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# Windy City Woodturners

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# July Meeting

**Wednesday, July 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 July demo will be done by John Underhill. John will be sharing some of his “casting techniques” to help us understand how he makes such great blanks for turning.

Details next page.....

Not to be missed!



**WCWT ENTRANCE - LOWER-LEVEL**

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

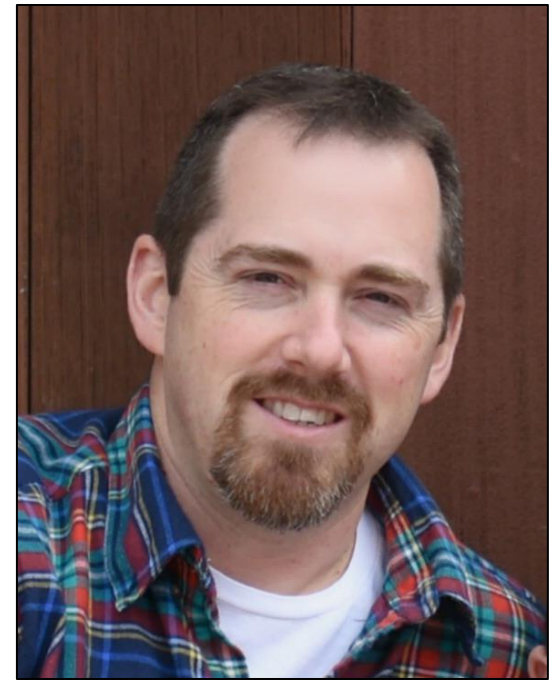
**1313 N Mill St, Naperville, IL 60563**

# July Mtg. Presentation

John Underhill, owner of Underhill Custom Castings, will be the presenter at the July Mtg.

John will be covering the many aspects of casting from beginning to end. Some of the items covered will be what resins to use, molds, items needed, imbedded objects, when to stabilize an object and completing a casting during his presentation.

\*photos from John's website



# Message From Our President



**July 2023**

Hello all!

I am writing this from Northern Wisconsin sitting on a deck overlooking a beautiful lake. It is a family trip to say our final goodbyes to my parents as we spread their ashes in a place they both loved. My nieces and nephews have joined us and my sisters are both here with our brother in spirit. I tell you this because I am so very thankful for the time I had with my parents and the family I have left.

This month I am practicing gratitude for everything. I am thankful for the wonderful people who make up this club. Many of you have stepped up when something needed to be done. The monthly meetings are going much smoother because there are more hands to get things set up. I am grateful for each of you. I am thankful for our leadership team Nate, Nick, John and Jason are the reason this club runs. They provide not just labor but the brain power that keeps the club going and I am proud to call them teammates.



# Message From Marie (Cont.)

Mark and Dawn make sure that the videography (although still a work in progress), gets better every month. We are in the process of looking at upgrading at least one of the webcams that we are currently using and if possible two of them. Our current equipment is aging out at this point so we are investigating our options.

We should all be thankful for the efforts of Rich Nye and his occasional helper Paul Pyrcik for the outstanding job they do getting the items together each month for our raffle so that we can pay our rent! (I am thankful that each of you supports the monthly raffle so that we have funds available for these maintenance items.)

I am thankful for the library that our club owns and to Rich Hall-Reppen who is our club librarian. I am thankful for Dave Burke who handles photographing the monthly instant gallery then getting them to John Dillon for the newsletter so that each of you can enjoy seeing your creations in our newsletter.

I am thankful for vendors like Easy Wood Tools who are willing and able to demonstrate for our club and especially for Mark Dreyer who is an excellent demonstrator and very supportive club member.

This month's demonstrator will be John Underhill sharing his knowledge of casting, molds, imbedded objects and when to stabilize your wood before casting. Next month will be our club garage sale so as you are standing in your shop working on your latest creation or empty bowl or wig stand or maybe a pens for troops, take the time to throw a few things that you no longer need/want into a box so you can pass them along to someone else when you bring them to the garage sale in August. Your shop will look better and you will have room to find some new treasures for yourself. Remember it's a fund raiser for the club too so everyone wins!



