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The Monthly newsletter of the Chicago Woodturners

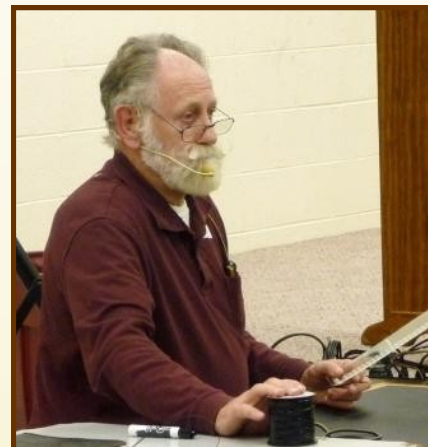
February 2012

### Adding Leather Braiding to Woodturning

Clint Stevens

Some years start off spectacularly. CWT began 2012 with a great demonstration from our cheerful member Marty Knapp. Marty is a multi-talented craftsman, skier and (most important to CWT) energetic woodturner.

Many of Marty's woodturnings are accented with neatly braided leather rims. The tribal effect commands attention. It would be easy to imagine that Odin came down from Valhalla to personally give one of Marty's bowls to Leif Ericson.



The laced bowls and platters begin with drilling evenly spaced holes around the rim. Once accomplished, leather strands are prepared. The CWT website has Marty's prepared handout which demonstrates a twenty step process to start the lace around a bowl. At first blush this may appear to be a feat to be attempted only by experienced sailors or advanced Boy Scouts. In actuality, it is quite easy to master. To prove that point, Marty provided his audience with a practice lace and Formica with holes drilled on one edge. He patiently lead members through several iterations of the lacing process. Any apprehensions melted away as full grown men and women displayed all

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### February Demo—Intergalactic Spiral Arms in Turning

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When you look into the night sky on a warm summer evening what do you see? Well apparently Andy Kuby sees inspiration for his next woodturnings. In February Andy will show us how to layout and implement an intergalactic spiral arm in your next cosmic creation.





President

Scott Barrett

**First mentoring session is a success. Come to the February meeting at 6:00 and join the second session.**

**Registration is now open for Turn-On! Chicago 2012.**

## Presidents Curls

With the January meeting behind us it's time to reflect on just how that first meeting of 2012 went. We saw a magnificent turn-out of many new faces and many old friends. Our membership grew by three and we had an encouraging number of guests in attendance. Our education committee has devised an incentive for bringing a guest to our meetings. We will hold a drawing in September and award 1 year of a 2 year membership to the American Association of Woodturners. Each guest you bring enters you into the drawing.

The gallery table was nearly full, although there is always room for more. Again, you will be rewarded for bringing your turnings to the gallery. First you will get an honest critique of your work. In addition we will hold a drawing in March for a free registration to the TOC Symposium. All you pay for is the meal package. Each month you bring a turning you will be awarded a ticket for the drawing.

What I really want to applaud is the success of our first "Mentoring" session at CLA. I must admit I was one of the skeptics as to how this would work given our somewhat limited space. Darrell and Marie found a way to make it work! When I entered the building at 6:15 the front of the room was buzzing with activity. The crowds gathered around the mini lathes to learn from others. Space did not seem to be an impediment to learning. Education is the foundation this club is built upon. It is embedded in our by-laws and the fundamental purpose behind our 501(C)3 application. I look forward to future

sessions. Visit the newsletter for upcoming topics.

I would like to congratulate Mark Dreyer on his selection as our first Education Grant recipient. I look forward to having him report back to us on his experience with Jimmy Clewes. I also appreciate his willingness to take on the CWT website. His professional expertise in website design should bring some new and exciting changes to the web.

Finally I encourage you to register for Turn-On! Chicago 2012. Jan Shotola has put together an excellent panel of demonstrators. In just a few short years this symposium has gained both national and international attention. This year will again showcase the dedication of our club by providing a world class educational opportunity. Our Saturday night auction supports our clubs activities. This year Alan Carter is chairing the event. He is actively looking for your donations to add to his offerings for the auction. Turn a treasure and participate in this vital function for our club. Visit the TOC website for more details on the [s y m p o s i u m , \(www.turnonchicago.com\)](http://www.turnonchicago.com).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Barrett".

**Adding Leather Braiding to Woodturning**

**Clint Stevens**

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the joy of boys and girls during craft day at summer camp.

For a second insightful method revealed, Marty discussed the slots which are cut in many of his turnings. As with many great techniques, they are based on simple methods. An uncomplicated platform supports a small cradled router. This router is guided by stops at the beginning and end of the cut path. Evenly spaced cuts are guaranteed by using the lathes indexing feature.

