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May 20th Meeting

7PM—9:30 PM (3rd Tuesday)

Lisle Park District Building

Multipurpose Room #4

1925 Ohio Street

Lisle, IL

Speaker:

Rich Rossio on

Eccentric Turning



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Registration is Open for Turn-On! Chicago

Go to www.turnonchicago.com for everything you want to know about this August 15 – 17 upcoming event. You will see that featured demonstrators include Andi Wolfe, Barry Gross, Binh Pho, Dick Sing, Lyle Jamison, Nick Cook, and Trent Bosch. Guest demonstrators will be Alan Carter, Jason Swanson, and Steve Sinner.

Symposium fee is \$295 including 7 meals. On site housing is available for \$48 double and \$58 single occupancy per night. Symposium attendees are limited to 250. (There is a \$20 discount for Chicago Woodturning members who register before March 1.)

This is an excellent opportunity to be exposed to name demonstrators close to home. If you do go you should consider staying overnight on site. Quarters are old and spartan, but you will be happier when it comes to breakfast each morning and socializing in the evenings when it is only a short walk to your bed.



Call for Chairs

Three of the events coming up in 2014 require committees and Chairpersons. They are the Art in the Park booth, the Annual Picnic, and the Holiday Party. In each case, the Chair is a good place to start. So pick one of the three and throw your hat into the ring. You won't be plowing new ground; there is someone in the club who already knows what needs to be done. Notify any officer of your willingness to serve the club in one of these jobs.

May Demo—

Our thanks go to Rich Rossio for his demonstration of eccentric turning. While you can purchase a chuck for this purpose, Rich showed how to do this with no extra equipment. How about trying his method to see what you can create with just a piece of wood and your imagination?

On June 17 our demonstrator will be Al Miotke on Textured Surface Treatments. Al is also the president of Chicago Woodturners.

Windy City Demo Schedule

June 17— Al Miotke on Textured Surface Treatments

One Photographer Found, One to Go!

. Dave Burk has stepped up to add to the newsletter by taking and sizing the gallery objects. Maybe the job could be shared between a couple of members, so Dave can collaborate with another member to improve the photographic elements of the newsletter. If one of you has to miss a meeting, the co-photographer could fill in so we can always have a person to record events from each meeting for the newsletter. This would be especially good for a project we want to resurrect— the photographic membership list.

Originated by Bob Bergstrom, this “cheat sheet”, as Bob called it, was a good resource to help connect names to faces. This is great for old members (with fading memories) and new members alike. Being able to call each other by name keeps the club a small community, even as we grow. Please come to the aid of the club on this. We'll provide the memory media, you will provide the camera and skills. Call Don Johnston if you are willing to help *the club in this way*.

Club Outreach for 2014

Attached to this newsletter and posted on the website you will find the current WCWT Event Calendar. Have a look and mark your calendar now to participate or attend. You will see that we will be supporting the Lisle Park District and the “Brick and Mortar” stores that serve our members. We made a particular effort in 2013 to support Lisle Park District events -- the schedule for 2014 includes 3.

Art in the Park on Saturday, September 6 (1-5 pm) visibly supports our host and promotes turning and Windy City. This is a craft show and charity auction held on Community Park grounds. Windy City will again have a booth where members will demonstrate on two mini-lathes. **Also, if you are interested in selling your wares, you can purchase a space at the show. The booth fee will probably be \$40.**

Lisle Depot Days on September 13 and 14 is an event co-sponsored by the Park District and Lisle Heritage Society at the Museums at Lisle Station Park (just east of downtown Lisle). Windy city has been invited to demonstrate turning spindles on one of the two antique lathes in the blacksmith shop. If you haven't seen the wooden treadle lathe they have there it is worth the trip. Fortunately we will be turning on an early 1900's motor driven lathe.

We have also been asked to return this year to turn Christmas ornaments in the blacksmith

shop at Once Upon a Christmas. This will take place on December 6 and 7 – we are hoping for warmer weather.

Windy City members will have the opportunity to sign up for these activities at meetings prior their dates. In any case consider lending your support by attending.

Windy City Turns Ornaments at Rockler

On Saturday, June 28 (from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm) Windy City members will be demonstrating how to make their favorite Christmas ornaments at the Rockler store in Schaumburg. Several members volunteered as demonstrators at the April meeting. But you haven't missed your chance – the list will come around again in May. We did this at Woodcraft last November and it was a hit. We will be using mini-lathes. Bring everything you need including safety equipment.

“Turn and Learn”

Windy City Woodturners will be conducting a Turn and Learn session for their members in the Woodridge Woodcraft classroom on Saturday, July 26 from 12 noon to 4pm. The purpose of this event is to address interest in a member to member mentoring experience. Realizing this won't quite be one on one (more likely 5 on one), interested members at the April meeting selected the topics for the sessions. We expect to conduct the sessions concurrently but throughout the 4 hours. Topics will be Bowl Turning, Hollow Forms, Basic Skills, and Sharpening. Windy City members will be allowed to operate the equipment.

