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The Monthly newsletter of the Chicago Woodturners

December 2015



Happy Holidays



News

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Annual Empty Bowls for Food scheduled for December 5th.

The annual live auction of ceramic items and silent auction of a wide variety of ceramic, wood turnings and other art will again be held at Oakton Community College, December 5th. All funds raised go to Chicago Area Food Banks. This is an important and worthy work. Come on out and support this cause. See the article on Page 7.

Annual Holiday Party To Be Held December 8th

Plans for the annual holiday party are in full swing. See the article on page 9 for full details the deadline for signing up is December 2nd.

TurnOn! Chicago 2016

The TurnOn! Chicago organizational process is in full swing. Plan now to get involved, volunteer, and mark your calendar for July 22-24, 2016. The demonstrators are all signed up, schedules are being finalized for the best TurnOn! Chicago ever.

It's time to pay your 2016 dues

Our Club is the best woodturning deal in the area. You get demos, hands on instruction with the best woodturners in the world, informative and interesting meetings a really good website and a newsletter. What a deal. Please see the article on page 4 regarding membership and PAY YOUR DUES.



President Al Miotke

Seasons Greetings

Best and most joyous holiday possible to you and yours

Presidents Curls

It's hard to believe that the holidays are quickly approaching and 2015 is reaching the end for CWT activities. This month's curls seem like the perfect time to reflect on the past year. It has been quite a year of activities, accomplishments, and community outreach programs for our club and its members. It seems to me that this has been one of the most active years since I joined the club. Below is a list of the events that I can recall.

- The AAW awarded us a \$1,500 EOG grant to support our community outreach activities.
- Terry McCammon won 1st place for best AAW Newsletter of 2015.
- Scott Barrett won 3rd place for best AAW Website of 2015.
- Organized 4 professional demos and hands-on Class's.
- · Organized an ornamental turning seminar.
- Implemented Library improvements
- Contributed over 60 boxes to Beads of Courage
- Contributed over 100 items to the Empty bowls program
- Contributed over 50 pens to Pens-for-Troops
- Numerous mentoring sessions at Normac or members home shops.
- Club members organized and participated in numerous community demo and hands-on events
 - Mundelein HS demo
 - Hoffman Estates HS pen turning
 - FOCUS on the Arts pen turning and demos at Highland Park HS
 - Boy Scout Jamborall
 - 2 turning demonstration events at Rockler
 - Continued support for Arlington Heights senior center classes
 - Supported SOFA's woodturning demonstration area
- Began planning activities for Turn-On! Chicago 2016, our biennial symposium.

One of our missions is to educate and give back to our community. We definitely achieved that goal this year and every club member should be proud of what we accomplished. Obviously, this level of activity does not happen without significant support from a large number of our members. It's impossible to mention everyone by name but I do want to make special note of the board members and committee chairs that have volunteered their time every month to organize some aspect of our club. Thanks to these individuals and everyone that gave of their time to help the club be successful this year.

I hope to see you all at the Christmas party. If you can't make it, have a great holiday season and I'll see you at the January meeting. We can expect 2016 to be another action packed year with great demonstrators, a world class symposium, and a continuation of many of the activities listed above.

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November Meeting Minutes

Marie Anderson

Al called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Al announced that Paul Pyrcik will lead the gallery review this evening and our demo this evening will be a bit different. Each of us was asked to bring along a tip and/or trick to share with the group.

Today is Veterans Day veterans in attendance were recognized for their service to our county.

This past weekend CWT was the host for the woodturning demonstrations held at SOFA Chicago 2015. Al introduced Binh Pho who thanked everyone who volunteered for set up, camera work, demonstrating and clean up. Without CWT's willingness to help, this would not be possible. The demonstrations were well attended and there was plenty of interest from the general public regarding woodturning. CWT was able to hand out information about our club as well as Turn On! Chicago 2016. Special thanks to Al Miotke who organized the volunteers. Binh asked that the volunteers who have receipts for parking get them turned in so that he can get the reimbursements processed.

Al announced that he is still taking names for the AAW scholarship program that was briefly discussed last month. The AAW is once again offering local chapters the opportunity to receive 1 or 2 scholarships to either John C. Campbell or Arrowmont School based on the number of AAW members in our chapter. This program is for tuition only for courses directly related to woodturning at either of these two schools (room, board and travel are the responsibility of the winners). There are 28 scholarships available (14 for each school). In our case, CWT has 107 of 165 members that are AAW members. This means we can submit 2 names to the AAW drawing for these scholarships. If you are interested in this opportunity, please get your name to Al this evening or email Al by November 18th. The board will draw the names at the BOD meeting on November 19th. We should find out if any of our members win a scholarship in early 2016

The annual election of BOD positions for President and Secretary are this evening. Al Miotke and Marie Anderson are running again for the positions of President and Secretary respectively (unopposed). A motion was made to call for a vote to re-elect both. Motion was seconded. The vote was taken and the slate was re-elected.

