



## As The Wood Turns Internet Version

February 2003

**CWTC Meeting 7 PM**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each**  
**month**

**Location: Woodcraft**  
**Supply Store, 1280 E.**  
**Dundee Rd, Palatine**  
**IL**  
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Curls From the President's Platter  
By Paul Shotola

A year ago, I trumpeted the fact that the CWT had reached the one hundred fifty member mark. I had no idea that a year later we would be home to two hundred woodturners. The growth of our vocation is truly amazing. There are all of these new turners, and who will teach them? How will they ever learn to ride the bevel? How will they know sharp from really sharp? Good news, folks. The members of the CWT will teach and mentor them.

At our last meeting, out of an attendance of seventy-eight, an even dozen folks put pen to sign-up list and became official CWT mentors. They are making themselves available to any and all for advice, coaching, and even hands-on teaching. Note the photo of Dan Anderson performing the “hands-on” process. If you want your name on the list (and who wouldn’t want to be associated with this esteemed group?) just call me or drop me a note. The next thing that happens is that you will be helping an aspiring (or even a fairly experienced) turner move up to the next level. Your personal place in the Wood Turning Afterlife will then be assured. Seriously, it’s a great feeling to be able to help someone move forward in their turning. A current list of mentors is in this newsletter. I didn’t say a “complete” list because your name is not yet on it. We’re all waiting....

More good news: **Binh Pho** has lined up some great demonstrators for our Saturday sessions. The next demo is with **David Nittmann** on May 24. There is a [short article](#) on David and his work in this issue. Make plans to attend this demo, and hopefully his hands-on sessions as well. Our last demo and hands-on sessions were with **Lyle Jamieson**. Everyone who participated tells me that it was time well spent. Again, there's more on Lyle’s demo and classes in this issue.

In the interest of disclosure, (that’s the kind of thing TV stockbrokers say, isn’t it?) I wrote the articles on Jamieson, Nittman, and the piece on the last Saturday mentoring session in this issue. If this keeps up, we can rename your newsletter from *As the Wood Turns* to *Paul Says*. That’s pretty boring, right? What’s the remedy? *You* can write a piece for your newsletter. *Yes, you*. You have opinions. You have knowledge. You can certainly type as well as I do, just ask my proof-reader. You do have the ability, and your fellow members want to hear from you. Your editor will proof, format and make your work ready for publication. He makes me look good, and he’ll do the same for you. If there’s an article you would like to see in your newsletter, just write it. Share your thoughts, opinions and knowledge, and we will all benefit.

Till March, turn lots, continue to share your knowledge, and turn safely.

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Binh Pho — Tool Sharping

**Meeting Demonstrators 2003**

March 11

**Dan Anderson** — From Log to Bowl

April 15

**Paul Shotola** — Surprise

See **Fran Islin** to sign up to be a demonstrator

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Weekend Master Turner Demo Schedule

**David Nittman — May 24, hands on After**

**Steve Sinner — August 23, hands on After**

**Nick Cook — Sept 20**

**Alain Mailland — Oct TBA, No hands on After**

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CWT Mentors

The following individuals have volunteered as mentors. Their contact information is listed in the CWT roster, available at our monthly meetings and on the Yahoo club website. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ChiWT/>  
(You must be a CWT member to access the Yahoo website)

Name Teaching Level

	<b>Starter</b>	<b>1-2 Years</b>	<b>2+ Years</b>	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>\$\$\$</b>
Anderson, Dan	X	X	X	X	
Barbier, Harris	X	X	X		
Brooks, Jim	X	X			
Eovaldi, Tom	X	X	X		
Friedman, Jim	X	X			
Hubbard, Gary	X	X	X	X	X
Olszewski, Tony	X	X	X		
Rader, Darrell	X	X	X		
Shotola, Paul	X	X			
Sinner, Steve	X	X	X	X	X
Waterstraat, George	X	X			
Your Name Here					

Mentors have indicated the skill level that they are comfortable teaching. This is not the same as their personal skill level. Some mentors may charge for their services, and have indicated so by checking the "\$" column. To add your name to this list, contact **Paul Shotola**

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## David Nittman Demonstrating in May By Paul Shotola

**David Nittman** is a self proclaimed "wood guy", and the CWT looks forward to his demo on May 24, 2003. Wood guys that are also artists are always welcome.

Nittmann's specialty is his "Basket Illusion" series, a fascinating blend of turning, carving, pyrography (wood burning, to most of us) and the use of that dreaded tool, the computer. His art is influenced by Native American baskets and pottery, but is in no way limited to these influences. A look at his web site shows his appreciation of other artists and art forms, as his "links" page lists many artists, some



familiar, some new to most of us, that motivate and inspire him. David's website is: [www.davidnittmann.com](http://www.davidnittmann.com) for more information and inspiration.

Plan to attend David's demonstration, May 24, 2003 at the Woodcraft location. Remember, as a benefit of membership in the Chicago Woodturners, you are entitled to attend one all day demonstration at no additional charge every year. Make good use of your membership benefits, and attend David's demonstration. Prepare to have your artistic limits expanded.

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## Minutes of the February, 2003 CWT Meeting by Marie Hunter

**Paul Shotola** opened the meeting explaining the safety rules of our meeting place. He thanked all the people who had a hand in making the **Lyle Jamieson** all-day demo a success. **Pixie** and **John Eslinger** played host to Lyle while he was in town. And thanks to **Darrell Rader** for supplying loads of wood for the demo.

**David Nittman** will be here for an all-day demo and a hands-on workshop May 24 & 25. David does turnings that look like woven baskets. Plan to be there for an entertaining day. If you have access to the internet, look up our website, [www.chicagowoodturners.com](http://www.chicagowoodturners.com) for the latest news about our club.

**Andy Kuby** introduced 3 new members and 4 guests. Membership now stands at 193, although some members have not yet paid 2003 dues. If you have an e-mail address that is

not on the list, let Andy know what it is.

**Fran Islin** announced the evening's demo. **Binh Pho** will show how he sharpens his turning tools. Fran Islin is still looking for members to do demos. If you have a specialty you would like to share with the members, please call Fran.

**George W.**, the tool czar, gave an update on the library. The list of available tapes, books, etc. will be posted on the website. There are about 160 items that can be checked out of the library. Also, a tool rest was donated to the club. It is out on loan and needs to be returned to the library.

The Saturday mentoring session will be handled by **Dan Anderson** and **Paul Shotola**. **Steve Sinner** will do a pre-meeting mentoring session at the March meeting. He will be assisted by his buddies that hail from his area. They are like the 3 Musketeers (The suave French guys, not the candy bar). Mentoring will start around 4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. Be there. A list was passed around for members to sign up to mentor turners on a one-to-one basis. There will be a project turning list for people who would like to make some money in their spare time doing special requests.

**Ron Dulek** brought a box of Diamond cutoffs (the colored wood used for pen blanks) for members to share. **Paul Shotola** declared a challenge for the April meeting. The best use of the cutoffs will allow 3 people to go home with a few bucks in their pocket. The prizes are \$30, \$20 and \$10.

**Don McCloskey** needs information for the newsletter to reach him by Monday February 17th.

Thunderous applause for **Bill** and **Carole Floate** for their efforts in producing the great newsletter.

**Wayne Bernahl** gave the Treasurer's report. Then **Marie Anderson** did the raffle. **Paul Cavanaugh** and **Oliver Buettner** did an update on the collaborative challenge. It's a work in progress.

**Darrell Rader** did the gallery critique. The only piece he didn't critique was the one he did. He asked Steve Sinner to pass judgment on his work.

**Binh Pho** showed his technique in sharpening.

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