



# Windy City Woodturners

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# Message From Our President



## **Contributor : Jason Clark**

Early last month I got a text from my brother informing me that my Grandfather had asked if his four grandsons, me and my three brothers, would be willing to make a pair of matching pine caskets. I wasn't surprised by this request, just by the timing of it.

I called my mother the next day and what I learned was far worse than I expected. They suspected that my Grandmother had another minor stroke and at one point in the previous week they thought she might only have days left. This revelation shook me to my core; I knew she had a stroke in March but I had no idea about a second stroke or that things had gotten that bad. I'm the only grandchild that doesn't live a short drive away and while I saw them over Christmas last year it was only the second time seeing them in the past 5 years, something that I will always regret. We talk on the phone occasionally but not nearly enough and being located halfway across the country family updates don't get passed my way, sometimes until weeks or months later.

# Message From Our President



So I looked at my calendar, saw that I didn't have anything critical or anything that couldn't be done remotely and booked my flight, paying far more than needed to fly into the tiny regional airport nearby in order to get even a few more hours with her and with them. I'm happy to report that when I arrived things were better than I was led to believe. She can no longer walk, or feed herself, and can barely talk but mentally she seems to be doing surprisingly well. A wry crooked smile or a wink told me that she was still in there and that while she usually couldn't get the words out, those actions let me know that while her body is failing, there's still a spark inside of her that occasionally fans into a flame; however briefly.

Corresponding further with my brothers over the past couple of weeks we've settled on a date, to help fulfill my Grandfather's wish. We'll be spending the Halloween weekend making a pair of simple pine box caskets, both marked with the surname Lasley, a name which has far more meaning to me than my given surname and a surname I have considered adopting over the years.

# Message From Our President



In the meantime we're doing as much as we can to support them from afar, I have dinner delivered every Wednesday night and I spend as much time as possible thinking about them. About 10 years ago we sat down one evening to reminisce and to listen to stories about their lives. They didn't realize it, but I had started a voice memo on my phone and recorded the entire conversation. The time she slipped on an icy road and slipped directly underneath the school bus, right between the rear wheels. The time she was run over by a boat and the propeller slashed her throat, and the time she was thrown from a horse and had her skull caved in. We used to joke that the only thing holding her body together is gristle and scar tissue but these days it's no longer a joke.

The last night I was there two things happened that I will always remember. At dinner my Grandfather asked if she knew who I was. You could see the recognition on her face but she just couldn't get the words out. She struggled for a moment before they finally came. "I know who that is". Later that evening as we prepared her for bed my mother was trying to remove her dentures and brush her gums. We got the lower set of dentures out but Grandma was resisting having the upper set removed. As my mother struggled to remove the dentures that spark inside my Grandmother's mind suddenly fanned into a flame. She deliberately turned her head in my direction and gave me the biggest wink I've ever seen. I'll never forget that wink as long as I live.

# Elections

- ▶ Due to COVID-19 the board has decided it's necessary to have a virtual election for the 2021 officers.
- ▶ Voting will be done via an online form which will be made available no later than Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ▶ Only current paid members of Windy City Woodturners will be permitted to vote.
- ▶ The form will close at the beginning of the WCWT meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, after which the winners will be announced.



# Christmas “Get Together”



**Contributor : Marie Anderson**

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells...Rudolph, Cookies, Lights, Camera...Zoom!

By the time you read this hopefully you will have received the e-vite for the 2020 CWT & WCW Joint Holiday Secret Santa Exchange & Party! If not, please feel free to contact me (Marie Anderson) as soon as possible so I can check to see if we have your correct email address. Send me an email at [mariecwt@gmail.com](mailto:mariecwt@gmail.com) (note, this email address is strictly for the holiday party so do not update your records with it OK?) or call me at 630-222-0277. **PLEASE READ & RESPOND TO THE E-VITE BY OCTOBER 15TH. This is VERY important!!!**

This year we will be hosting not one but 2 nights of fun for your holiday pleasure. December 8th, our clubs will host a live demonstration by Michael Alguire an up and coming woodturner from New Mexico. Michael will demonstrate his Wheel of Delicacy which is a wonder to behold. I encourage all of you to join us for this FREE demonstration. No matter how many times you have seen a professional demonstrate you will always learn something that you can use in your own shops and hopefully be inspired by the project that is demonstrated as well. You will be emailed the Zoom meeting information in early December for this meeting.

