also, to promote the Cedar Valley Woodworkers Association, we have business cards for the club. If any of the members would like to have some cards to give to friends who might be interested, just ask one of the board members.

Dave Turner has a shop tour scheduled on May 15th at Bob Lee's from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Dave will do a mass email w/ directions to the shop. Just a reminder about the upcoming 2'X4' contest at the September 14th meeting. This is right before the National Cattle Congress show, so plan to enter your project from the contest. There will be more woodcraft entries to choose from at the Cattle Congress. The Scrollsaw meeting for the month will be May 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Art Mehman's. Corridor Wood Turners meeting will be held May 13, 2010 in Cedar Rapids. The executive meeting for the CVWA will be 7:00 p.m. May 19th at the Crossroads HyVee upstairs meeting room. Dennis Gilroy will have a sign up sheet for the August 8th Annual Picnic at our June meeting. The shop tours will start around 1:30 p.m. with the picnic to follow. More info will be coming as the time gets closer. Sid Sidler announced the International Wood Carvers Show June 17th -20th. This will be held at the Jackson County Fairgrounds in Maquoketa, Iowa. Next month's demo will be with Black & Decker University. We still need more shops for the Black & Decker team to tour. If you would like to have them come and tour/ask questions about your tools- contact Dave Turner for time schedule.

**Show-n-Tell:**

Mark Dutton- Quartersawn oak Mission Chair  
( using a fumed finish)

Sid Sidler- (3) carved country characters

Reed Craft- Picture of a TV stand

Warren Brecheisen- Pictures of his cyclone dust

collector system and sanding table

**Tool Raffle:**

Jim Waring won this month's tool raffle and he chose the Wixey Digital Angle Gauge. Laverne Thielen was the lucky winner of the 25' tape measurer. Thanks for supporting the tool raffle each month. All the proceeds go to buy the tools for the Christmas give-a-way for our Christmas party.

Our refreshments were provided by Dick Buchanan, Rex Pershing and Garry Gardiner. Our coffee was made by Don Gurney. Thanks for providing us with tasty treats.

Our program was done by Frank Smith this month. Frank has been in woodworking for eight years. He specializes in making baskets on the scrollsaw and doing beautiful intarsia pictures. He uses a system called the ring master tool for hollowing out the inside of some the bowls. The website for this tool is [www.ringmastertool.com](http://www.ringmastertool.com). Frank seemed to be very impressed with this tool. He also showed two books that he likes. These are **New Scrollsaw Baskets vol. 1** and **Wooden Bowls from the Scrollsaw**. Frank goes to two shows a year, selling and showing what he does. [www.intarsia.com](http://www.intarsia.com) was also the place where one of the magazines he had called- Intarsia Times. Thanks Frank !

Respectfully Submitted-

**Wanda Bailey/ secretary**

**CVWA Executive Meeting- May 19, 2010**

Those in attendance at the meeting were: Dave Turner, Bob Anderson, Gene Knief, Paul Bailey, Wanda Bailey, Pat Vollbrecht, Dennis Gilroy, Bob Hewlitt, Rick Ruport, Jim Wikle and Reed Craft. Vice President, Gene Knief resided as president for the evening. Treasurer's report was given by Paul Bailey. Income for the month was \$250.19 and the expenses for the month was \$143.95 with an ending balance of \$2556.27. The treasurer's report was accepted and filed. Paul

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Bailey was commended for the great job of getting the club's pictures up on the website in a timely manner. Thanks Paul!! Discussion about the sound system was had. Don Gurney offered to take it home and make sure it works properly. He will also be the person to ask if questions of how to use it are asked. Gene Knief will advertise the workbench in the swap sheet and Bob Lee will post a picture of it at the Western Home. Reed Craft will call and reserve December 8, 2010 for the Christmas Party.

More discussion on the meeting for next month with the Black and Decker team. Bill Harman needed address of the Art Center, map of tours and hotels in the area. Our July demo will be Ryan Bonjour- a woodworking artist. More demos were discussed. Bob Hewlitt will ask Fishsticks about doing a demo again. Pat Vollbrecht will do a demo on Tuning up the Bandsaw/ making bandsaw boxes. With warm weather coming we wanted to make sure we scheduled Tom Bussey and his Spray Class. Dennis Gilroy brought up the annual picnic, shop tours and food. Each person is asked to bring a lawn chair.  
Newsletter deadline- May 26, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted-  
**Wanda Bailey / secretary**

## Cedar Valley Woodworkers

### Treasurers Report May 19, 2010

#### Beginning Balance

**2450.03**

#### Income-

Dues:	125.00
Raffle:	123.00
Sheet:	2.00
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	250.19

#### Expenses-

2392-Don Gurney-Coffee Cups	10.28
2393-John Schwarzkopf-speaker	50.00
2394-Postmaster	7.93
2314-Courier-Advertising	23.00
2395-Betty Vollbrecht-tools	<u>52.74</u>
	143.95

**Ending Balance 2556.27**

Office Fund 2199.01

Tool Fund 357.26

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#### Treasurer Paul Bailey

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## Show and Tell



**Upper Left:** This is a work bench the club is selling \$100.00 OBO

**Center :** Country Characters Carved by Sid Sidler Stabilizer jig

**Upper Right:** Quarter sawn oak Mission Char by Mark Dutton

Projects shown below were crafted by Frank Smith our Presenter

**Lower Left:** Intarsia Ships Wheel **Lower Right** Bowles and baskets



**Below Right:**

Bowles and baskets waiting to be completed



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

Detailed Toys, Bob Anderson, 232-9813, wtoys@yahoo.com

Jack of all trades (enjoys a Challenge), Hank Morris, 235-0692, hankannam@aol.com

Has the Ability to figure MOST problems out—Dick Buchanan, 277-2477, rbuchanan@cfu.net

Intarsia, Pat Vollbrecht, 232-1923, patV35@mchsi.com

Fretwork, Garylee Thurm, 279-3219, flytying4u@hotmail.com

Cabinet making, Tom Bussey, 641-435-4354, tebussey@gmail.com

Wood carving, Sid Sidler, 233-1396, sidsstudio@aol.com

Furniture and cabinet building, Jerry Krug, 475-2391, jkrug@netins.net

Equipment Maintenance and repair Bob Colby

### Classes and Services for Pay by Fellow Club Members

*Sharpening services by Glenn Johnson, 641-435-2511*

*Sharpening Stone Sales Gary Lee Thurm 319-231-4577*

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### **NEW PATTERN TEMPLATE LIBRARY**

Your executive board has developed a new loaner program that might be of interest to each of you. Through the contribution of several different individuals the following full size templates are available for check-out by club members:

Nativity set:

Rocking horse:

Two different doll cradles

Should any of you have a pattern template set that your willing to share, call a board member!

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**Officers and Committee Members**

Elected Committee Members

**President** Reed Craft

**1st Vice President** Gene Knief

**2nd Vice President** Rick Rupert

**Secretary** Wanda Bailey

**Treasurer** Paul Bailey

Appointed Committee Members

Committee Member Pat Vollbrecht

Committee Member Jeanine Begalske

Appointed Committee Members

Committee Member Dave Turner

Committee Member Hank Morris

Committee Member Robert Hewlitt

Committee Member Dennis Gilroy

Club photographer John Mason/Bob Glawe

Refreshment Chairman Bob Anderson

Newsletter Jim Wikle