Al announced that CWT has reviewed the current equipment and it has been decided that there are several updates that will be required to complete the outfitting of the new mini-lathes that were purchased through the grant from AAW as well as replacing some missing tools. The estimated budget is \$1,300.00. The members in attendance voted to approve the expenditure.

Bob Leonard announced that the Club's vacuum chuck has been re-built and is back in the lending library. If anyone is looking for a vacuum chuck, you can try out CWT's chuck and then contact Bob Leonard or Jason Swanson for information on where to get one.

Don McCloskey stated that we have an excellent assortment of bowls and items for the Empty Bowls event and we are happy to take anything that you have brought along this evening. Thank you to everyone who has given so generously. These items will be sold to benefit the Northern Illinois Food Pantry.

Don is also collecting pens for troops. Don stated that after the first of the year he will be talking again with several potential corporate sponsors so that we can increase the number of pens we

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Raffle

Mary Olsen and Marty Knapp

November Winners

Woodturner's Finish Unknown

Paduck Turning Square Stan Herman

Blackwood Rich Hall-Reppen

Scrapper Don McCloskey

Picks Bill Brown

Next Month's Items

No Raffle in December due to the Xmas Party

The Club Raised \$175.00 from the November Raffle

Membership report

Julie and Roger Basrak

The November CWT meeting was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. Of the 168 paid members, 74 were present. New members welcomed to CWT are Derek Cadmus from Park Ridge, Mark Hubl from LaGrange, Rich Piper from Chicago, and Mark Skog from Roselle. Guests at the November meeting were Don Campion from Prospect Heights and John Spaletto from Palatine. We're glad you were able to join us!

Please consider paying your dues for 2016 prior to the end of the year. There will be a surprise drawing at the January meeting if at least 100 members have paid their dues by December 31, 2015.

Your CWT dues are still one of the best bargains around at \$25.00 for an individual member and \$35.00 for a family membership for an entire year. If you come to only 2 demonstrations in a year, the money you save has paid for your membership. Remember, there are mentoring sessions prior to all meetings (except the December meeting), and gallery reviews and demonstrations at the first eleven meetings each year, as well.

Dues can be paid at the meetings or by check made payable to Chicago Woodturners and mailed to:

Julie Basrak 563 W. Ruhl Rd. Palatine, IL 60074

Thank you for your cooperation

Volunteers Show Their Stuff

Paul Rosen

For the November meeting, instead of having one demonstrator, President Al Miotke encouraged club members to bring in one or more jigs or cobbled devices they use to enhance their turnings. Twelve volunteered, and surprisingly, there was very little duplication. The devices mirrored the imagination and creativity individual club members are using. Here is a list of those who presented their ideas.

Larry Fabian brought in an elaborate looking jig made of plywood and machine screws designed to capture a bowl so the bottom could be finished. Think home-made Cole Jaws on steroids.

Don McCloskey had three suggestions. The first was a "\$1.00 faceplate" that consisted of a 1-inch x 8TPI hex nut epoxied into a hexagonal hollow chiseled into a piece of 2x4. The opposite end of the 2x4 is turned round and surfaced flat, to serve as a faceplate glue-up. Use the long point of a skew chisel to make concentric circles on the tail stock side of the wood, to allow glue to occupy the circles for better adhesion. Don also recommended the obvious: a subscription to AAW (American Association of Woodturners) for its journal, but also for online access to the entire collection of back issues. And finally, wax paper. It's a wonderful means to help keep glue and finishes from contaminating your lathe bed or the top of your tablesaw.

Frank Pagura likes to turn wooden baseballs, complete with applied stitching. To make certain the final product is down to major league dimensions, Frank uses a circular metal template, with handle, as a go/no-go gauge. (Frank, can the grand children use it to blow major league sized bubbles?) And to make certain your bowls have aesthetically pleasing profiles, Frank showed us how to fold a piece of paper in half and then draw half the bowl profile. Then he folds the piece of paper the other way and traces the profile on the first half. Opening the paper on the fold line reveals the entire, symmetrical bowl profile for critical review. And finally, Frank showed us how he puts a cape-like lining on a shirt to make a turning smock, to keep wood chips off of his person.

