



**Central Illinois Woodturners Newsletter  
April/May 2010**

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Welcome to the April/May 2010 CIW newsletter. I decided to combine the April and May newsletters since I'm running a month behind and this is my way of catching up. I will try to keep them up-to-date from now on. I usually try to get the newsletter out a week or so before our next meeting. It may seem like we're running a month behind but if you click on the March newsletter, you'll find the March minutes. I'm not going to be like some of the magazines that send out the September issue in the middle of July!

Don't hesitate to send me ideas for the newsletter. If it's got a woodturning connection, I'm interested.

My email is [moreau5575@yahoo.com](mailto:moreau5575@yahoo.com) or talk with me at one of our monthly meetings. For other news and items don't forget to go to our club website at [www.centralillinoiswoodturners.com](http://www.centralillinoiswoodturners.com).

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Don't forget our club meeting **Monday, June 14** at James

Pearce's shop in Peoria (1101 SW Washington); newbie session begins at 6 p.m. and general meeting at 6:30 p.m.

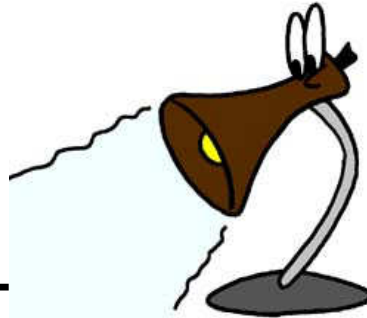
**Newbie Session:** Jim Meizelis demonstrating offset turning.

**Program:** pyrography by Dave Lee

**President's Challenge for July:** make a box

(President's Challenge is shown at the Bloomington meeting)

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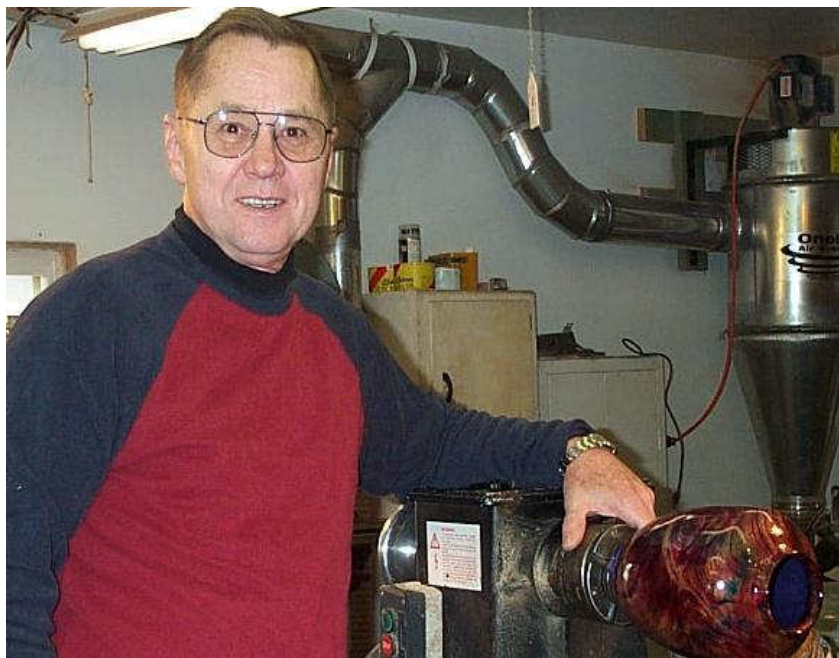


## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Dwight Crane*

*Larry Moreau*

Congrats to **Dwight Crane** of Rantoul who won the 2010 "Best of Show at Celebration Art Fair" in Charleston, IL in April. Dwight has been a member of CIW since 1998 and was one of the first to use aniline dye to color turning projects.



Here's some examples of his work from his website: <http://cranewoodworks.com>



Multi-color maple vase



Spalted maple 12 x 7 tall natural color vase  
with high gloss finish

I also wanted to mention that yours truly, "Lucky" **Larry Moreau**, has struck again. Besides getting a prize almost monthly in our club's show & tell or raffle drawing, I really hit the big time in April -- I got the top prize in the AAW's Membership Prize Drawings (see p. 72 of American Woodturner)!!!

It was a five DVD set provided by David Ellsworth, [www.ellsworthstudios.com](http://www.ellsworthstudios.com). Here's what it said:

*Every month, we will randomly draw names from our membership database, and award prizes to those selected. Winners will be announced each month on this webpage and in the American Woodturner. All current members of AAW are automatically entered in the drawing. Prizes have been generously donated by our corporate sponsors and supporters. When you patronize these merchants, please thank them for their support of AAW. -- [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)*

With my good luck at our local AAW club meetings, it seemed only fitting that I was the first from CIW to win. One of our members told me that it was good to see someone local win. As our esteemed president Dave Carroll put it, "Larry has now gone national with his good fortune." There are over 16,000 AAW members and April was the second month for the prize drawing. At year-end they will draw for a Powermatic 3520b lathe -- watch your email inbox. One of our members told me that if I won that lathe, he was joining my church!

