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Windy City Woodturners

Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



Spring-time!

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April Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 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!

The April Mtg. demo will be done by Marie Anderson. Marie will be demonstrating how she utilizes the marbling technique on wood.

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

April Mtg. Presentation

This month's demo will be Marie Anderson showing us how to marble on woodturnings. Many say marbling, as an art form, originated in Japan in around the 12th Century. (China as well as several other countries in the Middle East dispute this also claiming to be the originators.) Paper was the most common surface to marble at the time. Ink floating across water was used to marble paper. In modern times, the media has been expanded to include ink, acrylic and water based paints with various additives. The technique, though surprisingly similar has been improved. The surfaces to be marbled are limited only by ones imagination. You can find marbling on all sorts of products from art to motorcycle parts, stationary to tennis racquets, clothing to custom guitars (and everything inbetween). Please join us as we learn how to use this ancient art form to embellish woodturnings!



Right – Marbled Wood photos

Message From Our President



April 2023

Phew! It's already the second quarter of the year, can you believe it? I think it's safe to say the weather is finally showing us that it's spring. (I know this because mowing season has officially started at the Anderson household!) We have also already been blessed with fallen "turning stock", which I promptly used to make eggs for the egg challenge at this month's meeting. Consider this your reminder, turn an egg and bring it to the meeting!

There is a lot of exciting things happening in the Chicago turning world this month. CWT will have hosted 2 beginning turning classes by the time you read this. Starting with a spindle class on April 1st and ending with a beginning bowl turning class on April 15th. At least two members of WCWT took advantage of these classes and we might even get a couple new members from it.

Members of CWT (and many with dual memberships in WCWT) will be turning pens with students from Highland Park High School during their F.O.C.U.S. on the Arts program this month. Apparently, woodturning is the most sought after class as our sessions are completely filled with a hefty wait list which according to the coordinator has never happened. (We will have updates at the meeting.)

Message From Marie (Cont.)

The Midwest Pen Turners Gathering starts Friday! (April 21 & 22nd.) This is something you can do for you. Good News! You can still sign up and learn something new (no matter if you turn pens or not) There will be lots of raffle prizes, lots of good people and plenty of stuff the vendors are very excited to show you. The demos are supposed to be great too! Don't believe me? Give it a try!

On April 29th the 2023 Virtual WIT EXCHANGE presentation of projects event will be live via zoom and I encourage all of you to register for this free event. For the first time ever, there will be two LIVE broadcasts for you to choose from. Andi Wolfe is our MC and she is highly entertaining. I hope to "see" you all there! (Hint, two of our members are participants this year!)

Lastly, the planning has begun for Turn On! Chicago 2024. This will be one for the record books if we get even a couple of the demonstrators that are on this year's candidate list.

I can't wait to share this with you, but unfortunately you will have to wait a few months until the lineup is confirmed. I will be able to confirm the dates at the meeting (you can plan on summer 2024 at the moment).

There's more happening outside of our area so be sure to check out the AAW Website for the latest things on the calendar!

Just a quick note of reminder, anyone who has not renewed their WCWT membership for 2023 did not receive this newsletter. The membership report from Nick at the meeting will reflect this. The zoom meeting link has been changed as of this meeting.

But before the meeting, please consider standing at the lathe long enough to turn an egg for this month's challenge. It's a great excuse to make some shavings (and you might even win a prize!

See you next week! Marie

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March Mtg. Recap

Marie called the mtg. to order.

Marie thanked Rich Nye (on vacation) for doing the clam-shell box demonstration in February and Paul Pycik for doing the February Gallery review and thanks to Paul for handling the February raffle for Rich. As always, big thanks to Dave Burk for the meeting photography.

There were 24 members in attendance and two (2) guests, including Jim Cleary from Wheaton. There were 5 people on Zoom.

This month's birthdays - John Dillon. Happy Birthday!

Nick mentioned 2023 dues are past due. We currently have 75 members with 56 paid-up.

