

AS THE WOOD TURNS

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February 13 Club Demo

Jerry Sargeant

Demonstrates Making and using Skew Chisel

Mark St. Leger

Guest Demonstrator on Saturday, March 10, 2007



Known for his sense of humor and ability to effectively teach a variety of age groups and skill levels, Mark's teaching techniques are easily followed and incorporate much skill building. His enthusiasm for woodturning has offered him the opportunity to meet a variety of individuals who share his interests in woodturning. Exchanging ideas with woodturners and clubs throughout the world, gives him the opportunity to contribute to the continual process of growth and learning in the field of Woodturning.

Mark tells us that "the demo will consist of a series of projects that will range from beginner to advanced skill level. We will start with a couple of skill building projects for beginners. Also, this year marks my tenth year of demonstrating, so to recognize that I will be bringing back one of my first demo projects the "Fly House". Followed by two boxes, a Sphere Box with hand chased threads and a Rock-A-Bye-Box turned on the bias."

Mark has been working with wood since he was a young boy, helping his father who is a cabinetmaker/turner. He took woodshop for a year in high school where he first turned on a lathe, and still remembers his teacher's name: Mr. Snyder. After high school Mark served a four-year apprenticeship and became a Journeyman Carpenter. Through the years his interests moved towards the finer aspects of building which enabled him to become an accomplished Cabinetmaker as well.



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CWT Meeting 7 PM

2nd Tuesday

Woodcraft Supply Store

1280 E. Dundee Rd,
Palatine IL

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The official newsletter of the Chicago Woodturners Club(CWTC) is published monthly by and for its membership. Membership in the AAW is encouraged but not mandatory. Dues in the AAW are \$40 per year for an individual.

Members Gallery



Darrel Rader Critiques the members Works



Josh Connan
Charred Air Brushed Vessel



Andy Kuby
Past Presidents Challenge
Winner



Fred Gschiedle
Illusion Platter



Don Johnston
Ambrosia Maple Bowl



Duard Oxford
Segmented Vase



Lloyd Beckman
Turned and Carved Ornaments



Scott
Barnett
Koa Box



Paul Shotola
Two Cherry Bowls



Members Gallery



Chuck Young
Illusion Platter



Dennis Sullivan
Natural Edge Bowl



Ken Staggs
Corian Boxes



Ken Staggs
Maple



Dan Anderson
Inlaid Box



Dan Anderson
Lidded Box



Marie Anderson
Choke Cherry
Texas Ebony
English Yew Box



Francisco Bauer
Cherry Bowl



Bill Brown
Birch Bowl



Bill Brown
Birch Bowl



Bill Brown
Maple Bowl



Jim Wickersham
Corian Pen



John Eslinger
Walnut Bowl



John Eslinger
Peat Lake Island Pine
Vase



John Eslinger
Walnut Vase



John Eslinger
Box Elder Vase

Current New Members: *Membership 212*

Jim Alderman, Schaumburg, IL; Edward Fitch, Rolling Meadows, IL ; George Evan-
son, Ingleside, IL; Bob Finch, Arlington Heights, IL; Duaine Hietpas, Libertyville, IL

We had 82 members at the
January meeting

Visitors:

John Hausheer, Cary, IL; Kurt Hesterman, West Chicago, IL

Curly from the President's Platter

February, 2007

"Survey Says..."



But this isn't "Family Feud", and I'm not Richard Dawson. It's the Chicago Woodturners, and the survey is about what you, the CWT member, want your club to be. This collection of responses, while in no way a scientific endeavor, will help your Board determine what programs to emphasize, and which ones to move back in terms of interest.

The survey was offered at the last three meetings, and we had seventy two responses. This constitutes a good cross section of the members who regularly attend the monthly meetings. Thanks to all of you for your time and input. Your responses to the questions will be kept confidential, and it appears that you were honest in your responses. You sure are a conservative bunch, though. In assessing your own turning experience, the two middle categories (Apprentice and Journeyman) received 73% of the votes, with only two "beginners" and three "pros". That does seem accurate, but I was expecting the 5th category, "Master, still learning, but fairly confident", to have a higher number, based on the quality of work I have seen you produce. Maybe we're all perpetual students.

