

## Featured Critique Pieces

One of the two featured pieces started out as a twisted piece of vine, actually called European Bittersweet vine. Roger Viager turned it into a unique design that



challenges you to determine how it can maintain its form with so many voids. The initial piece is pictured on the left.



The second piece was created by Carl Smith from a piece of butternut. Exactly how many hours it took him to create it, we don't know, but he finished it with wipe on poly. Congratulations to you too, Carl for a job very well done!

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### Feature: Making and Decorating Eggs P6

#### 2010 Calendar of Events

April 20	Monthly Meeting
April 24	Shop Tour
May 7	Gallery Hop
May 18	Monthly Meeting
June 15	Monthly Meeting
July 20	Monthly Meeting

## Monday Wood Turners and Learners

Every Monday for the last couple of months, several club members have gathered at the DeSoto club site to do a little turning, a lot of teaching and quite a bit of talking and learning. Sarge usually shows up by 10 am or so and unlocks the building. Then the group of turners bring in their tools and wood and find an open lathe. Many of the club members bring some wood just to prac-



tice on while others may have a specific project in mind and start with that. There is always someone to look to for advice if something is not working right or if someone has a question. Perhaps a question such as “Why does my wood get airborne sometimes? It just keeps coming off the chuck.” Or “Which tools should I be using and how do I sharpen them?”

But it seems like everyone who is turning something is learning something and even those who mainly watch seem to have a good time.



Ray and Irene Myers, Rick and Marge Reeves, and Teresa Allen have been heading up this event and by noon we all listen for the “Soups on! Come and get it or we’ll throw it out” call from the lunch committee.

Usually Marge or Irene will have brought some good food to share and almost everyone else have brought some cookies, cake or brownies to share also. Stories abound around the lunch table about woodturning, strange things we did in our younger (and often dumber) days, and even a political joke or two. But soon the lathes call and a second brownie is shoved in someone's mouth with a swig of soda and its off to make more chips.



Sarge and Rick have been really good about offering free advice to anyone in need of a few minutes of instruction or a half hour actual demo. Two o'clock comes all too soon and all jump in to clean up and pickup all dust and chips until the next meeting. The Monday sessions will probably continue until the end of April, but talk to Rick or one of the others in the group if you are interested in continuing during the summer.

It was at a couple of these Monday sessions also that Rick Reeves made the Cocobolo dish shown below.



Teresa Allen visits with one of the many turners at a Monday session.



**Jerry Sargeant and Lloyd** were the critique leaders for March. Over 30 items were displayed on our table. Roger brought a unique vessel from a twisted vine and Carl Smith displayed a beautifully carved eagle.

### March Critique Table



Donna Nagle  
Various  
Ca glue and wax

Dan Gascoigne  
Popular  
Stain Glaze Deft



Carl Smith  
Spalted Birch  
Wipe on Poly

Lloyd Beckman  
Mesquite, Cherry (R)  
Deft

Ray Hamilton  
Maple, Black Cherry (R)  
Wipe on Poly



Leo Othmer  
Oak  
Deft

Warren Hadley  
Cedar, Cork  
Tung Oil, Carnuba Wax

Vernon Holtz  
Ash, Walnut, Cherry  
Wipe-on Poly

**Critique Table Cont'd**



Jerry Rupp  
Hornbeam  
Mylands Paste



Mike Mosely  
Box Elder/Corian  
Spar Varnish



Dave Johnson  
Maple  
Tung Oil



Dean Stoltz  
Maple  
Poly



Denny Hurd  
Cherry  
Carnuba Wax



Randy Nagle  
Maple  
Oil



Jake Jacobsen  
Walnut  
Danish Oil, Salad  
bowl finish



Howard Doty  
Ash  
Oil and buff



Lee Whiteside  
Walnut, Plum, Hornbeam  
Walnut Oil

## Making and Hollowing Eggs



Just in time for Easter, John Meyers did a demo on how to turn eggs and then hollow and decorate them. Eggs for Easter,

John Meyer's March demonstration was a variation of his wooden baseballs late last year. John also hollows the eggs to allow all the decorative variations of-

ferred by traditional eggs.

