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# Windy City Woodturners

Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



## Memorial Day

May 29, 2023

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# May Meeting

**Wednesday, May 17, 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 May demo will be done by Jason Clark. Jason will be demonstrating how he makes his Saturn Bowl.

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**

# May Mtg. Presentation

This month's demo will be done by Jason Clark. Jason will be demonstrating his signature Saturn bowl.

Jason's unique take on the Basket Illusion concept. He combined a Basket Illusion with rotating concentric rings to create something completely new and completely different; a Basket Illusion that changes pattern as the rings are rotated. These unique bowls are all made from a single piece of wood using a special technique that allows the bowl and the rings to rotate but they can't come apart and they've never been apart. As the groups of beads are rotated the pattern changes.



Right - Saturn Bowl Images

# Message From Our President



May 2023

This month we celebrate so many things. The days are definitely getting longer, the weather is warming up, everything is growing, we are less than a month to the AAW symposium in Louisville and of course we will celebrate Mother's Day before our May meeting. I trust you will have turned something to give to a mother in your life (in your family or in your circle).

You may have noticed that I try to offer a few words of inspiration in these messages each month with the goal of getting you out to your lathes, pushing yourself to expand your creative energy, to open yourselves to the possibilities that can only happen if you stand at your lathe and make chips, as you create something. Expected or unexpected, as planned or with the, often surprising, design opportunities that can only happen if you turn something! I want to encourage you to take the time to turn. Actually schedule time in your week if that's what it takes but stand at the lathe and make some chips.



# Message From Marie (Cont.)

This month, I'm sharing this quote on Creative Living by Elizabeth Gilbert

"Creative living is any life that you live, where your decisions are based more strongly on your curiosity than your fear. And if you consistently, habitually, routinely, at every sort of intersection and decision in your life, make decisions that are based on curiosity rather than fear, then you will be engaging with creativity. Your life itself will sort of become a work of art, if you can consistently live that way."

You have loads of opportunities this next month to put this into practice. Are you going to Louisville? If not, are you going to watch the live streamed demos? Are you going to take a class? Are you going to attend an open shop? Will you come to a club meeting? Will you bring a piece for the instant gallery? Will you teach someone to turn? Are you ready to try your hand at demonstrating? Tell us what you are curious about. Maybe we can find someone to demonstrate it at an upcoming meeting!

Stand at your lathe. Make chips. Get curious. Make art. Enjoy life! (And don't forget to wish someone a Happy Mother's Day!)

See you on the 17<sup>th</sup>!

See you next week! Marie



# April Mtg. Recap

Marie called the mtg. to order.

Marie thanked Bruce Metzdorf for doing the demonstration in March and Frank Pagura for doing the March Gallery review. Thanks to Paul Pycik for helping Rich Nye with the raffle. As always, big thanks to Dave Burk for the meeting photography.

There were 36 members in attendance including new member Brad Ward from Yorkville.

This month's birthdays – Derek Cadmus and Mark Dreyer. Happy Birthday!

Nick mentioned 2023 dues are past due. We currently have 60 paid members.

Mark Dreyer made an announcement about the upcoming Midwest Penturners Gathering. 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.

George Rogers made an announcement that Chicago’s Lincoln Park Zoo was taking down an old Oak tree and he may be looking for folks who want to help make keepsake turned pieces from the tree. Any pieces of the tree that are available may be used by the Zoo to fundraise.

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# April Mtg. Recap

Marie mentioned the WIT event coming up at the end of April. She also mention the WIT event feauturing Joey Harrington on May 6, 2023.

It was mentioned Dick Sing will be a demonstrator at the AAW symposium in Louisville.

Marie mentioned she was aware of a Jet lathe for sale and would share the information with anyone who might be interested.

Marie mentioned she plans to talk about wig stands, for cancer patients, at the May mtg.

The Chicago Woodturners were hosting an Open Shop day at the Chicago School of Woodworking on April 30, 2023.

Marie Anderson did an excellent demonstration on marbling on wood surfaces.

Brad Davis did a great job with the Gallery review!



# April Meeting Demo Recap

Marie Anderson did the demonstration at the April WCWT Mtg. Marie showed the club the process she uses for “marbling” wood. This technique can be done on several different mediums but is very effective on wood if you follow the proper procedures. THANKS for a great demo Marie!



Left – Marie showing Derek Cadmus how to apply the paint to a wooden bowl. Dave Burk, Club photographer, looking on.



# April Gallery Photos

Thanks for the pics  
Dave Burk!