Next time you are in Woodcraft, thank them for letting us use their classroom for this club event. Naturally other Woodcraft customers will be able to look and listen, but not operate the equipment.

Garage Sale

September 2014. So get busy locating the stuff you forgot to bring last year and find a couple more items. The September regular meeting last year consisted of a Garage Sale. We will be repeating this in terms. There will be no drawing, demo or review at this meeting. And, again, sellers will donate 10% of their gross sales to the club. Don't fret if you can only find an item or two, you can still get rid of them by donating them to a Club Table where the full sale price will benefit the club. You will hear more about the inevitable rules and regulations in a future newsletter, but let the sorting begin.

Two Ways to Support the Raffle

Those who attended the April meeting when we talked about the 2014 budget may have noted that our monthly Raffle / Drawing is a significant revenue source at \$1250 per year. Thank you all for your faithful purchase of tickets; and thank you Rich Nye for putting together prizes that inspire us.

If you looked a little further down in the budget you observed that we plan to spend \$600 in expense to get the \$1250 in revenue. (The nominal \$600 net from the raffle is why you have heard us say, “The raffle pays the rent.”) There was a time when requests to companies were one source

of our raffle prizes. That has pretty much dried up, leaving us to purchase more items to make the table appealing.

This means you have a second way to support the raffle – that is by donating a special item from your collection as a raffle prize. It could be wood (dry or green), a tool that it turns out you didn't need, or anything else you would buy a ticket on if you didn't already have it. Thanks for reviewing your collection for raffle candidates.

Lisle Park District

Depot Days—Sept. 13-14

Once Upon a Christmas—Dec.6-7

Art in the Park—Sept. 6, 1-5 PM

Club Picnic—Aug. 26

Chicago Woodturners Upcoming Demos

The word is out on the 2014 schedule of Saturday demo sessions. These are day-long Saturday demonstrations by name woodturners held at Christian Liberty Academy in Arlington Heights (502 West Euclid). They run from 9:00 to 4:30 and are \$30 at the door.

October 4th - Glenn Lucas—Glenn is a production bowl turner and teacher from Ireland. Learn more about him at www.glennlucas.com .

One and two-day hands-on classes follow the demo days and have generally been made available to

WCWT Event Calendar – 2014

- June Rockler WCWT Turning Favorite Christmas Ornaments, Saturday, June 28
12noon to 4pm probably 3 mini's on store floor. Demo only. **6 to 8 AAW members.**
- July WCWT Turn and Learn Day at Woodcraft Saturday, July 26, 10 to 2
We'll use up to 4 lathes and a grinder. Topics to be determined at Apr. Mtg.
Only Windy City members behind lathes. For customers it is demo only.
Topics will include Basic Skills, Bowl Turning, Hollow Forms, and Sharpening.
Demonstrators to be determined.
- Aug. WCWT Picnic, Lisle Park District, Aug 24, 2 to 6
(Note that Turn On Chicago is August 15 – 17)
- Sept. Art in the Park, Lisle Park District Sept 6, 1 to 5. Demonstrate turning on two mini-lathes in popup tent. Demo only. **4 AAW members**
Also would like a member to buy booth (\$40) as a selling artist.
- Depot Days, Lisle Blacksmith Shop Sept 13 & 14 12 to 5 We will turn balusters to fit in the railing around the woodshop area using the old cast iron lathe. These balusters are an ongoing project at Depot Days for both wooden and iron lathes.
Demo only. 2 per day = **4 AAW members**
- Oct. Woodcraft WCWT Turning Favorite Christmas Ornaments. Saturday Oct. 25,
12 noon to 4 pm. Three or four mini's in the classroom. Demo only.
8 AAW members.
- Nov.
- Dec. Once Upon a Christmas, Lisle Blacksmith Shop Dec. 6, 3 to 8 & Dec 7, 11 to 4
Cast iron lathe or mini is to be determined. Shop not heated. **At least two people per day = 4.**
- WCWT Holiday Party. December 16 7:00 to 9:30

May meeting's Gallery

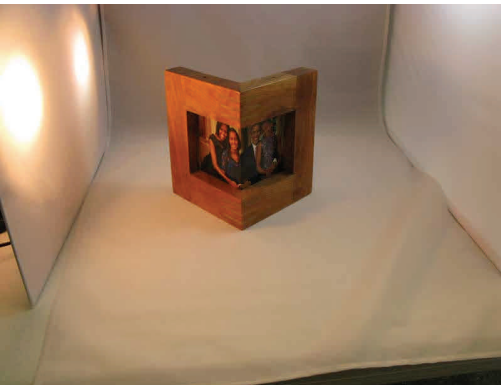




Earl Weber



Paul Shotola



Hail from the storm that was going on during meeting

