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Windy City Woodturners

Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

♥ happy ♥
Valentine's
♥ day ♥

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February Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 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!

The February Mtg. demo will be done by Rich Nye. Rich will be demonstrating how he makes Clam-shell boxes.

Details next page.....

Not to be missed!



WCWT ENTRANCE - LOWER-LEVEL

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

1313 N Mill St, Naperville, IL 60563

February Mtg. Presentation

Rich Nye will be demonstrating for the WCWT at the February Mtg. Rich will be showing how he makes “clam-shell boxes”.

These are small, thin boxes with a somewhat tight-fitting lid which requires a little prying from a fingernail to open. Their design is intended for storage of necklaces, rings, or other small items.



Rich admiring some of his burl boards



Message From Our President

February 2023

As I wrote last month's column, although I tried to keep it short, words and thoughts kept coming so I saved some of them for this month when I knew I would have limited time to write (or even be inspired to write).

This memory makes me smile and inspires me to this day. I wish the same for you.

Many years ago, before Windy City Woodturners existed Dan and I visited our very first Chicago Woodturners club meeting in the wood shop at York High School. That night I met everyone that was in attendance about 12 of the 20 or so current members, (all guys, including a few who are current members of WCWT including Bill Hochmuth, Dick Sing and Bob Bergstrom) and John Zych (the club president at the time) who took the time to introduce himself to us. I was the only woman there that night. That night changed everything. We found a community. We learned and were challenged to improve our skills because of the monthly demos and critiques and occasional creative challenges.

The story I am sharing with you came from the then current president, John Zych. John, used to challenge himself every time he stepped up to the lathe to exercise his skills. John would start each lathe session spending about 15 minutes with a small 3x3x3 block of wood as a warm up.



Message From Marie (Cont.)

His goal was to make a pleasing shape with continuous curves, no flat spots and different than anything he had previously turned allowing him the luxury to try something new each day. He had a small shelf, 4 or 5" deep and maybe 12" from the ceiling, around the perimeter of his shop where these turnings, if they were deemed worthy, would reside. If they didn't quite make the cut, they might be found in a future idea bucket or if they were total failures (in his mind) they were considered firewood. This shelf became a very prominent, very real example of his progression as he learned about good form. Over the years he collected many different shapes and improved his tool handling skills dramatically. It quite literally trained his (and many of his students) eye(s) to seek the things that are pleasing to the eye.

John opened his shop to anyone who wanted to learn. He mentored young and old and did it for the pure joy of turning. Can you relate?

Have you reached out to another club member? Do you have some technique or tool or wood that is giving you trouble? What have you done to train your eye? Do you know what makes good form? Have you taken the time to learn something new? Check out a book from the library? Or even just stood in front of your lathe to make shavings this month? If you have a challenge, reach out, we have a whole bunch of folks with knowledge to share all you have to do is ask!

Just a quick note of reminder, this month the third Wednesday is February 15th which is the day after CWT's virtual meeting. (NOTE: this will also happen in March.)

Until next month, get to your lathes and make something!

Marie



January Mtg. Recap

Marie called the mtg. to order and provided a brief recap of the Holiday Party and she introduced the Club officers for 2023. Marie Anderson, President; Nathan Wick, Vice-President; Nick Page, Treasurer; and John Dillon Secretary.

We had a few visitors (excuse the spelling!) Jeff Hart, Brad Wood, Sharon Wussow and Jerry Loudino (that's probably not even close!)

This month's birthdays included Dom Costabile and Deb Hall-Reppen (thanks Rich HR!)

Nick mentioned dues are due

Nate is looking for demonstrators!

Marie mentioned she is still waiting on a few of the "Bowling Pin Challenge" turners to get to their lathes and get those bowling pins turned

February's challenge – "Turn Something for your Sweetheart". Let's see it at the February Meeting!

Marie reviewed the "AAW News" – new Executive Director and she talked about the Annual AAW Symposium and how our Club can get a discount if we sign-up together. Ask Marie about the details if you plan to go.

Nick reviewed the Annual Budget

Marie mention the Woodturners Worldwide Symposium, of which she and Mark Dreyer are scheduled to be demonstrators. More info later in the newsletter.

Mark Dreyer talked about the MPG conference coming up in April. More info later in the newsletter.

Rich Hall-Reppen mentioned information related to the Club library

Great raffle and raffle prizes. Thanks Rich Nye!

John Dillon did the demonstration on how he does the second turning of a roughed-out bowl.

