



Windy City Woodturners

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Message From Our President

Contributor : Marie Anderson



Greetings All!

It's November (can you believe it?! I am writing this message very late so will just give you the highlights this month.

Please plan to attend the monthly zoom meeting this month because it's election time and we want you to have a voice in how your club is run! WCWT holds elections for all of our officers every year, so you will be voting for 4 officers. See profiles further along in the newsletter.

We have several in person activities coming up, including Once Upon a Christmas at the Lisle Depot Museum and our annual Christmas Party. It would be good to see all of you so please see the details on each of these further on in this newsletter.

If you are looking for something to do this Saturday, November 13th, the WIT committee is hosting the last WIT Presents of the year at 3pm. It features Marjin Wall, Rebecca DeGroot and Kallie Bosch focusing on early and mid career artists and should be quite an interesting hour or so presentation.

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A reminder, there is also an ornament challenge that was issued by Alan Stratton of Aswoodturns. If you are one of us who turns Christmas Ornaments, please consider entering one into his 10th annual challenge. We could win a free remote demo if our club has the most entries (see more info later).

Thank you so much to Jason Clark for pulling together last month's demo. I always learn something from each of our demonstrators! I hope you are looking forward to this month's demonstrator, Al Miotke who will present his staved Beads of Courage box construction

Last month's gallery was kind of skimpy so Rich Hall Reppen had an easy task of reviewing - thank you for volunteering Rich! I know that there are more of you who are turning things at this time of year. Please email me your latest 2 project photos no later than Monday, November 15th to be included in this month's gallery.

Lastly, it's that time of year again, please send in your membership dues checks to Nick Page for 2022!

See you all next week! -Marie

WCWT – Club Meetings

- ▶ Next Meeting: November 16, 2021
- ▶ 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~~



October – Jason Clark

Topic TBD

While the topic is still up in the air, we all know Jason as a premier demonstrator.

Whatever he demos, you will not want to miss it.

Rumor is it is could be shop made jigs or drilling and tapping on the lathe



November – Al Miotke – Staved Bowl

Our demonstrator for November, 2021, will be Al Miotke. Al will be demonstrating the construction of a stave segmented box by starting out with a 4-foot-long piece of dry and straight 3/4-inch maple. Using this method he cuts down on the setup time and wood used to be able to construct Beads of Courage boxes. Beads of Courage boxes provide storage for beads that are given to young cancer patients. Patients receive beads (of courage) acknowledging that they have had surgeries, gone through chemo and undergone the myriad procedures in their cancer treatment.

Information about our presenter

“Al has a unique background, having grown up in Wisconsin, where his father owned Empire Millwork. So from the time he was a youngster, Al had access to, and familiarity with all the power tools necessary to run a cabinet maker’s shop. That was 50 years ago. Al learned enough to permit him to make all the furniture in his home, including a lovely dining room table, chairs included. You can see some of his handiwork by searching his name on Facebook. But 15 years ago, Al’s interest switched to woodturning, and more specifically, segmented woodturning. Much of his turning work combines segmented pieces with inlays, along with texturing and a highly creative imagination. You may have seen his recent virtual demonstration on segmented turning at the AAW meeting held this past July.”(Chicago Wood Turners newsletter)

December Meeting – Party



***HAPPY
HOLIDAYS***

Join us for the Windy City Woodturners Christmas Party on December 21, 2021, at Reserve 22, 485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137 ~ (630) 469-5550.

Greet, meet and sipping will be from 6 - 7PM with a cash bar available for those who appreciate a beverage. Best of all, your first drink is on the club (get the drink ticket as you enter). Be sure to get your ticket because I get all the unused ones. Coffee, water, pop is free.

The very reasonable \$10 per person (plus the club's budgeted contribution) will cover the cost of dinner.

December Meeting – Party

Dinner Buffet

Roasted Grecian Chicken with Kalamata Olives, Mushrooms, Marinated Tomatoes and Feta Cheese or Roast Loin of Pork with a Peach Bourbon Glaze, Haricot Verts (Green Beans), Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Green Salad and Chocolate Cake.

Don't forget to tip your bartenders; they work hard to make sure you have an enjoyable time.

Please **give or mail your payment to Nick Page, 670 Welch Street, Gilberts, IL ~ 847-931-9770 ~ nicklpage@sbcglobal.net **no later than December 5th, 2021****

December Meeting – Party

Tickets, Tickets, Tickets

There'll be a club funded raffle, and each attendee will get a ticket ~ who knows what Santa will bring?!?

Our extremely popular give one, get one exchange will again be held; if you and/or your significant other bring a gift, you can select a gift. It's nice to wrap the gifts (adds a small amount of mystery); Whole Foods brown bags will do.

Christmas Cookie Contest

A new event to keep things perky.