Timothy Olson showed us an accordion-shaped folder from Staples that can be used to organize back issues of the AAW, favorite wood turning catalogs, or project plans/dimensions. He also showed us a straight, fine-toothed sawblade attached to a plywood backing, which serves as a handy way to cut sandpaper. And finally, Tim showed us a multi-chambered plastic container with multiple storage compartments. It can be used for storing small stuff, like escutcheon pins, live centers, drive centers, Steb-centers, or accessory chuck jaws.

Francisco Bauer showed us the jig that he designed for making flutes on the outer surface of a bowl. It has two parts. The first consists of a 1-inch diameter metal rod. One end slips into the banjo of the tool rest, and the other end fits into a plywood platform that has a semi-circular arc with a raised wooden border. The second part was an "L-shaped" piece of aluminum that holds a mini-router on its side. The router is fitted with a 1/2-inch or 3/4-inch half-round bit--to make the scalloped profile on the outside of the bowl.

Robert Schultz, our Club Librarian and ardent champion of the U.S. Postal Service, brought in a piece of underlayment used for installing laminated flooring. You can get these at Menards, and they make a great way to stabilize the edge of a bowl on a flat when you reverse-turn after hollowing out. Someone in the audience recalled--I think it was Dan Anderson-that Tom Jesanowski (one of the 12 founding members of CWT) had brought in an orange rubber material used by electrical linemen to prevent contact with live wires. I can confirm it was orange; I've got a piece in my workshop. It also serves the same purpose as the underlayment Bob recommended. What's that old axiom about "great minds..."?

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Paul Rosen

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Stan Herman likes segmented turning. He showed us a special jig he uses with a router. The jig has an articulated clamp (de-Sta-Co?) to capture a segment so his router can be used to cut the square notches that you saw on his gallery piece without the chance of losing a finger or two. It stabilizes a piece of wood so his router can consistently cut a 15-degree angle on the end. Repeatedly. And again. (Segmented turners seem to like repetition.)

Andy Kuby had three suggestions. The first looked like a sling-shot, but it was actually a go/no-go gauge he uses to measure the outside diameter of a tenon. Second was a No. 2 Morse Taper jig. It was just two pieces of wood attached to a plywood base, to duplicate precisely the angle and

length of a morse taper. Use this if you want to remove the drive center and insert the precisely turned No. 2 Morse Taper on your turned piece into the headstock. And finally, Andy sacrificed one of his computer mouse pads to lead a new life as backing for sandpaper. Now that I think about it, Bob Schultz's underlayment might serve the same purpose--preventing finger burn while sanding.

Peter Paul got my vote for "most creative and frugal wood turner" for the night. He went to Harbor Freight

and purchased a \$100.00 plumbing inspection camera/monitor that comes with a mini-4-inch TV screen. He uses this in a jig to "see" the cutter position inside a hollow vessel. Setup is the same as with the \$700.00 flat screen that Trent Bosch sells, except that Paul's screen is a tad smaller. But it does the job! Not only that, but Peter has an extra \$600.00 in his pocket. Way to go, Peter.



Kurt Wolff-Klammer (from my teenage home town of Skokie) showed us his golf -ball jig. The golf ball fits into a hollow on his tail stock while the other end fits into the bottom of a bowl. The non-marring contact point is also low-profile, permitting enhanced tool access near the base of the bowl.

Al Miotke showed us how to use the lathe as a disk sander. He attached a 4-inch faceplate to a piece of Corian and turned it to a 12-inch diameter circle. You

can now attach a standard 12-inch adhesive-backed sanding disk to the Corian. All also showed us an angle-cutting jig he uses on his table saw. Al's version has two adjustable arms which can be moved to accommodate different angles. Once the arms are locked into place, the angle cut by the table saw is both precise and repeatable. All says that the design was originally created by Jerry

Bennet from Texas. You can see detailed plans for making the jig on Youtube. Just type in "Jerry Bennet" or "Segmentology" in the search box. And finally, Al showed us his color-fade checker. This consists of 1-inch strips of different wood species, glued to a plywood baking piece. Half of each piece is covered while the other half is left exposed. Revisited after four months of sitting in ambient window light, the color-fade checker shows how wood colors will change over time.



And finally, **Darrell Rader** reiterated his maxim on tool sharpness: If you think your tool might need to be sharpened, you're already too late. Sharpen, sharpen, sharpen.

