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Windy City Woodturners

Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



Happy Fall

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October Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 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!*

CAUTION

The music students regularly cross the driveway near the church building in the parking lot.

EVERYONE PLEASE OBEY THE STOP SIGN (!) NEAR THE BUILDING AS YOU ENTER

Let's keep everyone safe!

The October Meeting will feature Kurt Wolff-Klammer who will be demonstrating Christmas tree earrings and disc earrings along with tools needed to make them.

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

October Mtg. Presentation

Kurt Wolff-Klammer will be the presenter at the October Mtg. Kurt started woodturning in 2015 when he took a class on turning at the Chicago School of woodworking. This was then quickly followed by joining the Chicago Woodturners club and the American Association of Woodturners.

In Kurt's professional life he is a high school math teacher. Wood turning allows Kurt to show off his creative side. He also use's some segmented work to show off different concepts in his math classes.

Kurt enjoys woodturning because you are able to create a finished tangible object. While in teaching he is passing on information but progress is not a easy to see. In woodturning it is easy to see change and progress.

As a way to fund his woodturning hobby Kurt sells at his church's Christmas Craft and Bake sale. He enjoys making bowls, vases, pens, bottle stoppers, and ornaments.

*photos of some of Kurt's work.



Message From Our President

October 2023

Presidents Message

Hello all,

It's October so here is your reminder that it's breast cancer awareness month. Please encourage your loved ones to get their annual screenings. You just might save a life! Fall is in full swing and many things are happening this month. We just completed our first successful Empty Bowls event at the Boardwalk Shops in Batavia on October 7th (look for a recap later in newsletter).

The meeting this month is packed full! We will be accepting and announcing the nominees for our club officers (voting takes place at the November meeting). Kurt Wolf-Klammer will be returning as our demonstrator with a new and exciting demonstration. We will also meet the Executive Director from Living Well Cancer Resource Center and view a brief presentation about how their organization and how they will be distributing the wig stands that we and members of the Chicago Woodturners are donating. (Have you turned a wig stand yet?).

As always I encourage you to bring something for the instant gallery and if October is your birthday month don't forget to bring snacks. Oh and, remember Christmas is right around the corner, have you started turning gifts or maybe ornaments yet? No? Sounds like you have some turning to do!!

See you on the 18th!
Marie



September Mtg. Recap

Marie called the mtg. to order.

A few introductions were made including from past president, Dave Neybert.

This month's birthdays – Bill Hochmuth and George Rogers and others? Happy Birthday all!

Nick mentioned we currently have 67 paid members. We also have just over \$7,000 in our bank account.

Marie had a brief discussion about the wig stands some of the club members have been making. 25 stands is the goal and we have about 11 completed. Marie also mentioned a rep. from Living Well Cancer Resources will be in attendance at the October Mtg. for a brief presentation. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Marie mentioned the Garage Sale netted about \$140 for the Club.

The Empty Bowls event is being held in Batavia on October 7th and another EB event is scheduled for December 2 at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines. Volunteers are always welcome/needed. Please reach out to Marie if available.

John Dillon will be doing the demonstration at tonight's meeting. Turning a live-edge bowl. Kurt Wolff-Klammer is scheduled to do a wooden jewelry demo in October and Paul Pycik will be demoing his Clocks at the November mtg.

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!

Mark Jundanian will be doing the Gallery review.



September – Demonstration Recap

Club Secretary, and newsletter editor, John Dillon was the demonstrator at the September meeting. John showed the club members how he turns a natural edge bowl. For the demo, John turned a piece of Cherry wood. Pics courtesy of Paul Pycik and Dave Burk. Thanks all!



September Gallery Photos

Thanks for the pics
Dave Burk!



Below – Rich Nye
‘Holey Bowl’
Unknown Wood



Above and Right – Rich Nye
Work completed from class with
Aussie Woodturner, Neil Turner



September Gallery Photos

Thanks for the pics
Dave Burk!

Below – Paul Pyrcik – Clocks



Below – Art Laschober

Left – Frank Pagura



September Gallery Photos

Thanks for the pics
Dave Burk!



