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Windy City Woodturners

Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



Hello,
September!

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September Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 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!



WCWT ENTRANCE - LOWER-LEVEL

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

1313 N Mill St, Naperville, IL 60563

The September Meeting will feature a demonstration by John Dillon who will be showing us how he turns a live edge bowl.

Details next page.....Not to be missed!

September Mtg. Presentation

John Dillon, Club Secretary, will be the presenter at the September Mtg.

John will be demonstrating how he turns a live-edge bowl.

*photos of several of John's live-edge bowls.



Message From Our President



September 2023

Presidents Message

Happy September everyone!

It's September already! Where did the summer go? There is always "stuff" that needs doing during the lazy days of summer (how did that ever become a saying...who can be lazy with so much lawn to mow?) I hope you have all spent some time standing at your lathe with the joy of turning (now that is a saying I can relate to!) If you have been too busy with life, maybe it's time to take a break from, well, everything. We all know the days are getting shorter as Fall is creeping in and before you know it Winter will be knocking at the door and the shop may not be as pleasant temperature-wise (at least for those of us who have their shop in their unheated garage). If you are like me, there is always other things vying for your time that keep you away from the lathe. I'm suggesting that you put YOU first this month. Make the commitment, (yes, it will take an effort on your part but it's worth it), to get to your lathe for some Zen time. I know it always clears my head and refreshes my attitude. Just call it lathe therapy and go do it! (cont.)



Message From Marie (Cont.)

OK, if you are on the fence about making the commitment, let me make this easier. What is holding you back? Oh, you don't know where to start? OK, how about with the basics, beads and coves. Limited time? No problem, you just need a simple project. No idea what to make? Ah Ha! I've got you covered! You can start with a simple project that consists of three individual pieces that can be turned in one session or you can stretch it out to three (or more?) sessions. But wait, for an added bonus, you can add some creative art therapy to the woodturning therapy! How you ask, maybe add another session (or two) by practicing your embellishing and finishing all on the same project. Here's a link that will give you more details: [Simple therapy project](#) Are you ready to make the commitment?

If you need more encouragement, why not turn a basic bowl. Yes, I know many of you already have a stack of bowls collecting dust at your house but it's therapy right? Hey, here's an idea, why not consider rotating your inventory?

WCWT and CWT are hosting two Empty Bowls events this year. Your therapy can turn into food for someone in need. We will be collecting your donations at the September meeting for the October 7th sale at the Boardwalk Shops in Batavia. (Please consider volunteering to help set up, tear down and man the booth for this sale I'll have a sign-up sheet at the meeting or just call me.)

It's your turn, make the commitment. Make yourself, your community and your club better.

Just go turn something! See you at the meeting on September 20th!

Marie

Marie



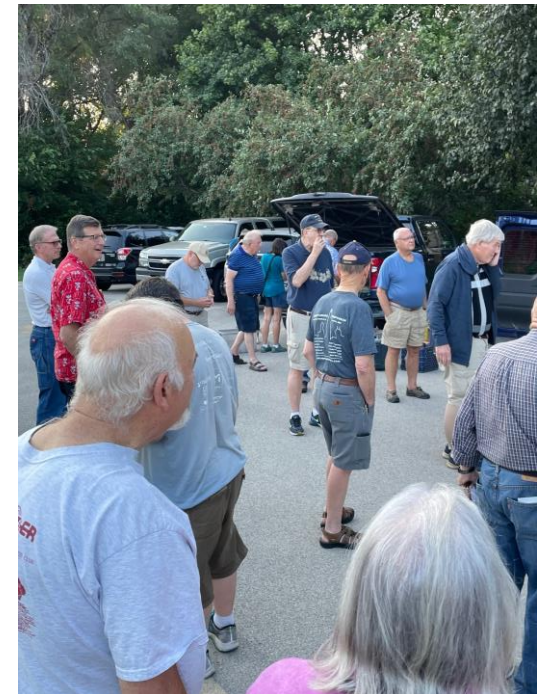
August Garage Sale Recap

We had beautiful weather for a garage sale (in the parking lot) at our August Mtg. A good time was had by all and a few good bargains were procured from several willing sellers. The club made a few bucks to boot!

