

# Windy City Woodturners

Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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# February Meeting

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

*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!*

## **\*CAUTION\***

The music students regularly cross the driveway near the church building in the parking lot.

**EVERYONE PLEASE OBEY THE STOP SIGN (!) NEAR THE BUILDING AS YOU ENTER**

Let's keep everyone safe!



**WCWT ENTRANCE - LOWER-LEVEL**

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

**1313 N Mill St, Naperville, IL 60563**

The February Meeting will feature Club VP Nathan Wick who will be demonstrating chainsaw safety and maintenance. Bruce Metzdorf will be discussing drying rough-turned bowl blanks.

Details next page.....Not to be missed!

# February Mtg. Presentation

**Nathan Wick & Bruce Metzdorf**

## **NATE:**

### **Learn essential safety protocols for operating a chainsaw**

- Learn safe cutting methods.
- Discover maintenance tips to keep your equipment running smoothly.

#### Why Attend?

Understanding chainsaw safety and maintenance is crucial. Nate's demonstration will equip you with the knowledge and skills to work confidently and safely with your chainsaw, ensuring both personal safety and equipment longevity.

Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your chainsaw proficiency!

Join us and take the first step towards becoming a safer and more efficient chainsaw operator. Let's cut through the confusion and rev up your chainsaw expertise together!

## **BRUCE:**

**Learn how Bruce uses DNA to help dry his roughed-out bowl blanks**



Photo of Nathan

**February 2024**

Presidents Message

# President's Message

## Mark Dreyer



So, when you are a type “A” personality you are always judging yourself. After the meeting on the drive home I literally went through a recap in my mind. Things that went well, things I can do better, and mistakes - I made a few but then again too few to mention. But one that I must mention because I am embarrassed is that I forgot to thank someone – Mark Jundanian. Mark, I am truly sorry for not acknowledging how hard you worked on the virtual part and live camera switching parts of our meetings over the past couple of years. Please accept my sincere apology.

I said at the meeting that we should all look at the meetings and the club as “our club”. That being said I want to thank you for your patience at the meeting. I know at the beginning of the meeting I said my part would only be 20 minutes and much like everybody else I looked up at the clock and saw that I had taken about an hour. I warned everybody that at my first meeting I would take a little more time focusing on the direction of the club in terms of demos, club activities and the focus on growing the club. So, I do owe everyone a thank you for all the comments, thoughts, and honestly, an honest open conversation. I promise you this is “our club”. Please continue to bring ideas and open communications.

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# Message From Our President (cont.)

As we talked about at the meeting, my number one priority for the club is to have demonstrations and topics that are not only relevant to the direction of wood turning but also focus on activities that all our members want to see. I also want the club to be more than “just meetings”. I was excited by all the interactive conversations, suggestions and directions provided. I will say personally it was even more fun afterwards when more and more members came up to me with ideas and more suggestions came in. Nathan and I have already started looking at the topics and the suggestions that everybody gave for demonstrators, and we are going to put together a program to cover the entire year. I was happy to see that the picnic, the Christmas party, and the garage sale were all things the club looked like we wanted to continue. This is where I’m going to ask more people to step up and join in the fun of planning these events. The best events are the ones with the most help and thoughts.

At the March meeting (Nate will be handling the February meeting for us), if my goal is to continue having the meeting only be 20 minutes, be ready to volunteer.

I can outwait many of you. While you are in your shop this month sharpening (and as a complete aside who likes sharpening – you can use that time better) think about helping us out. Volunteer for the picnic committee, ideas for group projects, companies and products you would like to see in person, anything else. The fun part of working with this club is that we’re only going to look at things we did well and the success we had in putting these programs together.

Just as a quick reminder, if you really like that Easy Wood Tool’s chuck it could be yours – simply come to the meetings, bring some friends, and participate in the past President’s challenge. It’s always fun growing the woodturning family and getting Easy Wood to help out was – well – “Easy”.

So, as you read this I am most likely out of the country, but I would be willing to bet you I am looking at the trees and the wood thinking – what I could do with that.

Thanks for having faith in me and I know this will be fun when we all work together.

Mark



# January Meeting Recap

New Club President Mark Dreyer called the meeting to order and started out by thanking everyone who has been involved over the past year (or more) with helping the club be successful. He thanked Marie as past President; the Board; other past presidents; founding members; demonstrators; the set-up and clean-up crews and many more.

