



As The Wood Turns Internet Version

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month

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Curls From the President's Platter
By Paul Shotola

Picture in your minds a place with rolling hills and trees as far as you can see. It's a quiet, relaxed vista. The October leaves are turning, and early in the morning the valley is shrouded in fog. In the middle of this setting is a group of rustic buildings, with

gravel walkways and dirt paths leading out to the forest. A truly idyllic setting. The only sound you hear is...Eight lathes, a bandsaw, and two chainsaws. Wood chips flying, grinders buzzing, Foredom tools screaming like crazed dentists. Is this heaven? Nope, it's only southern Ohio in the fall. I just returned from the Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild biannual symposium outside of Cincinnati, and folks, you missed a great time.

The Cincinnati club hosts a symposium every two years, and they are doing a fine job of it. This year, there were five featured turners—all names you know, along with over a dozen more demonstrators—with names you will know in the future. In addition to meeting new friends, catching up with past acquaintances and studying the instant gallery, I picked through stacks of wood with names the sellers couldn't pronounce, tried out new tools, drooled over lathes that weighed more than most cars I've owned (and carried the same price tag, just without the 0% financing deals), and most importantly, became even more inspired about woodturning, and all of the directions it can take.

Big bowls, tiny bowls; platters, boxes and goblets. Exotic wood, fire wood, non-wood (Bonnie Klein's acrylic boxes are a delight: they look like crystal from Tiffany's). Shavings big enough to shingle your roof, and wisps of wood as delicate as spun glass. Carved, inlaid, painted, inside out, twisted, marbled, scorched, everything and anything you can do to enhance the turned form was demonstrated. And I want to try them all. That is the joy of turning: There are no rules, and there are no limits to creativity. Any direction we choose to take is the right direction. Now, if only I could get that 0% financing...

Until November, try a new direction, pursue it with a passion, and turn safely.

Paul Shotola

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Meeting Demonstrators 2003

November 11

Oliver Buettner — TBA

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

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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 September, 2003 CWT Meeting
 by Marie Hunter

Paul Shotola opened the meeting with the house rules and safety rules. There was no Treasurer's report. A member asked about qualifications of people who are on the list to be elected to the A.A.W. Board. There were no suggestions. **Fran** and **John Islin** got applause for the paint job they did on the wall behind the gallery table. They even put a primer coat on the wall. Collectors of Wood Art need people to work at their display at SOFA.

Paul S. asked if having a symposium in Chicago, handled by CWT, would be feasible. **Carole Floate** will be doing a demo at the symposium in Cincinnati.

It's time for elections again. The President and Secretary will need to be elected. Nominations will take place at the November meeting. A member asked what the duties of the officers included. Paul S. gave an overview of the duties. **George W.**, our Tool Czar, will be leaving CWT, heading West to a new retirement home. A new Tool zar/Librarian will need to be found.

Andy Kuby introduced the guests. They are **Tony Mogdans** of Johnsburg and **Alain Mailland** of France. The membership stands at 192. A member who volunteers for second Chance Pet Rescue is looking for items to be used to raise funds for this charity. If you have any turnings you would be willing to donate, please mention it at an upcoming meeting.

Paul Cavanaugh gave an update on the collaborative challenge. Oliver Buettner is also working on the challenge project. More on this at the November meeting. The raffle was held.

We were lucky to have Alain Mailland on hand to do the critique. And lucky for us that Mailland speaks better English than the rest of us speak French. Most of us think we know a little of the French language if we are able to say "Mercy Buckets." Alain has a good sense of humor and there was some interchange of funny remarks and some hearty laughs. And as usual, **Dennis Sullivan's** turnings provided fodder for clever remarks. The youngest turner was a nine year old girl. Mailland mentioned that the first carvers were worms. Mailland had conducted a hands-on class for four CWT members. Their projects were shown.

Duard Oxford did the demo. He showed how he makes the fancy trivets with the off-center turning. Duard uses a turning tool which he made from a chisel that was once used to remove tail pipes from cars. The tool is almost indestructible and rarely needs sharpening. Duard has a laid-back sense of humor and he made the demo a joy to watch. Thanks, Duard, for a job well done.

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Duard Oxford Demonstration October Meeting





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Elections

The two year terms of your President and Secretary expire at the end of this year. Our club by-laws call for nominations to be submitted at our November meeting (11/11/03), with elections to be held at the December meeting (12/09/03). Please be prepared to nominate candidates for these offices at the November meeting. **Marie Hunter** has served over a full term as your Secretary, and has indicated that she will not seek an additional term. **Paul Shotola** has stated that he will serve another term as President if reelected.

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