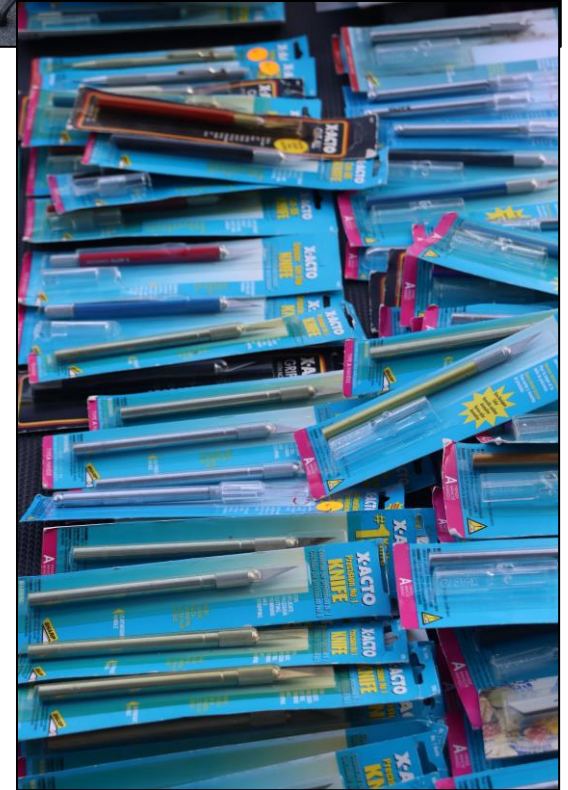
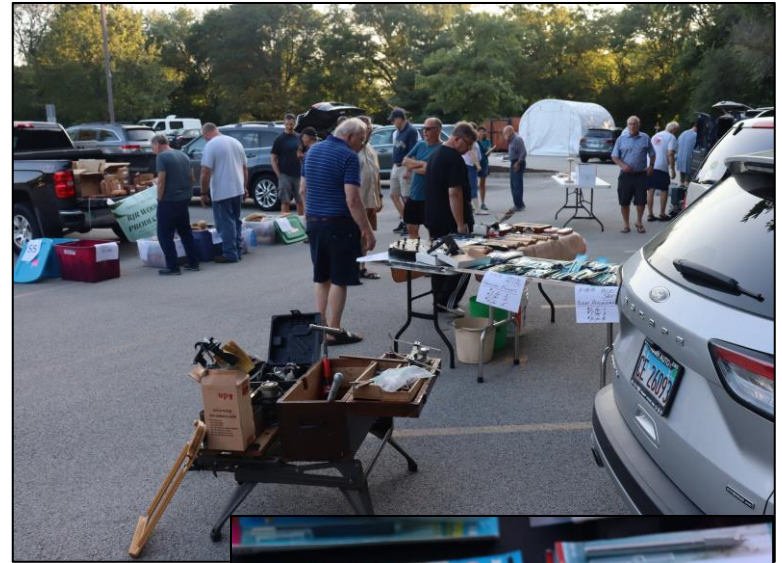
Thanks to all who attended and participated as buyers and/or sellers so others might benefit.



Photos from
2023 Sale event



Photos from 2023 Sale event THANKS Dave Burk



CLUB NOTES – Empty Bowls



Marie Anderson -

SUMMARY: Open Shop/Empty Bowls workday at the Chicago School of Woodworking, August 27th.