# Message From Marie (Cont.)

There are so many others who have stepped up. Jack Harkins and Ron King, working on empty bowls, Don Kosik who put together kits for wig stands.

One last reminder, if you attended the AAW symposium in Louisville or participated in the virtual AAW symposium, be sure to take advantage of the replays of the demonstrations that are still available to watch. I know for me they offer some great inspiration to try some new things. Also, if you have a project that you are able to demonstrate and are ready to take it to the masses, the AAW is currently accepting applications to be a demonstrator for the 2024 AAW Symposium in Portland. The deadline is August 1, 2023.

Until next month, I'll leave you with this quote "Birds learn to fly, never knowing where the flight will take them." Mark Nepo

Go stand at your lathe, learn and turn something!

Marie

## AAW – Call for Demonstrators Portland, 2024

### Apply to be a Demonstrator at the 2024 AAW International Woodturning Symposium in Oregon

Demonstrating at the AAW International Woodturning Symposium is one of the best ways to get your name out there as a prominent woodturner. It also gives you the opportunity to share your expertise with hundreds of attendees in-person and thousands watching online. Please review the application completely before filling it out. You may submit up to three demonstration topic proposals. Be sure to fill out each proposal completely--incomplete applications will not be considered.

**The deadline for filling out this application is 11:59 PM  
ET on August 1, 2023.**

[https://www.woodturner.org/calls?\\_zs=38Cib&\\_zl=WJse3](https://www.woodturner.org/calls?_zs=38Cib&_zl=WJse3)



# June Mtg. Recap

Marie called the mtg. to order.

There were 32 members in attendance and three on Zoom.

Welcome visitors, Marcia Jundanian and Scott Oliver.

This month's birthdays – Dawn Herndon-Charles, Dave Burk , Bob Barbieri and others? Happy Birthday all!

Nick mentioned we currently have 63 paid members. We also have just over \$7,000 in our bank account.

Marie had a brief discussion and gathered some feedback regarding the recent AAW Symposium in Louisville. Sounds like most found it to be a fun learning experience. Others have been enjoying the virtual option.

Marie mentioned the Garage Sale will be held in August. Members are asked to give back 10% of sales to the club.

Don Kosik provided some wooden parts for making wig stands. Members are asked to make the stands as their time allows and return for distribution to cancer patients. THANKS Don!

It was mentioned club members receive a 10% discount from Woodturners Wonders. Also Rockler and/or Woodcraft and Owl Lumber have been giving discounts to members.

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 Nye did the monthly raffle. Thanks Rich!

Tonight's demo will be by Mark Dreyer. Mark is a club member and Easy Wood Tools rep.

Marie will be doing the Gallery review.



# June Meeting Demo Recap

Mark Dreyer did the demonstration at the June WCWT Mtg.

Mark demonstrated the use and application of Easy Wood tools and various woodturning accessories that Easy Wood Tools offers. THANKS for a great demo Mark!





# June Gallery Photos

Thanks for the pics  
Dave Burk!

All this page  
Bruce Metzdorf



# June Gallery Photos

Left and Below Left - Marie Anderson

Below Right - Rich Nye



# June Gallery Photos

Left - Don Johnston

Below Left - (Guest) Linda Ferber

Below Right - Bob Barbieri



# June Gallery Photos

Left - Nathan Wick



Above and Left

Jack Harkins

# June Gallery Photos

Left - Lincoln Park Zoo - donated Bowl  
Artist - ??

Below- Mark Dreyer



Above - Mark Jundanian



# CLUB NOTES



Thanks Rich Nye (and assistant Paul Pycik) for your on-going handling of the Raffle each month!



