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DECEMBER – (NO MEETING) HOLIDAY PARTY – YES

There is no regular club meeting in December. However, for anyone interested in meeting informally before the holidays, we are planning a get together at **Draft Picks Sports Bar**, in Naperville. You decide what you want and order from their menu, which includes pizza and sandwiches and various beverages. This will be an ala carte dinner/drinks with no club sponsorship (just a few friends getting together for dinner and drinks before the holiday) so you pay for what you order.

This informal get-together will be held on Wednesday, December 20th at 7pm (the Clubs regularly scheduled mtg. night). Spouse's and significant others encouraged to attend!

If you want to join us, please RSVP, to John Dillon by email, dillon60119@att.net so we can give Draft Picks a “heads-up”.

You are encouraged to bring a gift for our traditional gift exchange. Bring a gift and you will get a gift.

Hope you can make it.

Draft Picks, Naperville is located at 523 Fairway Dr., Naperville, IL, 60563. It is generally about 10 minutes westerly from our regular meeting location at St. Timothy's.

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[523 Fairway Dr · 523 Fairway Dr, Naperville, IL 60563](https://www.google.com/maps/place/523+Fairway+Dr,+Naperville,+IL+60563)

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<https://www.draftpicknaperville.com/>



Message From Our President



December 2023

Presidents Message

Happy Holidays!

It has taken me quite a while to sit down to write this, my last message as President of the Windy City Woodturners. Last month I mentioned that there were all sorts of stressful things that we are all dealing with including the slowly increasing numbers of new Co-Vid cases...well, I guess I jinxed myself because Dan and I both came down with “the VID” (as my kids call it) the day after Open Shop at CSW. This was a first for us and it was not fun. Thankfully, we are both fully recovered (albeit, still a little slower than before).

I could not attend the Empty Bowls at Oakton event and am very thankful for everyone who volunteered so that we were still able to participate. (See the article later in the newsletter.)

A couple of notes for those who were not at the November meeting – Your newly elected WCWT board will take over in January consisting of Mark Dreyer, President, Nate Wick, Vice President, Nick Page, Treasurer, John Dillon, Newsletter Editor/Secretary and myself as Past President. (Thanks to Jason Clark for vacating the “past president” board seat.) (cont)



Message From Our President (cont.)

Mark Jundanian has officially retired as our AV person which will leave a huge hole in our team that needs to be filled. Mark has done an outstanding job for at least the last 3 years. We need someone NOW to take over. (It will be quite different if we do not have AV in January!) Mark left detailed instructions for the next person (or team?) Please call me before the January meeting to volunteer so we can get in some practice!

As you all are aware, the “Formal” holiday party was cancelled (due to not having enough participants). Some of us still wanted to get together and decided to do an informal get together. So, on our regularly scheduled meeting night (next Wednesday, December 20th) you are welcome to drop in at Draft Picks in Naperville around 7pm for some comradery with your woodturning friends. John is collecting RSVP’s so we can give Draft Picks an idea of how many to expect. More information in the newsletter.

And now in a spirit gratitude, I say thank you to all of the members of WCWT for allowing me to serve as your club president for the last three years.

It has been a privilege and an honor to lead such an awesome group through what has been a very tumultuous several years for me personally and this club has truly been a source of inspiration (and, if I’m being honest, occasionally frustration) for me.

There have been challenges that we have faced together. We lost some friends and added new friends. We tried new things. We learned new things. We found a new home. We started a second Empty Bowls event and started turning Wig Stands for cancer. (We even got a front row seat as several members opened a new gallery of wood art creating an opportunity for many of our members to take the next step in their turning adventure.) These last 3 years have been quite a ride!

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in January as we welcome Mark Dreyer as the next President of WCWT! Happy New Year!
Marie





November Mtg. Recap

Marie called the mtg. to order.

A few introductions were made including guest Leo (?) from Naperville.