Mark reviewed his vision for the monthly club meetings and how the agenda will flow related to the business meeting, demonstrations and gallery review, etc.

Mark reviewed some of the upcoming demonstrator topics he and Nate are working on.

Mark also mentioned upcoming woodturning events that may be of interest to our members including the MPG; AAW National Symposium and Turn On Chicago.

Open Shop days sponsored by CWT was mentioned as was the Fine Line Arts Center Show; Youth turning events at Woodcraft; and Marks involvement with Exotic Blanks on-line training.

Jeff Walsma mentioned he does outreach and also sponsors woodturning lessons.

Mention was made of the CWT turning event for students at Stevenson HS in February.

Mark again went over the topics list for demonstrators for 2024 (extensive list and can be found later in the newsletter).

A brief discussion was held re: the annual Picnic, Christmas Party and the need for volunteers to help organize.

Mark briefly reviewed the 2024 budget, but no action was taken (can be seen in this newsletter).

We had self-introductions of a few guests and new members including Jeff Burke, Kim Pedomo, Lee Mandel, Jeff Hart, Sarah Knipfer and Harry ? (apologies if I misspelled the names as I was trying to hear and write)

Mark announced chances at a raffle for an Easy Wood chuck (donated by Easy Wood tools). One entry per person each month for attending the meeting, one entry if you sign-up a new member and one entry if you participate in the Past Presidents Challenge.  
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# January Meeting Recap

Mark mentioned Club members qualify for discounts at our local woodworking/tools stores including Woodcraft Supply; Rockler Woodworking Store and Owl Lumber. 10% off qualified items has been typically the discount.

Marie took an opportunity to mention the recent Empty Bowls events, the W.I.T. wig stands project and the Pens for Troops program. Marie mentioned she has the wig stand components for anyone wishing to make one.

Don Johnston is the demonstrator for tonight's meeting and he will be demonstrating how he makes plates and platters.

Rich Nye is handling the raffle at the meetings.

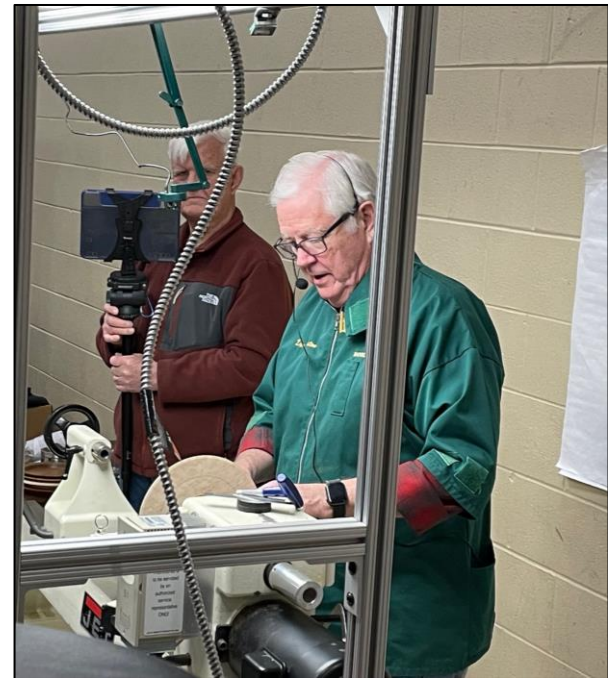
Birthdays were mentioned and some treats were enjoyed compliments of Rich Hall-Reppen (Deb Hall-Reppen Birthday). It was also Lee Mandel's birthday month. And we had other treats provided by members. Members were reminded that whatever their birthday month is, they should plan to bring treats on the meeting night of that month. (THANKS in advance!)

It was mentioned we are always looking for newsletter information or folks willing to write an article for the newsletter.

Dues for 2024 are due! Thanks to all who have already paid.

Don did the demo and Paul Pycik did the Gallery review before the meeting was ended.

Thanks to all who helped out at the meeting with the variety of tasks!



Monthly demonstrator Don Johnston with Bob Bergstrom in background (with the video recorder).

# January – Demonstration Recap

Don Johnston was the demonstrator at the January meeting. Don showed the club members how he turns platters and plates. Don provided a thorough explanation of how he selects the wood (highly figured typically) orients the wood to show the high figure; mounting the wood on the lathe; and turning thicknesses and flatness considerations and techniques. Thanks Don for an informative and great demo!



