



Windy City Woodturners

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Message From Our President

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Welcome to Spring!

March is the month that we all welcome spring. The snow is melting, the days are getting longer, the trees are budding out, there is promise in the air. In 2021, hopefully that also means that more and more of our members are able to get their CoVid shot(s)! Hopefully you are all staying healthy. I, for one am looking forward to when we will be able to meet in person again! I really miss all of you!

We have been working hard to stay connected with you during this pandemic. I am happy to say that we had a very interesting and enlightening Banjo Session on the 2nd. The topic of conversation "Form" was suggested by Dick Sing during our first session. Attendees were asked to bring a sample of what they considered good form and an example of something that was not good form. The idea was to train your eye to see what good form should be and get suggestions on how to improve a form that just didn't look right. It was a very lively discussion and many of us came away with ideas on how to slightly tweak a piece (or in some cases completely redesign a piece) to make it more visually appealing. The thing I found fascinating about the discussion was all the different ways of looking at a piece. In one case, it was suggested that a box be made into two different boxes adding an opportunity for more income for the maker. In another case, there were several suggestions on how a small shift in center might make a sculpture more appealing to the eye. In another instance, two boxes with similar shapes were displayed. Both done well technically, but to the maker, one worked and one was not as successful. And in just one case, it was agreed that there was just no hope for that bowl.

Message From Our President



Thank you to everyone who joined this Banjo Session and special thanks to Dick Sing for leading the discussion, I believe we all learned something. (Banjo Sessions happen every month the first Tuesday of the month from 6-7pm. Meeting link is the same each month.) If there is time and interest, we may show a few minutes of the recording from this session at the meeting.

This month, we will have a slightly shorter monthly meeting. The Chicago Woodturners are hosting Nick Agar for a demonstration this Saturday, March 13th at 3pm and we are all invited. The cost is \$10 and you must pre-register online at www.chicagowoodturners.com (the demo information is right on the home page with a link to register). No matter what stage you are at in your woodturning journey you WILL LEARN something from Nick Agar. He is an outstanding teacher. This demonstration will cover everything from turning a bowl to sharpening tools to embellishing the bowl with his signature finishing products.

I hope that you have all taken the time to stand at your lathe and come up with something to share for this month's challenge. For those of you who do not remember, the inspiration word pair I gave you in February is "Innovative Assembly". (Hint, you still have time!!)

I hope to see you all at the March meeting. Until then, get to your lathes and create something!
Marie

April Banjo Session

- ▶ April 6, 2021
- ▶ 6 – 7 pm
- ▶ Virtual Session
- ▶ Topics
 - Continuation of forms
 - “Oops” – bring a recycled project
 - Options on club communications



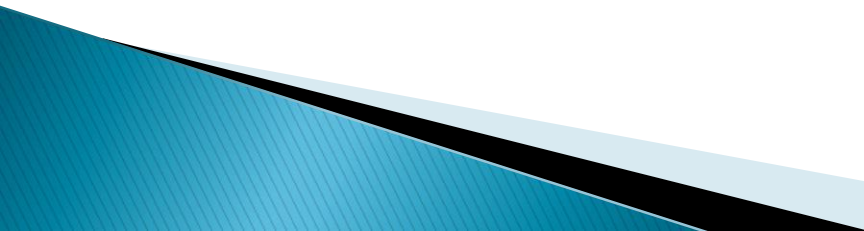
2021 Dues Are Due

- ▶ Remember That Your Dues Are Due For 2021
- ▶ If You Have Not Paid Yet
 - Individual Dues Are \$25
 - Family Membership \$40
- ▶ Make out checks for 2021 dues made out to
Windy City Woodturners
- ▶ Send them as follows:
Nick Page
670 Welch St
Gilberts IL. 60136

2021 Dues Are Due – From Nick

- ▶ "It has been a tough year for all clubs so as a thank you for renewing your membership before the January 19th club meeting, anyone who renews before the meeting will have their name included in a drawing and have the opportunity to win a priceless work of wood-turned art by your new club president. As she says, it's priceless because she refused to put a price on it."
- ▶ Fellow Club Members, we as a wood turning club have a lot of things coming up this year that will benefit your wood turning.
 - Virtual meetings and demos by Zoom,
 - meetings at the Lisle Park District when they open the doors
 - Manufacturers and Suppliers Demos of product.
- ▶ Therefore, I am asking you to continue your membership for 2021.
- ▶ Send a check made out to Windy City Wood Turners and send it to

Nick Page, Treasurer
670 Welch St
Gilberts IL. 60136



February Meeting – Mark Dreyer

- ▶ I warned you – we need demonstrators
- ▶ Mark will take you through his journey into starting ring making. Plans to make a traditional ring and an inlay ring.

Gallery Review
John Dillion



Follow To Ring Demo

- ▶ If you want to jump into the new ring craze, here is a good deal. Following the Tuesday demo, I did one for the IAP Chicago Chapter (PenMakers). Ed Brown the owner of ExoticBlanks was at the meeting and offered a 10% discount on ring making supplies using the code “MARK”. He said he would honor it for WCWT. Includes GluBoost and Easy Wood Tools.



