



**As The Wood Turns Internet Version**

**August 2003**



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

**Location: Woodcraft  
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Curls From the President's Platter  
By Paul Shotola

“It is so easy to be original.” When I first heard this statement, I disagreed with the idea. Being original is the hardest part of Art, to my mind. All of us are influenced by other turners and artists, and imitation is the most sincere form of flattery, after all. When I see a turning that I like, I know that I’ll try to capture, if not that exact form, the feel, or essence of the shape. Is that being original?

“It is so easy to be original.” The speaker then went on to explain why he feels this

way. In turning, he explained, “the possibilities are infinite”. There are an infinite number of shapes, colors, textures, and woods. There are an infinite number of ways to combine these together. That tell us that there are an infinite number of original and unique ideas out there. All we have to do is try them! Some won’t work, and some will be just plain ugly, but there will be at least one that is new, fresh, and original. You can truly call that one your own.

This past Saturday our own **Steve Sinner** gave an all day demo. Steve concentrated on the trapped boring bar, and made it look easy to use. More importantly, as he was wrapping things up, he made that statement: “It is so easy to be original”. And that was, to my mind, the best part of the day. It got my imagination going, and I was inspired to hurry home and try to find my elusive, original idea. The one I can call my own.

The demo went very smoothly, thanks in part to the Iowa crew being extremely organized, but mostly because the set up, video, donut, coffee, name tag, money collecting, ice and cooler, gear toting up and down the stairs, and clean up people were on the job, and ready to do more than their fair share. All of the attendees thank all of you who helped make the demo a success.

Our next demo is from **Nick Cook**, who is a “turner’s turner”. He not only makes a living at the lathe, he teaches turning, demonstrates, and promotes the craft at every opportunity. Nick is a lifetime member of the AAW (and that membership list is pretty short), and was featured in the AAW Journal a few issues back. The demo is on September 20, the Saturday following our picnic at the Rader’s. If you want to learn more about turning, more about the craft of turning, plan on attending this demo. Of course, at our next meeting, there will be a call for volunteers to help out, so be prepared to raise your hand and be one of those who helps make the day better.

Until October, search for that original one you can call your own, turn lots, and turn safely.

Paul Shotola

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## Weekend Master Turner Demo Schedule

**Nick Cook, Georgia — Sept 20-21**

**Alain Mailland, France — Oct 11-12,**  
No hands on After

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## Meeting Demonstrators 2003

September 9

**Francisco Baur** —  
Scorby Texturing Tool

October 14

**Duard Oxford** — fancy trivets

November 11

**Oliver Buettner** — TBA

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



**Binh Pho Demonstrates Small Vessel Turning**

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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

	City	Starter	1-2 Years	2+ Years	Advanced	\$\$\$
Anderson, Dan	Itasca	X	X	X	X	
Barbier, Harris	Lisle	X	X	X		
Brooks, Jim	E Moline	X	X			
Eovaldi, Tom	Evanston	X	X	X		
Eslinger, John	Antioch	X	X	X		
Friedman, Jim	Palatine	X	X			
Hubbard, Gary	Rockford	X	X	X		X
Malmin, Bruce	Arlington Heights	X				
Olszewski, Tony	Palatine	X	X	X		

Pho, Binh	Maple Park	X	X	X	X	X
Pyrick, Paul	Lisle	X	X	X		X
Rader, Darrell	Woodstock	X	X	X		
Shotola, Paul	Vernon Hills	X	X			
Sinner, Steve	Bettendorf, IA	X	X	X	X	X
Szakonyi, Ed	Roselle	X	X	X	X	X
Waterstraat, George	Elmhurst	X	X			
Welch, Ted	Wilmette	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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Minutes of the August, 2003 CWT Meeting  
by Marie Hunter