Any attendee may bring a cookie to enter. Judging will be done by our bartender who will pick the most **attractive** cookie.

No tasting until the winner is announced!!

The prize will be??? (all the cookies that didn't win?
just kidding).



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



Events You Should Know About



Once Upon a Christmas

Here it is, not even Thanksgiving and we already have a full schedule of volunteers for our demonstration at the Museum at Lisle Station Park. Thank you to the regulars who are not afraid of foot powered machinery or the cold. It should be noted that other Windy City members are not prohibited from attending the event on December 4 and 5.

The 2021 limited edition Antique Bed Warmer ornament as well as a few of the 2020 edition Barn and Silo will be available to complete your collection.

Sat., Dec. 4, 3 to 5:30pm

Rich Nye

Rich Hall-Reppen

Don Johnston

Sat., Dec. 4, 5:30 to 8pm

Dawn Herndon-Charles

Rich Hall-Reppen

Don Johnston

Sun., Dec. 5, 11:00am to 1:30pm

Marie Anderson

Don Johnston

Rich Hall-Reppen

Sun., Dec. 5, 1:30 to 4:00pm

Marie Anderson

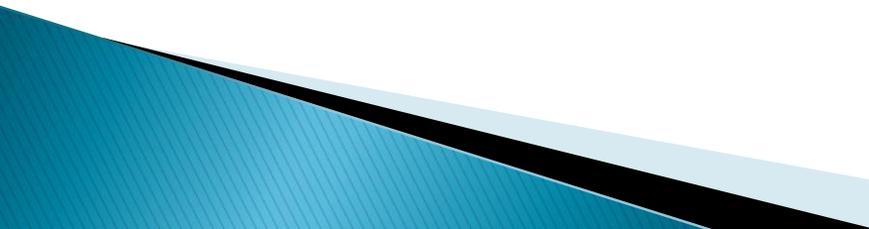
Don Johnston

Rich Hall-Reppen

Women in Turning news – WIT Presents November 13th

The WIT Committee will host the last WIT Presents presentation of the year on November 13th at 3pm central. This presentation will have a slightly different twist as we feature 3 emerging or mid-career artists including Kailee Bosch, Rebecca DeGroot, and Marjin Wall. As an added bonus, Hayley Smith will moderate the presentation. The presentation will be a free presentation and open to all however registration will be required so watch for registration information later this month from the AAW.

For those of you who may have missed any of the past WIT presents presentations recordings of each are available to view on the AAW Women in Turning webpage. There are changes coming to the WIT Presents for 2022 that we will announce at or after the November 13th presentation. If there is a women in turning artist that you would like to see featured please do not hesitate to send any of the WIT committee members an email.



Women in Turning news – WIT Presents November 13th

In other WIT news, Committee Chairperson, Kathleen Duncan will be stepping down as of December 31, 2021. Kathleen has served as chairperson since the WIT Committee was formed. (There will be an article in the next WIT newsletter that is due out before the end of October.) Kathleen has led the committee through the first 7 years boasting an array of firsts for not only Women in Turning, but also for the AAW. Her accomplishments include creating many new innovative programs to encourage participation and recognition of women in turning. Funding for this committee was not budgeted so the committee offered a challenge to the WIT community to create collaborative projects which were auctioned off to fund the efforts of the committee. Funds were raised through the sales of the Egg Crate, Fruits of our labors, Open and Shut and Topsy Turvy collaborations. The committee hosted a hands on turning class for women at the Atlanta symposium taught by women woodturning artists. The WIT eXchange was started in person at Arrowmont and then modified to become Virtual in 2020. These eXchanges have grown in size each year and have sparked creativity around the world spawning new eXchanges which include not only woodturners but artists in other media. The committee created the WIT Presents presentations that have been modified and adapted into the AAW virtual educational presentations. There is WIT facebook page and an entire network of WIT Liaisons around the country that are hosting small WIT events both in person and virtually creating a WIT community that is growing stronger and more visible. Kathleen has been at the helm through it all and deserves a hearty thank you for all of her tireless efforts. Starting January 1, 2022, newly elected board member Kimberly Winkle will begin the second chapter of the WIT Committee as she starts her term on the AAW Board. I hope you will join me in welcoming her to the Board and to the WIT committee.

Club Benefit & Opportunity - 10th Annual Ornament Challenge

I am Alan Stratton. I host a Christmas Ornament Challenge every year. Coming up is the 10th annual challenge.

I would appreciate your help in spreading word on the challenge. And, there is something in it for the club.

To enter, all the participant needs to do is:

- ▶ Complete a Christmas or holiday ornament. Ornaments from other faiths are also welcome.
- ▶ Take or compose one still picture featuring the ornament.
- ▶ Enter their information and upload the picture at www.AsWoodTurns.com/challenges during the month of November. The challenge closes when November 30 closes.
- ▶ The ornament may utilize any craft- it is not restricted to woodturning.
- ▶ Do something good with the ornament.