DON'T FORGET  
**GARAGE SALE**  
AUGUST MTG!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED  
- **WEBMASTER** -



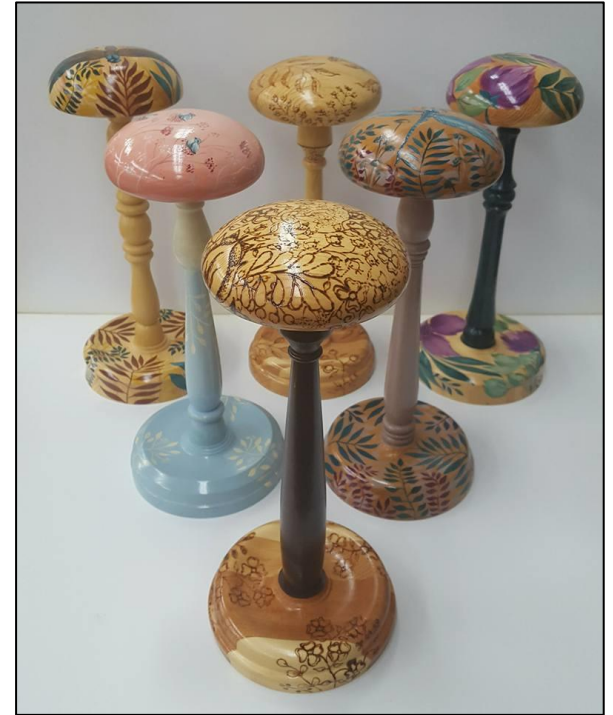
# Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

As you may have heard, the WIT Committee has announced a nationwide initiative of turning wig stands to be donated to various organizations that are giving away wigs to people going through chemotherapy. Our goal is to give back to our communities in this worthwhile effort, especially since cancer has likely impacted each of us, our family, and/or our friends. Other AAW clubs including the Central Illinois Woodturners have supported this cause for some time and the WIT committee is thankful for their excellent documentation and willingness to share their knowledge. The committee has compiled this information which can be found here:

<https://www.woodturner.org/common/Uploaded%20files/WIT/Articles/Collated%20articles.pdf>

This is a project that is great for beginners to professionals for the various techniques required to complete these wig stands including spindle turning beads and coves, bowl turning, joining, and finishing. There is the potential to use of scraps that you may otherwise throw away (OK, it's possible) by laminating them into blanks sized for this project. (continued next page)



**Woodturned Wig Stands**  
\*photo courtesy of Central Illinois Woodturners website

# Women In Turning (WIT) News

(continued)

Gentlemen, this is not just a women in turning project. The WIT Committee has chosen to create nationwide awareness of this effort, and stress that turning wig stands is a project that is open to anyone interested in participating so please, give it a go.

It's a fast and easy project that can be completed in one session or broken up into several turning sessions thus even small amounts of available free time can be used and you now have a good reason to stand at your lathe! Dimensions are shown in the informational link shown above and as long as you stay within the dimension guidelines, the turned design is completely open, so have fun, experiment, learn (or teach someone?) and enjoy. The only requirement is the final finish for the wig stands needs to be polyurethane which protects from moisture and/or oil transferring between the wig and the stand. Questions? Check out the very informative articles referenced at the above link or give me a call.

Across the country, WIT groups are holding small community building sessions where women can meet, get acquainted, build community, work on turning projects and learn. I believe this would be fun and would like to know if there is any interest in getting together for a morning / afternoon/ day to get to know each other a little better and maybe turn a few wig stands while we are at it. Please reach out and let me know if this is something you might be interested in attending. If I get a few positive responses I will organize something.

In other news, the next WIT Presents event is in the works and I will have more news next month. Watch here for details coming soon!

Respectfully submitted, Marie Anderson

  
Women in Turning



# AAW Upcoming Events

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

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



# *Local & Other Events You Should Know About*



# THE WOODCRAFT STORE IN WOODRIDGE HAS THE FOLLOWING JULY DEMONSTRATION

*July 29th*

## **Turn A Pie Server**

To help you serve up all those delicious summer pies.

We will show you how to turn a one-of-a-kind stainless steel pie server.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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# 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.



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# 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](mailto:dillon60119@att.net)

