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Windy City Woodturners

Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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March Meeting

Wednesday, March 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!

The March Mtg. demo will be done by Bruce Metzdorf. Bruce will be demonstrating how he makes a plate from a 1" thick board.

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

March Mtg. Presentation

Bruce Metzdorf will be demonstrating for the WCWT at the March Mtg. Bruce will be showing how he makes a plate from a $\frac{3}{4}$ " or 1" thick board.



Bruce doing a WCWT Gallery Review – 2022

Message From Our President



March 2023

I wrote this President's message on February 20th, 8 days before John Jordan passed away. I decided to leave it as written because even though John is no longer with us, the contributions he made to the woodturning world are a legacy that will last forever. If you have any memories of John, please take the time to write them down and share them via email to: rememberingjohnjordan@gmail.com these memories, anecdotes, videos and/or photos are being collected and assembled together into a memory book for John's family. Thank you!

Greetings from northern Tennessee! As I sat down to start this message to you I received the news that a woodturning icon is fighting for his life. It made me stop and remember the first time (and all the times since) I met John Jordan. I first met John at one of the Woodworking Shows that used to be held at the Odeum in Villa Park, IL. John was teaching hollow form classes and my husband Dan signed up for an all-day class. It was the first class he ever took and of course I was able to stop in and say Hi and meet him as well. The thing that most impressed me about John (not including his awesome talent for teaching and turning vessels that always showed great form) is that every time I see him, he always makes me feel important. He always remembers my name and always greets me with his cheeky grin.

Message From Marie (Cont.)

The one that makes you think he's been up to something...mostly because he usually has. John is generous with his time and his talent. He is fierce when it comes to teaching correct technique and brutally honest when you need to hear it. He is eloquent. He is succinct and he is always there with a clever turn of his words to make you laugh. John is a giant in our woodturning world. Many of you may not know he received a life-saving transplant several years ago. He was given a second chance and he was back at woodturning as soon as he could be. I pray as I write this that he will be around for many years to come.

The reason I share all of this with you? First, John is someone you all should know. Second, after getting this news, it made me reflect on and be so very thankful for ALL the friendships that I have made because of woodturning. I have been turning for over 30 years now and I can honestly say that I have met some of my best friends because of woodturning. This is not just a hobby or a job, it's a huge community that seems more like family and I feel very privileged to be a part it.

I hope you got the opportunity to join the Woodturners Worldwide Symposium live on Feb. 24-26th. I would love to know if you attended and if you have watched all of the demos yet. (I know I cannot sit through them for 3 days straight so will be taking advantage of the 30 days to watch and re-watch all of the demos.

I urge you to sign up for the Midwest Pen Turners Gathering which is quickly coming up on April 21 & 22nd. This is something you can do for you. You can learn something new (no matter if you turn pens or not) EVERY SINGLE TIME you attend a demonstration or hands on class. Don't believe me? Give it a try!

Just a quick note of reminder, this month the third Wednesday is March 15th which is the day after CWT's meeting. I hope to be back in time for the meeting, but if not, I will join all of you via Zoom.

Until next month, get to your lathes and make something!

Marie

February Mtg. Recap

Marie called the mtg. to order. There were 28 members in attendance and 3 joining on Zoom.

Marie thanked John Dillon for doing the demonstration in January and Nathan Wick for doing the Gallery review.

We had a visitor, Brad Warren, and new member, Jerry Loudon. WELCOME!

This month's birthdays included Nick Page and Mary Arp. Happy Birthday!

Nick mentioned 2023 dues are past due. We currently have 75 members with 55 paid-up.

Marie and Rich Nye made an announcement about the upcoming Laurent Niclot classes being sponsored by the Chicago Woodturners. Classes to be held at the Chicago School of Woodworking. There are some open time slots for anyone interested.

Nate is looking for demonstrators!

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

The "Bowling Pin Challenge"

The Valentine's Day Sweetheart Challenge

The AAW National Symposium

The Midwest Penturners Gathering

Paul Pycik provided Rich Nye with assistance selling tickets and announcing the Monthly Raffle winners. Had some great raffle prizes. Thanks guys!

Rich Nye did the demonstration on how he makes small "clamshell style" wooden boxes.

Paul Pycik did an excellent Gallery review!



February Meeting Demo Recap

Rich Nye did the demonstration at the February WCWT Mtg. Rich's demo involved the process he follows with making "clamshell style" boxes. These boxes are small and very thin by design. They can be used for storing "fun" small objects or more likely as jewelry boxes. Rings and necklaces would typically fit nicely in the box before placing in a purse or backpack. THANKS for a great demo Rich! (clamshell box pics in the Gallery section)

Bob Bergstrom was also in attendance and was able to take a video of Rich's presentation. Bob has posted the video to the You Tube series. Thanks Bob!

