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Windy City Woodturners

Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



**SHADOW, OR NO SHADOW,
WE'RE READY FOR SPRING!**

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February Mtg. Demo

The February Meeting demonstration will be Dick Sing. Dick will be demonstrating how to “turn an Egg”.

Because the Club is still meeting virtually, we will be watching a video from a prior presentation Dick made for the Chicago Woodturners. Dick will be available for questions during, and after, the presentation.



Samples of wooden eggs from Dick's collection



With many years of woodturning experience, Dick's turning skills, knowledge and commentary is a pleasure to watch; learn from; and listen to. Plus, with Easter/Spring being just around the corner, this will give everyone time to make their own wooden eggs.

Stay tuned to your emails for the Zoom Mtg. invite.

Message From Our President



Contributor : Marie Anderson

One Day or Day One?

It's February and this column has long been a way to just pass along a bit of news here and there about what's happening with the club. This month I thought I'd switch it up a little bit with some words of inspiration.

Inspiration is defined as the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative. OR a sudden brilliant, creative, or timely idea. OR a person or thing that excites or stimulates.

Phew! That is a lofty goal for my first foray into switching up the content in this column for sure (but here we go).



Message From Our President Cont.

Many of you hold a deep dark secret. You would really like to move your turning to the next level.

That might be stepping up to the lathe to get started. It might be trying a new technique. It might be finally mastering the chainsaw. It could be getting your stash of green wood roughed out.

Maybe it's finish turning all those over dry roughed pieces that are piling up in your shop. Maybe you would like to get your work into a gallery show. Maybe you have always wanted to give a demo. Maybe you want to be a full-time turner (or possibly woodturning artist?) Or maybe it's something else.

Good news, whatever your deep dark woodturning secret is, I have the secret to success. Step up to the lathe. Practice. Learn. Practice. Choose to start. Practice. Commit. Practice.

So that's it. You can choose to keep your secret to yourself and hope that One Day you will get there...OR you can choose to make this Day One of your journey to letting that secret come into the light.

One Day or Day One. What will you choose?

Until we meet again, I'll be busy practicing what I preach.

Marie



January Mtg. Recap

- The Club held the January, 2022 Mtg. via Zoom and there were between 35-40 members on Zoom.
- Marie mentioned the budget for 2022 will be presented at the February Mtg.
- The members were advised about Mark Dreyer's upcoming events; The Midwest Pen Turners gathering and the AAW presentation with John Underhill. (see pages 27 & 32 for details)
- It was mentioned if the WCWT can accumulate a list of 10 attendees who plan to attend the National AAW conference in Chattanooga (in June) WCWT can get a discount. Let Marie know if you going!



January Mtg. Recap (Cont.)

- Turn On Chicago was discussed
- Bill Hochmuth was the January Mtg. presenter and shared his, and his wife Sandy's, collection of woodturned items (see page 7)
- Marie did the Gallery review (see photos starting on page 10)
- It was mentioned the Chicago Woodturners (CWT) are hosting Rebecca DeGroot at the Chicago School of Woodworking on March 12, 13 and 14. Look for information from CWT if you want to participate in hands-on classes.

Webmaster Needed!
Please reach out to Marie if you are interested



January Mtg. Presentation Re-Cap

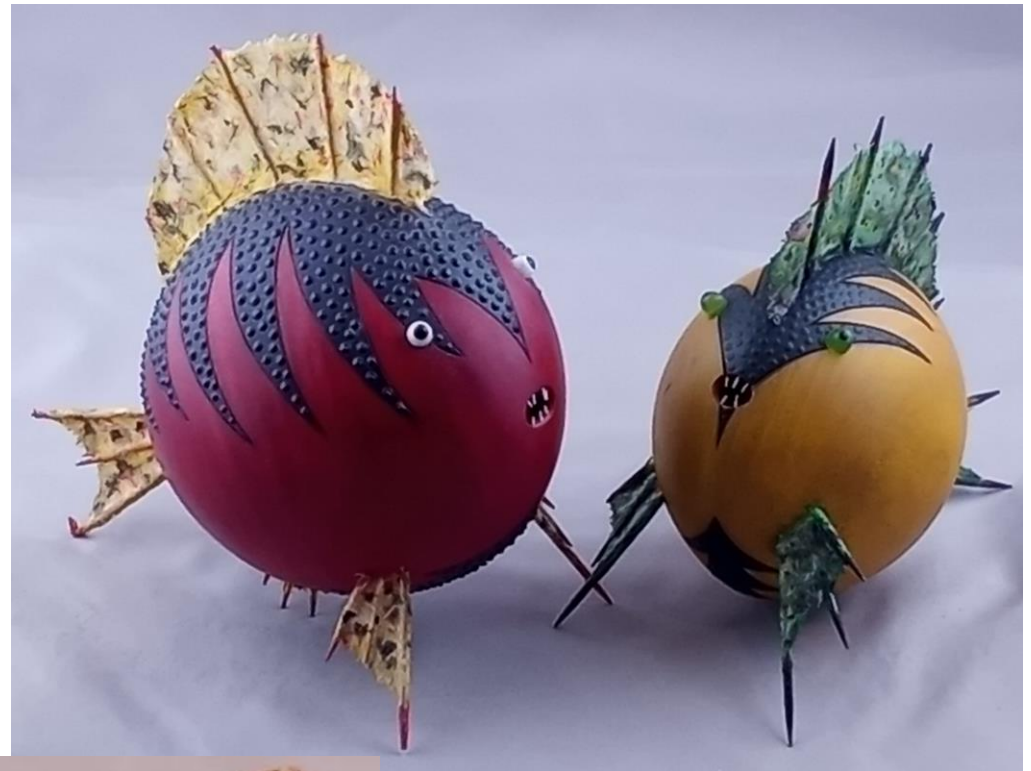
Bill and Sandy Hochmuth shared some of their favorite collected turnings. THANKS to Bill and Sandy!