Below - Frank Pagura

Right - Dawn Herndon-Charles



Above - Scott Matulik

# April Gallery Photos

Left - Marie Anderson

Below Left - Derek Cadmus

Below Right - Don Burgeson



# April Gallery Photos



Above - Bob Moss

Right - Dick Sing



# April Gallery Photos



Left - Jeff Walsma



Left and Above - Bruce Metzdorf



# April Gallery Photos

Left - Bill Weiler

Below - Don Burgeson



Left - John Dillon



# April Gallery Photos



Left - Jack Harkins

Below - Bruce Wick



# April Gallery Photos



Left - Dick Sing



Above & Left - Brad Davis



# April Gallery Photos



Far Left - John Dillon

Above - Rich Nye

Left - Brad Davis



# April Gallery Photos



Above - Don Johnston

Above Left & Left - Rich Nye



# April Gallery Photos

Left - Frank Orlowicz



Above and Below - Paul Pyrcik



# CLUB NOTES



Congratulations to our April  
Easter Egg Challenge Winners!

1<sup>st</sup> Place– Frank Pagura



Tie – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place– Brad Davis



Tie – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place– Dick Sing



VOLUNTEER NEEDED  
– **WEBMASTER** –



# CLUB NOTES

PUT IT IN THE BOOKS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK DREYER and the volunteers and demonstrators who made the 2023 MPG a huge success!

Looking forward to 2024!



## 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/>



# Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

The Women in Turning committee has officially announced the newest nationwide WIT initiative based on a suggestion from one of the WIT liaisons suggestions - Turning and donating Wig Stands to those receiving wigs at no cost. WIT is partnering with groups across the country to get these to women primarily but also to men and children. Most organizations are distributing their wigs in-person to clients and the wig stands would be given out the same way, eliminating the need for shipping. All of these personal gifts of wig stands will give a lift to others who are going through a tough time.

As the WIT Liaison for our club I am asking if our club is interested in participating in this initiative? This is a great group project and perfect for skill building since there is spindle work and bowl work involved. There are several clubs including the Central Illinois Woodturners that have been turning and donating wig stands for years. One of the great things about their program is their partnership with a local high school arts program.

The woodturners turn the stands, then drop them off at the high school to be decorated. The kids are exposed to woodturning and their art is exposed to a larger audience than they may have had without this partnership. All great ways to give back to the community and get kids interested in woodturning. Win, Win!

Please let me know if you are interested in participating in this initiative. If so, I will distribute a plan with dimensions that WIT has put together to make participation easier.

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The logo for Women in Turning (WIT) features the letters 'WIT' in a stylized, cursive font. The 'W' and 'I' are connected, and the 'T' has a decorative swirl at the top. Below the letters is a horizontal line, and underneath that line, the words 'Women in Turning' are written in a simple, sans-serif font.

Women in Turning

# Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

Also, if you were not able to attend one or both of the 2023 Virtual WIT EXCHANGE presentation of projects on April 29th, the recording should be available on the AAW website by the time you read this. If you are interested in expanding your creativity, you should make the time to view the recording. It is (or will be soon) posted on the AAW website (Women In Turning page).

You will gain an understanding of how 21 teams came up with their projects from 2 inspiration words. (NOTE: If you are going to Louisville, some of this year's projects will be on display in the instant gallery.)

On May 6th the next WIT Presents presentation will feature the president of the Registered Professional Turners (RPT) of the United Kingdom - Jay Heryet. Jay is also a very well known woodturning artist in the UK.

Her presentation will include her journey as well as information about her latest project "the emerging artists" program which is mentoring some of the newest talent in the UK.

(Oh, and don't forget Mother's Day is May 14th this year!)

Marie



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# AAW Upcoming Events

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

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



# 2023 AAW Virtual Symposium

## **AAW Member Individual Virtual Registration:**

- \$99 through May 31, 2023
- \$149 beginning June 1, 2023

## **Non-Member Individual Virtual Registration:**

- \$129 through May 31, 2023
- \$149 beginning June 1, 2023

## **Discounted Group Virtual Registration Packages:**

*Great for Chapters and Clubs*

*Only available until May 31, 2023*

- 5 Registration Package for \$399 (20% discount)**
- 10 Registration Package for \$599 (40% discount)**

•After purchasing a package, a custom code will be generated and emailed to you with the link to the event site. That code can be used to sign in 5 or 10 individuals depending on your purchase.

•*To get the group discount, you must purchase a "package" below. The discount does not apply to purchasing 5 or 10 individual registrations.*



Livestreaming June 2 – 4, 2023

**[REGISTER](#)**



# *Local & Other Events You Should Know About*



# 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](mailto:danmar12@yahoo.com)
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# 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](mailto:dillon60119@att.net)

