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**CWTC Meeting 7 PM 2nd
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Curls From the President's Platter
By Paul Shotola

Your Personal Participation. That's where I left off last month, wasn't it? Another month has gone by, and that is still the most important thing I can think of. Without your participation, the Chicago Woodturners becomes stagnant. Picture a tour bus,

parked out front. All of us get on the bus, find seats (a window seat for you, the aisle for me), put our feet up, and talk about the wonderful places we'll all be going. We sit there for a while, until someone notices that there's no destination, no map, no driver, no one to put gas in the bus. It's all passengers, and nobody to do the things that make the bus go. Nothing happens. That's not going to be the situation with the Chicago Woodturners. I'm convinced of it. At the last meeting, when the call went out for volunteers, some of the newer members stepped up. They may not consider themselves "gallery" level turners yet, and they may not have their twenty-year pins from the CWT, but they're helping to make the bus go, and it's gratifying to see. Your Personal Participation is what the CWT needs, and I'm confident that all of you will do what you can.

As announced at the last meeting, suggestions for the CWT 2003 Collaborative Challenge entry should be forwarded to Mike Wall. [847-548-6453, or MPWall20@hotmail.com] Mike lives on a street named Osage Orange, so I think we have a woody enough person for this job. Send Mike your ideas, whether they are vague thoughts scribbled on a napkin, or fourteen page blueprints drawn to a scale of 1:1000. Right now, all ideas are good ideas. Mike will collate your ideas, and give us a synopsis at the September meeting. At that meeting, a newly-formed committee (be ready to volunteer) will take your ideas, and spend the next month sorting them out, and will present two or three collaborative projects to us at the October meeting. As you can see, time rolls by at a rapid rate. Come October, we need to start actually designing and building said project(s). June will be here before we know it. I have faith in our members, however, and the 2003 Collaborative will undoubtedly be a masterpiece of design, ingenuity, art, and great turning. All it needs is Your Personal Participation.

Until September, turn lots, stuff Mike's mailbox with your ideas, and turns.
Paul Shotola

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Binh Pho Demonstrates
Thin Wall Turning

Demonstrators
for August—December 2002
August 13
Binh Pho — Thin Bowl Turning

September 10
Darrell Rader — Ornaments/Gifts

October 8 — **Jim Brooks** —
Finishing & Sanding

November 12
Dan Anderson — Turning Boxes

December 10



All members Holiday Party

See **Paul Prycik** to sign up to be a demonstrator

Weekend Master Turner Demo Schedule
Open

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Tool Time
by George the Tool Man

Video Review
Turning Bowls, Chris Stott

In this video, three bowls are turned by Chris Stott. Bowl gouges and correct techniques are highlighted. A section of this tape covers scrapers and proper usage of the tool. Sanding and appropriate methods of finishing are included in this tape.
70 minutes

Inlaid & Novelty Boxes, Chris Stott

The projects include a mushroom box, a spherical box, use of other materials to create striking effects, inlaying rings into the top and side of boxes, a picture frame lid, a christmas tree ornament, use of veneers to create contrasts. A small Jewelry box and a two layer box. 78 minutes
Available September meeting.

And Others
Please return your rentals on a timely basis.

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Minutes of the August, 2002 CWT Meeting
by Marie Hunter

They told him that “turning” just couldn’t be done
With a grin he hopped right to it
He tackled the turning that “couldn't be done”
And by golly he couldn’t do it.

Is this how you feel about turning a croquet ball and mallet to use at the CWT picnic in September at **Darrell Rader’s** farm? Here are a few tips to help you through that problem. Darrell says there are no set rules, but a standard croquet ball is 3-5/8" in diameter. So if you decide to turn a ball the size of bowling ball, your opponents will have an easy target and you may have trouble getting through the wickets. On the up side, when bowling season starts in the fall, you can drill holes in the ball and have yourself a custom-made bowling ball. Also remember that egg-shaped croquet balls do not roll in a straight line and that sledge hammers do not make good mallets. There will be a prize for the best ball and mallet set. The picnic promises to be a fun day. There may even be some homemade ice cream. Watch for details.