Marty is an award winning woodturner who has enjoyed the appreciation of many collectors. He now also has our gratitude for a wonderful demonstration. Thanks Marty.



**2012 Meeting Agenda**

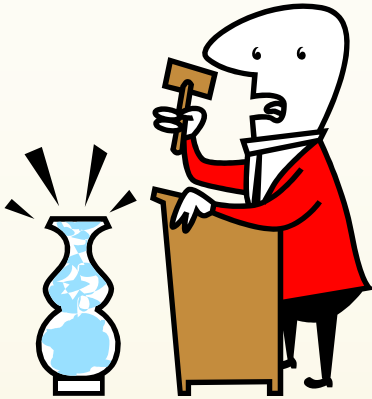
Month	Gallery Review	Demonstration
January	Phil Brooks	Marty Knapp—Leather work on turning
February	Thomas Stagall	Andy Kuby—Galactic Arm Spirals
March	Ken Staggs	Larry Fabian—Coloring techniques
April	TBD	TBD
May	TBD	TBD
June	TBD	TBD
July	TBD	TBD
August	TBD	TBD
September	TBD	TBD
October	TBD	TBD
November	TBD	TBD
December	none	Holiday Party

**Volunteers for demonstrations or gallery reviews are needed.**

**Contact Clint Stevens to volunteer.**

**TURN ON CHICAGO AUCTION- A CHALLENGE TO OUR MEMBERS**

**Alan Carter**



One of the most exciting features of the Turn-On! Chicago Symposium is the banquet and auction. After the first 2 days of intense demos, meeting and making new friends, and visiting the instant gallery and trade

show, the banquet and auction is a great way to relax, enjoy a terrific meal, and maybe come away with a wonderful piece of woodturned art.

This year, our auctioneer will again be John Hill. He conducted the auction at the 1<sup>st</sup> Turn-On! Chicago in 2008 and we're thrilled to have him back again this year. He is very experienced and widely respected for his work with woodturning auctions around the country, including the AAW and many regional symposia. He's also an avid wood art collector and brings an intimate knowledge of woodturning to the festivities. He's a terrific guy and will certainly liven things up at the auction. We're honored and excited to have him join us.

As chairman of the auction committee, it's my job to request and procure donations for the auction. The proceeds from the auction will go into the club treasury to be used for upcoming demonstrators, equipment acquisition, educational outreach programs, grants, you name it, all for the benefit of

CWT members. Consequently, over the next few months I'll be asking many of you to part with one of your best pieces.

Due to time and space constraints, we will be limited in the number of pieces we can accept. In addition to members of the CWT, we'll also be asking for donations from other chapters, trade show vendors, and the talented demonstrators appearing at the symposium. We'll be seeking work from other well known turners throughout the country too.

So here's my challenge to you. If you want to have a piece of your own creation and hard work in the auction to help support this worthwhile cause, give it your best shot. Design and make the best work you've ever done. Push the envelope. All of you are creative, whether you think so or not. Just standing at the lathe and turning something makes you a unique creative person. Whatever you make will be unlike anything made before. Choice of wood, grain patterns, texture, shape, finish, all combine to set your work apart from any other. Take this challenge to heart and you may be surprised at what you come up with. Bring your best work to one of the monthly meetings from now through July and let me or one of the other TOC staff know that you want to be included in the auction.

No guarantees, of course, but who knows? It's the Chicago Woodturners, right? Show us what you got!

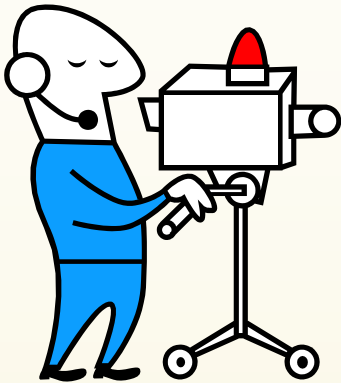
Turn-On!-Chicago  
scheduled for  
2012.

August 3-5



**Looking for Volunteers to assist at the TOC Symposium**

**Bill Robb**



The Turn-on-Chicago Symposium board is setting up the volunteers schedules for the Demonstration Rooms. To provide the best quality Symposium, it has been determined that there should be one team consisting

of 1 A/V person and 1 Room assistant for the entire day each of the 3 days in each of the 5 demonstration rooms. There will be demonstrations for 3 days, therefore a total of 15 A/V Volunteers and 15 Room Assistant Volunteers. If you would be able to support club's activities to put on a top notch symposium this effort Please contact Bill Robb by e-mail at [akmtns1@comcast.net](mailto:akmtns1@comcast.net) or phone at 847-931-1876.