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### **2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!!!**

If you haven't paid your 2010 membership dues yet, please get them to our Membership Chair, Bill Schulz. He can be reached at [billhschulz@comcast.net](mailto:billhschulz@comcast.net) or see him at a CIW meeting.

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### ***The "Universal Truths" of Woodturning (as I see them)*** **#1-10 by Russ Fairfield**

*These Truths I hold as self-evident. These are the things about woodturning that I have learned to accept without question. They are above argument.*

*While the list may already seem long with forty (40) of these "truths", I have no doubt that many more can be added as I become more proficient in the art/craft of woodturning. I also have no doubt that there will be arguments on the merits of some of those that I have included. There is no importance in their listed order; I wrote them down as I thought of them.*

1 - There are only three ways to become an accomplished woodturner, and they are practice, practice, and more practice.

That practice will be easier with a copy of Keith Rowley's book, "Woodturning: A Foundation Course", and learning to do everything that he discusses. Follow that with his book, "Keith Rowley's Woodturning Projects", and make all 20 of them. If you do these things, you will be well on your way to becoming a woodturner. There are comparable books and videos, but I happen to like these.

2 - It takes years to become an expert woodturner. Standing in front of a lathe, all day, every day, for 20 years would be a good start. Others may be faster than that, but most of the real experts have a lot of gray hair.

3 - Woodturning is both an "art" and a "craft." The "craft" is in how the wood is cut, the tools we use, and how we use them. The shape of the finished piece is the "art." Learning about other art forms (pottery, glass, sculpture, etc.) will improve the "art" of our woodturning.

4 - Continue being challenged to learn new things. One year's experience repeated ten (10) times is not the same as having ten (10) years of experience.

5 - Never lose sight of the customer/user. Anything that is intended to be used must be usable.

6 - You can't cut wood with dull tools. The corollary is that the sharper the tool is, the better it cuts.

7 - Consistency is more important than the actual profile of the cutting tool. Otherwise we are using a different tool after every trip to the grinder.

It doesn't matter what the grinding wheel is made of, how fast it spins, whether the tool is held in a jig or freehand, or if we use a belt sander or a rock, so long as the same edge profile is repeated every time we use it.

8 - The speed of the grinding wheel doesn't matter. They all remove metal. The faster wheel removes it faster. There is some justification for the new woodturner to use the slower wheel.

9 - It doesn't matter what color grinding wheel is used. It can be pink, gray, white, violet, blue, green, or whatever color. It can be made from Aluminum Oxide, Silicone Carbide, sandpaper, or a rock. They all remove metal.

Some may be softer and require dressing more often to make them flat again. Others, like the hard gray wheels that came with grinder, will require

dressing more often to remove the glaze of embedded metal and "sharpen" the wheel.

10 - The color of the grinding wheel has no meaning. While all white wheels may be Aluminum Oxide, not all Aluminum Oxide wheels are white. They also come in a pale green, violet, pink, blue, and yellow, depending on the manufacturer and the dyes they use in the binders that hold the abrasive particles together.

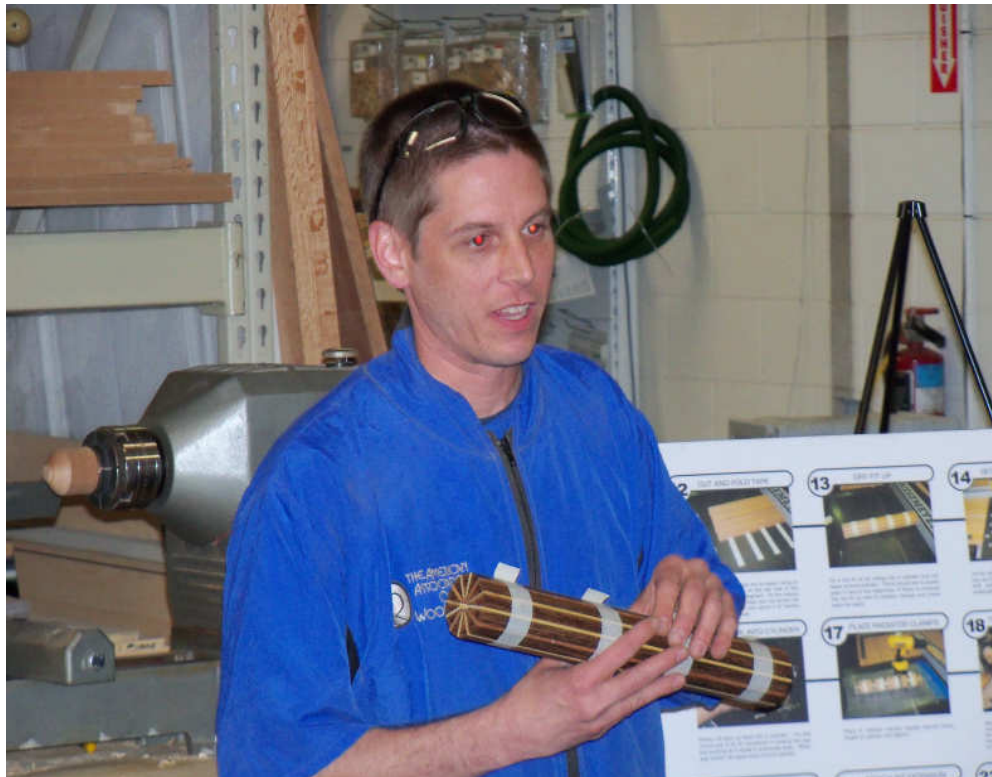
(from Russ Fairfield's website: <http://www.woodturnerruss.com/UniversalTruths.html>)