In the area of meeting events, the monthly demos and the gallery review were consistently ranked as the major reasons to be a member of the CWT. Again, not unexpected, and we'll continue to make these events the main focus of our meetings. Only one of you was honest enough to give the business part of the meeting a "one". Like I said, you're a conservative bunch. You do have a sense of humor, though. When asked about your work and occupation, one fellow, who I know to have been a high-ranking sort of executive type (although he won't talk about it, he may have been with the government), responded: "Nuttin' Honey". Work experience runs the gamut from IT and software engineers through mechanical and chemical engineers, mechanics and electricians, sales and everything in between. Most of the trades are represented, as well. It's truly a broad cross section of America.

The survey is being reprinted in this issue of "As the Wood Turns", so if you missed your chance to express your opinion, you can fill out a survey and drop it in the mail or bring it to the February meeting. You can also fax it to: 847-412-9784. Your opinions count, so take a moment to have your voice heard. Your Board will use your input to work towards making your club more informative, more entertaining and more fulfilling.

Until February, turn lots, keep applying for those jobs described as "Nuttin' Honey", and please turn safely.

Paul Shotola

Hands-on class fees, deposits and refund policy:

- A \$50.00 deposit is required to secure your place in a hands-on class.
- Deposits are refundable if a student cancels more than 30 days prior to the class date.
- Deposits are not refundable after the 30 day lead time unless a replacement student takes the class.
- If there is a waiting list, the class will be offered to those on the waiting list first.
- If there is no waiting list, it is the responsibility of the canceling student to find a replacement.
- The deposit will be refunded to the canceling student when a deposit is received from the new student.

Mark St Leger, continued from page 1:

After working years in the field of building, Mark was approached and asked if he would consider teaching woodworking to high school students. Sixteen years later he continues to teach at a rural high school and loves it. Thru the years, along with some very caring contributors, Mark and his students have built up a virtually empty shop into a fine woodworking facility. It is set up for a full range of carpentry & cabinetry along with woodturning and carving.

As an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Blue Ridge Woodturners Club in Virginia, Mark has served as vice-president, president & activities coordinator along with hosting their club meetings at the high school shop on a monthly basis. He is also a member of the American Association of Woodturners where he has served as a member of the board of directors. Several years ago the AAW produced a "Skill Building Projects" video featuring some of Mark's teaching techniques.

Mark has been an active demonstrator and workshop leader for turning clubs, along with demonstrating at many regional and national symposiums. He is currently on the faculty list of Arrowmont School of the Arts in Tennessee, Appalachian Center for Craft, and the John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina. Mark also finds satisfaction in teaching woodturning courses for a local college.

This demonstration is on Sunday, March 11, 2007 at Woodcraft. Admission is \$25.00. Doors open at 9:00 am. No reservations are required. This is an opportunity to see a master woodturner and teacher in his element. Turners of all skill levels and experience will come away with new ideas and techniques.



Mark St. Leger and Graeme Priddle
Collaborative Turning



Minutes of the Chicago Woodturners Club Meeting on January 9, 2007

President Paul Shotola opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Safety notes and schedules were displayed on the screen.

Membership: Currently we have 207 members. 4 additional new members joined at this meeting.

Collaborative Challenge for 2007: Jon Keith and Dick Stone presented some of the selections and there were comments from the membership about what was done before. A vote was taken and Carousel was selected for CWT's entry.

Past Presidents Challenge: Salt and Pepper. Only one entry was submitted so it won the \$30 first prize. Easy money! Where were the challengers?

The raffle this week included Walnut log, Small turning tool set, grinding wheel and a Jack Vessery demo piece (two month drawing).

The gallery was reviewed by Darrell Rader.

The demonstration was by Dan Anderson. Dan covered all the aspects of turning Lidded Boxes. The most important asset is time to season the blanks. Nicely done and very informative.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Cavanagh

Meeting Demonstrations

February 13	Making & Using a Skew Chisel	Jerry Sargeant
March 13	Pen Turning	Paul Pyrcik
April 10	Carving and other turning enhancements	Josh Connan

Gallery Reviews:

February	Chuck Young
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Past President's Challenge for May, 2007

- Challenge subject: "A Foot or So"
- Rules: no rules, just be inspired by the subject.
- One entry per person, please.
- Cash prizes, winners determined by popular vote

Judging at our May meeting

Raffle News

At the February meeting we will draw the two winning tickets for the Jacques Vesery demo pieces. These were turned, carved, and colored at Jacques' demonstration in February of 2006. These are great pieces and a nice addition to your collection.