# Christmas “Get Together”



On night two, December 15th, we will once again join together to enjoy a virtual evening of comradery and holiday festivities. I highly encourage you to dig out your "Ugly Sweaters" or even "Ugly Hats" (both of these I write with a certain degree of gleeful jest) but in the hopes that you will all get into the spirit of the evening. And, just a hint, it is entirely possible that there may be some equally ugly door prizes (...it has happened before, just sayin').

Although we cannot be together in person, this Zoom thing is making it possible to socialize and I truly hope you will all join me to spread the holiday spirit to all of our members. It won't be the same, but I guarantee this will be hysterical...um, I mean historical...yah, that's what I meant! Hope to see you all there. Cheers! Marie

# October Meeting – Al Miotke

## ► Finishes



# New WCWT Website



- ▶ [windycitywoodturners.com](http://windycitywoodturners.com)
- ▶ Your comments are welcome
- ▶ Contact: [mg\\_dreyer@yahoo.com](mailto:mg_dreyer@yahoo.com)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Windy City Woodturners website. The header features the club's logo on the left and right, and the name "Windy City Woodturners" in a white serif font on a dark wood background. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, Club Details, Meetings, Gallery, Education, and Events. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains information about a club event "Once Upon A Christmas" on Dec 5 & 6, 2020, and a cancelled non-club event "Turn On! Chicago" on July 24 - 26, 2020. The middle column features the club's mission statement, meeting details (3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM, Lisle Park District Building), and a demo by Harvey Meyer for the September meeting (9/15). The right column lists the next meeting on 9/15/2020, featuring a "Square Platter" demo by Harvey Meyer. At the bottom, there are two images of woodturning projects and a "Gallery Review" link.

**Windy City Woodturners**

Home Club Details Meetings Gallery Education Events

**Club Event**  
Once Upon A Christmas  
Dec 5 & 6, 2020

**Windy City Woodturners**

**Non-Club Event**  
Cancelled - Turn On! Chicago  
July 24 - 26, 2020

**TURN-ON!**  
CHICAGO

**Windy City Woodturners Mission**

The Windy City Woodturners Club provides a forum for sharing, learning, fellowship and service. Our primary objective is to assist members continuously improve their knowledge and abilities in woodturning.

**Meetings**

Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month  
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM  
Lisle Park District Building  
1925 Ohio Street, Lisle Illinois  
Multipurpose room #4

**Harvey Meyer Demo**  
Windy City Woodturners September Meeting (9/15)

**Next Meeting**  
9/15/2020

**Harvey Meyer**

**Square Platter**

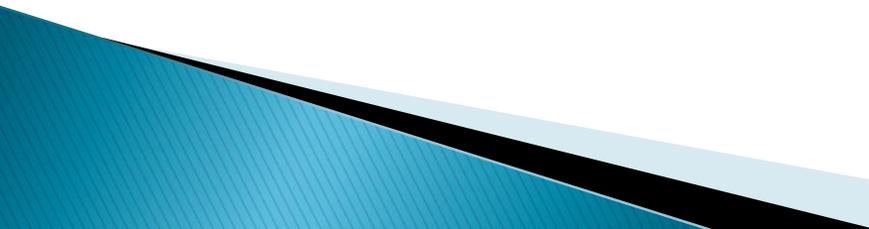
In this demo I'll turn a square platter. First, I'll ensure the blank is perfectly square and then I'll find the exact center. I'll mount the blank and concentrate on the back of the platter. I'll define a tenon and then shape the back of the platter making sure to have a pleasing convex profile. Then I'll turn it around, holding by the tenon, to turn the front side. I'll work from the corners toward the center, being careful to keep all 10 fingers on my hands.

Gallery Review:

# September Meeting Recap – Harvey Meyer

## ▶ Square Platter

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*Thank  
You*

# September Meeting – Harvey Meyer



# November Meeting – Marie Anderson

- ▶ Small Piece



# Newsletter Needs Your Help

- ▶ If you are involved in any demos, activities, or events that you would like to share with the group – please let me know
- ▶ We need
  - The activity / event
  - Location
  - Dates and time
  - Brief description
- ▶ Send this to [mg\\_dreyer@yahoo.com](mailto:mg_dreyer@yahoo.com) and I promise I will get it in the next newsletter



# Member Contributions



# WCWT – The Basics

- ▶ Next Meeting: September 15, 2020 (Virtual)
- ▶ Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
- ▶ 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
- ▶ ZOOM – Get the app  
(<https://zoom.us/download>)
- ▶ ~~Lisle Park District Building~~
  - ~~1925 Ohio Street~~
  - ~~Multipurpose Room #4~~