This month's birthdays – Don Burgeson (February!) Others? Happy Birthday all!

Marie thanked Kurt Wolff-Klammer for doing the jewelry demo at the October mtg. She also thanked Don Johnston for assisting with money collection at tonight's mtg. and Rich Hall-Reppen who handled the monthly raffle.

The Club held their annual election of officers for 2024.

Nominations:

Mark Dreyer – President

Nathan Wick – Vice-President

Nick Page – Treasurer

John Dillon – Secretary/Newsletter Editor

There was a motion and second and the slate of officers was elected unanimously.

Nick mentioned we currently have 72 paid members. We also have just under \$7,000 in our bank account.

Marie mentioned the Empty Bowls event scheduled for December 2 at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines. Volunteers are needed

It was decided that after a scheduling glitch the Holiday Party would be moved from Wednesday, the 20th, to Tuesday, the 19th. (Since cancelled. Other plans in this newsletter)

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).

A new volunteer is needed to take on the videography/audio at our 2024 meetings. Mark Jundanian is retiring from this position effective at the end of 2023. Thanks for all you have done Mark!

Also – in need of volunteers for the website; Demonstrating at monthly meetings and for making wig stands.

Paul Pycik brought up our Instagram account and Marie will check with Jason Clark.

Mark McCleary was recognized with receiving his Master of Woodturning certification from the Marc Adams School of Woodworking.

Paul Pycik is the demonstrator for tonight's meeting. Paul will be demoing how he makes desk clocks.

November – Demonstration Recap



Club member Paul Pyrcik was the demonstrator at our November Mtg. Paul showed us how he makes his small desk clocks. The demo included preparing the blank, turning, drilling, decorating and finishing methods. These clocks make terrific Christmas gifts!

Thanks for a great demo Paul!



* Photos provided by Kurt from a CWT Mtg.

November Gallery Photos



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Mark McCleary

November Gallery Photos



Above - Lee Mandel



Above and Left

Dick Sing

November Gallery Photos

Below - John Dillon

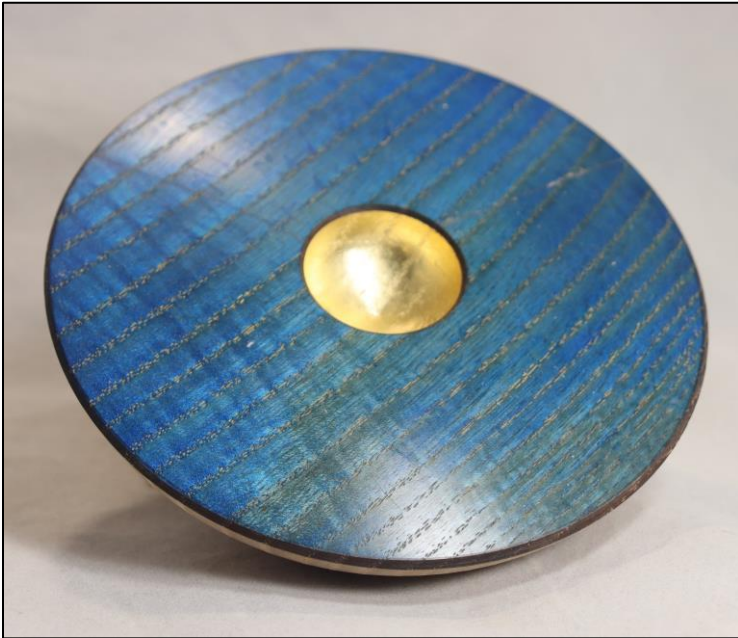


Above - Paul Pycik

Right - Mark McCleary pens
made by Paul Pycik



November Gallery Photos



Left - Mark McCleary

Below - Unknown artist



November Gallery Photos

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Marie Anderson



CLUB NOTES



Empty Bowls at Oakton

The last EB event of this year took place on December 2nd at Oakton Community College. Thank you to all the members of CWT and WCWT for your support of this event.