John began with a 2 1/4" square blank of either Basswood or Maple secured by a chuck at the headstock and a live center at the tail stock. The first objective was to turn a 2 1/8" cylinder. Next, John turned a 3/8" tenon about 2" long at the tailstock using a 3/8" open end wrench as a guide. Once created, he removed the tenon with a parting tool and reserved the scrape to create a plug used later in the project. After the tenon is removed, the end was rounded with a bowl gouge to a 2 1/8" semi-circle using a hardwood template with the appropriate diameter.

A second hardwood template was used as a guide to create the small end of the egg. The template was created using the shadow of a real egg under a bright light as a guide to get the correct shape. The remaining outside turning was done with a gouge.



The tailstock was returned, outfitted with a chuck and 1/2" Forsner bit. John drilled a hole the length of the finished egg to start the hollowing process. Hollowing was completed with a home designed tool. John ground a cutting edge on the end to a T-handled Allen wrench. Not only



does the t-handle aid in holding the tool, but it gives a guide to the position of the cutting edge when inside the egg.

The plug remnant was returned to the hole of the finished egg and secured with CA glue. The plug was trimmed and then turned to the correct diameter. Attention was then focused on removing the small end of the egg from the headstock using a skew.

Finished eggs can be presented in their natural color, tinted or even the base of a wood burning project. You can also use a rotary tool to remove an oval in the side to stuff the eggs with items such as family pictures. Decorating offers as much creativity as turning in this project.. .



**From the QCWT President****April 2010**

Last month I talked about buying tools and acquiring the skills needed to become a woodturner. There has been a group of members meeting on Mondays to improve their skills. I go down also to help the new people, or is it, I go down to have some of Irene and Marge's good soup and cookies. They stop at noon and have lunch and talk a little woodturning.

I try to persuade the new members to just practice and master the different cuts with their tool before they take on projects. The ones that practice the fundamentals week after week are coming out ahead in the long run. Speaking of the Monday group, thanks Ray and Irene Myers, Rick and Marge Reeves, and Teresa Allen for heading up this event.

The club went to Builders World in Milan, IL and did a two day demo there. Because of this, Builders World helped us get another 16-24 lathe at cost. These bigger lathes make it so much more enjoyable turning at the club for like the Mondays and also for the classes we have. The Monday turners race to see who gets the newest lathes and I'm sure they will be popular for the upcoming Gallery Hop too!! Thanks Randy for heading up this event and getting the new lathe over to the club and for the others who helped set it up.

Ron Curtis took on a big project in getting us all a break on some tools from Craft Supply. Make sure you thank Ron when you pick up the tools and materials you ordered. The few items backordered will probably be in shortly.

Don't forget the shop tour this Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. We will start out at Ray Myers at 10:30am in DeWitt, then move to Ray Hamilton in Maquoketa (12:30 to 2), and finish at Dave Johnson in Clinton at 2:30. The shop tours are a lot of fun and you can get a lot of ideas for your own shop.

I have to close now and go cut the grass. At least its better than shoveling snow!!!

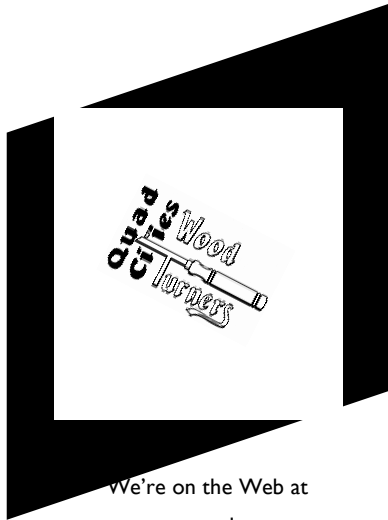
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## Upcoming Events

Come to all of the fun at the Gallery Hop in our DeSoto building!! Friday, May 7 from 6 pm to 9. Bring a snack and/or drink to share.



## Shop Tour

Shop tour on Sat. April 24—Start at Ray Myers (2680 252nd St) at 10:30 am in DeWitt. Then we will go to Ray Hamilton (22755 Hwy 64) in Maquoketa) from 12:30 to 2pm and finish at Dave Johnson's shop in Clinton. His address is 613 -33rd Ave.

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