Also, thanks to our friends at Rockler Woodworking, we will have a great tool bag on the raffle table. Visit www.rockler.com for your woodworking and hardware needs. Don't forget, Rockler offers a 10% discount to CWT members.



There will also be a selection of pen kits from Steebar Turning Solutions. You may know Steebar as a supplier of clock making kits and supplies, but they have a nice selection of pen kits, tools, and scroll saw supplies and plans, also. Visit www.steebar.com for their full line.



Remember, support of the raffle is support of the Chicago Woodturners.

Thanks to Jacques Vesery, Rockler and Steebar.

2007 Guest Demonstrator Schedule

Binh Pho has arranged a great schedule of demonstrators for 2007. All of these demonstrators are internationally known for their expertise as turners, artists and educators. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend these exciting, educational and entertaining demonstrations.

Mark St. Leger: AAW demonstrator and artist from Virginia.

- *Club demonstration: March 10.*
- *Hands-on class: March 12-13 \$170.00*

Michael Mocho: Teacher and artist from New Mexico.

- *Club demonstration: April 21.*
- *Hands-on class: April 23-24. \$170.00*

Marilyn Campbell: Turner and sculptor from Canada.

- *Club demonstration: September 8.*
- *Hands-on class: September 10-11. \$200.00*

Hans Weissflog, AAW demonstrator from Germany.

- *Club demonstration: October 28.*
- *Hands-on class: October 26. \$110.00*

Class size is limited to six students. Email or call Jan Shotola to make your reservation. A \$50.00 deposit is required to hold a class spot, and checks can be mailed after you have registered. Contact Jan at: 847-412-9781 or p.shotola@comcast.net. Checks can be mailed to: 1865 Western Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062.

At the present time all classes are filled. However, We are keeping waiting lists. There is a possibility of an additional class for Weisflog. Call Jan for more news.

Dan Anderson Demonstrating Fitted Boxes



CWT Library Up-Date

We currently have over 185 Books, more than 160 DVDs, Over 160 Magazines, and 190 Videos all available for checking out by current CWT members. If you haven't looked over the selection in a while, check out the new additions. The library will be open at 6:15 pm on meeting days and check-in / check-out will be available until the regular meeting starts and during the break. Storage cabinets will be open until the demonstration starts so please come and take a look

Chicago Woodturners Membership Survey 2007

If you filled out a survey at one of the meetings, there is no need to respond again.

Please take a moment to answer the following questions. Your answers will help shape the direction of your club. Please be sure your name and birth date are completed.

NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: ____ / ____ / ____

Please check the box that best describes your turning experience:

- Brand new, no experience Journeyman, pretty accomplished
- New turner, less than 6 months Master, still learning, but fairly confident
- Apprentice, getting the hang of it Professional

Please rate the different areas of club membership based on your interests:

Indicate your level of interest by circling a number, with 1 being the least important and 5 being the most important:

(NOTE: It's OK if they are all 5's or all 1's!)

Monthly meeting demonstrations	1	2	3	4	5
Monthly meeting gallery review	1	2	3	4	5
Monthly meeting business and news	1	2	3	4	5
Guest demonstrations	1	2	3	4	5
Hands-on Classes	1	2	3	4	5
Projects to benefit charitable groups	1	2	3	4	5
Club library access	1	2	3	4	5

What do you do besides Woodturning? (Your occupation) If you are retired, congratulations, but what did you do in the business world? _____

What other skills, hobbies, interests or abilities do you have? For example, do you garden, fly airplanes, program computers, paint, sculpt, carve, play an instrument, square dance, or drive fast cars?

Your responses can be mailed to: 1865 Western Avenue., Northbrook, IL 60062. You may also fax them to: 847-412-9784 or bring them to the next meeting.

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