Some of you may not be aware that this year's Oakton event almost didn't happen. Dan and I ended up contracting CoVid for the first time on Monday before Oakton's /Empty Bowls event so without a lot of extra help this never would have happened. I'd like to say a personal thanks to Andy who pushed me (more than I was comfortable with to be honest) to accept help. To Dave Bertaud who reminded me to take care of myself. To Dan Anderson, my partner in sickness and health for all his help. To John Dillon for picking up all the "inventory" from my house and meeting Derek Cadmus early to handle setting up the event. To Jason Clark for volunteering and helping to pass along the knowledge of several years of volunteering. To Roberto Ferrer who handled transporting all the leftovers.

To the entire list of event volunteers including Dave Bertaud, Derek Cadmus, Jason Clark, John Dillon, Roberto Ferrer, Jack Harkins, Stan Herman, Ron King, Al Miotke, Brenda Miotke and Clint Stevens who did an awesome job of running this event without me.

Thank you to everyone who turned bowls this year. I have mentioned most of you as we received the bowls. This month at the open shop we added to the mix with bowls from Alan Verlo, Andy Kuby, Dave Bertaud, Todd Cohen, Roberto Ferrer, Sofia Ferrer, and several that were unsigned (again, really??). Also from the last meeting, Jeff Walsma and the estates of Harris Barbier and Robert Ostrum through Andy Kuby. These Empty Bowls events are not possible without the support and generosity of each one of you, the members of both CWT and WCWT. So, thank you to everyone who helped, donated, visited, supported, and spread the news about our EB events. There were many bowls that were not signed so if I missed anyone, please consider yourself thanked (and next year, please sign your bowls!) (cont.)

CLUB NOTES

Empty Bowls at Oakton (cont.)

As of this writing, the final numbers are not in for Oakton's event (for the record, due to time limitations and my lack of energy, I am writing this article prior to the actual event). Considering this fact, I took a moment to consider other metrics to gauge our success. In this case, success can be measured by how many of you actually took the time to come to one of the monthly last Sunday open shop work days to turn a bowl.

Considering the bigger picture, how many of you stepped up to the lathe with the specific intention of turning a bowl for EB or a pen for Pens for Troops, or a box for Beads of Courage or a Wig Stand for the Wig Stand project? Or maybe even bigger, how many of you volunteered to help at a meeting, or an event or as a mentor or just invited someone to your shop to learn a little more about Woodturning or just strengthen the community we are building?

These are metrics too and they should not be overlooked. Your participation makes a difference! In this holiday season, please remember that "someone's bowl is always empty" and we are always collecting items for next year!

Pat yourself on the back and enjoy the holidays. Thank you one and all! NOTE: December's designated Open Shop day falls on New Year's Eve so the next open shop at the Chicago School will be January 28th. This just in, total cash raised from this year's event was \$2,195.00. Nicely done everyone!



READY FOR CUSTOMERS AT OAKTON C.C.



Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

Women In Turning – December 2023

Just a quick update on WIT happenings this month.

The latest WIT newsletter has been written and should be available on the AAW WIT webpage by the time this newsletter is published. Look for it here: [2023 WIT Winter Newsletter](#)

The next WIT Presents: Elenore Lakeland is scheduled for January 6, 2024. Watch for an email from the AAW announcing the opening of registration for this free event. (While you are waiting, be sure to take the time to review all of the previous WIT Presents presentations that can be found here: [WIT Presents Archive page](#))

Lastly, I have scheduled a hands-on WIT event to turn Wig stands on Saturday, December 30th from 10am to 1 (ish) pm at my home in Itasca. Space is limited so please RSVP via phone (Marie Cell 630-222-0277) or [email](#) to confirm your participation. Turn a Wig Stand information can be found here: [Wig Stand Project Instructions](#)



AAW News and 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.