So there you have it. Unassailable evidence that CWT is home to wood turners with imagination, creativity, and the ability to innovate with novel solutions to wood turning challenges. A hearty thanks to all who volunteered to share their ideas and devices to make us all better turners.

Jimmy Clewes Demo Follow-up

Paul Rosen

As a follow-up to my article on Jimmy Clewes in last month's issue, I wanted to mention that some of his demonstrations are available online at www.youtube.com. If you search "Jimmy Clewes woodturning," you will find a number of clips showing some of the same things he demonstrated for CWT. One video in particular, "Jimmy Clewes Turns a Colored Rim Platter," is one hour and 16 minutes long. It was posted about 10 months ago and shows a demo he gave at the Mid-Maryland Woodturners Club. It has over 30,000 online views.

So if you missed his demo last month, or if you would like an online review that you can pause and resume at will (so as to take notes), that opportunity awaits. I did watch the entire video. Twice. It's amazing how many details you can accumulate if you can stop and start the video. Maybe that's because Jimmy talks continuously over the entire length of the demo. It was also amusing. Jimmy's "patter" is like that of the old-time vaudeville comedians. They would use essentially the same "act" as they would go from city-to-city. They could get away with this because few of their acts were recorded, so the act would sound fresh to each new audience. So it was with Jimmy Clewes. If you were at his demo last month, you will likely recognize some of his time-tested one-liners. His timing is among the best. Right up there with our own Dick Sing.



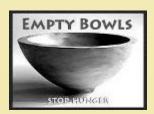
Somebody's Bowl Is Always Empty

Paul Shotola

The Chicago Woodturners have once again been asked to donate turned items for the silent auction "Empty Bowls" at Oakton Community College Saturday, December 5th from 10:30am to 2:00pm. This is a charity event raising money by selling ceramic bowls created and a silent auction of donated items. All monies donated support the Chicagoland Food Depository.

The Chicago Woodturners have always been very generous with donations to this cause. We are asking you to bring in any turned item – Bowl, Box, Jewelry, Candle Sticks, Hollow Vessel, Goblet, Pen/Pencil, any nicely finished piece to "Give Back" to the community. Bring your donations to any meeting. If you have items to donate call Don McCloskey to make arrangements.

Come on out and support this worthy cause and see where all the donations are going. There is music, and you can buy a bowl for \$15 and get a meal of Soup and bread. All proceeds benefit the Northern Illinois Food Pantry (and any food pantries it supplies here in our area).



Free Money for Continuing Your Woodturning Education

Marie Anderson

Did you know that CWT offers grants of up to \$500 for your educational use? The CWT Grant guidelines and application are on the CWT website for your use. The money is free to anyone whose application is accepted. In order to encourage more members to apply for this FREE MONEY, the educational committee has decided to offer a mentoring session to assist you in completing the application. It will be held on January 12th at 6pm at Christian Liberty Academy (before the regular January CWT meeting).

Why apply for a grant? This money can be used to help you pay for anything related to woodturning education – this can be a class (or classes), shop time, tools, books, whatever you can think of. What you need to know: you must complete and submit the grant application no later than the February CWT meeting (February 9th). Your application will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Grant Coordinator in a blind review format. If your application is accepted, you will be awarded an amount up to \$500 toward your education to be used as described in your application. If you are awarded a grant, you must "give back" to the club by sharing what you learned according to the educational grant guidelines.

If you have questions, please contact Don McCloskey or Marie Anderson.



Greetings all! The December CWT meeting is our annual holiday meeting. Although we received very positive responses about the past two years venues, there were some definite space issues so this year we will enjoy a large open room with plenty of room for everyone to socialize and still be able to have everyone in one room. This year it will be held at the Fox Run Golf Links at 333 South Plum Grove Road, Elk Grove Village, IL. This venue is located just a short distance south and west of Woodfield Mall.

The cost to you is just \$20/person. The club will pick up the balance. By the time you receive this, you should have received an evite. If you have not already done so, please respond to the evite with a definite yes or no if you are attending or not so that we have an accurate number to give the venue. Please plan to pay Matt at the door if you have not already paid.

Back by popular demand will the annual grab bag gift exchange. The grab bag gift value should be \$20 per gift. Spouses are encouraged to participate however all gifts should be non-gender specific. Past grab bag gifts have included Turned items, tools, wood kits, cookies w/a turned item, tool boxes/bags, handy jigs, and did I mention turned items? If you bring a gift, you will get a gift.



Meeting Minutes Con't

Marie Anderson

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donate next year.

