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Windy City Woodturners

Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



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November Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

*St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1313 N. Mill Street,
Naperville, IL 60453.*

*Doors open by 6:15 - 6:30 pm, so swing by early to
help set-up. Hope to see you all!*

CAUTION

The music students regularly cross the driveway near the church building in the parking lot.

EVERYONE PLEASE OBEY THE STOP SIGN (!) NEAR THE BUILDING AS YOU ENTER

Let's keep everyone safe!

The November Meeting will feature Paul Pycik who will be demonstrating how he makes his small desk clocks.

Details next page.....Not to be missed!



WCWT ENTRANCE - LOWER-LEVEL

**PARKING IS IN THE BACK
LOWER-LEVEL PARKING LOT**

1313 N Mill St, Naperville, IL 60563

November Mtg. Presentation

Paul Pycsik will be the demonstrator at the November Mtg. Paul will be preparing, turning, drilling, decorating and finishing a small desk clock. These clocks make terrific Christmas gifts!



Above – Paul teaching how to turn a pen



Right – Samples of Paul's desk clocks

Message From Our President



November 2023

Presidents Message

Hello all,

This year has flown by. We are well into fall and the hype of getting all of our vaccines, CoVid, flu, RSV, Pneumonia, Shingles and I'm sure I missed some of them. Politics, Homelessness, crazy weather, interest rates and don't even get me started about the stock market roller coaster. The news reminds us hourly of the fact that our world is in turmoil. The advertising is all about Black Friday already (and it's just turned November as I write this) what happened to the day after Thanksgiving? So much pressure coming at us from all sides. Phew! All I can think about is how lucky we all are that we have a hobby that gives us a break from such worries. I don't know about you, but when I'm in my shop, I don't have to deal with "real world problems" because it's my happy place. It's my zen. It's my break from all the worries and problems that exist outside.

There is just something to be said for grabbing a piece of wood, putting it on the lathe and watching it become something that only existed in my mind before I start. Something to be said for practicing beads and coves and watching the improvement from one to the next. (cont)



Message From Our President (cont.)

Something to be said about the sound that emits from the contact of tool to wood when you are riding the bevel just so and those beautiful long ribbons of wood start to fly. The smell of freshly cut walnut or apple (or even the wet dog smell of green elm) releases endorphins for me because it means I'm in the shop. It doesn't get old and to be honest, it doesn't have to be me who is turning for the endorphins to kick in. Last night I enjoyed watching Rebecca DeGroot demonstrate her walking teapots via IRD. No smells, dust or chips flying, but the visuals and the excitement she exudes as she presents just makes me smile. I have seen this demo before yet I chose to take the time to watch. It was worth my time. And yes, I picked up another tip that I will put to use today when I get to the shop. There is just nothing like this hobby and the community we have because of woodturning!

What inspires you? Why do you turn? What do you need to kick your endorphins into high gear? Why are you a member of this club? What do you get out of it? Every month my goal has been to fill you up with something that will give you incentive to get to your lathes and enjoy your own zen moments. It takes a lot to put together a meeting that inspires and educates you. It doesn't happen in a bubble, it's a lot of work by a lot of people.

I hope we are successful at it. If it's not what you want/need please speak up. Think about it. How often does your significant other ask "hey, what do you want for dinner?" If you say, (and I know you do) "I don't care" or "whatever" or worse yet, "food" (jeez I hate that one) you may get your stomach filled but you might be disappointed or worse, get nothing because your significant other isn't hungry! This club needs your input to thrive. We need your skills, your minds, and sometimes your brawn to continue to support the mission of this club, to educate you and the public about woodturning. As they say, many hands make light work for all. This month, in the season of Thanksgiving, (Turkey and stuffing,) I'm saying thank all of you who have stepped up and helped make this happen. Your board, Nate, Nick, John and Jason. The people you see each month without whom this meeting would not be possible, Mark J., Dawn, Rich N., Paul P., and Dave B. and every one of you who help set up and clean up including Bruce W., Frank, Bill, Jack, Bruce M., Rich H-R and so many more that just step up and help where there is a need. Thank you one and all. Now, read on, there's lots of news! See you on the 15th (by the way, this month that is the day after the CWT meeting!!)

Marie





October Mtg. Recap

Marie called the mtg. to order.