We have a process for selecting winners.

As we did last year, we will ask for a club affiliation. For the clubs with the most people entering the challenge, I will offer an interactive remote demonstration at no charge.

More details are at www.AsWoodTurns.com/challenges or www.OrnamentChallenge.com

The challenge is a lot of fun and a great way to help celebrate Christmas or the winter season. Personally, I love the diversity that I see.

Thank you

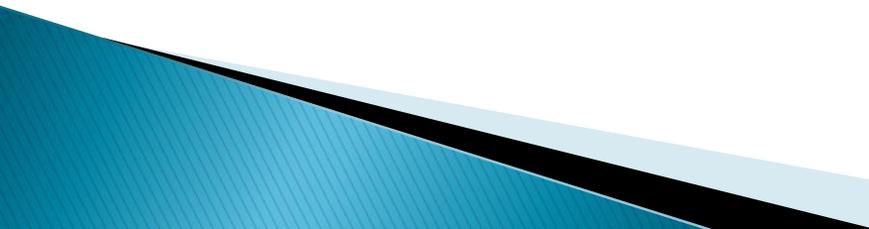
Alan Stratton

Midwest Pen Turners Gathering

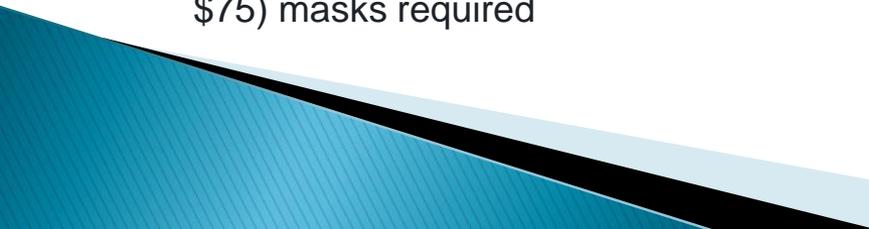
- ▶ April 22 and 23, 2022
- ▶ Live and In-Person
- ▶ Top Of The Line Demonstrators
 - Dick Sing
 - John Underhill
 - Ed Brown
 - Mark Dreyer
- ▶ Top Of The Line Vendors
- ▶ Top Of The Line Sponsors
- ▶ Registration Opens Soon



Calendar – November

- ▶ November 2 - WCWT Banjo Session - Virtual via Zoom 6-7pm session - topics may include: Getting your work seen, volunteering and project questions
 - ▶ November 6 & 7 - AAW Woodturning Fundamentals Virtual Symposium 1-5 daily (pre-registration required \$29 Members \$49 non members) recommended for beginners, intermediate & those who want to brush up on the basics - Kip Christensen, Beth Ireland, Eric Lofstrom & Kimberly Winkle
 - ▶ November 9 - CWT Monthly Meeting - Christian Liberty Academy, Arlington Heights, doors open 6pm, meeting starts 7pm - masks required - (Virtual also available via Zoom)
 - ▶ November 9 - Sharpening Turning Tools Class at Rockler, Bolingbrook 10am (registration required \$50) masks required
 - ▶ November 9 - Acrylic Pen Turning Class at Rockler, Bolingbrook 2pm (registration required \$75) masks required
 - ▶ November 12 - Intro to Epoxy Resin Pouring Class at Rockler, Bolingbrook 10am (registration required \$100) masks required
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Calendar – November

- ▶ November 13 - WIT Presents: Emerging & Mid Career artists Kailee Bosch, Rebecca DeGroot, and Marjin Wall moderated by Haley Smith 3pm (pre-registration is required, FREE event)
 - ▶ November 16 - WCWT monthly meeting - Virtual via Zoom masks optional meeting open for socialization by 6:30pm meeting starts 7pm Annual Board elections
 - ▶ November 16 - Sharpening Turning Tools Class at Rockler, Bolingbrook 10am (registration required \$50) masks required
 - ▶ November 16 - Acrylic Pen Turning class at Rockler, Bolingbrook 2pm (registration required \$75) masks required
 - ▶ November 19 - Intro to Epoxy Resin Pouring Class at Rockler, Bolingbrook 10am (registration required \$100) masks required
 - ▶ November 23 - Sharpening Turning Tools Class at Rockler, Bolingbrook 10am (registration required \$50) masks required
 - ▶ November 23 - Acrylic Pen Turning class at Rockler, Bolingbrook 2pm (registration required \$75) masks required
 - ▶ November 30 - Turn a Holiday Ornament Class at Rockler, Bolingbrook 2pm (registration required \$75) masks required
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Calendar – December

