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*Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year*

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December Holiday Party

**The Windy City Woodturners will have our
Annual Holiday Party**

December 21, 2022 - 6:30 - 9:30pm

Reserve 22

485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn, IL



December Holiday Party (cont)

The menu will be:

- Lemon Pepper Chicken in a Fresh Lemon Juice & Cream Reduction
- Atlantic Salmon with a Dill Lemon Sauce
- Penne Pasta w/ Asiago and Sun-Dried Tomatoes
- Baby Kale Salad tossed with Quinoa, Macadamia Nuts, Broccoli, Snow Peas and a Sesame Ginger and Soy Vinaigrette
- Spring Spinach Salad with Strawberries and Feta
- Fresh Fruit Bowl
- Freshly Baked Bread
- Chocolate Cake
- Coffee & Soft Drinks included / Cash Bar for cocktails

As usual, we will hold a grab bag gift exchange - if you bring a gift you will go home with a gift! Handmade items are always appreciated—minimum value of \$20.

Message From Our President

December 2022

Happy holidays to one and all!

I hope this finds you all enjoying the season and looking forward to spending time with your family and friends as 2022 races to the end.

I find myself looking back over the year and wondering how we could already be so close to “next year”. We started the year homeless and locked down broadcasting our meetings to members via zoom with the challenge of finding a new home. By March, the relocation team led by Paul Pycik found us our current home and in April we were finally able to meet again in person. The meeting was well attended and the demonstration was a history of WCWT presented by Paul. The month ended with the Midwest Pen Gathering symposium (the first of many symposiums this year). In May Brad Davis made the first chips fly turning a Chinese Ball for our first live demonstration since 2019. In June many of us headed to Chattanooga for the first in person AAW symposium since 2019. Several of our members were demonstrators, several more filled volunteer positions. Mark Jundanian came back with one of the awards of excellence for his piece entitled “Siena” making us all proud. Our July meeting focused on safety at the lathe and looking forward to Turn On! Chicago for the first time since 2018. We held our annual garage sale for our August meeting (in the parking lot) and held our first of 4 Empty Bowls work days this year. September the chips were flying at our 2nd EB workday and Kurt Wolff-Klammer did his first demonstration for our club showing us how to make a bird feeder ornament (his own design) and yet another symposium – the Segmented Woodturners took place in our area. (cont.)



Message From Marie (Cont.)

October opened with our first EB event in Batavia (which was very successful), our first demonstration by a married couple - Rich & Deb Hall-Reppen - and closed with our 3rd EB workday. Last month we re-elected our current board, Nathan Wick did a great job on his very first demonstration and closed with our last EB workday of the year. December opened with our 2nd and last Empty Bowls event this year (see the results in separate article) and as the year comes to a close I am looking forward to seeing all of you (or at least many of you) at our annual Christmas Party on December 21st.

It seems like a good time of year to say thanks once again to all of you who volunteered your time to help with anything and everything WCWT this year. There are too many of you to mention everyone but I must specifically thank Nate, Nick, John and Jason our board for their tireless efforts to keep this club running smoothly and Mark, Dawn and Rich who show up every month and make sure we have useful AV equipment and a monthly raffle to help pay the rent.

Thanks again to everyone who has lent a hand to set up or breakdown before or after the monthly meetings, taken pictures, done a gallery review or demonstration, brought something in for the instant gallery or just showed up to the meetings.

Many things have changed over the past almost 3 years. We've all lost some friends and family members. To me, one thing that has not changed is the love of woodturning we all share. The inspiration that flows from this community, this family, all of you who make up this club. I'm so proud that the club survived the pandemic and I'm looking forward to seeing where we go from here.

To all of you, my woodturning family a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year! Marie



November Mtg. Recap

Marie called the November 16, 2022 meeting to order.

Thanks to Marie and Dawn for getting the A/V set-up as Mark J. was out sick.

Happy Birthday to Frank Pagura and thanks to Mark Dreyer who brought some treats!

Marie thanked Rich and Deb Hall-Reppen who did the October demo on making clay pens.

Marie mentioned volunteers are always needed and welcomed. A/V assistance; Website; Back-Up photographer; Demonstrators.

WCWT elections were held and the current Board members (Marie, Nate, John and Nick) were elected unanimously to serve another term for calendar year 2023.

Motion by: Mark McCleary and seconded by Rich Hall-Reppen.

Treasurer Nick Page reported we currently have 74 members. We had 25 in-person for the November mtg. (no Zoom). We have just under \$7,000 in our bank account.

Membership renewals for 2023 are encouraged and are now being accepted.

Mark Dreyer spoke about the MPG & Small Turnings Expo and mentioned he is working on the Midwest Pen Turning gathering for 2023.

Empty Bowls workday was held on Sunday, November 13th at the Chicago School of Woodworking in preparation for the December 3rd Empty Bowls event at Oakton Community College.

The Holiday/Christmas Party will be held on our regular December mtg. night which is December 21, 2022. We will once again meet at Reserve 22 in Glen Ellyn.