A few introductions were made including guests Steve Young (DPWW) and Angela McCrum from Living Well Cancer Resource Center.

This month's birthdays – Don Johnston and Dan Anderson and others? Happy Birthday all!

Marie thanked John Dillon for doing the Natural Edge bowl demo at the September mtg. She also thanked everyone who helps with set-up and clean-up of the facility every month.

Angela McCrum, Executive Director of the Living Well Cancer Research Center gave an informative talk about the mission of the Cancer Center. Angela was very grateful for the wig stands that were made by club members and said they will probably be used to "model" the wigs available to the cancer patients.

Mark Dreyer announced an MPG event being held at Woodcraft (Oct 21st?)

Nick mentioned we currently have 71 paid members. We also have just under \$7,000 in our bank account.

Batavia's Empty Bowls event, on October 7th, raised just over \$1,500 for the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry; Fox Valley Food for Health and the Northern Illinois Food bank.

There is a second Empty Bowls event scheduled for December 2 at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines. Volunteers are needed. Please reach out to Marie if available. More details later in the newsletter.

Nominations for club officers for 2024 were announced:

Mark Dreyer – President

Nathan Wick – Vice-President

Nick Page – Treasurer

John Dillon – Secretary/Newsletter editor

There was unanimous consent for this slate of officers. Voting will take place at the November Mtg.

Kurt Wolff-Klammer will be doing the demonstration at tonight's meeting. Kurt is demoing how to make wooden jewelry.

Marie mentioned Turn On Chicago (TOC) will be held in August 2024. If interested in helping, please reach out to Marie or Al Miotke (Chicago Woodturners).

Rich Hall-Reppen did the monthly raffle. Thanks Rich!

October – Demonstration Recap

Kurt Wolff-Klammer was the demonstrator at the October meeting. Kurt showed the club members how he makes wooden jewelry on the lathe. Thanks for a great demo Kurt!



* Photo provided by Kurt from a CWT Mtg.



Earring examples
made by Kurt



October Gallery Photos



Below
Dom Costabile



Above
Bob Barbieri – Blackwood Box

October Gallery Photos



Above - Don Johnston

Below - Bruce Metzdorf



October Gallery Photos



All this page

Marie Anderson

October Gallery Photos



Above - George Rodgers

Below - Frank Pagura



October Gallery Photos



Wig stands
turned by club
members



Above - Angela McCrum, Executive
Director Living Well Cancer Resource
Center and Marie Anderson

***article by Marie in WIT News**



CLUB NOTES



Club member Mark McCleary was recently awarded his Masters in Woodturning at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking. Mark has taken numerous classes over the years in woodworking, woodturning and other misc. classes, like painting, chocolate making and glass blowing (among others). The Marc Adams School of Woodworking is located in Franklin, Indiana. CONGRATULATIONS Mark!

Marc Adams (L) presenting the Masters in Woodturning plaque to Mark McCleary



CLUB NOTES

Holiday Party December 20, 2023

6:30 – 9:30 pm

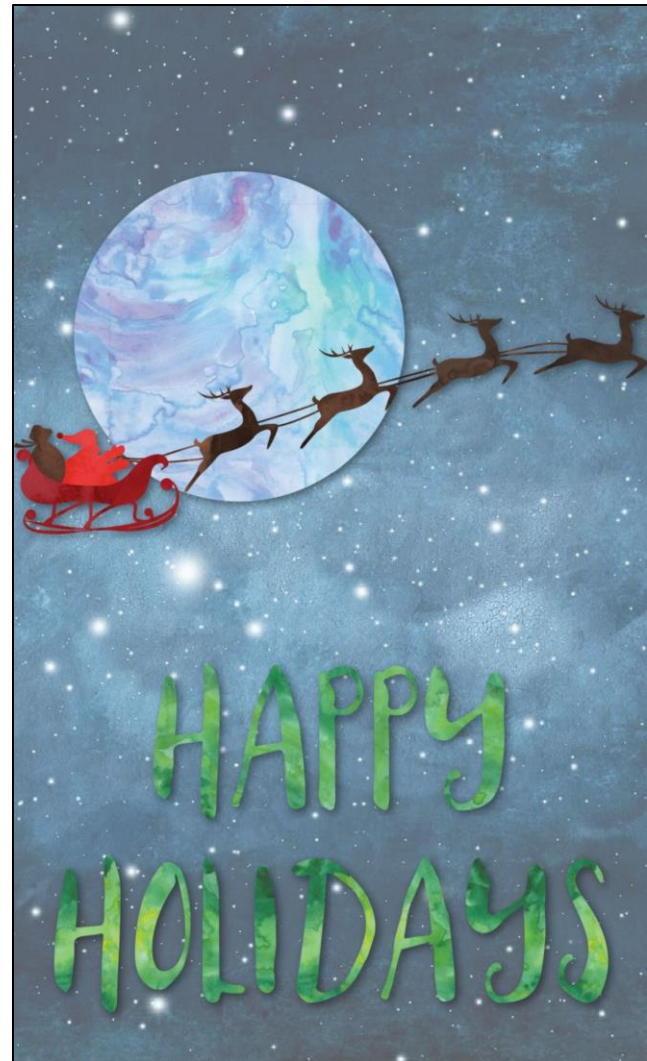
Reserve 22 - 485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn, IL