## **MORE "Universal Truths" NEXT MONTH**

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### **May Program -- Segmented Peppermills**

Our May program on segmented pepper mills was given by Jason Swanson of Bristol, WI. He is a member of AAW, IAP (International Assoc. of Penturners), and current president of the Milwaukee Area Woodturners. If you'd like a copy of his presentation, you can contact him through his website: [www.wiwoodguy.com](http://www.wiwoodguy.com)



Jason showing a glued-up blank.



Jason Swanson at the club lathe.



Some of Jason's segmented peppermills.

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## ***The Senility Prayer***

(For those of us who are getting a little older.)

God grant me the senility  
to forget the people I never liked anyway,  
the good fortune to run into the ones I do,  
and the eyesight to tell the difference...

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## **Central Illinois Woodturners Minutes – April, 2010**

**Next meeting:** May 10, 2010 - Bloomington

### **Membership** (Bill Schulz)

- 32 Members Attended
- Guests Attending – Scott Christianson - Edelstein
- Please pay your 2010 CIW dues ASAP  
Don't forget about your 2010 AAW Dues also.
- New Membership Cards are available for PAID members only  
Paid members will enjoy a 10% discount at Woodworkers Shop  
(Just show your 2010 CIW Membership Card)

### **Treasurer's Report** (Terry Quiram)- “In The Black” , Treasurer's Report approved

- John Katske made motion to approve
- Roger Alexander seconded motion
- Treasurer's Report approved

### **Library (John Timerman)**

- Please don't forget to return items – Some things overdue from Library – Please Check
- John is taking title or author suggestions for purchasing new material for the Library.

### **Old Business**

- Don't Forget ! Woodworkers Shop in Pekin will display for sale any members turnings. There will be a 12% fee to cover any tax and credit card charge
- Nick Cook Demo was very successful – Thanks Frank!

- Dick Coers is checking out the availability of the Rose Engine – Ornamental Lathe that is touring presently in Illinois to get it down here to demo for CIW – Lathe is ready to come down for the Demo.
- Jim Meizelis is coordinating with Jennifer Costas to put together a “Beginning Art Class” late Sept. or early Nov.  
Please send all topic suggestions via email to Hod at [hodster@mtco.com](mailto:hodster@mtco.com)
- Terry Quiram is currently researching new prices and products from Anchor Seal for our club
  - Dick Coers made motion to have Terry buy the barrel of Anchor Seal
    - Dave Kraft seconded the motion
    - Motion approved
- A Big Thank You goes to Joe Landon for his Demo on “Turning a Hollow Form”
- A Big “Thanks” goes to Dick Coers for his “Sharpening Session” before the meeting.

### **New Business**

- The Club received a letter from AAW asking for a donation.
  - Dave Kraft made a motion to donate \$75 to AAW
  - Bill Paulo seconded
  - Motion carried with 1 opposed
- Discussion on Pen/Kit Turning Saturday (Possibly June)
  - Dick Coers to Chair
- There will be NO TOLUCA FESTIVAL at the end of May
- There is a FALL FESTIVAL in Delavan around Labor Day
- John Katske is taking donations of tops for Children’s Home
- Dick Coers looking into “Art Rod” , a car/art show being held to buy art supplies for Tri County Schools – for more info, google “Art Rod”
- President’s Challenge for May Meeting – Turn a **Coffee Scoop**
- The “Bring Back Piece” will be discussed at the next meeting
- Reminder of CIW Member Supplier Discounts
  - Hartville Tools – contact person – Jerry Rhoads – 15% (does not include sale items)
  - Klingspor’s – contact – Terry Quiram – 10% (does not include sale items or power tools)
  - Craft Suppliers – 10% on abrasives (this needs to be double checked)
- A volunteer is needed to help Dave Kraft with the Audio/Visual Equipment  
Please step forward and give Dave a hand
- Dave Kraft is to get some estimates on a large screen for our projector.