March Meeting

- ▶ We won't have a club night demo
 - This will give us more time to discuss club business
 - More time for a gallery review
 - More time to socialize
- ▶ But that does not mean March has no demos
 - **Nick Agar** demo the Saturday (3/13) before our club meeting will replace our club night demo



April Meeting (A Must See)

- ▶ Dick Sing on Chucks
 - A fascinating history of chucks and the evolution
 - His take on modern chucks
 - A complete step-by-step guide of clean up and assembly
- ▶ Don't miss this one...



May Meeting

- ▶ Alex Snodgrass Bandsaw Tune Up
- ▶ Whether you have a bandsaw gathering dust in the corner of your workshop or you're contemplating your next big tool purchase. Sitting in on the Bandsaw Clinic will be an informative hour that you just might come away from with the information to make your bandsaw or future bandsaw your favorite tool.



June Meeting

- ▶ The Chainsaw
- ▶ Details To Come



New WCWT Website

- ▶ windycitywoodturners.com
- ▶ Your comments are welcome
- ▶ Contact: 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 stylized font in the center. 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 information (3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM, Lisle Park District Building, 1925 Ohio Street, Lisle Illinois, Multipurpose room #4), and a demo by Harvey Meyer for the September meeting (9/15). The right column details 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:

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 and I promise I will get it in the next newsletter



WCWT – The Basics

- ▶ Next Meeting: March 16, 2021 (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
 - Mark Dreyer – I will forward to Nate

This Is Your Club – Please Help Out

Events You Should Know About



WIT eXchange

- ▶ The 2021 Virtual WIT eXchange registration is now open! Beginning March 8th (International Day of Women) registration is open to all women artists (in any media). The goal is to expose woodturning to as many women as possible using collaboration as an introduction to this wonderful art form.

Please consider passing this along to all the women you know (in any media).

WIT EXCHANGE

VIRTUAL 2021



Join the Virtual WIT EXCHANGE
Be part of a community of women makers fostering collaboration, creativity, and self-confidence. To learn more, visit us online: tiny.cc/WITExchange2021

Registration Opens: March 8
Orientation Meetings: April 14, 16
Final Projects Due: June 12
Women working in any media and any skill level welcome.

PenMakers International MPG

- ▶ April 24 and 25 – Virtual Symposium
- ▶ Registration Begins Next Week
- ▶ \$35 – All In
 - 15 Demonstrators
 - Dozens Of Extra Videos
 - Vendors
- ▶ All videos pre-recorded and available for 30 days after



A Masters Degree In Pen Making

MidwestPenturnersGathering.com

- ▶ All About Casting
- ▶ Using The NeJe Laser
- ▶ Polymer Clay Blanks
- ▶ Kitless On A Metal Lathe
- ▶ Turning Using Carbide Tools
- ▶ Sales And Marketing
- ▶ Stabilization
- ▶ Beall Pen Wizard
- ▶ Using a 3D Printer In Pen Making
- ▶ From Beginner To Professional In 90 Minutes
- ▶ Pen Kit Modifications
- ▶ Turning a Closed End All Wood Executive Pen Using a Grabber Mandrel
- ▶ Color Casting

Classifieds



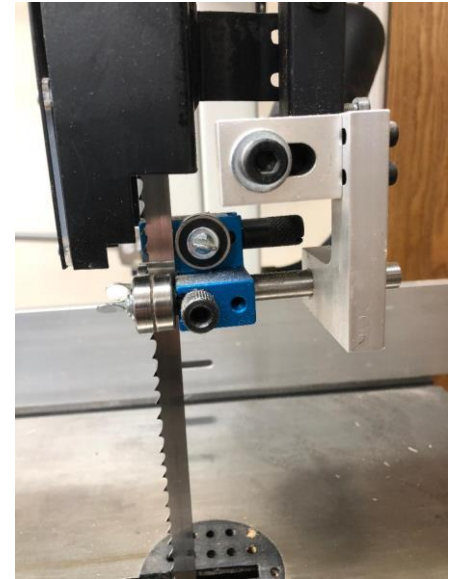
Rikon 14" Deluxe Model 10-325

- ▶ I recently upgraded my shop with 220V, upgraded to a new bandsaw and am putting my Rikon 14" Deluxe Model 10-325 bandsaw up for sale. The Rikon has a 1.5HP motor, Blade length 111" and supports blade width 1/8" to 3/4".
- ▶ The upper and lower guides have been upgraded to Carter guides, and we recently replaced the bandsaw tires. It will come with about 4 spare blades, spare bearings, extra zero-clearance inserts and owner's manual. The motor works and it runs well, although it does need good tune-up and alignment.
- ▶ Asking \$350 OBO.
- ▶ Contact
- ▶ Dawn Herndon-Charles
- ▶ dcharlesster@gmail.com
- ▶ 630.842.8561

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Rikon Band Saw



Member Contributions

- ▶ From: Richard Rohrback
- ▶ Since I have recently been turning spalted wood I found this article very interesting and informative.
- ▶ <https://www.peaceriverwoodturners.org/resources/Documents/UNIQUE%20TECHNIQUES/Spalted%20Wood%20Safety.pdf>

2021 WCWT – Officers

President – Marie Anderson
danmar12@yahoo.com

Vice-President - Nathan Wick
nwick@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer - Nick Page
nicklpage@sbcglobal.net

Secretary/Editor - Mark Dreyer
mg_dreyer@yahoo.com



WCWT 2021 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 -Mark Dreyer**

- ▶ 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.