Left – Bob Bergstrom (L) recording the demonstration while Don explains how he measures the thickness of the plate.

Above – examples of the plates and platters Don brought to the meeting.



# January Gallery Photos



All on this page  
Bob Bergstrom

# January Gallery Photos



Above - Bob Moss



Left and Above

Bruce Metzdorf



# January Gallery Photos



Left - Dave Neybert

Below- Dawn Herndon-Charles



Left- Marie Anderson

# January Gallery Photos



Left - Kim Perdomo



Above - Rich Nye  
Bowling Pin Challenge  
(assist from John Dillon)

# January Gallery Photos



Above - Frank Pagura

Above right - Bill Weiler

Right - Paul Pyrcik



# January Gallery Photos



Above and Above Left - Dick Sing

Left - Roy Lindley

# January Gallery Photos



Above - Wig Stands (Bill Weiler?)

Above Right and Right  
George Rodgers  
Glue Bottle (opener) Helper

# CLUB NOTES



## 2024 Demonstrations Calendar

**January – Don Johnston**  
**Wooden Platter – Thank You**

**February – Nathan Wick/Bruce Metzdorf**  
**Chainsaw Safety/Drying Bowls**

**March – Dick Sing**  
**59 Years Of Tips/Tricks/Tools**

**April – Open**

**May – John Underhill**  
**Stabilization**

**June – Rich Nye**  
**Embellishing Your Turnings**

**July – Al Miotke**  
**Finishing Your Turning Like A Pro**

**August – Paul Pycik**  
**Quick Turns**

**September – All Club Members**  
**5/6 Individual Sessions**

**October – Bill Witt**  
**Inside Out Ornament**

**November – Jeff Hart**  
**Casting And Turning Orbs**

**December – All**  
**Holiday Party**



# 2024 Proposed Budget

	2023	2023	2024	
	Budget	Actual	Proposed Budget	
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Membership Dues	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,645.00	\$1,875.00	*estimate adding 9 new members
Raffle	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,216.00	\$1,300.00	
Donations				
Misc / Garage Sale	\$ 100.00	\$ 141.00	\$130.00	
				Picnic Fee @ \$5 per
Demonstrations				
Xmas Party Fee	\$ 600.00	-	\$600.00	*30 people @ \$20.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,002.00</b>	<b>\$3,905.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Rent	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$100/month
Demonstration	\$ 300.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$100/month x 10 months
Raffle Prizes	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	based on last year
Insurance	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	*allowing for potential inflation Need to upgrade cameras
Equipment		\$ -	\$ 250.00	estimate
News Letter	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 160.00	*upgrade to ProWeebly website
Office Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	
Picnic			\$ 300.00	*estimated \$10/person x 30
Xmas Party	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	*estimate
Misc Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 150.00	
Library	\$ 100.00			
Storage Space	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,335.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,860.00</b>	
Short / Excess	\$ (950.00)	\$ 667.00	\$ (955.00)	

# CLUB NOTES



## WCWT YouTube Videos Available

Did you know WCWT YouTube Videos are available to you thanks to Club Member Bob Bergstrom? Also included are videos from the Illiana Club and The Chicago Woodturners Club.

I sent a link to the recent Don Johnston platter demo (January Mtg.) but there are many more videos that Bob has recorded, edited and published. Check out more than 60 different videos here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNkksA85ezhPM-W8uSfsL1Q>

## Easy Wood Chuck Raffle Prize

Don't forget about your chance to win an Easy Wood Chuck. It's easy to enter the raffle. The criteria include:

1. Attend the monthly meeting for a chance
2. Sign-up a friend for a chance
3. Participate in the past-Presidents Challenge for a chance

Tickets will be available at the Treasurers table during each meeting. Good-Luck!

## New Hardwood and Turning Stock Retail Store Open in Batavia

Club member John Dillon, and three (3) friends, have opened a retail hardwood store in Batavia, IL. The inventory includes hardwood lumber for furniture makers; turning stock for woodturners and a small wood gallery of finished products.

This venture is something John and his buddies have wanted to do for a while and when the space became available they grabbed it.

The store is located at 330 McKee St, Batavia, IL. 60510. The store hours are Saturday's from 9 am until 3 pm. And by appointment.