Mark Dreyer made an announcement about the upcoming Midwest Penturners Gathering (more info. Later in newsletter). Mark also talked about needing some help related to the National AAW Symposium in Louisville.

Mark needs help with a couple things:

- Cutting/drilling pen blanks from Maple billets provided by the Louisville Slugger Museum. These will be used at the symposium to make pens.
- Assistance with the "Learn to Turn" sessions at the symposium. He is expecting members of the general public to come-in and learn how to tun a pen and he is looking for assistant's who can help the newbie pen-turners.

Marie mentioned some of the upcoming and ongoing projects and events:

The "Bowling Pin Challenge"

The Valentine's Day Sweetheart Challenge (over)

The AAW National Symposium

The Midwest Penturners Gathering

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March Mtg. Recap

Marie mentioned we are having an Easter Egg Challenge for the month of April. Turn your best Easter Egg and bring it along to the April meeting.

Rich Hall-Reppen brought along the monthly raffle prizes in Rich's absence and handled the raffle. Thanks Rich!

Bruce Metzdorf did an excellent demonstration on how he makes shallow plates from $\frac{3}{4}$ " flat stock.

Frank Pagura did a great job with the Gallery review!



Easter Egg Challenge for April Mtg.!

From Marie:

Greetings everyone! Happy Spring!

Here's your challenge for the April meeting - turn an egg! It's a challenge that all of you can do, no matter what your experience level. Let's shoot for 100% participation on this one. Easter is coming there is no better reason to get to your lathe and practice turning an egg. You don't need a lot of time or wood to complete this challenge. You just need to stand at the lathe and do it! There will be prizes!

March Meeting Demo Recap

Bruce Metzdorf did the demonstration at the March WCWT Mtg. Bruce's demo involved the process he follows with making shallow plates from a $\frac{3}{4}$ " flat stock board. These plates, or platters are small and make good use of wood you have in your shop that is leftover from flat-stock work. They can be used as bread-plates, or for storing keys and other small items you have laying around. THANKS for a great demo Bruce!



Bruce Metzdorf - (L) explaining his demo process and (above) working on his "plate from a board" demo.

March Gallery Photos

Below - Mark Dreyer
Platter with beaded rim
(Easy Wood Tools, Beading tool)



Thanks for the pics
Dave Burk!



Above - John Dillon, Spalted
Maple with light coloring

March Gallery Photos

Left, Rich Nye, Golden Egg
made out of Oak for a
homeowner request.

Below, Rich Nye. Norfolk Island
Pine vessel with Bloodwood
(brass threads) top





Above – Frank Pagura
Segmenter’s Challenge

Right – Frank Pagura, Oak, Slab from
homeowner request to “make
something”.

Very creative on both fronts Frank!

March Gallery Photos



March Gallery Photos

Left - Marie Anderson - "Miniatures"



Right - Rich Nye and Marie Anderson
collaboration



March Gallery Photos

Left – Frank Pagura, Sphere
Below – Frank Pagura, Flowers for Valentines Day



Left – Paul Pycik – Bonnie
Klein Mini-Lathe set-up



March Gallery Photos

Left - Segmented Bowl
Maker (?)



Left - Rich Nye - Clamshell Boxes (Monthly Demo)
Above - Rich Nye owner - "Teapot Sculpture" created
by Laurent Niclot



CLUB NOTES



COVID-19

DuPage County is in “community medium level”, therefore masks are optional for attendees. We will once again offer a hybrid meeting broadcasting live to those who prefer to join via Zoom.



NOTICE/REMINDER

If you are going to the AAW Symposium and haven't talked to Mark Jundanian yet, please do so NOW/ASAP. Don't miss out on the “Club Member Discount”!

email Mark

mark@jundanian.com

THANKS!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- **WEBMASTER** -



CLUB NOTES



Batavia Public Library Display April 2023

John Dillon, Rich Hall-Reppen and Rich Nye have struck again at one of the local libraries. During the month of April, the guys have filled the display case at the Batavia Public Library.