**Membership Update**

**Julie Basrak**

Seventy-one members attended the January meeting. Three new members joined the club. In addition, there were seven guests. What a great turn-out! We hope we can do it again in February!

Ninety-nine of 170 members are already paid for 2012. Remember, we collect dues for the calendar year. Regardless of when you join the club, dues are payable the first of the year. If you know someone who is interested in joining, don't forget to invite him/her to visit one of our meetings!

Welcome to our new January Members

Gillion Carrara, Chicago

Matthew Schmitz, Arlington Heights

Bill Williams, St. Charles

**Woodworkers Show 2011**



The Annual Woodworkers show was held in December and the Chicago Woodturners again had a presence. CWT volunteers promoted woodturning by answering questions, displaying the work of members, and doing hands on demo's.

Roger shows a future Chicago Woodturner a few of the basics.

**January Meeting Minutes**

**Thomas Stagall**

Members!

Don't forget your nametag. It's worth one raffle ticket for BIG prizes.

**Don't forget to arrive at 6PM for the February meeting to participate in the mentoring program. February's topic Spindles**



**Don't Forget your Raffle Tickets in July.**

\$1 Each  
6 for \$5  
Value Pack of 13 for \$10

Prior to the club meeting opening the Education Committee launched the new mentoring program from 6:00-6:50 p.m. which was well attended, and will continue prior to each club meeting with rotating topics.



Scott Barrett called the meeting to order a few minutes after 7:00 p.m. Scott started the meeting by thanking Allen and Penny Carter for organizing the club Christmas Party. Scott then introduced the new CWT executive board members, and thanked Andy Kuby for his service in several positions including the current TOC 2012 Chairperson.

Scott then read the proposed changes for the CWT by-laws, the first change is a statement prohibiting two members of the executive board from being from the same household. The second change concerned us becoming a 501 © 3 organization, requiring monthly reports from the treasurer. Phil Brooks made a motion to accept the proposed by-laws changes, the motion was seconded by Andy Kuby, and the motion was passed.

Andy Kuby then provided the membership with an update for TOC 2012, including an announcement that Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> will begin open registration on the CWT website. One change to the TOC roster has been the cancellation of Bonnie Klien, replacement TBD. Jan was thanked for her efforts to develop a great list of demonstrators.

Allen Carter spoke about the TOC 2012 auction which he is heading up. Allen is looking for donated pieces that demonstrate the artist's excellence in woodturning. Contact Allen via e-mail at [apcarter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:apcarter@sbcglobal.net)



Darrel Rader announced that the meat left over from the Christmas party was donated to a local shelter. Darrell then gave an overview of the Education Committee projects that have been approved by the CWT board. (see the January newsletter for details). (20 people showed interest in a possible OT seminar which is currently being developed by the committee)

Don McCloskey is again looking for turned pens and volunteers for "Pens-for-Troops", pens will be needed prior to the TOC symposium. Don McCloskey announced Mark Dreyer as the winner of the Educational Grant winner for 2011.

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**December 2011 Meeting Minutes**

**Andy Kuby**

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Julie and Roger Basarak announced 81 members in attendance including new members Matt Schmidt and Bill Williams, and guests Dale Freeman Duane and Gene Harrison, Bob Kenny, Cris Lizari, Scott Maplethorp and, Chuck Vandeven.

Jan Shotola provided a brief treasures report. All future reports under 501C3 will have the funds consolidated to a single account total. Current total of available funds is \$32,412.

Mark Dreyer has volunteered to take over the CWT website management as Scott Barrett is now spread thin with his new responsibilities and TOC 2012 approaching.



Richard Nye our demonstration chairman reported that Ray Key is planning to demonstrate on April 7. Ray will also hold a one day class on the following Monday April 9, and a two day class the Tuesday and Wednesday April 10,11.

Chuck Svazas conducted the raffle which raised \$185.00 this month.

Our past president Phil Brooks conducted the gallery review, and Marty Knapp demonstrated his use of leather accents on turnings.



**Congratulations to Mark Dreyer - our first Educational Grant Winner**



One of the new programs recommended by the Educational Committee and approved by the board last year were Educational Grants for CWT members. The first grant was awarded at the January meeting to Mark Dreyer who will be attending a seminar by Jimmy Clewes which will be partially sponsored by the CWT education fund. A requirement for being awarded a grant is volunteering to do give something back to the club. Mark has agreed to utilize his talents as a web designer to help improve our clubs website. At the January meeting Mark went a step further and agreed to become our new webmaster. You could see the relief on Scott's face with Mark's announcement.