You can watch the demo here:

<https://youtu.be/8vlrxdFUAtI>



Above – Rich (R) chatting with Bob Bergstrom (L) while demonstrating at the February Mtg.

February Gallery Photos

Thanks for the pics
Dave Burk!



Left - John Dillon, Maple candle sticks inspired by Rude Osolnik



Above - Bob Bergstrom, Spalted Apple Bowl

February Gallery Photos

All this page, Dom Costabile.

Left, Locust (?) bowl. Lower left,
Cherry Bowl and below, Walnut
Box w/inlay



February Gallery Photos



Above - Don Johnston,
Dogwood Hollowform

Right - Don Johnston, Cherry
Vase



February Gallery Photos

Left – Marie Anderson. Fun “smalls”
Below – Mary Arp
Walnut platter



Below – Nathan Wick, Bottle stopper
and honey dipper

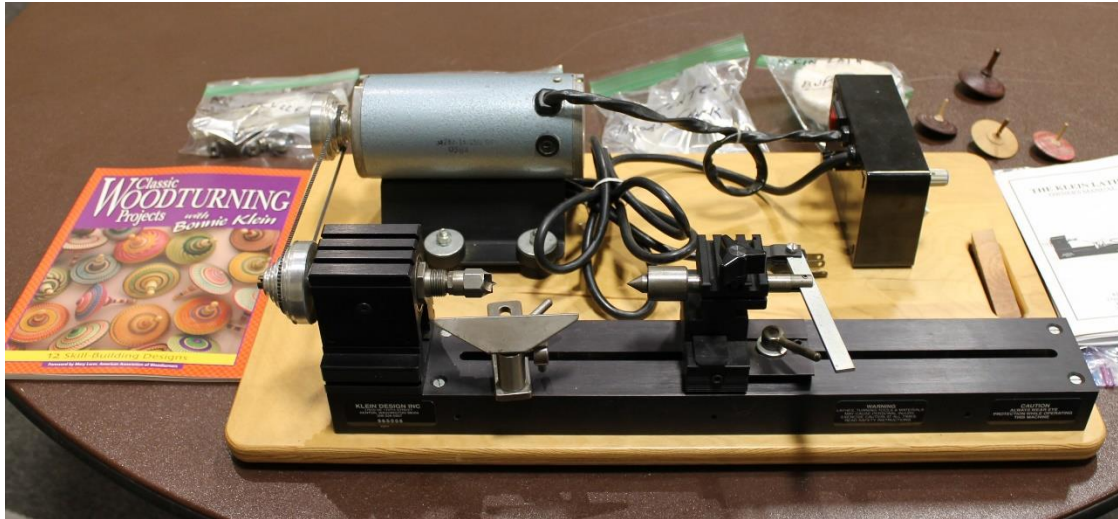


February Gallery Photos

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



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



February Gallery Photos

Left – Segmented Bowl
Attributed to ? (unknown – sorry)



Left – Rich Nye – Clamshell Boxes
(Monthly Demo)
Above – Rich Nye owner of a “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** -





Above - Don Johnston providing assistance to a “youngster “ and Dad.

Below - Paul Pycik and student



CLUB NOTES



On February 18, 2023, several members of the WCWT Club helped out at a beginners pen turning event, at the Woodcraft Store in Woodridge. The event was organized by WCWT Club member Mark Dreyer and the Chicagoland Chapter of the International Association of Penturners (IAP). I know at least a few of our members including Don Johnston, Paul Pycik and Mark were involved.

Although not in attendance, I understand it was a huge success with about 70 people in attendance.

Volunteers helped guide the newbie penturners and explained the proper use of the lathe in addition to helping turn a pen.

A big thanks to Woodcraft for hosting plus Mark Dreyer, Paul Pycik, Don Johnston (and others?) for spending part of your Saturday to help promote woodturning!

*thanks to Phil Moy for providing photos and information related to this article

CLUB NOTES Cont.



Hands-On Classes with Laurent Niclot

A few of our club members recently had the opportunity to take a hands-on class with Laurent Niclot. These classes were held at the Chicago School of Woodworking (CSW) and sponsored by the Chicago Woodturners (CWT).

Laurent is originally from Toulon in the south of France, but is currently living and working with Trent Bosch in Fort Collins, Colorado. Laurent discovered woodturning by taking a six-month woodturning class at the Escoulen School in Aiguines, France. His mentor was Jean-François Escoulen,

Laurent demonstrated his “water drop”, his teapot sculpture; dry-brushing, woodburning, “burning and brushing”; small hollowforms; embellishing; ornaments; carving; and MORE!

It was fun for all involved.