Register here: <https://www.aawsymposium.org/register>

About the Symposium

The AAW International Woodturning Symposium is the biggest and most well-known annual woodturning event in the world. Held in a different region of the country each year, the Symposium attracts woodturning hobbyists, artists, professionals, collectors, vendors and anyone looking to learn more about the woodturning craft.

With 80+ live demonstrations, presentations and panel discussions, there is a lot to experience. It features the industry's largest and most attended tradeshow (showcasing companies of all sizes) and awe-inspiring galleries, exhibitions and auctions featuring unbelievable wood art from across the world.

Register by April 5 to save up to \$120



AAW NEWS

AAW Calls for Entry Calendar deadlines:

AAW 2024 Symposium Call for Videographers Applications open December 15, 2023 to February 15, 2024.

AAW 2024 Member Show "Common Roots" Applications open January 1, 2024 to March 15, 2024.

[Click here for full details](#)

The theme for the 2024 AAW member show is *Common Roots*. Each year, our goal is to host a Symposium exhibition that showcases and celebrates the full scope of excellent work being created by our members, from impeccably-crafted 'round and brown' to innovative sculptures that push the boundaries.

As always, artists are encouraged to interpret the theme for themselves, but here are a few jumping off points for getting the creative wheels spinning: "common roots" could refer to our shared connections through craft, culture, heritage, foods, our role in the ecosystem, human community, or roots as symbols of strength or as an actual material.

Work will be selected through a blind jurying process. The entry fee is \$25 for up to three entries. There are two cash prizes for this exhibition: the \$300 Masters' Choice, selected by the jurors or their representatives, and the \$200 People's Choice, selected by attendees at the AAW Symposium in Portland, Oregon, May 23-26, 2024.



AAW NEWS

AAW Calls for Entry Calendar deadlines:

AAW 2024 POP Show and Auction "Balance"

Applications dates: December 1, 2023 to January 15, 2024
Applications open! [Click here for more details](#)

The Professional Outreach Program (POP) is pleased to announce that the theme for its 18th annual exhibition and auction is "Balance." Each year, the POP shows have featured an exciting mix of excellent work created by a roster of national and international established, mid-career, and emerging artists.

POP themes are chosen to provide a dynamic springboard for creative ideas and a showcase for extraordinary small-scale work. Psychology has shown that limits spur creative thinking, and the size restriction (piece must fit in a 6"/15cm cube) provides a second creative constraint that we hope will spark your imagination and ingenuity.

Balance is central to almost every aspect of our existence, and as theme balance offers myriad possibilities. Balance could refer to physical, emotional, or environmental balance; balance as harmony in composition or in materials. Or to work/life balance, bank balance, balance of powers, to name just a few starting points.

The application fee is \$25 for up to three entries. All work will be part of the 2024 POP Auction at the AAW Symposium. Artists may set reserves, and retain up to 50% of the auction price.



AAW NEWS

AAW Calls for Entry Calendar deadlines:

"Rhythm" Wharton Esherick Annual Juried Show Open Call

Application deadline January 5, 2023 | Entry fee \$30 | Show dates June 13 to September 8, 2024
[Click here for more information](#)

For the Wharton Esherick Museum's 30th Annual Juried Woodworking Exhibition, we invite you to think about the rhythms that shape your creative practice. How do the rhythms of life – whether the daily movements, from waking to sleep, or the larger rhythms of shifting seasons or other cycles – show up in your work? What visual or material rhythms speak loudest through the works you create? We encourage applicants to think about this idea broadly, and hope you'll submit entries across the spectrum of approaches to this theme, from literal to interpretive. We look forward to seeing it all.

Often defined as a strong, regular, repeated pattern of movement or sound, rhythm is a significant theme in Wharton Esherick's life and career in numerous guises. A tour through WEM is an exercise in spotting rhythms as strong patterns and movement are captured in the sculptures, prints, furniture, and buildings he created.



Local & Other Events You Should Know About



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