November Mtg. Recap (cont.)

The meeting demonstrator will be Nathan Wick doing some “small turning” objects (details later in newsletter).

Roy Lindley did the Gallery Review.

Rich Nye handled the monthly raffle.

Thanks to both Roy and Rich for your efforts!

Thanks to those who have volunteered and signed-up to help with set-up and tear-down:

PLEASE sign-up for a shift at our next meeting!

Special thanks each month to Mark Jundanian, and Marie, for getting the A/V equipment set-up and ready! **Big job and always looking for volunteers to help with this.**



VOLUNTEER NEEDED
WEBMASTER



November Mtg. Demonstration

Right - Nathan Wick (L)
explaining some of his tools
and projects to Derek Cadmus
(Center) and Bruce Wick (R)



Thanks to November meeting demonstrator, Club VP, Nathan Wick. Nathan did a demo and explained how he enjoys turning small objects on his lathe.

Some of the small objects Nate likes turning include; Bottle Stoppers; honey dippers; purse hangars and a variety of other items.

Nate showed a couple of wine bottles with LED lights installed which are pretty cool items.

Nate mentioned, and showed, how spectraply plywood makes for some interesting objects when turned on the lathe.

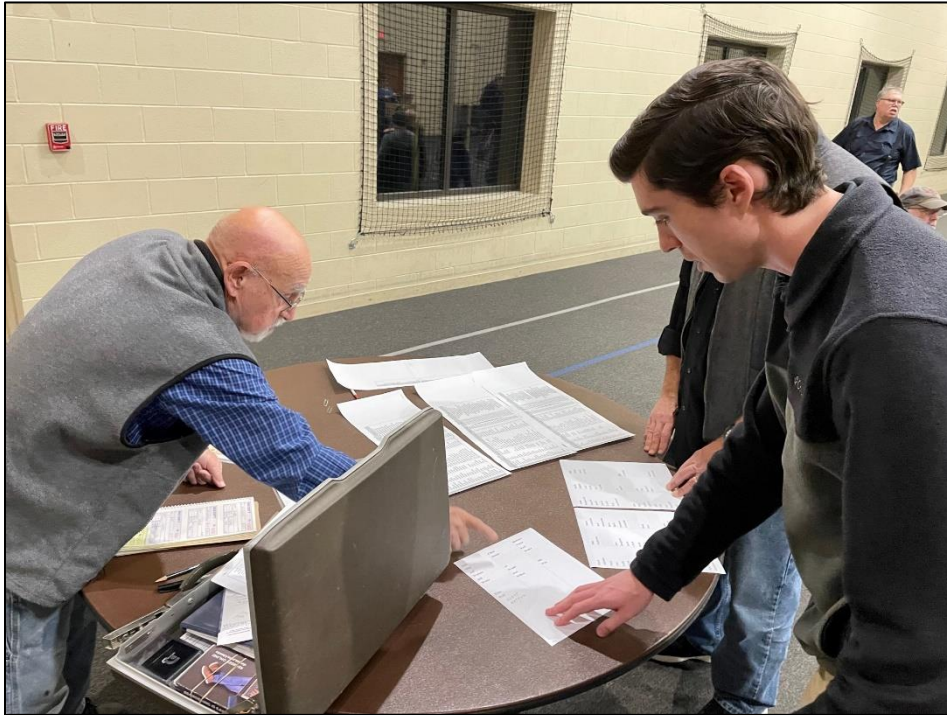
Nate also went through some of the mandrels and bushings needed for some of the turnings and how there is a big variety of sizes for different applications, so turners should be aware of the differences when starting some of these small projects.

Nate mentioned he likes to use a friction polish on his stoppers and some of the other small items he makes. He also uses double-stick tape as a resource for holding some of the smaller items he turns.

THANKS Nate for a great demonstration!

November Photos

Pics from John Dillon



Above – Nick Page discussing paperwork with Scott Matulik

Below – Roy Lindley (L) working the Gallery with Marie and Bruce Metzdorf (R)



November Mtg. Photos



Above – some of the turned items for the Gallery Review

Below – Roy Lindley looking over the Gallery items while Mark Dreyer and Bruce Metzdorf chat in background



Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

Upcoming Women in Turning events

The Women In Turning committee has decided to continue the Virtual WIT EXCHANGE for 2023. The dates will be confirmed shortly, but as of right now registration will open February 1st and as last year there will be a very minimal registration fee of just \$20 per person. I will update you as the dates are confirmed. Please be on the look out for an email from the AAW when registration opens and sign up right away. Again, this is for women only.

On December 17th the AAW will present Rebecca DeGroot and registration is now open. WIT Presents will continue on a quarterly basis and there are several women artists already in the que (although not confirmed or officially scheduled) including Jay Heryet from the UK and Joss Naigeon from France and an emerging artist presentation including Nicole MacDonald and Elizabeth Webber. As soon as I have dates you will be the first to know!