Nathan Wick did the Gallery review

January Meeting Demo Recap

John Dillon did the demonstration at the January WCWT Mtg. John's demo involved the process he follows with final shaping a "roughed-out" bowl blank. There can be some challenges with taking an out-of-round roughed bowl and John explained, and showed, the process he goes through to make it round again.

Bob Bergstrom was also in attendance and was able to take a video of John which Bob has posted to the You Tube series. Thanks Bob! You can watch the demo here:

<https://youtu.be/kV55SCafsqM>



John demonstrating
at the January Mtg.

January Gallery Photos

Thanks for the pics
Dave Burk!



Left - Bruce Wick, small candle holders



Above & Left - Nathan Wick
"grab bag bowls"

January Gallery Photos

Left - Bob Bergstrom
assortment of Cottonwood Burl
live edge bowls



Left - John Dillon, Spalted Maple

Above - John Dillon Apple



January Gallery Photos

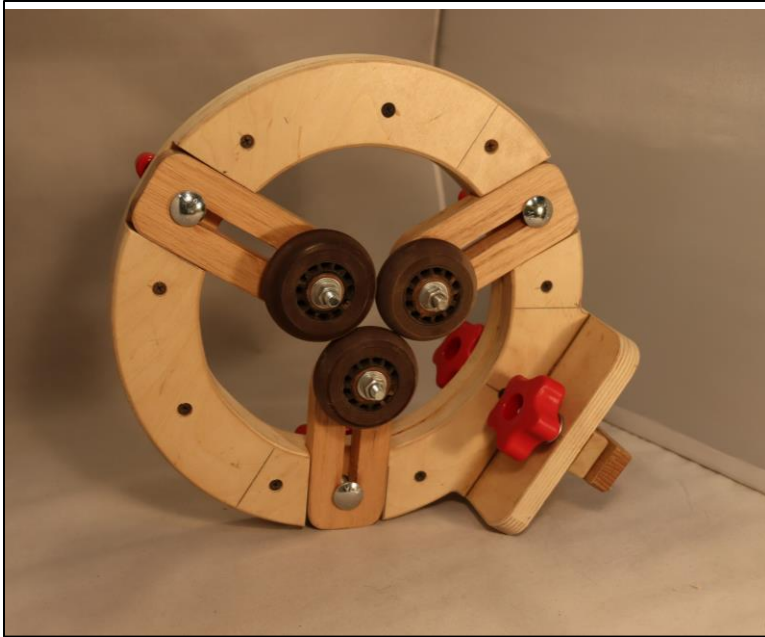


All on this page Dom Costabile

Dom has been experimenting with acrylic and interference paints as accents to rim designs.



January Gallery Photos



Left - Frank Orlowicz - Spindle steady

Below Left and below - Frank Pagura
Having fun with spheres;
baseballs and softballs



January Gallery Photos



All on this page
Paul Pyrcik – Pens



January Gallery Photos



Left – Paul Pyrcik – Holiday Trees

Below Left – Ray Luckhaupt,
Segmented vase

Below – Ray Luckhaupt, wood
and acrylic ornaments



January Gallery Photos



Above - Rich Nye, small bowl variety

Above Right - Rich Nye, Hollow ornaments

Right - Sharon Wussow, bowls



January Gallery Photos

All on this page
Roy Lindley
Geometric Chuck designs on
acrylic



CLUB NOTES



COVID-19

DuPage County is in “community medium level”, therefore masks are optional for attendees. We will once again offer a hybrid meeting broadcasting live to those who prefer to join via Zoom.



NOTE FROM PAUL PYRCIK.....

I'd like to connect with any other WCWT members who happen to own/use a Klein Design Lathe.

These were produced/sold by Bonnie Klein in the late 1980s and early 1990s. I have a few technical questions.

Contact Paul:

630-921-1600 mobile
pppyrcik@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- WEBMASTER -



CLUB NOTES Cont.



Elburn Town and Country Library Display

The Town and Country Library, in Elburn, IL., is displaying woodturned items made by members of the Windy City Woodturners (WCWT) and the Chicago Woodturners (CWT) during the month of February.

Like many libraries throughout the area, the Town and Country Library has display cases available to the public to showcase collections and memorabilia from community members. Club member John Dillon (Elburn, IL.) had visited Elburn's library in late December and noticed one of their two (2) display cases was empty. John had heard that the woodturning clubs had occasionally displayed their finished products at area libraries, so he inquired about it's use and the library mentioned the woodturners could reserve the month of February for their display. (cont. next page)



L to R – Rich Hall-Reppen,
Rich Nye and John Dillon

CLUB NOTES Cont.

