



Windy City Woodturners

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Message From Our President

Contributor : Marie Anderson

Greetings All!

Happy December, Merry Christmas. Happy Holidays.

This started out as a short and simple holiday message of gladness for the friendship of all of you, thankfulness for those of you who have shared your talents (on the board, as a demonstrator, on a committee, or at an event) with the rest of us over the past year and joyfulness that many of us will soon be sharing an evening of fun and festivity next week at the club Christmas party. But there's more...



Message From Our President

Contributor : Marie Anderson

For those of you who have not checked your email, you may not be aware of the latest club news. As of Friday, December 10th I was informed that the venue we have been meeting in at the Lisle Park District is no longer available for our monthly meetings for at least the next 2 years. We had an emergency board meeting, created a checklist of needs for our new venue, contacted a few key people to serve on the search committee, sent an email to all of you and then consolidated the suggestions received into a list of potential venues. The good news is we can still hold our meetings via zoom until we find a new venue. The club's equipment will be moved into storage before you receive this newsletter. So overall, at this point I don't anticipate any direct impact to you our members. We will keep you updated on this project moving forward. If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact me (or just read the email I sent on December 12th).

I hope you all will join me in thanking the guys who have stepped up to be board members of your club, VP - Nate Wick, Secretary - Mark Dreyer, Treasurer - Nick Page and Past President - Jason Clark for their dedication to making this club a better club (especially during this crazy year). You all have been troopers and it is appreciated by one and all. Thank you.



Message From Our President

Contributor : Marie Anderson

I cannot end this message without a personal thank you to outgoing club secretary/newsletter editor Mark Dreyer for his many years of service. Mark is always there to lend a hand whenever I need him. He is patient when I am not as prompt as I should be when writing this article for the monthly newsletter. He has been a great asset to the club working quietly behind the scenes on whatever project needs doing without any complaints. He has helped the last two years with our Empty Bowls fund raiser offering whatever we needed to make it happen. Mark has his hands full these days with art shows and organizing the Midwest Pen Turners Gathering (which by the way is open for registration at www.midwestpenturnersgathering.com and you should sign up asap to take advantage of the early bird bonus raffle ticket entries). He assures me he will still be an active member of the club, just not a board member so that he can focus on other things. Mark, for your friendship and sharing your wisdom, you have my sincere thanks!

Lastly, Thank you to those of you who have already renewed your club membership. I hope that the rest of you will join us as we step into 2022 by renewing your membership today.

See you all next week! Marie



Windy City Elections – Complete

- ▶ Marie Anderson – President
- ▶ Nathan Wick – Vice President
- ▶ Nick Page – Treasurer
- ▶ John Dillon – Newsletter Editor



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).



November – Al Miotke – Staved Bowl

Our demonstrator for November 2024 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 to the set up 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)

Once Upon A Christmas

Contributor: Don Johnston (Thanks Don and great job)

December 4th wasn't the coldest or windiest we've ever experienced during Once Upon a Christmas, but it was unique with all the Blacksmith Shop doors flung open. There was a bit of an "outdoor vibe" in this year of Covid precautions. But Rich Hall-Reppen brought a propane heater, Rich Nye bought Starbucks and we only had to perform for 3 hours, so we survived.

We had the usual three generational crowd of moms & dads, kids and grandparents, but in larger numbers than expected for the reduced attractions. The three lathe display always evokes appreciation from all ages of the progress made over the years. As usual the pile of chips was much smaller under the Spring Pole than the century-old Sheldon lathe.



WIT News

The WIT committee met in early December to say good bye to outgoing committee chair Kathleen Duncan. On January 1st, Kimberly Winkle will start her 3 year term as an AAW board member and will take over as chairperson of the WIT Committee and the POP committee.

At the December meeting, we made a few decisions on WIT programs for next year which I can share with all of you. We will be continuing the WIT Presents program on a quarterly basis rather than monthly starting in March. The Virtual WIT eXchange will return with registration starting on International Women's Day - March 8th. There will be more information on these events as the dates get closer.

The committee will also be looking at new ways to fulfill our mission of increasing membership of women in the AAW. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to share them with me!

Respectfully submitted, Marie Anderson, WIT Liaison for WCWT



AAW News

Special Interest Sessions - AAW Symposium 2022

Application period: December 15, 2021 to January 15, 2022

Back by popular demand, we'll kick off the 2022 Symposium in Chattanooga with Special Interest Sessions on Thursday, June 23, 2022 7-8pm. Special Interest Sessions are member-led sessions intended to introduce attendees to specialty woodturning groups and communities as well as facilitate discussion on woodturning topics. Planning to attend the Symposium and want to lead a Special Interest Session? Complete the application by January 15, 2022 for consideration. Selected session coordinators will be notified by January 31, 2022.

Call for Videographers - AAW Symposium 2022

Application period: December 15, 2021 to February 15, 2022

The AAW seeks videographers for its 36th International Symposium in Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 23-26, 2022. Applicants must have experience with video camera equipment, possess technical competence, and be able to make decisions regarding what is being turned, camera position, shooting angle, etc. The application process will be open from December 15, 2021, through February 15, 2022. Videographers are required to help set up or tear down and do six rotations to receive a free Symposium registration. Selected videographers will be notified by March 2022.

The Space Between: 2022 POP Exhibition and Auction

Application Period: December 1, 2021 to January 15, 2022

The Professional Outreach Program (POP) is pleased to announce its 2022 exhibition and auction theme, The Space Between. As POP brainstormed ideas for the 2022 show, the theme of “negative space” was a popular one. At its most basic, negative space is the space between, within and surrounding an object in an image. Sometimes it is subtle, sometimes obvious, sometimes playful, like the classic image of the vase and faces. The Space Between suggests negative space, but also allows for a wide range of interpretations. The Space Between offers room for interpretations of personal relationships, social distancing, politics, generational differences, the passage of time, juxtapositions of form and color, or a striking silhouette, just to start. As always the POP exhibition is small scale, with a 6” x 6” x 6” size limit. The juried portion of the show is open to any AAW member and to full-time students in art, design, or industry-related degree programs, regardless of membership status.

Bridging the Gap: the Craft and Art of Turning, 2022 AAW Member Exhibition

Application period: January 1 to March 15, 2022

The theme for the 2022 Symposium AAW member show is Bridging the Gap: The Craft and Art of Turning. The themes for the annual member show traditionally draw from the host city or state, and Chattanooga is a city of many bridges. The year's theme also refers to the continuum of work being created by our members, from primarily functional to completely sculptural, and all points in between. As always, the theme is open to many interpretations, whether your motivation is metaphor, material, techniques, or just the pleasure of turning! There are two cash prizes for this exhibition: \$300 Masters Choice, selected by the jurors, and \$200 People's Choice, selected by AAW 2022 Symposium attendees. This year's theme opens the door to creating an exhibition that showcases the full scope of excellent work being created by woodturners, and we hope you will apply! The show is open to any current AAW member and to fulltime students in art, design, or industry-related degree programs, regardless of AAW membership status.



Events You Should Know About



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 Is Open



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.



- ▶ **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.