### **Show and Tell**

Dave Carroll – (2)turkey calls-striker and pot  
 Bill Paulo – Nick Cook style salt shaker  
 Dave Harmer - scoop

Dave Bloom – Easter ornament 2 shallow basswood bowls, one made 25 yrs ago.  
Rick Smith – walnut gavel  
Jim Meizelis – 2 pine vases  
Roger Alexander – 2 cherry bowls  
Joe Landon – HFs (2) elm, cherry and maple  
Frank Kobilsek – (2) walnut platters with inlaid coffee grounds  
Jack O’Bryan – ash and osage orange bowl  
Bob Briggs – (4) tools w/ash handles  
Dave Kraft – mesquite bowls, natural edged bowl  
Dick Coers – HFs catalpa burl,spalted maple,(2) white oak (1 dyed with vinegar and steel wool)  
Terry Quiram – 6 scoops  
Harold Levine – 2 examples off purchased turnings (one was a 1952 platter)  
Scott Christianson – (2) pens

**Show and Tell Drawing Winners**

Joe Landon

**Raffle Drawing Winners**

John Katske  
Hod Bailey  
Jack O’Bryan  
Larry Moreau  
Dave Kraft  
John Katske  
Joe Landon  
John Timerman

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**Central Illinois Woodturners  
Minutes – May 2010**

(taken by Larry Moreau for Hod Bailey)

**Next Meeting:** Monday, June 14 @ Peoria

Terry Quiram gave the treasurer’s report which was accepted.

Terry also reported that raffle items tonight was the remaining items would be the items from the Nick Cook demo. The special raffle would be drawn tonight for the Nick Cook pepper mill and salt shaker by Bill Paulo.

It was noted that **Harold Levin** of Spring Valley died Sunday, April 25. He had been a CIW member since 2001. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Membership chair Bill Schulz said that dues are mostly up-to-date but gave a reminder that there were a few still due. Please get your dues in if you haven't done so.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A kit turning day will be held on a Saturday in Sept. or Oct. Dick Coers is heading up this event and will poll members via email for date suggestions. We will turn pens, key chains, etc. that day.

There will be an Art Design for Turners class at ICC taught by Jennifer Costa beginning Wednesday, Sept. 29 and running through the rest of the Wednesdays in Oct. Jim Meizelis has the information.

James Pearce needs JPEG photos of members work for his presentation to the Peoria Art Guild about a possible turning show.

Save Fri/Sat Oct. 1 & 2 for a demo and hands-on day with a box maker.

Hartville Tools gives 15% off purchases of many turning supplies with 3 % coming back to our club. You must go through the club's contact person Jerry Rhoads. Get in touch with him for all the details.

There was no **NEW BUSINESS**.

The next President's challenge is to make a box.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Denny and Donna Davis of Normal

**SHOW AND TELL & PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE:**

Terry Quiram -- scoops, hollow form, top, handmade hollowing tools & handle

Jerry Rhoads -- curly maple platter with dyed edge & a corn cob pipe

Rick Smith -- scoops, goblets, small bowl, box, & his first pen

Roger Alexander -- scoop, capture ring goblets

Dave Lee -- walnut shell bowl

Frank Kobilsek -- curly maple table service (plates, bowls, etc) set of six

Dave Bloom -- large curly maple platter, scoops, natural edge bowl

Bob Briggs -- goblets, winestopper with golf ball top

Dick Coers -- natural edge bowls, hollow forms

Bill Schulz -- chalice

Carl Miller -- segmented bowls

Dave Harmer -- mini scoops & goblets

Ron Pierce -- bell

Bill Patton -- bowl & scoop

Keith Adams -- pitcher and hollow forms

Jim Meizelis -- pendants, scoops and tops

Joe Landon -- hollow forms

Dave Kraft -- goblet, scoop, bottle stopper

Larry Moreau -- shot glass, pen and DVD prize

Scott Monahan -- bowl

Jason Swanson -- segmented peppermills, boxes, perfume atomizer

**Show & Tell Winners:** Terry Quiram, Jerry Rhoads, Rick Smith

**President's Challenge Winners:** Keith Adams, Roger Alexander

**Raffle Winners:** John, Jack, Terry, Frank, Larry & others (sorry I didn't keep up!)

**John Katzke** was the winner of the Nick Cook peppermill and Bill Paulo salt shaker set.

**May Program:** Jason Swanson, president of Milwaukee Area Woodturners, on segmented peppermills. ([www.woodguy.com](http://www.woodguy.com))