Elburn Town and Country Library Display

Once permission from the library came through (they offered both display cabinets!) John recruited fellow Fox Valley area turners Rich Hall-Reppen and Rich Nye to help put a display together. Pieces in the display cabinet were secured from the following members: Marie and Dan Anderson; John Dillon; Frank Pagura; Rich Nye; Rich and Deb Hall-Reppen; Don Johnston; Bob Moss; Bob Barbieri and Dawn Herndon-Charles. Rich Hall-Reppen made "display cards" acknowledging; the artist; the wood; and the type of turning. We also included small posters with contact information for both woodturning clubs.

John thinks the Batavia Public Library is going to welcome some of the display pieces in April (much smaller cabinet to fill). If any member wishes to contact their local library for the same purpose, please reach out to John, Rich N., Rich HR or Marie who can provide some advice on the logistics of making this happen! Thank-You.



Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

Women In Turning February Update

The 2023 Virtual WIT eXchange registration opens on February 1st. This is the 3rd Virtual WIT eXchange and I encourage any of the women in our club to take the opportunity to challenge themselves creatively by signing up for this event. If you have never participated in a collaborative project, you will have the opportunity to meet women from around the world and work with at least 2 of them. Registration is open to any women artists (in any media) through February 19th.

The next WIT Presents event will be held on March 4th and will feature Nicole MacDonald and Elizabeth Weber two women who you will want to meet. WIT Presents the 2023 Virtual WIT eXchange presentation of projects will be held April 29th and just confirmed, the next WIT Presents will be Jay Heryet on May 6th. Jay is well known in the UK and we are very excited to see her presentation. Watch for email notifications when registrations open for each.

If you received the latest issue of the American Woodturner you may have noticed a call for applications for a Scholarship for Entrepreneurial Women Woodturners to attend an All-Women Woodturning week with Glenn Lucas in County Carlow, Ireland. Applications are being accepted until February 28th for 8 student applicants. Successful candidates will be notified by March 13th. Details are in the latest American Woodturner magazine on Page 14. The scholarship covers a 5 day woodturning class with Glenn Lucas from August 21-25 with an exhibition of work on August 26th, Accommodations at a local bed and breakfast, daily transportation to and from the workshop. However, Travel/Flights to Ireland and transport to County Carlow are at the participants' own expense.

Have you been to your lathe this month? If not, what is holding you back? If you need some inspiration, please feel free to give me a call. I'd love to hear from you.

Marie


Women in Turning

AAW Upcoming Events

AAW Upcoming events: more information and registration can be found here:

<https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Events>



AAW Upcoming Events



ALL Times listed Eastern Time Zone

AAW Presents: Stewart Furini
Saturday, February 18, 2023
2:00 PM ET

Known for his colorful, textured turnings, Stewart Furini's friendly manner and clear teaching style have made him a popular demonstrator, both in-person and online. Join Stewart for an online demonstration turning and decorating a wide-rimmed shallow bowl. The demo will cover work-holding methods, pull-cutting with the bowl gouge, and creating a pleasing ogee shape and foot design. He'll also cover things to consider when shaping the rim before any texturing and coloring are done. There'll even be room for audience participation - you get to choose the colors!

You'll learn:

- How to use pull-cutting to shape an ogee
- How to feel more confident using stains, dyes and paints
- How to finish and protect your decorative effect



Can't make it on Saturday? Catch the replay, available to registered attendees through **March 11**.

Cost

- \$10 AAW members, \$15 all others.
- Preregistration required. Replay will be available to registered attendees only

Click here to
Register

Always changing, various IRD's are available as shown on the AAW's IRD calendar found here: <https://community.woodturner.org/events/ird-demonstrations>

Local & Other Events You Should Know About



Midwest Pen Turners Gathering

- ▶ April 21 and 22, 2023, Marriott Northwest in Hoffman Estates
- ▶ In-Person
- ▶ Top Of The Line Demonstrators **including WCWT members:**
 - Dick Sing
 - Marie Anderson
 - Al Miotke
 - Mark Dreyer
- ▶ Top Of The Line Vendors
- ▶ Top Of The Line Sponsors
- ▶ Registration Is Open
- ▶ <http://midwestpenturnersgathering.com/>



WWOS 2023



Side note – Marie and Mark Dreyer are scheduled to demonstrate. Maybe others from our club??

Woodturners Worldwide Online Symposium 2023

Third times a charm!

Fri, Feb 24 - Sun, Feb 26

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CST)

\$89

REGISTER HERE

<https://www.accelevents.com/e/woodturners-worldwide-online-symposium-2023>



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
- ▶ **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