Phone: 630-761-5907

Email: [bataviahardwoods@gmail.com](mailto:bataviahardwoods@gmail.com)

Website: [www.bataviahardwoods.com](http://www.bataviahardwoods.com)

Stop by sometime and take a look. The turning stock inventory is mostly supplied by RJR Wood Products (Rich Nye, John Dillon and Rich Hall-Reppen)

# CLUB NOTES

## Empty Bowls Checks Delivered

After another successful Empty Bowls event last October at the Batavia Boardwalk Shops, in Batavia, IL., checks were recently delivered to the fundraisers beneficiaries.

This was the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls event held in Batavia and \$1,500 was raised through the generosity of club members from both the Windy City Woodturners and Chicago Woodturners.

**Thanks to everyone who donated bowls for the sale or spent their time volunteering before, after or during the event.**

Each of the recipient agencies, The Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry; The Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Fox Valley Food for Health organization were given \$500 checks.

Molly Evans – Fox Valley Food For Health with John Dillon



Christine Fisher (NIFB) John and Marie



Marie Anderson, Eileen Pasero, Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry and John Dillon

# CLUB NOTES

## Pizza Break

A few WCWT members socializing after the last meeting with pizza, beer and soft drinks.



Left to Right:  
Rich Nye, Bob Barbieri, Don Johnston, Rich Hall-Reppen, John Dillon, Paul Pycik and Roy Lindley  
(not present Mark McCleary)



## A Trio of “Experienced” Turners

Long-time club members  
(L to R) Bob Bergstrom, Bill Hochmuth and Dick Sing  
enjoying some time together at January’s meeting



# CLUB NOTES

Nice Turnout of Club Members at the January Mtg!



# CLUB NOTES



## Volunteer Opportunities

- Director Of Audio / Visual
- Christmas Committee
- Picnic – Multi-Club
- Membership
  - Woodcraft
  - Rockler
  - Youth
- Newsletter – Write An Article
- Vendor Interaction
- Website



Reach out to  
Mark if  
interested!

# Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

## WIT PRESENTS EVENTS

Hopefully you were able to attend the January 6<sup>th</sup> WIT Presents: Eleonore Lakeland. Eleonore is known for turning monumental vessels using native UK timbers. Her presentation was excellent and if you missed it you can now find the replay by following this [link](#).

The next WIT Presents presentation, WIT Presents: Craig Edelbrock presenting on Joyce Anderson (1923-2014) on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Craig is a researcher and biographer. He has just recently finished his research on Joyce Anderson and her pioneering work in woodworking and woodturning. Craig is the foremost expert on Joyce and a seasoned speaker. His presentation should prove to be entertaining as well as informative. He has previously published books on midcentury designer Emil Milan and Wood Sculptor Norm Sartorius. You can follow Craig on Instagram @craigedelbrock Mark your calendars for March 2<sup>nd</sup> today!

Watch your email from the AAW for registration open notice for this free event should open around mid-February. Remember, the presentation is free but you must register to get the meeting code for this virtual event.

## Virtual WIT EXCHANGE

Plans are underway for the 2024 Virtual WIT EXCHANGE. The WIT Committee will once again host the EXCHANGE virtually this year. Registration will open in Mid-August so watch your AAW email communication and this space for information as we get a little closer. This is a great opportunity to introduce women to woodturning and artists from other media are encouraged to participate, share their skills and learn about woodturning! All skill levels are welcome in this collaboration. More news to come!



# Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

## UPDATE ON THE WIG STAND INITIATIVE

As of 2/3/24 the nationwide count on wig stands delivered as reported by current WIT Liaisons is 441. We have more than doubled the delivered wig stands since mid-October! This is a huge accomplishment nationwide and the WIT committee expects to see this number grow exponentially as more clubs join the effort. Our clubs have officially delivered 14 wig stands to date and there are several waiting to be decorated, finished and delivered. (See pictures from Living Well Cancer Resource Center visit on January 25<sup>th</sup>.) There will be wig stand kits available at the February Open Shop at the Chicago School of Woodworking and if anyone is interested in getting together to turn a few (after Valentine's Day) give me a call! My shop can host at least 3 turners at a time.



Above - Marie delivering wig stands at the Living Well Cancer Resource Center in Geneva  
Left - Photo of the wig salon at Living Well



# AAW Upcoming Events

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

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



# AAW Upcoming Events

The 2024 AAW International Woodturning Symposium will be May 23-26 in Portland, Oregon.