# Call For Demonstrators



- ▶ Want to help out?
- ▶ Tell the world (or at least the club) about your talent and adventures?
- ▶ Maybe just what you have learned recently?
- ▶ **WE NEED YOUR HELP – VOLUNTEER TO DEMO**
- ▶ Contact
  - Peter D’Attomo (zorro4122@yahoo.Com)

**This Is Your Club – Please Help Out**

# Events You Should Know About



# 2020 WCWT Picnic

- ▶ Unfortunately due to the uncertainty with the pandemic, the board took a vote to cancel the picnic this year.



# Windy City Turns Ornament

- ▶ Rockler Bolingbrook
- ▶ Saturday October 24
- ▶ 10am to 1pm

▶ Several members will demonstrate some of our favorite ornaments from 10am to 1pm. More information to volunteers and guests will follow.

- ▶ Contact: Don Johnston



# Windy City Once Upon a Christmas

- ▶ Blacksmith Shop - The Museum at Lisle Station Park
  - ▶ Saturday Dec. 5, 3pm to 8pm
  - ▶ Sunday Dec 6, 11am to 4pm
  - ▶ Could still take place. The Park District is holding off a decision to confirm or cancel until September 1. If necessary there will be plenty of time to circulate a sign-up list for two hour shifts on that Saturday and Sunday in December.
  - ▶ For the benefit of new members, Windy City members are the demonstrators on five old lathes in the Blacksmith Shop at The Museum at Lisle Station Park. The park is operated under the cooperation of the Village, the Park District, and the Lisle Heritage Association. It is located just north of the Village Hall in downtown Lisle.
- ▶ Contact: Don Johnston

**CANCELLED!**



# Windy City - Lisle Heritage Society Christmas Ornament

- ▶ Since 2015 Windy City has supported this annual ornament event. We have produced a Snowman Head with Top Hat, a Hot air Balloon, a Christmas Bell, and last year a Snow Woman. (2018 was a gas pump which wasn't turned, so our involvement was limited.) We typically distribute kits and 'Story Sticks' to lots of Windy City members to accumulate 150 'identical' turnings. The Woman's Guild of the Heritage Society decorates the ornaments.
- ▶ Discussions about the ornament for 2020 started before we saw the impact of Covid 19. We continued discussions not knowing whether the ornament would be for 2020, 2021, or combined 2020/2021. Since a significant number of ornaments are typically sold at Depot Days (which is now cancelled) we're beginning to favor 2020/2021.
- ▶ Under the circumstances we selected an ornament which didn't require the involvement of multiple Windy City members. The selected product includes both woodworking and woodturning which has been completed and handed over to the Woman's Guild. Of course it is a secret until completed and offered for sale. But rest assured it includes turning, and Windy City participation with no Covid 19 violations.

**CANCELLED!**

# Windy City - Lisle Heritage Society Christmas Ornament

- ▶ Contact: Don Johnston



# Appendix

- ▶ 2020 Board Of Directors
  - ▶ 2020 Committee Descriptions
  - ▶ Windy City YouTube Channel
  - ▶ AAW Trial Membership
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# 2020 WCWT – Officers

**President** - Jason Clark

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**Vice-President** - Peter D'Attomo

[zorro4122@yahoo.com](mailto:zorro4122@yahoo.com)

**Treasurer** - Nick Page

[nicklpage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nicklpage@sbcglobal.net)

**Secretary/Editor** - Mark Dreyer

[mg\\_dreyer@yahoo.com](mailto:mg_dreyer@yahoo.com)



# WCWT 2020 Committee Volunteers

## ▶ **Photography - Dave Burke**

- ▶ Photograph club activities and events and make those photos available for the monthly presentation, club newsletter, email, website, and other forms of communication. Help maintain the club photo roster.



## ▶ **Webmaster - Rich Rohrbach**

- ▶ Develop/maintain/update WCWT website and domain. Demonstrator schedule, photos, newsletter and other updates as required. If you have interest in this position please let us know.



## ▶ **Events- Don Johnston**

- ▶ Help coordinate and organize club events and activities including but not limited to Depot days, Once upon a Christmas, Rockler/Woodcraft events, ornament turning. Seek out opportunities for the club to further our mission to promote and educate the public about WCWT and woodturning in general.