**Congratulations Mark and thanks for helping to make the CWT better than it already is.**

# AAW "Photo's of the Week" in January



Week of  
Januray 23,  
sycamore, plastic Resin



Week of January 9  
Osage Orange



Week of January 16  
Maple Burl



Week of January 30  
Spalted maple burl

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In the Details



Member's Gallery



Joe Wiener  
Locust



John Willis  
Maple



Mark McCleary  
Acrylic

January Meeting



Bill Robb  
Maple



Francisco Bauer  
Maple

Member's Gallery

January Meeting

Editor's Choice

Editor's Choice



John Willis  
Maple



John Willis  
Maple

When most people see an old rotted piece of maple, they think firewood. In the eyes of a woodturning artist like John, you see beautiful grain, color and figure, and a turning challenge. With this piece, John showed off the natural beauty of the wood with a simple yet very effective design.



Mark McCleary  
Walnut, Maple



Bill Robb  
Cherry, Walnut



Don Johnston  
Spalted Elm



Ken Staggs  
Ash



Darrell Rader  
Sea Urchin, Maple

I'll make my personal selection each month. You might agree or not, it's a democracy, but I'm the Editor.

In the Details

Member's Gallery

January Meeting



Johnathan Charles  
Maple



Bill Brown  
Maple



Al Miotke  
Pau Rosa, Maple, Wenge



Marty Knapp  
Capalta



Marty Knapp  
Walnut



Chuck Svazas  
Deer antler

Member's Gallery

January Meeting



Max Schoenberg  
White Oak



John Willis  
Maple



Roy Lindley  
Pink Ivory



Dawn Charles  
Paduka, Oak, Maple, Walnut

**For Sale, Trade, or Wanted**

Contact the Editor to post your items

Broadhead Garrett, J Line, 220 volt Lathe-\$400 which includes \$600 purchase price of tools and accessories. At the face plate, a 16" diameter x 4" depth can be turned and a 40" long spindle can be turned. Contact Fred Erbes at 815-393-4293 for more information including a list of the tools included.



Metal Lathe for Sale. New was \$1500.00 - Would like to get \$750.00 for it. Cabinet needs some paint. Contact Greg Karr GMKarr431@aol.com, 630-513-1681



3.5" 3 Jaw chuck \$35, and a 6" Grizzly 3 Jaw chuck \$50. Contact Marty Knapp 847-791-5399



Powermatic 4224 available. Only used a few times. Asking \$3,750.00 for the lathe and all of the extras. Also available are carving tools, chucks, guides, and inlay materials, Contact Cole Biltgen @ cole-biltgen@gmail.com.



**Monthly Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at:**

**Christian Liberty Academy  
502 W Euclid Ave  
Arlington Heights, IL  
7:00-10:00 PM**

**Please join us  
All are welcome.**

**Visit our website  
chicagowoodturners.com**

**Membership in the Chicago Woodturners is available to anyone wishing to increase their turning skills through education, discussion and critique. Annual dues are \$25.00 for a single membership and \$35.00 for a family. Visit our website for an application or contact:**

**Julie Basrak  
Membership  
Chairman**

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[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

Items of interest to woodturners for sale, wanted, trade or free are welcome.  
Non-commercial ads only, please. To place an ad, contact Al Miotke.  
847-297-4877 or alan.miotke@chamberlain.com

**Attention  
artists,  
teachers and  
demonstrators**

If you are participating in a craft show, have a gallery exhibition, will be teaching or demonstrating your craft, or know of an event of interest to woodturners, please contact the Editor to add the event to the calendar. A little self-promotion is a good thing. Your fellow woodturners want to know about your events.

**For Sale, Trade, or Wanted**

20" Delta Rockwell Band Saw, 220 Volt 1 HP motor, Still works great. Asking \$1250.

Nova 3000 Wood Lathe. Asking \$750. Older style. DC Motor Includes Outrigger for bowl turning on the swivel head One bed extension. Also includes tool setup for turning vases. jpohl@yahoo.com. Jeff Pohl



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Lathes for sale: 2436 Oneway and a General 20" swing. Asking \$3000 for the Oneway and \$1100 for the General. Extra equipment for the Oneway and a Vicmark Chuck for the General. Call Ken Nelson @ 608-828-9693 (Middleton,WI)

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I have a large number of wood shop tools for sale. I have setup a webpage. Please visit for more detail info. <http://rockcreekgardens.com> Emil Bohach 18097 Covell Rd Morrison, IL 61270 815-441-9658.

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**Symposiums**

AAW 2012 symposium June 8-10, San Jose, CA

Turn-on!-Chicago Symposium August 3-5, 2012. The Convention Center of The University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL

3rd Segmenting Symposium, Lake Tahoe, CA Oct 18-21, 2012

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