The Chicago Woodturners host an open shop/empty bowls work day the last Sunday of the month. This month there were 6 turners making shavings and 2 observers socializing and supporting the club efforts. It was a good time and there were 19 bowls picked up this month for our empty bowls efforts. Typically, the day runs from 9am to 3pm. It's free, and all are welcome. Come for an hour or the whole day. If you would like to join the fun and turn a bowl or two for empty bowls (or just get some free mentoring advice) please let me know. The August Open shop participants included Derek Cadmus, Todd Cohen, Andy Kuby, Clint Stevens, Xi and Marie Anderson who were turning and Rich Piper and Al Miotke who stopped in for mentoring and dropping off completed bowls.



Thanks to everyone who donated bowls this month including: Harris Barbier, Andy Kuby, Clint Stevens, Al Miotke, Unsigned/unknown, and Marie Anderson. We also had a quick mentoring session on using a hook tool (and various other hollowing tools) after one of our members mentioned it was a tool he was interested in purchasing. This is one advantage of participating in this open shop. If you have a question about a specific tool or technique, let us know ahead of time and we will attempt to get you an answer and/or possibly a short demonstration to help you get an answer to your question. (cont.)

CLUB NOTES



The next open shop is September 24th, 9-3 at the Chicago School of Woodworking, 5680 N Northwest Hwy, Chicago (just about 3 miles east of O'Hare airport, exit 90 at Nagle, north to Northwest highway, east ½ block to the school).

By the way, did you know that CSW offers classes in all types of woodworking (including woodturning of course)?

Check out their website at <https://chicagowoodworking.com/>. You might see some familiar names on the teachers list! Hope you can join us this month.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- WEBMASTER -

WCWT Officer - Election!

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



Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson



There is a new WIT newsletter out with lots of news about women in turning around the country. This is a newsletter edited by artist and WIT committee member Andi Wolfe. If you have not seen it yet, you can view the current newsletter (and past editions as well) on the AAW website on the WIT page here: [WIT Newsletters](#). Andi is collecting articles for the Fall newsletter **celebrating women veterans** in our club - any branch of service, any country, any amount of service-all are important. Send your information about your service to Marie before October 15th. We'd also love to know if you got interested in woodturning before, during, or after your service-how does/did your service influence your woodturning voyage?

I have also been talking with other WIT Liaisons around the country about their club activities. I am interested to know if any of the women in our club would like to get together for a mentoring session that includes socialization, woodturning, maybe some embellishing and lots of laughs.

I will be reaching out over the next couple of weeks (or you can stop me at the September club meeting). I think this could be fun and it would be nice to get to know each of you a little better.

Finally, since we are rapidly coming to the end of summer (some would say it's already over, but I'm the eternal optimist so...), please take advantage of the perfect turning weather, stand at your lathes and turn a wig stand. I have been in contact with Living Well, a wonderful division of Northwestern Medicine that offers free wigs (and lots of other support) to cancer patients in the northwest suburbs. They are excited to be the recipients of all the wig stands that we can produce. I would like to have at least 25 completed stands to deliver by the end of September if possible. I think we can do it! Please consider turning and donating at least one wig stand this month. The instructions can be found here: [Wig Stand Article and Instructions](#)

Marie

AAW News – Elections

On behalf of the Board, Nominating Committee, and staff, I would like to congratulate Jay Brown and Linda Britt, who have been elected to three-year terms starting January 2, 2024. I would also like to announce that Reid Zimmerman has been appointed to a three-year term starting January 2, 2024.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Newberg
AAW Executive Director

A graphic titled "BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The title is positioned at the top left of the graphic, with a decorative pattern of small dots to its left and a diagonal striped pattern to its right. Below the title are three portrait photographs of the elected and appointed board members. Under each portrait is the name of the individual in a bold, blue font, followed by their state in a smaller, blue font. The names and states are: Jay Brown (Utah), Linda Britt (Georgia), and Reid Zimmerman (Minnesota).

Name	State
JAY BROWN	Utah
LINDA BRITT	Georgia
REID ZIMMERMAN	Minnesota

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)

October 7, 2023 – Batavia Boardwalk Shops in Downtown Batavia, IL

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