The AAW International Woodturning Symposium is the biggest and most well-known annual woodturning event in the world. Held in a different region of the country each year, the Symposium attracts woodturning hobbyists, artists, professionals, collectors, vendors and anyone looking to learn more about the woodturning craft.

With 80+ live demonstrations, presentations and panel discussions, there is a lot to experience. It features the industry's largest and most attended tradeshow (showcasing companies of all sizes) and awe-inspiring galleries, exhibitions and auctions featuring unbelievable wood art from across the world.

Details can be found here:

<https://www.aawsymposium.org/>



# AAW NEWS

## AAW Calls for Entry Calendar deadlines:

**AAW 2024 Symposium Call for Videographers** Applications open December 15, 2023 to February 15, 2024. If you are going to Portland and have experience in videography you may have the skills to be an AAW videographer. Typically if you are chosen as a videographer you will receive a complimentary registration to the symposium.

**AAW 2024 Member Show "Common Roots"** Applications open January 1, 2024 to March 15, 2024.

[Click here for full details](#)

The theme for the 2024 AAW member show is *Common Roots*. Each year, our goal is to host a Symposium exhibition that showcases and celebrates the full scope of excellent work being created by our members, from impeccably-crafted 'round and brown' to innovative sculptures that push the boundaries.

As always, artists are encouraged to interpret the theme for themselves, but here are a few jumping off points for getting the creative wheels spinning: "common roots" could refer to our shared connections through craft, culture, heritage, foods, our role in the ecosystem, human community, or roots as symbols of strength or as an actual material.

Work will be selected through a blind jurying process. The entry fee is \$25 for up to three entries. There are two cash prizes for this exhibition: the \$300 Masters' Choice, selected by the jurors or their representatives, and the \$200 People's Choice, selected by attendees at the AAW Symposium in Portland, Oregon, May 23-26, 2024.



# *Local Events You Should Know About*



# Midwest Pen Turners Gathering

Registration for the 2024 Midwest Penturners Gathering is open!!

The 2024 event will be held April 19 and 20 at the Marriott Northwest in Hoffman Estates, IL. You know the MPG always tries to provide the best in content, demos, and vendors – and this year is no exception. Our demo line up looks great as we expand into some of the business and social aspect of your pen business, while still provide a great list of pen making topics and our staples. In addition, we are happy to welcome all our past vendors back.

## **Why register now for April.**

If you came to an event in the past, you know we give away a lathe and many more big and small prizes. The big prizes are tickets based on the earlier you sign up. Every month early gets you an extra ticket. You know you are coming - sign up NOW!

Keep an eye out on the website as we will be updating the information on that page as we get more details. The website will be our lifeline to you and all.

<http://midwestpenturnersgathering.com/>



# Local Events

## FINE LINE CREATIVE ARTS CENTER Accepting Applications for Show

This one is a little early, but gives you time to create something specifically for this show.

You might consider submitting a piece to the "Sculpture at the Kavanagh" Show which will be held at the Fine Line Creative Arts Center in St. Charles, IL The call for entry deadline is May 13, 2024 with a \$35 entry fee. Visit their website for the link to the submission form at <https://fineline.org>

The show will run from June 27- August 7, 2024.



# Local Events

## TURN ON CHICAGO



Registration has opened for Turn On! Chicago 2024 symposium.

This symposium is the single best gift you can give yourself. Live demonstrations, Large Trade Show, an instant gallery of inspiration created of pieces turned by attendees, hands on pens for troops pen turning activity, Saturday night banquet with LIVE auction supporting education in woodturning, WIT meeting, and plenty of time for meeting and socializing with new friends. Don't miss this one!

<https://www.turnonchicago.com/>



# 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.



- ▶ Mark Dreyer– President [mg\\_dreyer@yahoo.com](mailto:mg_dreyer@yahoo.com)
- ▶ Nathan Wick – Vice President [nwick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nwick@sbcglobal.net)
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- ▶ Marie Anderson– Past President [danmar12@yahoo.com](mailto:danmar12@yahoo.com)



# THANK-YOU!

## WCWT 2023 Committee Volunteers

- ▶ **Photography** - Dave Burk
- ▶ **Website** – Marie Anderson
- ▶ **Events** – **Open**
- ▶ **Raffle**– Richard Nye
- ▶ **A/V** – **Open**
- ▶ **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](mailto:dillon60119@att.net)