The display will be up for the entire month and it promotes wood-turned items representing both the Windy City Woodturners and the Chicago Woodturners.

You may recall we recently had a display at the Elburn and Countryside Library during the month of February.

While Batavia's Library has a smaller display case, it is none the less, a great way to promote woodturning and drive some local interest to the woodturning community in general.

Thanks to Rich, Rich and John for spearheading the effort. If any members want to approach their local library for this same opportunity, the local clubs are ready and willing to help facilitate the display.



Above - L to R
Rich Nye, Rich Hall-Reppen and John Dillon at
the Batavia Public Library

Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

WIT Happenings coming up this month:

The 2023 Virtual WIT EXCHANGE is rapidly coming to an end. The presentation of projects event is going to be a ground breaking event this year! For the first time ever, in order to accommodate the 9 different countries that our participants come from, the AAW has agreed to host this presentation live twice on April 29th. Andi Wolfe will once again be our MC for both presentations. Please tell everyone you know and join us to see the results of 6 weeks of collaboration between 59 women on 21 teams. Registration will open on April 15th for the April 29th shows. Remember it's free to attend, but you must register! The presentations will start at 10am ET and then again at 4pm.

The WIT Committee has also started a new nationwide community give back initiative which we would like to see supported by the local clubs.

As of this month, the WIT Committee is asking local clubs to consider turning wig stands to be donated to cancer centers for local cancer patients. I will have more information on this initiative at the monthly meeting.

Also, since this is the last newsletter before the next WIT Presents event happens, please be sure to register and join us on May 5th as WIT Presents: Jay Heryet, president of the Registered Professional Turners in the UK. Jay has been very influential in the woodturning world "across the pond" including starting the first "emerging turners" program for turners 18-35. These turners were brought together for a 3 day workshop with mentors including Max Brosi, Phil Irons, Sally Burnett, Richard Findley, Jay Heryet, Stuart Mortimer and more. (Just imagine walking into that line up!) This is sure to be a presentation you won't want to miss! Watch for registration opening soon. (Again, this one is free to attend!)

Marie



WIT
Women in Turning

AAW Upcoming Events

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

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



AAW Upcoming Events



ALL Times listed Eastern Time Zone

**AAW Presents: Derek Weidman
Sculpting Wildlife with a Wood Lathe**

Saturday, April 15, 2023

3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

AAW Presents a live, virtual woodturning demonstration with innovative sculptor Derek Weidman.

During this live, online narration of his recorded demonstration, Derek will create an animal on a wood lathe using primarily multi axis turning. Time will be dedicated to thorough coverage of safe practices and techniques for multi axis work, before moving into a more fluid design session, learning how to carve with the lathe. Finally, the demo will incorporate some contemporary carving tools, as well as some other tips and tricks.

You'll learn:

- Multi-axis techniques and safety
- Use of contemporary carving tools
- Texturing with chainsaws



Cost

- \$10 AAW members, \$15 all others.
- Preregistration required. Replay will be available to registered attendees only

Click here to
Register

Always changing, various IRD's are available as shown on the AAW's IRD calendar found here: <https://community.woodturner.org/events/ird-demonstrations>

Local & Other Events You Should Know About



Midwest Pen Turners Gathering

- ▶ April 21 and 22, 2023, Marriott Northwest in Hoffman Estates
- ▶ In-Person
- ▶ Top Of The Line Demonstrators **including WCWT members:**
 - Dick Sing
 - Marie Anderson
 - Al Miotke
 - Mark Dreyer
- ▶ Top Of The Line Vendors
- ▶ Top Of The Line Sponsors
- ▶ Registration Is Open
- ▶ <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
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- ▶ Nick Page – Treasurer nicklpage@sbcglobal.net
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- ▶ 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
- ▶ **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