**Pres. Shotola** opened the meeting with the usual announcements, but like **Rodney Dangerfield** would say — He gets No Respect. The chattering in the room didn't cease for a bit. When Shotola says the meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m., he means it. Paul likes to run a tight ship. **Andy Kuby** introduced 3 guests and announced 3 new members. Membership stands at 185. **Fran Islin** has meeting demos lined up as follows: **Francisco Bauer** will demo the Sorby texturing tool at the Sept. meeting. In October we will have **Duard Oxford** creating his fancy trivets, and for November we have **Oliver Buettner**, apparently offering a surprise, since he didn't mention what the demo would be. The Chesterton, Indiana show was mentioned. Eighteen CWT members are taking part in the show. It was reported that **Harris Barbier** is recuperating from an injury that shattered a wrist. And his wife is having cataract surgery. Our best wishes to both of them. Two symposiums were mentioned. One is at Arrowmont and the other at Lake Yale in Florida. There were no volunteers for mentoring on the Saturday after the meeting or before the September meeting. A reminder — December 16th will be at day of turning at the Woodcraft Store. Volunteers needed. Someone named Alice is looking for a used mini-lathe. **Oliver B.** thanked Rockler for donating some bottles of finish for our raffle table. He said Rockler is looking for people who can demo various things in their store in Schaumburg. The person doing the demo will get a gift certificate and our club will also get gift certificates for our raffle table. And Paul showed a picture of his new granddaughter. What a cutie. **Wayne B.** gave the Treasurer's report. **Dan Anderson** has some saws for

sale and some wood to get rid of. There's an elm tree on the ground and a poplar. Call Dan and bring your chainsaw. Take what you can use. **Carole Floate** reported on the show held recently at the College of Lake County. It was considered the best show seen there for quite a while. The school legislators were impressed. Five pieces were sold. The reception was very well attended. There was a large crowd and the show created interest. Many thanks to Carole for a job well done. The **September 13th picnic at El Rancho Rader** was discussed. There will be a tailgate swap, lots of great food and Darrell's homemade ice cream. Darrell suggested that we won't need much extra dessert, so it would be best if most folks brought side dishes to go with the grilled pork chops. Two volunteers will work the grill. There will be a number of lathes set up for turning, and some games for those who don't turn. The challenge for this picnic will be "Light Up The World." Anything having to do with light, such as candlesticks, luminaries, lamps, etc., will be welcomed in the competition. Volunteers were recruited for the various tasks on Saturday, August 23rd, when **Steve Sinner** will do the all-day seminar. We will start at 9:30 a.m. and run till late afternoon with a break for lunch. The raffle was held. Then the critique was done. **Gary Hubbard** was the chosen critiquer. He was the only one wearing a tie so he got the honor. The gallery was fantastic. Gary did a superb job. He asked **Dennis Sullivan** to explain the design of his works. Dennis gave such a dramatic reason for the design that he could probably become a politician and be successful in government. **Binh Pho** did the demo, using a laser tool to create his turning. Binh makes it look so easy. Thanks Binh.

**\*\*\* THE 2003 CWT PICNIC - DON'T MISS IT!! \*\*\***

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. This is your chance to have time to talk, turn, learn, watch, eat, (tell lies) or anything else that suits your fancy. It's time for our annual picnic! And it keeps getting bigger and better every year!

**Who:** CWT members and their families.

**Where:** At Darrell and Marlene Radar's farm, located 7 miles North of Woodstock, Illinois, one and one half miles East of Rt. 47 on Allendale Rd. (10703 Allendale) 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:** Saturday Sept. 13, starting at 10:00 a.m. until ?? Come early - stay late. We can even roast hot dogs and eat leftovers for supper, if you desire.

**What:**

1. Lots of lathes to turn on — feel free to bring yours and/or your turning tools and wood.
2. An all day tailgate swap meet - mostly wood oriented, but...??
3. Show and tell of your and/or your spouse's other interests—please don't be shy.
4. Enjoy the Rader place—antique cars, flowers and anything else that suits your fancy!
5. Homemade ice cream made with the antique engine and 5 gallon freezer.
6. And lots more.

**Bring:** A dish or food to share (CWT will furnish the meat and beverage). We will eat

at 12:30 sharp! There is a stove, refrigerator and freezer in the barn.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a turned “challenge.” This year it is “light up the world.” That means that it has to have something to do with light. You decide. There are no other rules! As always, cash prizes for the best as judged by those of us attending.

This is our time to kick back and enjoy each other and 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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