If any of you know a woman who might be interested in woodturning, please feel free to give her my contact information or better yet, bring her to the January meeting!

Respectfully submitted, Marie Anderson



The logo for Women in Turning (WIT) features the letters 'WIT' in a stylized, cursive font. The 'W' and 'I' are connected, and the 'T' has a decorative swirl at the top. Below the letters is a horizontal line, and underneath that line, the words 'Women in Turning' are written in a simple, sans-serif font.

Women in Turning

Empty Bowls at Oakton

The last EB event of this year took place on December 3rd at Oakton Community College. WCWT and CWT members came out in force to support this final event and it paid off big time. After reviewing all the receipts I can report that we had a record breaking event!

Before I tell you the results, there are a bunch of folks that deserve recognition for their part in making this event (and in fact the whole 2022 Empty Bowls campaign) successful. Obviously without your help and generosity in turning bowls and other items for this event we would not have been able to raise these much needed funds. So, thank you to everyone who helped, donated, visited, supported, and spread the news about our EB events. This includes from both WCWT and CWT: Tim Rand, Todd Cohen, Andy Kuby, Clint Stevens, Dave Bertaud, Mark Jundanian, Mike Canfield, Tom Hargrove, John Dillon, Frank Pagura, Tom Albrecht, Pat Cogdal, Jack Harkins, Kurt Wolff-Klammer, Rich Piper, Derek Cadmus, Bob Shuford, Reto Gallati, Nelson Lehrer, Dan Anderson, Meredith Canfield, Dawn Herndon-Charles, Nathan Wick, Rich Hall-Reppen, Deb Hall-Reppen, Rich Nye, Phil Moy, Mark Dreyer, Paul Shotola, Don Kosik, David Longaker, Bob Leonard, Al Miotke, Brenda Miotke, Ron King and Marie Anderson. There were many bowls that were not signed so if I missed anyone, please consider yourself thanked (and next year, please sign your bowls!)

Empty Bowls

From: Marie Anderson



Oakton Community College – December 3, 2002

Empty Bowls (Marie cont.)

I don't usually keep track but this year as I was getting everything priced for the sales, I noticed a couple of names appearing often so, (just to inspire a little competition next year), the top bowl producers were Derek Cadmus and Andy Kuby. Derek says he always pulled at least a couple bowls whenever he was turning to add to his EB box. Andy must have done the same with his class demo's and coring sessions. The great thing about this year is that so many of our members participated and I believe this is why we had such a huge success.

The Oakton event raised a total of just over \$29,000 and the sales of wooden bowls totaled \$4,434 which is a full 15% of their total sales. That is awesome folks! We raised over \$2,100 during the event in Batavia along with 147#'s of pantry items. This brings the total raised this year to \$6,534 plus the pantry items. This is a new record! I don't know about all of you, but I am so very proud to be a part of this outstanding group of giving people. Pat yourself on the back and enjoy the glow. We will take a couple months off of our EB workdays, but hopefully as you escape to your shops during this crazy holiday season you will remember that "someone's bowl is always empty" and consider starting your own Empty Bowls donation box for 2023. Thank you one and all!



Marie did a "Battle of the Bowls" with Oakton potter, Lou Pierozzi, the art department Chairman at Oakton Community College, who totally showed that Ceramic Bowls are easier to make than wooden bowls!
Jeez Marie - Might want to sharpen the bowl gouge prior to competing next year! Just sayin' (LOL)
NICE JOB CHAIRING THIS EVENT MARIE! THANK-YOU!

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

Live Online Event

**AAW Presents: Rebecca DeGroot
Walking Mushrooms**

Saturday, December 17, 2022

3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Cost

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

In this demonstration, Rebecca will walk you through the process of creating her signature walking mushrooms! Not a mushroom lover? The skills and techniques taught in this demonstration can be used to bring personality to all sorts of projects! She will begin by turning a simple mushroom cap, prepared for pyrography texture, followed by turning a body ready to be carved. Each mushroom has at least three turned legs, which are cut apart, and using spline joinery, reassembled into new forms. Once the lathe work is finished, Rebecca will show you how she carves the body to create a curved neck, use a woodburner to create texture underneath the cap, drill and countersink holes in the body for the legs. Finally, after all the individual pieces have been carved, shaped, burned, and sanded, Rebecca shows you the assembly process and presents the finished piece!

You'll learn:

- Use pyrography for texture and contrast
- Spline joinery techniques
- Design decision-making



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



NONE AT THIS TIME!



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 2022 Committee Volunteers

▶ **Photography - Dave Burke**

Photograph club activities and events.



▶ **Events – (OPEN)**

Help coordinate and organize club events and activities. Seek out opportunities for the club to further our mission to promote and educate the public about woodturning.



THANK-YOU!

WCWT 2022 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.



▶ **A/V** – Mark Jundanian

Setup and run audio and video equipment at club meetings and presentations.



▶ **Library**- Rich Hall-Reppen

Organize and maintain the club's stock of books, magazines, DVDs, and other materials.



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