WCWT Holiday party will be an evening of food and fun with members and spouses on December 20th.

Please RSVP no later than December 1st . Cost is \$20/person for dinner. There will be a cash bar.

Plan to bring something for the grab bag gift exchange. If you bring a gift, you will go home with gift. Handmade items are always appreciated – minimum value of \$25.00.

The menu will be: Lemon Pepper Chicken in a fresh lemon juice & cream reduction Atlantic Salmon with a dill lemon sauce Penne pasta with asiago cheese sauce and sun-dried tomatoes Baby Kale Salad Tossed w/quinoa, macadamia nuts, broccoli, snow peas & sesame ginger soy vinaigrette Spring spinach salad w/strawberries, feta, and raspberry vinaigrette Fresh fruit cocktail, freshly baked bread and chocolate cake Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks included.



WCWT Officer Job Descriptions

CLUB NOTES



President - The President shall be the principal executive officer of the WCW. The President shall supervise and control all WCW business and shall conduct chapter meetings. The President shall write a monthly column for the newsletter.

Vice President - In the absence of the President the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice President will also be responsible for recruiting and scheduling demonstrators for each monthly meeting with the exception of September and December. He shall introduce program speakers at the meeting, be responsible for their fees, and notify the Secretary in advance of upcoming programs for insertion in the newsletter.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall ensure that dues and other fees are collected and properly recorded and that chapter bills are paid. A detailed report shall be provided at each board meeting. Treasurer will submit detailed report to Webmaster to be placed on secure website so members can review.

Secretary/Newsletter Editor - The Secretary/Newsletter Editor shall record the significant meeting activities of the Windy City Woodturners and inform the membership via the club newsletter. The newsletter will be the official and main vehicle of communication for the Windy City Woodturners. The newsletter will be distributed to reach all members no later than one week prior to the meeting.

WCWT Officer Election!

Election of Officers occurs during our November Mtg.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- WEBMASTER -

CLUB NOTES



Marie received the following email which details an annual holiday ornament challenge for those who wish to participate. Will be discussed at our monthly meeting.....

Hi Club President,

Mea culpa.

I probably should have included more details in my previous email.

Where to find details, rules, and entry link. All this is at www.OrnamentChallenge.com

We've been hosting this challenge for over 12 years. Various vendors sponsor the event by offering grand prizes and bonus prizes.

The rules are simple as noted on the official page. Good taste, any craft, any media, any skill level. We intend to keep it simple. Too many rules tend to generate more exceptions and rules. If you can call it an ornament with a straight face, it is an ornament for the challenge.

No cost to participate. All we need is a picture of the ornament and contact information.

People/clubs can do anything they want with the ornament after taking the picture. We hope it is a good one and that they do something good with the ornament.

Please make sure your club members include your club name in the submissions for the club prize.

Remember, any ornament, any media, any craft, all skill levels, any country, any tradition. All are welcome.

Show off your favorites, show off your creativity.

Please do not wait until the last minute – November 30 is a firm deadline.

Your hosts

Alan Stratton

Matt Deighton

www.OrnamentChallenge.com

CLUB NOTES



Marie participated in an event related to the Living Well Cancer Research Center

Healing heARTS show - a Northwestern Medicine Living Well Cancer participant art show.