Laurent Niclot – (Saturday) Class Photo
Back Row – Rich Piper, Dawn Herndon–Charles, Clint Stevens, Laurent Niclot, Greg Ellyson, Frank Magnifico
Front Row – Rich Nye, Jim Reynolds, Bill Weiler, John Dillon

Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

Women In Turning March Update

The 2023 Virtual WIT EXCHANGE just started with orientation meetings held via Zoom on March 1 & 3. We have 21 teams of three women from 9 different countries participating this year. Some of these women are EXCHANGE veterans and some are complete newbies stepping WAAAAY outside their comfort zone to challenge themselves and kickstart their creativity.

The teams were assigned and inspiration words picked and now the fun begins! Just to give you an idea my team's inspiration words are "Escape" and "Manacled". Yes, you read that correctly. The EXCHANGE will run through April 15th and the presentation of projects will be held on April 29th. More on that later.

The March WIT Presents is a conversation with this year's POP emerging artists Nicole MacDonald and Elizabeth Weber on March 4th. Both Nicole and Elizabeth are extremely talented women and the presentation will allow us to understand a little about their history, their mentors and the inspiration behind their work. As with other WIT Presents events this is not a demonstration and according to the post event surveys the stories that are shared often inspire the attendees as much as a demonstration.

The next WIT Presents event will feature Jay Heryet who is a member of the Worshipful Society of Turners in the UK. She is a fascinating woman that is very well known throughout Europe and you won't want to miss this one!

Marie


Women in Turning

**Woodturners
Worldwide
Online
Symposium
2023**



RECAP – WWOS 2023

Woodturners Worldwide Online Symposium – Contributed by Marie Anderson

The 3rd annual WWOS took place on February 24-26 online via accelevents platform. Matt Deighton and Emily Ford were the organizers of this year's events and it was a good one! The event actually kicked off on Thursday February 23rd with a 4 hour vendor showcase that included live demonstrations via zoom by Tod Raines, Cindy Drozda, Joe Fleming, Lyle Jamieson, and Steve Worchester. The reviews of the vendors showcase were very positive!

The topics ranged from vessels to ornaments; multi-axis to ornamental turning; spindle turning to bowls; greenwood turning to turning skateboards; pens to mushrooms; captive rings to gnomes, finishing, texture & color, and fire, Miniatures, basket weave illusion, wands and hand chased threads; casting for the woodturner, shape and design; fancy boxes, finial boxes, wax painting cowboy hats; sanding techniques, hook tool, processing wood and even turning things that are "barely there". The demonstrators were seasoned pros to those making their international demonstrator debut and all did a great job. The demonstrations were a mix of live streamed demos to pre-recorded demos with the artist available to answer questions through the chat feature during the demonstration and after in a live Q & A session that followed most of the pre-recorded sessions. There were more than 40 demonstrations. The sponsors and vendors donated items that were given away daily if you participated in the daily challenges by posting pictures of your version of the challenge item to the challenge page. Vendors included Craft Supplies USA, AAW, Hamlet Craft Tools (Sheffield England), Turners Warehouse, TurningWood.com, and Spiracraft. (continued)

**Woodturners
Worldwide
Online
Symposium
2023**



RECAP – WWOS 2023

Woodturners Worldwide Online Symposium (continued)

This year I was honored to be both a demonstrator and a host/participant in a panel discussion titled The Next Generation of Turners. The panelists were Sonal Turner (@goldenturns), Elizabeth Weber (@Icosa_woodworks), Nicole MacDonald (@elocin.handmade), Daryl Gray (@rnroamer04), Heather Marusiak (@heathermarusiak) and myself (@woodturner_marieanderson). The conversation flowed from introductions to inspiration to history and looking forward. If you attended the symposium and missed this presentation I highly recommend that you take the time to view this panel discussion. It was lively and inspiring and something I am very proud to say I was a part of.

In conclusion, although there were some technical difficulties (as there always are when working in a virtual environment) the symposium was an overall success. If you signed up, all of the sessions were recorded and are available to you for 30 days to view or review as often as you like. I suggest you take advantage of this feature because there is a lot to learn from these demonstrators! If anyone else attended, I know John would appreciate a follow up article for next month's newsletter!

Marie



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: Lyle Jamieson

Turning a Thin-walled Goblet

Saturday, March 18, 2023

3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

AAW Presents a live, virtual woodturning demonstration with Lyle Jamieson. The goblet is a good vehicle to teach spindle turning and to demonstrate the fundamentals of hollow form turning. Lyle guarantees you will learn some new perspectives, and get an understanding of tool control, chucking issues, support problems, vibration issue, grain orientation, carbide cutter use, hollowing in stages, and laser measuring techniques. Come and see techniques for both outside and inside of hollow form turning. Discover easy and safe techniques for all skill levels!

You'll learn:

- how to get clean cuts and conquer vibration and support issues
- understand how grain orientation can make or break a project
- learn about tool control with traditional and carbide tools



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
- ▶ 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
- ▶ **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