# WCWT 2020 Committee Volunteers

## ▶ **Raffle– Richard Nye**

- ▶ Source wood, tools, and woodturning related accessories from various sources including donations, discounts, and purchases to be used for the monthly raffle. Raffle tickets are sold at the beginning of each meeting and items are raffled off at the middle of the meeting. Proceeds from the raffle go back to the club to offset club expenses and to fund the raffle itself. Certain item(s) may require multiple months of selling tickets in order to cover the costs of the item(s) and provide adequate profit to the club. Receipts for items that have been purchased are expected to be provided to the treasurer whenever possible so that the purchases can be balanced against the raffle line item in the budget.



## ▶ **A/V – Bob Bergstrom/Mark Jundanian**

- ▶ Research and make recommendations on audio/video decisions and purchases based on the club needs, bearing in mind possible future uses including remote video purchases and the ability to record demonstrations. Setup and run audio and video equipment at club meetings and presentations. Projector, screen, cameras, audio, and software. Recommendations should account for capabilities now and in the future, budget, and storage limitations.



## ▶ **Library- Rich Hall-Reppen**

- ▶ Organize and maintain the club's stock of books, magazines, DVDs, and other materials. Maintain records of items that have been borrowed by club members. Source additional/replacement materials for the library within the budget assigned. Provide relevant article about available library material for monthly newsletter.



# WCWT YouTube Channel



1:43:46

**20 Years of Turning Pens**

43K views • 3 years ago



1:13:53

**TURNING NATURAL EDGE  
BOWLS CLEANLY**

21K views • 2 years ago



35:58

**Ideas with Inside Out  
Turnings with Andy Kuby**

16K views • 7 months ago



1:00:46

**Turning a hollowed  
Christmas ornament with...**

3.5K views • 1 year ago



1:08:24

**Duel Bowl Gouge Cuts**

3.5K views • 2 years ago



44:08

**Inside Out Ornaments with  
Andy Kuby**

2.4K views • 1 month ago

# WCWT YouTube Channel



Turning a inlay in a inlay in a inlay

2.2K views • 1 year ago



TURNING A BOX WORTH ITS "SALT"

1.9K views • 1 year ago



Easy Finish for Pens, Bottle Stoppers and Boxes

1.9K views • 1 year ago



Easy threading of boxes and lids

1.5K views • 1 year ago



Designing and Turning Plates and Platters

1.4K views • 2 years ago



Turning End Grain Lidded Boxes

1K views • 2 years ago

# WCWT YouTube Channel



Dick Sing talks about his Sing Finishes

979 views • 3 years ago



Bowl turning 101 with Jason Clark

919 views • 11 months ago



WAYS OF MOUNTING WOOD BLANKS

784 views • 3 years ago



SPIRAL BOXES BY JASON Clark

733 views • 2 years ago



Different Cuts for Different Forks

693 views • 2 years ago



Turning a Turner's Star in Colored Resin

568 views • 4 weeks ago

# WCWT YouTube Channel



53:16

Using a Vacuum Chuck

581 views • 1 year ago



52:14

3 Major Bowl Grinds for the Interior of bowls.

545 views • 5 months ago



1/2" D-WAY BOWL GOUGE VERSUS THOMPSON 3/8" SPINDLE GOUGE SHEARING THE 1:06:44

Using Spindle Gouges on Bowls

538 views • 2 years ago



54:11

Texturing and Chattering Wood Surfaces

540 views • 1 year ago



1:02:27

Threading Resin on Boxes

512 views • 7 months ago



1:01:31

Secrets of Successful Texturing on Platters and...

471 views • 3 months ago

# WCWT YouTube Channel



Beautiful Braclets from the lathe

459 views • 1 year ago



Pushing Iridescent Paint on Bowl Rims

395 views • 1 year ago



Lubricate the coring groove!

328 views • 1 year ago



CUTTING THE INTERIOR LOWER THIRD OF A BOWL...

319 views • 1 year ago



Eccentric Turning With Clint Stevens

313 views • 4 months ago



Analyzing the Skew

293 views • 3 years ago

# WCWT YouTube Channel



34:09

## Roses for a Pretty Lady

199 views • 1 month ago



1:12:16

## Replicating Spindle Turnings

192 views • 2 years ago



44:03

## ANDY KUBY DEMOS THREADING ON VESSELS

192 views • 1 year ago



28:48

## Casting Resins with Greg Bonier

162 views • 5 months ago