- ▶ December 3&4 - Once Upon a Christmas event at Lisle Museum Park (WCWT demonstration event)
 - ▶ December 7 - WCWT Banjo Session via Zoom - 6-7pm
 - ▶ December 14 - CWT Holiday Party
 - ▶ December 21 - WCWT Holiday Party - in person at Reserve 22, Glen Ellyn 6pm - Gift Exchange, Door Prizes \$10/person
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BOD Candidate – Marie Anderson

Short bio for Marie Anderson running for President

I have been turning for about 30 years. I hold memberships in both WCWT and CWT, as well as the AAW. As most of you know I am a member of the WIT committee for the AAW. I enjoy helping spread the knowledge of woodturning to our community of turners and those who have not yet been bitten by the woodturning bug. I've written articles for local club newsletters, for the AAW Journal and the WIT newsletter. I've served on the board of CWT and been newsletter editor, outreach coordinator and party planner. I was the instigator for Turn On! Chicago and helped planning the OT Seminars here in Chicagoland. I've demonstrated for many local clubs and at schools around the area. In truth I'm a volunteer addict.

Running for President last year was an easy decision to make but this year it was even easier since it feels like we missed a year. I really want the opportunity to host all of you in person so I hope you will allow me to continue as the club president for at least another year.



BOD Candidate – Nick Page

Custom Wood Worker & Wood turner

Nick has been treasurer for the last 6-7 years and would like to continue as treasurer. He has been woodturning for about 18 years and has been a member of Windy City Woodturners for about 17 years. He has held the positions for the club as follows: Chairman for the Fund and Raffle Committee, Vice President, and President.

Unfortunately, or fortunately, he has not been turning regularly for the past 4 years. He has a side business as a custom cabinet maker and has not had much open time because of custom projects. He also works for a tool manufacturer testing new product before it goes to market. He also tests product that has been on the market when the manufacturer receives complaints, he then tests the product to see if they are legitimate.

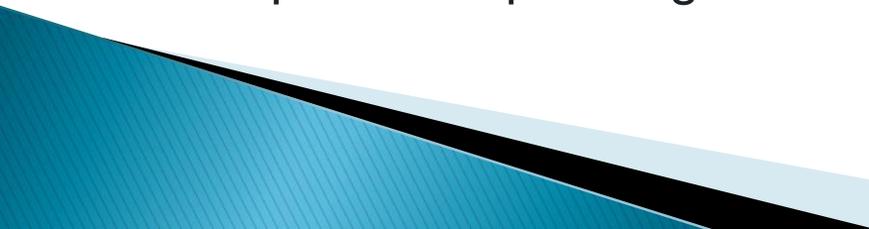


BOD Candidate – John Dillon

John Dillon is running for the position of WCWT Club Secretary. He has also volunteered to take over the duties as editor of our Club newsletter. John has been a member of our club for approximately the past two (2) years and has been woodturning for almost three (3) years. John got off to a good start when he took a series of woodturning classes with Andy Kuby and Clint Stevens at the Chicago School of Woodworking.

John is retired from his FT job duties as the Superintendent of the Water & Sewer Division at the City of Batavia. He keeps busy with two “contract employee” PT jobs and is also a partner at the Fox Valley Gallery of Wood in Batavia.

He and his wife Marcy live in Elburn, IL. He is an active volunteer with a couple of nonprofit agencies and he has two (2) adult stepsons.



BOD Candidate – Nathan Wick

I have been around construction, maintenance, innovative thinking, wood working, and tools all my life. As a child, if I broke a toy and I could not fix it, you took it to Dad or Grandpa and it came back fixed. This taught me to always look and find a way to fix it or make it better. It was also grandpa that started me out on a metal lathe as a child. Nothing like standing on a platform to be able to reach everything, having wood chips flying everywhere, changing speeds and cutters, making square boards round what fun. Life gets in the way and time passes, in 2015 I buy a small wood lathe because I want to try woodturning the correct way. I start turning pens and small bowls but that small lathe was just not big enough and I wanted more, two years later I bought a bigger lathe. Not wanting to hurt myself I started looking for help and found both Chicago clubs and joined them. The classes, demos, and members have been an inspiration, having people review my work and listening to critiques have help me develop over the years. I enjoy turning everything especially when it has meaning behind it. Pens that are made from an old oak Ice skating dasher boards or trees that were planted in front of someone's home and have a story behind them. Since serving this past year as the Vice President of Windy City it has been a pleasure to organize the monthly demos. For this upcoming year if there is anything you would like to see please let me know hopefully we can be back in person soon.

2021 WCWT – Officers

President – Marie Anderson
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Vice-President - Nathan Wick
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Treasurer - Nick Page
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Secretary/Editor - Mark Dreyer
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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 2021 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.