Many thanks to **Steve Sinner** for mentoring before the meeting and to **Dan Anderson** for volunteering to mentor on the Saturday after the meeting. **Paul Shotola** asked members to put on their thinking caps and come up with some ideas for the 2003 collaborative challenge. **Mike Wall** will handle suggestions.

John Keith volunteered to put outriggers on the Woodfast lathe. **Harris Barbier** introduced guests and new members. We now have 169 members. **Bhin Pho** showed a tool which will be available soon. **Jim Brooks** will do the October demo. **George W.** mentioned the new tape on sharpening and one on beginning turning. He also showed 2 new tools for loan from the club library. **Carole Floate** gave an update on future weekend demos. **Marie Anderson** explained a special wood show in the area.

Steve Sinner showed a **Raleigh Monroe** articulated hollower he recently purchased. **Lee Baumgarten** showed a turning by **Bruce Hoover**. It is a vase within a vase. He also showed a glove with sandpaper attachments for sanding an inside curve and an outside curve. Wayne Bernahl gave the treasurer’s report.

The raffle was held and **Jim Brooks** won the educational grant. **Bill Floate** did the critique, with his usual brand of humor and with help for the comedians in the audience. **Bhin Pho** did the demo. He did a thin-wall turning and as usual, his performance was outstanding.

A Skewed View
by **Don M**

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Mentoring: With the success of the past mentoring. It is now time to share your skills with the other members. Sign up with our president and lets pass on the knowledge.

Mentoring Dates: September 17th 9:30-11:30am

Educational Grant: Jim Brooks is our latest recipient of the CWTC Educational Grant. Congratulations **Jim Brooks**.

Membership Benefits: Our newest benefit is One Free Demonstration starting June 01, 2002. This is the members choice of demonstrations. Other benefits include newsletter, our library for books tools and videos, and discounts at Choice Wood, Rockler and Woodcraft.

CWTC Picnic: September 14th is this years picnic at the Rader farm. This year is a croquet challenge, Turn a Croquet Ball 3 5/8 inch diameter and Mallet. Remember there are no rules, just good fun. Not a turner try marbling. Join us the CWTC for food and fun.

Turn-A-Thon: November is the month for the CWTC turn-a-thon. More information to come.

Wood Turning: Sharp tools are a must when it comes to turning wood. To quote **Dan Anderson** "You should always sharpen your tool before the final cut."

Enjoy and Turn More

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CWTC Picnic

The biggest "gripe" we hear at CWT meetings is, "There isn't time to" Each one of us could fill in our own personal ending to that statement. Now is our chance to have time to talk, turn, watch, trade, eat, or anything else that suits our fancy. It's time for our annual picnic!

Who: CWT members and their families.

Where: At Darrell and Marlene Rader's farm, located 7 miles North of Woodstock, Illinois, 1 1/2 miles East of Rt. 47 on Allendale Rd. After you cross the second bridge it is the first place on the Right (South side of the road) with a brown house and white outbuildings. Look for the concrete posts with the big cannon balls on top.

When: Sep. 14, starting at 10:00 a.m. until ?? (We can even have a hot dog roast down at the creek in the evening, if you like.) Come early - stay late.

What: Lots of lathes to turn on, play with Carol Float's amazing colors, an all day tailgate swap-meet, show and tell of your and/or your spouse's other interests, enjoy the antiques and flowers, and anything else that suits your fancy! How about ice cream goodies in the afternoon?

Bring: A dish or food to share (CWT will furnish the meats and beverage). Everyone is encouraged to bring a "challenge" croquet ball and mallet, either regulation or whatever it turned out to be. Cash prizes for the member choice winners!

This is our time to kick back and enjoy ourselves. In case of bad weather, the insulated barn is easily large enough to hold us all in comfort.

See you there.

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