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### Next Meeting

The Next meeting of the Corridor Woodturners will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday October 13th, 2016 at Leisure Living Construction, 2700 Stone Gate Court in Hiawatha.

The meeting will be a demonstration by Greg Ellyson of a Christmas Tree ornament. This is the very popular item that Greg turned during his sessions at this years Woodfest. Greg uses several different tools and techniques to make a very nice ornament that would be a great addition to any Christmas tree or just to display during the season. The demonstration will be just after a short business meeting so be on time.

### 4th Annual Robust Tools Open House

Saturday, October 29, 2016 9AM to 4PM  
The link to more information is in the PDF that was sent with the newsletter.

### Challenge Project Winner

Stacy Nehl was the winner with a bowl that she turned, burned, painted and carved.



### Last Meeting

The Annual picnic was last months meeting. A very nice day to go along with lots of conversation, questions and answers, four lathes to practice and learn on,



three tables of wood and other items for the raffle,



door prizes and lots of good things to eat.





Kevin Bierman

Hello to all, looking forward to seeing everyone at our regular meeting in October. This month we are very lucky to have Greg Ellison giving us a demo on turning the Christmas tree ornaments he turned at this years Woodfest. ***We are going to do things a little differently this month, first a very short bit of business and then we will have Greg's demo.*** We will still have the show and tell plus raffle just later in the meeting. This month's drawing for project of the month will be anything you bring in.

## Quick Tip: Top 5 Wood Sources

1. **Local tree cutting services** can often direct you to scrap wood that can become excellent turning wood.
2. **Local landscapers** often have connections with tree cutting services and know when trees are going to be cut down.
3. **New building sites** that are removing trees to clear land for construction are a prime spot for finding wood.
4. **Online sites and auctions** such as eBay and Craigslist oftentimes have great deals on lumber.
5. **Friends** from your local woodturning club will oftentimes have great ideas and resources for finding wood

## 7 Ways NOT to Turn a Bowl

**Too big.** Start by mastering crucial techniques on smaller, shallow bowls.

**Too hard.** Start with green wood, it can be found inexpensively and will provide smooth, easier cuts.

**Big gap at the tool rest.** If the tool extends more than an inch over the tool rest it's time to stop the lathe and adjust the tool rest.

**Wrong direction.** For face grain bowls cut uphill. On the interior of your bowl, cut downhill or from rim to center.

**Wrong tools.** Remember to never use a roughing gouge on bowl work. A [1/2"](#) or [5/8" bowl gouge](#) makes great beginners' bowl gouge.

**Rushing into finishing.** Don't worry about finishing a piece, focus on basic shape and confidence. Practice pieces are most important as you begin turning bowls.

**Lack of body movement.** Notice how most turners move with their work. This allows them to produce fluid curves.

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One last thing I would like to mention is an email that was sent out last week, The Des Moines Woodturners are hosting Stuart Batty for an all day demo on November 5th.

The details are in the email or on the Des Moines Woodturners site. I know of at least six of our club members already signed up. We will talk about this at our meeting.

See you all on the 13th

Kevin

## Library Information

Do you use the literature library? What items would you like to see added, what would make it easier to use? See Gary Nosek and make your wishes known.

## The Help Corner October 2016

Well it is official. It is now fall and time to spend more time in the shop "makin" shavings. A favorite saying of Cap'n Eddie. I would like to take a moment to Thank Tom and Stacy for a wonderful picnic. They put a lot of work into the picnic and we sure appreciate it very much. Thanks.

As a fairly new person to turning I try to learn as much as I can about the difference in wood. I find a lot of information from Cook Woods emails. Here is another example.

### What is the difference between Heartwood and Sapwood?

If you look at the cross-section of a tree trunk, many times you'll see a dark, inner region, call the heartwood and a lighter, outer region called the sapwood.

The sapwood is live wood and its main job is to carry water from the roots to other parts of the tree.

The heartwood is dead wood, but it was once live sapwood!

The heartwood's main job is to provide support for the tree. Heartwood also helps the tree by being resistant to insect attacks and decay.

### So, if heartwood used to be sapwood.... *What happened?*

Sapwood is the living outer region of wood. New wood is formed just inside the bark, by a thin layer of cells called the cambium. This new wood is new sapwood.

As the new sapwood forms just underneath the cambium, the sapwood closest to the center of the tree is no longer needed and dies. When the old sapwood dies, it becomes heartwood, which is located at the center of the tree.

After it has died, the old sapwood undergoes some changes that make it heartwood. Basically, the amount of water in the wood decreases and certain chemicals accumulate there. The chemicals that accumulate in the heartwood are what makes it resistant to insect attack and decay!

## Opportunity

The following came to the club FB page.

Hi, I need to hire someone to turn a few pieces for me, as I have become overrun with orders. They are essentially a short, and fat spindle. I will provide the walnut blank pre glued and rounded on the band saw. The turner would be responsible to do the final shaping, and applying of finish. I would pay per finished piece, and the pay will be negotiated with the person. I can provide photos of what I am looking for to the person. Can you please forward this message to anybody interested? Sadly I do not know of any other turners in Cedar Rapids. Ben Fiedler 319-899-2783 [ben@fiddlestickscr.com](mailto:ben@fiddlestickscr.com)



## **For Sale**

Have something for sale? Let the club members know about it here. Get the info to John Cox to be added to the next newsletter

## **Dues Structure and Meeting Attendance Policy**

Club dues are:

\$25.00 per year for an General membership.

\$30.00 per year for a Family membership

\$100.00 per year for a Supporting membership.

Dues are for the calendar year January 1 thru December 31 with a grace period ending at the close of the February meeting. New membership cards will be distributed at the March meeting.

Dues paid in September and later by NEW members will be considered in force for the rest of that calendar year plus the following calendar year.

Potential members may attend two meetings as a guest then must either join the club or pay 1/4 of the current general membership fee to attend a regular meeting.