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June Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 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 June demo will be done by Mark Dreyer. Mark will be turning a “hybrid” peppermill and demonstrating the use of Easy Wood Tools.

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

June Mtg. Presentation

Mark Dreyer will be presenting what Easy Wood tools has to offer for wood turners this month. He will be turning a pepper mill while demonstrating Easy Woods carbide cutters.



Message From Our President

June 2023

Hello all!

I've just returned from Louisville and the AAW International Symposium. I know that many of our members and members of the Chicago Woodturners were able to attend either in person or the first ever virtual component of the symposium. I have heard from many of you and based on the reviews I've heard (and my personal experience) this year did not disappoint. The instant gallery was full of inspiration. The trade show was full of interesting new tools and some great deals. The youth turning area was very active. The Learn to Turn a pen from a Louisville Slugger Bat Blank seemed to have a steady flow of folks enjoying the joy of turning. There was a mobile makers lab that included a laser engraver that made those same pens even that much more special when they were personalized with names or even the symposium logo (not to mention the give-away laser cut keychains).



Message From Marie (Cont.)

There was a fun shenanigans at the Easy Wood Tool booth that helped strangers become friends and then winners when they "found their match" (a couple of our local guys won in that game) and you could even become a celebrity (for a minute at least) in the AAW booth as the newest person on the cover of the AAW magazine.

There was plenty of time for socializing with old friends and meeting new ones and I noticed plenty of the demonstrators took the time to join in.

There was a lovely tribute to John Jordan of donated pieces available for sale with the proceeds going to the Gift of Life Organ donation program in the instant gallery which our local turners were well represented - thank you all for your efforts. There were Beads of Courage boxes collected and Empty Bowls donated and purchased. There were wig stands displayed and Pens for Troops collected. Over all, the generosity of the attendees was impressive and inspiring.

The 2024 AAW Symposium is scheduled for Portland, Oregon and although it's "way out west" I'm already looking forward to the possibility of finally seeing that part of the country. Time will tell, and for now I will just dream about it.

I hope all of you were able to get some turning done this month. I came home to work, work and more work but I was able to stand at the lathe for a little bit to work on a piece that I had intended to bring to Louisville not quite done yet but I plan to finish it before this month's meeting on the 21st. I look forward to seeing you there and challenge you to bring something to share with the rest of us!

Marie



May Mtg. Recap

Marie called the mtg. to order.

Thanks to Marie for doing the April demo and Brad Davis for doing the April Gallery review. Thanks to Paul Pyrcik for helping Rich Nye with the raffle. As always, big thanks to Dave Burk for the meeting photography and Mark Jundanian for the A/V. Also, thanks to everyone for chipping-in and helping with set-up and take down of the chairs and equipment.

There were 32 members in attendance and three on Zoom.

This month's birthdays – Paul Pyrcik and Bert LeLoup. Happy Birthday!

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

Marie mentioned that John Dillon, Rich Nye and Rich Hall Reppen had just completed a month-long display of woodturned items at the Batavia Public Library in April (Continued).

This was a continuation of what the guys started at the Town and Country Library in Elburn during January , 2023. Mark McCleary mentioned he has a contact at the Villa Park Library and John and team offered their assistance to Mark in setting-up the display.

Marie mentioned a possible Club picnic, but the idea lacked interest from the members.

It was mentioned that the August meeting will be the Club garage sale, so members are encouraged to start looking at their surplus tools and wood for the sale.

George Rogers passed out some White Oak blanks to those who want to help with a fundraiser for Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo. They had to remove an old Oak tree and the Zoo is working with George to recruit folks who want to help make keepsake turned pieces from the tree.

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May Mtg. Recap



Marie congratulated the Easter Egg Challenge winners from the April meeting; Frank Pagura, Brad Davis and Dick Sing-

Marie mentioned some details related to making wig stands for cancer patients. The Central Illinois Woodturners have made hundreds (or thousands?) of these and our club might want to consider making a few for this important purpose.

Details and samples can be found here:

<https://www.centralillinoiswoodturners.com/ciw-club-made-wig-stands/>

John Dillon briefly mentioned that he, Rich Nye, Rich Hall-Reppen and Paul Pyrcik were back again for their 3rd season at the Fox Valley Gallery of Wood at the Batavia Boardwalk Shops in downtown Batavia. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday through December.

Marie mentioned a tool sale being hosted by Dave Bertaud of the Chicago Woodturners. Lots of tools for sale in Mundelein.

Marie mentioned the AAW Symposium right around the corner on June 1-4. The virtual option was also discussed and a number of our members will be utilizing the virtual option at discounted rates.

Mark Dreyer was excited to announce he had over 600 pen blanks ready to go for Louisville. Thanks to Derek Cadmus and others for prepping the baseball bat billets and for helping Mark. Mark will also be recruiting volunteers to help in Louisville when folks come in to turn a pen.

Mark announced the Midwest Penturners Gathering (MPG) will be April 19 & 20, 2024 in Hoffman Estates again.

Rich Nye did the raffle and we collected \$130. Thanks Rich!

Anyone with demonstration ideas should reach out to VP Nathan Wick.

Jason Clark will be doing the May demo on creating his Saturn Illusion Bowl and Don Johnston will be doing the Gallery review.

May Meeting Demo Recap

Jason Clark did the demonstration at the May WCWT Mtg.

Jason showed the club the process he uses for creating his Saturn Illusion Bowls. THANKS for a great demo Jason!



May Gallery Photos

Thanks for the pics
Dave Burk!

Below - Frank Pagura

Right - Bruce Metzdorf



Above - Nathan Wick

May Gallery Photos

Left - John Dillon

Below Left - Rich Piper

Below Right - Bert LeLoup



May Gallery Photos

Left and Below Left - Rich Nye

Below Right - Paul Pycik



May Gallery Photos

Left and Below Left – Marie Anderson



Above – Jason Clark

CLUB NOTES



IN MEMORIAM



The Chicagoland woodturning community has recently lost two members. Harris Barbier, and David Wallace Reilly [David Wallace Reilly](#) Mr. Reilly passed away last December.

Harris Barbier memorial service was in May in Lisle.

Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- WEBMASTER -



Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

As noted last month, the WIT Committee has announced the 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 have already been doing this project for some time and we are following in their knowledgeable footsteps. More information can be found here:

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

To all the women in turning, I 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 doing and if so, whether weekdays or weekends would work better for you. I hope to hear from you! Marie.



Woodturned Wig Stand

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



NONE AT THIS TIME.



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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- ▶ 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