Below – Don Johnston
Texturing technique from Neil
Turner Class



Left and Above Left – Marie Anderson
Texturing technique (sphere) from
Neil Turner Class

September Gallery Photos

Thanks for the pics
Dave Burk!



Above - Rich Rohrbock

Below - Dave Neybert

Below - Marie Anderson



September Gallery Photos

Thanks for the pics
Dave Burk!



Left and Below
Mark Jundanian



CLUB NOTES – Empty Bowls



Submitted by John Dillon -

A successful Empty Bowls event was held at the Batavia Boardwalk Shops, in Batavia, IL., on October 7, 2023. The weather turned out to be pretty decent with some peaks of sunshine and temps in the low 50's. This was the 4th annual EB event held in Batavia and, as has been typical, there was a pretty steady stream of enthusiastic buyers.

The recipients of the funds collected during the Empty Bowls event include; The Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry; The Northern Illinois Food bank and the Fox Valley Food for Health organization.

The day started early with the set-up crew arriving between 7:30 and 8:00 am to prepare for the 9:00 opening. Marie showed-up early with all the bowls and support equipment and some of the early bird helpers included John Dillon, Frank Pagura, Art Laschober, Jack Harkins and Andy Kuby.

(continued)



Set-Up crew and workers for the day.
Left to Right – Any Kuby, Frank Pagura, Jack Harkins,
John Dillon, Art Laschober, Marie Anderson

CLUB NOTES – Empty Bowls



Once again the Boardwalk Shop owners (nine businesses) each donated an item from their stores which was included in a gift basket to be given away to one lucky winner at the end of the EB event. To qualify to win the gift basket a customer had to do one of the following:

1. Make a purchase at the Empty Bowls tent
2. Donate food pantry staples to the event (all to be donated to the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry)
3. Make a purchase at any Boardwalk Shop

At the end of the day, we had made right around \$1,500 for the local organizations plus collected a grocery cart full of groceries.



Boardwalk Shop owners watching Rich Nye pick a name for the gift basket giveaway



Rich Nye with Alex, the gift basket winner

Overall, it was a great day and thanks to everyone who supported the effort by volunteering, donating and/or making bowls and other wooden items.

We have one more Empty Bowls event slated for December 2, 2023 at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines, IL. Please reach out to Marie and ask how you can help!

CLUB NOTES



Submitted by Marie Anderson:

Wig stand initiative update:

To date I have collected 11 wig stands which means we are almost ½ way to our goal of 25 stands to be finished by our October meeting. Thank you to everyone who has turned a wig stand or who donated kits of blanks for these stands so far including: Don Kosik, John Dillon, Frank Pagura, Phil Moy, Nate Wick, Bruce Wick, Art Laschober and myself. This is a great start and I know we can reach our goal of 25 stands easily as several of you have already committed to turn one or two. I'm excited to see the variety. There are several youtube videos available for inspiration and you can get detailed specifications by clucking this link:

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[Page.aspx?100134f70e4f=4#100134f70e4f](https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Woodturner/WIT/WIT-Home-Page.aspx?100134f70e4f=4#100134f70e4f) just scroll down the page and read about the project (you can download specific detailed instructions too).

Most important detail is to finish the top with a polyurethane finish so it is waterproof. Think of this project as a great warm up project to practice your woodturning and embellishing skills.

Please feel free to contact Marie if you have questions and/or a completed stand and will not be able to make this month's meeting.

WCWT Officer – Election!

Officer nominations take place at the October Meeting and Election of Officers occurs during our November Mtg.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

– WEBMASTER –



Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

The next WIT Present presentation is scheduled for November 4th and registration for this free event should open shortly. WIT Presents Marilyn Campbell and Kalia Kliban, two women who have very different stories. Both extremely creative, both have very interesting stories to share.

Remember, the WIT Presents series are not demonstrations, they are intended to be inspiring biographical presentations that document the woodturning journey of these makers. They are always free but you must register to attend.

Watch for an email from the AAW when registration opens or visit the AAW website for a calendar of all upcoming available events.



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



Local & Other Events You Should Know About

EMPTY BOWLS – (Looking for Volunteers)

December 2, 2023 –

Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL



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