I was contacted by Cheri Hunt from Living Well Cancer Resource Center after our October meeting asking if I might be able to join their Art show to do a woodturning demo and possibly show some of the wig stands. I agreed. This show included over 30 artists who have all been touched by cancer in some way. The entire evening people were sharing stories that were very inspirational including cancer-free patients turned volunteers, family members and so many members of the community coming out to support these artists. I met many first time vendors who had joined the show because of their connection to Living Well that were amazing artists. The repeated theme I heard was they did not think of themselves as artists before cancer but had been exposed to art during their healing journey and now cannot picture life without creating. The work I saw included talented artists in photography, oil painting, watercolors, mixed media, quilting, polymer clay, basketry, caricatures, charcoal, fiber, beading and more.

There was quite a bit of interest in my demo. Apparently having a mini lathe on top of wooden platform clamped to an aluminum table causes quite a noise when it's running. Fortunately I had the sense to rough turn the tenons onto the spindles I was turning so there was none of the click, click click from knocking off the corners of the spindle blanks. Still there was quite a bit of vibration on the table so you can imagine the noise. The good news is, it definitely drew some attention. I took the Log to Bowl display and explained the process over and over and over. There were several highlights of the evening. First, a young girl (maybe 6 years old?) walked right up to me as I was turning my first top of the evening and said quite sassily, "I know what that is" as she pointed to the machine in front of me. I said, "really? what is it?" she came right back with "it's a lathe!" Needless to say I was thrilled and gave her the top that I was working on. (cont)

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Second, an older woman stopped by and asked a lot of questions. Her husband had been a carpenter all his life and she was happy to see that there was "a wood artist" here. After some conversation I learned that she had been a client and a volunteer at Living Well until her husband had passed a couple years ago. She had since retired from being a high school art teacher. She admired the wig stands on display and was in need of inspiration to get back out of her funk and into her art. Long story short, I sent a wig stand home with her to decorate and she left with a promise to complete it and a smile on her face.

Third I handed out at least 10 of the new club brochures and hopefully we will have some new faces at the November meeting! There was also an inquiry about doing a demo for a high school next spring (I will share more when I hear back from her). Overall, the demo was very well received and I look forward to seeing how the seeds that were planted germinate. There may be some new opportunities to spread the joy of turning. Stay tuned!



Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson



November Women In Turning news

WIG STAND INITIATIVE UPDATE

On October 18th Angela McCrum of Living Well Cancer Resource Center visited the Windy City Woodturners monthly meeting to give a presentation about their organization and the programs they offer including providing wigs to their clients at no charge. We were able to make our first delivery of 12 wig stands to her during this meeting. Angela advised us that last year alone they distributed over 350 wigs. She said that they would be able to handle up to 75 wig stands a quarter if our members are willing to donate them. Angela related how losing your hair is a very personal experience and these lovely wig stands will offer some comfort to the men, women and children who are the recipients of these stands. This is such a gift to them. If each of our members committed to making at least 1 wig stand a year between Windy City Woodturners and the Chicago Woodturners we would be very close to this number. Thank you to those members who have donated so far including Don Kosik, Frank Pagura, Nate Wick, Bruce Wick, John Dillon, Phil Moy, Art Laschober, Mary Arp, Bill Weiler and Marie Anderson.

Feel free to embellish these wig stands in any way you like and please remember to use a **WATER BASED POLYURETHANE** or **POLYCRYLIC** like **MINWAX POLYCRYLIC** for the final finish on top so that it is **waterproof (obviously it will be in contact with the wig so waterproofing ensures there will be no transfer of oils or moisture.)**

The WIT liaison from the Central Florida Chapter shared that their entire club has gotten behind this initiative. They were able to deliver 50 wig stands in just 2 months. The local news media covered the story. They developed a personalized tag that is attached to each wig stand for the end recipient. Modified for our club(s) it would read: **Compassionately turned and donated by members of the Windy City Woodturners and Chicago Woodturners clubs. Wishing you the very best on your courageous journey. The reverse side has their logo and website.** The Women in Turning Committee is keeping a running count of delivered wig stands. As of this writing the count stands at 161 (2 weeks ago the count was just 123). Can we push this number over 200 before the end of this year? I believe we can. The instructions for this project can be found [here](#).

Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

WIT PRESENTS EVENTS

Hopefully you were able to attend the November 4th WIT Presents: Marilyn Campbell and Kalia Kliban presentation. These two women create different types of wood turned art and their stories allowed us a peek into how their work evolved. If you missed it, you will be able to watch the replay on the AAW/WIT website by following this [link](#). The next WIT Presents presentation WIT Presents: Elenore Lakeland is scheduled for January 6th and registration for this free event should open just about mid December. Remember, the presentation is free but you must register to get the meeting code for this virtual event.

WINTER WIT NEWSLETTER

The next issue of the WIT Newsletter is in production and should be out right around Thanksgiving so watch your email. The theme for the gallery is “giving back to your community”. Andi is looking for pictures of any Empty Bowls, Pens for Troops, Beads of Courage Boxes, Canes for Vets, or ornaments for Alzheimers events that women have participated in with their local clubs.

I have some photos but if you have any, please forward directly to Andi Wolfe [here](#) (or you can send them to me.) NOTE: The wig stands will be recognized separately.

Lastly, WIT is also recognizing women veterans in this issue of the WIT newsletter. If you are a veteran or have mentored a veteran or been mentored by a veteran we would like to hear your woodturning story. Please consider sharing your story with us. Send it to Andi Wolfe at the above link.



AAW Upcoming Events

AAW Upcoming events: more information and registration can be found here:

<https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Events>



AAW Upcoming Events

The 2024 AAW International Woodturning Symposium will be May 23-26 in Portland, Oregon.

Win a Free Symposium Package

Details can be found here:

https://www.aawsymposium.org/sweepstakes?utm_medium=web&utm_source=woodturner_org&utm_campaign=2024symposium&utm_content=sweepstakes



Local & Other Events You Should Know About



Local & Other Events You Should Know About

EMPTY BOWLS Looking for Volunteers

December 1st set-up
December 2, event date, 10am until 2 pm

Oakton Community College
Des Plaines, IL

There will be a sign up sheet at the November meeting for those who can lend a hand at the Oakton EB event. Set up is on Friday December 1st and the sale is December 2nd from 9 am to 3pm (sale runs from 10-2). We are also still accepting bowls for the sale if anyone wants to bring them to the meeting. If you can't make the meeting, please call or email Marie to let her know you can volunteer.



Midwest Pen Turners Gathering

Registration for the 2024 Midwest Penturners Gathering is open!!

The 2024 event will be held April 19 and 20 at the Marriott Northwest in Hoffman Estates, IL. You know the MPG always tries to provide the best in content, demos, and vendors – and this year is no exception. Our demo line up looks great as we expand into some of the business and social aspect of your pen business, while still provide a great list of pen making topics and our staples. In addition, we are happy to welcome all our past vendors back.

Why register now for April.

If you came to an event in the past, you know we give away a lathe and many more big and small prizes. The big prizes are tickets based on the earlier you sign up. Every month early gets you an extra ticket. You know you are coming - sign up NOW!

Keep an eye out on the website as we will be updating the information on that page as we get more details. The website will be our lifeline to you and all.

<http://midwestpenturnersgathering.com/>



Windy City Officers

Please reach out to your officers with any questions; concerns; compliments, etc.

We are always looking for meeting topics and demonstrators! Please feel free to also ask about volunteer opportunities.



- ▶ Marie Anderson – President danmar12@yahoo.com
- ▶ Nathan Wick – Vice President nwick@sbcglobal.net
- ▶ Nick Page – Treasurer nicklpage@sbcglobal.net
- ▶ John Dillon – Secretary/Newsletter Editor dillon60119@att.net
- ▶ Jason Clark – Immediate Past President jclark58@gmail.com

THANK-YOU!

WCWT 2023 Committee Volunteers

- ▶ **Photography** - Dave Burk
- ▶ **Events** – **Open**
- ▶ **Raffle**– Richard Nye
- ▶ **A/V** – Mark Jundanian, Dawn Herndon-Charles
- ▶ **Library**- Rich Hall-Reppen



And Finally.....

- This is your newsletter and personal stories, events and other tidbits are welcome.
- Tools for sale? Garage Sales? Fresh cut logs? Let us know.
- Photos of shop improvements or new ideas? Maybe you got a new lathe? Took a class from a pro? Let's share.....
- Birthdays, baby births and wedding information all make for good news in newsletters, so please share what's going on in your family life!
- Send any "news items" you might have to John Dillon at dillon60119@att.net

