

http://www.corridorturners.org/

## **Next Meeting**

The Next meeting of the Corridor Woodturners will be held at 6:30 PM on July 9 at Leisure Living Construction, 2700 Stone Gate Court in Hiawatha. To kick off the Christmas season of ornament making, yes we know it's early but it's never too early to start thinking about the holiday ornament drive set for the November/December time frame, Harold Rosauer will demonstrate making a Christmas Angel tree topper. Harold gave this program four or five years ago and everyone who saw it wants to see it again. This time with our improved video and audio everyone will have a front row seat.

#### **Congratulations**

Don and Ruth Coleman are celebrating 50 year anniversary. They have issued an open invitation for our club members for August 1, 2015 from 1 to 5 PM at the Wildwood Smokehouse and Saloon, 4919 B Walleye Drive SE, Iowa City. Interstate 80 to exit 249. The bride and groom of 50 years have requested no gifts. If you wish to bring a non-perishable food item they would love to share a meal with those in need. The goods will be donated to the North Liberty food pantry.

They would appreciate an R.S.V.P. By email to ruthcoleman@southslope.net or doncoleman@southslope.net

## Last Meeting

Last month Tom Mills gave an excellent program on the presentation of the tool to wood relative to spindle turning. Using a piece of pine cut from a 2x4, Tom demonstrated the type of cut produced by various presentations of a spindle roughing gouge, regular spindle gouge, a parting tool and a skew chisel.



Using the spindle roughing, or any of the other tools, as shown above, just pushing it straight into the work will remove wood but produce a rough cut and depending on the wood used chunks of the wood may be torn out. Tom showed how a much smoother cut can be achieved by presenting the tool to the wood much like one would if sharpening a pencil with a jackknife. Tom talked about the skew chisel, seen by many, as the hardest tool to get to accustomed to using. To understand the skew chisel and how to use it, keep in mind that only a small part of the blade contacts the wood. Present the tool to the wood by laying it on the wood and draw it back toward you until just the beveled area is rubbing on the wood, then rotate the tool up so that the edge starts to cut. Only a small portion of the edge will be cutting and that portion will be supported by the bevel of the tool. Getting the cutting edge away from the support of the bevel on any tool will result in a catch and mess to clean up on your project.

# **From the President**



Hello to all, hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday. Now that we are in the seventh month of the year we think it must be time to start thinking about Christmas. With the hot dry days of summer still ahead of us I'm sure that is hard to do but we thought a little " Christmas in July" might help.

Our program for July will be Harold Rosauer showing us how to turn an angel tree topper. The old timers in the club will remember that Harold did this demo a few years ago. This is a very neat project and well worth another look. Next months project of the month will be an angel or any Christmas related turning.

Kevin Bierman One of hardest things myself and the rest of board have to do is come up with a demo each month. I would like to ask each of you to think of what you would like to see and let any of us know.

We have asked many different club members to demo over the years and I would like to thank them all for helping us out.

The John Jordan demo in October continues to move forward. Bruce and John Cox visited Hawkeye Down's the other day to get a sense for the best layout. John Sandor is working on getting the word out all over the mid-west. We have had some interest already. Stacy is working on the food. David is in charge of the registrations (he is ready to take your money) and the rest of us are doing what we can for now. There will be plenty of work for all as the time draws closer, please sign up to help. If everyone takes a turn it will be easy for all. We have decided to give out door prizes each day. We have some nice gifts already with more to come. I think this will be one great weekend!

See you at the July meeting Kevin



# Fresh Cut Woodturning Symposium

North House Folk School's first-ever Wood Turning Symposium "Fresh Cut" aspires to bring fresh energy and ideas to conversations and techniques in the green wood turning world, inviting the work of traditional and contemporary turners to inform and intrigue each other. Rooted in the foot-powered lathe and centuries of tradition, green wood turning stretches into modern explorations of form and function and excites turners of all skill levels and interests.

Check with Bob Ristow or go on line to get more information about this event.



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Kevin Bierman-Crabapple-AO-S&T



Anita Woodroffe-Poly finish-S&T

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**Don Coleman-Cherry-POM** 



Greg Ellyson-Cherry & Ironwood-Oil-POM



Ruth Coleman-Various woods- S & T



Bruce Kruse-Poplar-POM



Stacy Nehl-Acrylic-S&T



Brandan Westmark-Boxelder-Friction Polish-S&T

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John MacDougall-S&T



Tom Nehl-Boxelder-Salad bowl finish-S&T



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Ron Luckeroth-Maple-S&T





Paul Rohrbacher-Walnut & Maple-Oil-POM



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Lyndal Anthony & Joni Overhouse Poplar-Satin Poly-S&T



Lisa Heitz-Butchers Wax & Oil-S&T



Paul Rohrbacher-Maple- No Finish-POM



Stacy Nehl-Acrylic, Ebony, & Snakewood-S&T

#### **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.

### Thousand Cankers Disease by David Kesler



By now we have all heard about the Emerald Ash Borer and the likelihood that we will loose our ash trees. Those of us old enough, remember the Dutch Elm Disease and its dramatic effect. Did you know that the American Chestnut (*Castanea dentate*) was once the most important tree in our eastern deciduous forests? Clearly tree spe-

cies can be nearly, if not completely, extirpated or wiped out.

Our Iowa trees face a new threat on the horizon. Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*) trees are susceptible to a newly identified fungus (*Geosmithia morbida*) carried by the walnut twig beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*), and trees can die within three years of infestation. A good summary of this disease is at http://www.iowatreepests.com/tcd\_home.html

According to the US Forest Service, the fungus and beetle have been found east of the Great Plains since 2010, and have been reported in Indiana in 2014. Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri have enacted quarantines of walnut wood from other states, (a good description is at http://www.thousandcankers.com/state-info.php?state=Missouri), and

while it may not stop movement of this beetle and the fungus it carries to us, Iowa Code section 177A.5 lists the walnut twig beetle as a pest and the fungus a disease that should not be allowed in our state.

So, how much will this new disease cost Iowa? According to the Iowa DNR Forestry Bureau, the wood product loss, decreased landowner property value, nut production loss, and urban and park tree loss is, well, let's just say staggering. But what impact will this disease have on turners?

With decreased availability of walnut wood, the cost of quality wood for turning will certainly increase, at least in the long term. We are a bit spoiled with Johnson Wood Products charges for walnut bowl and spindle blanks. Have you checked the prices of other vendors lately? In the short term, thousand cankers disease will mean more walnut being harvested. For turners the quality of wood from infected trees will not be affected. The beetles only burrow into the bark and shallowly into the sapwood.

Since there is no treatment for thousand cankers disease, we can only help hold off the loss of our walnut trees by not moving wood from infected areas and by urging others to do the same. Who knows, maybe someday a new turner could ask, "Gee, could everybody just turn bowls from real Iowa walnut whenever they wanted?"

Videos on thousand cankers disease are at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=voHWRiBvyu0 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=voHWRiBvyu0 -

## 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.

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.