Jason Swanson announced that there is a large estate sale of a member of the Milwaukee club happening this weekend. He said they are selling a lathe, the entire woodshop and a large collection of wood. If you are interested, please contact Jason and he can put you in touch with the family.

Marie Anderson was introduced to give an update on the CWT Christmas Party/Holiday gathering. This year it will be held at Fox Run Golf Links, 333 S. Plum Grove Road, Elk Grove Village. When you receive your newsletter, there is an article that gives the specifics. The menu will be completed by the end of this week and the evite will be sent out as soon as it is finalized. Members cost is \$20.00 as voted on last month. The club will pick up the balance. We decided to make this change so that we have a little more room to spread out and we will have the entire room. There will be a grab bag exchange. The value for the grab bag gift should be \$20. We encourage everyone to participate however this is not mandatory. There was some discussion about spouses participating in the grab bag exchange. It was suggested that the gifts be woodturning related and non-gender specific so that anyone might enjoy the gifts. We also discussed that there will be door prizes.

Marie also discussed the CWT educational grant program. There will be a mentoring program before the January meeting to assist anyone interested in applying for an educational grant with the application process. This is free money and we want to help you take advantage of this opportunity. Your completed application should be turned in by the February club meeting and the winner(s) will be announced at the March meeting so that you can use your grant in 2016. The only catch to receiving this grant is any recipient must share the knowledge they gain from their grant.

Roger Basrak gave the membership report, we had 74 members out of 165 members, with 4 visitors attending this evening. There were gift certificates given for the attendance raffle.

Our monthly raffle was conducted by Mary Olson & Marty Knapp. Thank you to all who purchased tickets this month. Remember, the money raised from this raffle aids in paying for our monthly rent each month. Be sure to take a look each month for what is available and consider purchasing a ticket for \$1 or 6 for \$5 or 13 for \$10. Every little bit helps! Thanks!

Paul Pyrcik was looking very dapper as he reviewed the gallery (he joked that was the reason he was asked to do the critique). As usual he pulled more information from the members who included their work in this month's gallery. It is always interesting to learn what the motivation behind the design is or the technique used for a particular turning. The shape, wood and finishes were discussed and generally everyone seemed to enjoy the review. The sharing of ideas continued in this month's tips and tricks discussion. The comments I heard led me to believe that everyone liked this method of sharing the knowledge.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45. Respectfully submitted, Marie Anderson, Secretary.

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	2015 Meeting Agenda					
Month	Gallery Review	Demonstration				
January	Frank Pagura	Ken Staggs— Ornaments				
February	Thomas Stegall	Don McCloskey - Celtic Knot				
March	Donald Felch	Darrell Rader - Beads of Courage				
April	Bob Barbieri	Clint Stevens - Multi Axis Turning				
Мау	Darrell Rader	Andy Kuby - Beautiful Bowls				
June	R. Basrak and A. Footle	Andy Kuby - Multi-Axis Turning				
July	F. Bauer and T. McCammon	Rich Nye - Spiraling				
August	Jason Swanson	Marie Anderson - Texturing				
September	TBD	Paul Shotola - Gourds				
October	Larry Heuvelman	Roy Lindley - Color and Acrylics				
November	Roger Basrak	Tips and Tricks Demo				

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Members Gallery of Items Critiqued at the November Meeting





Al Miotke





Dawn Herndon-Charles



Rich Nye

Roy Lindley



Darrell Rader



Ken Staggs



Paul Shotola



Frank Pagura



Duane Hietpas



Ron Bukowy



Stan Herman



Bill Brown

Francisco Bauer



Jason Swanson

Editor's Choice

November Gallery

Mark

I make this selection every month by holding the pieces and responding to both conscious and unconscious cues. I simply liked these objects a lot.

Mark Hubl





You can agree or disagree with my choice. The fact that we live in a democracy does not change that I am the editor.

For Sale, Trade, or Wanted

Fellow Woodturners. We have nothing this month but this space is available for both sales and wishes.

Items of interest to woodturners for sale, wanted, trade or free are welcome.

Non-commercial ads only, please.

Events of interest to woodturners are also welcome.

To place an ad, contact Terry McCammon

Terry.W.McCammon@gmail.com

Events

TurnOn! Chicago 2016 The 2016 edition of TurnOn! Chicago has been announced. We will be showcasing details as time matures but mark your calendars for July 22-24, 2016. We will return to The Conference Center of the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL.



Visit our website chicagowoodturners.com

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

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

Please join us All are welcome.

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

The Chicago Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW). Visit their website for more information.