Left - Hans Weissflog

Above - Christian Burchard

Additional Pics from Hochmuth Collection



Far Left - Richard Raffan

Left - Bert Marsh

Above - Michael Hosaluk

Additional Pics from Hochmuth Collection

Left - Merryll Saylan
Right - Hans Weissflog
Bottom Left - Hans Weissflog



January Gallery Photos



Above and Right
Frank Pagura
Do It Yourself
Christmas Tree



Below - Rich Nye -
Ring



January Gallery Photos



Above and top right - Frank Pagura and Brad Davis - Bowling Pin Challenge

Right- Brad Davis



January Gallery Photos



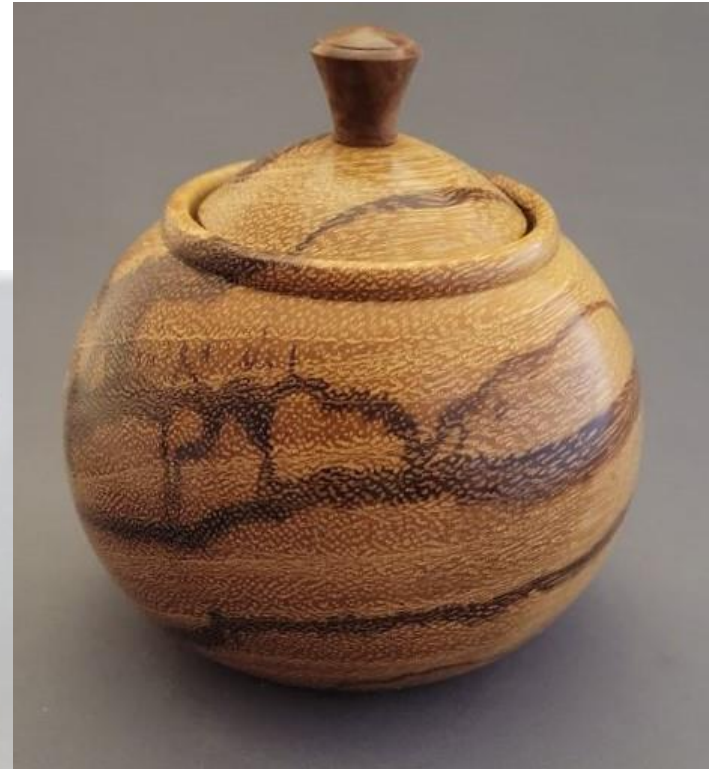
Above - Frank Pagura

Top Right - Rich Nye

Right- Marie Anderson

January Gallery Photos

All on this page - Dick Sing



January Gallery Photos

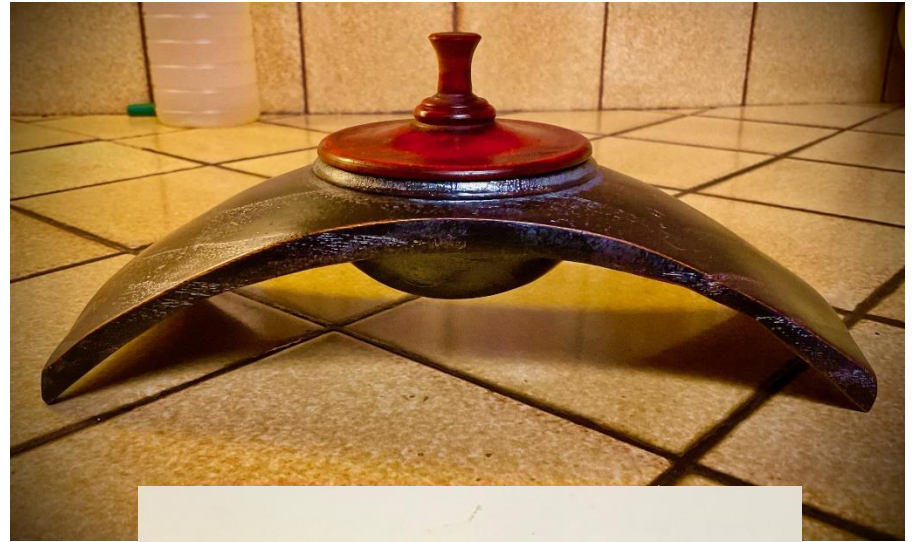


Above – Jason Clark “Broken Arrow II”

Top Right and Right – Jason Clark – “The Missing Piece I”



January Gallery Photos



Above and Top Right - Bob Bergstrom

Right - Bob Moss

January Gallery Photos



Left and Right - Andy Kuby

Below - Bob Moss



Club News & Notes

Dues for 2022 are due! Thanks to those that have already paid.

If you haven't paid yet, do it now, don't wait !!

Make check payable to Windy City Woodturners and send \$25/individual or \$40/family to:

Nick Page
670 Welch St.
Gilberts, IL. 60136



Club News & Notes

Submitted by : Paul Pyrcik

Dear fellow WCWT members,

The active search to find our next meeting space/home is underway.

Not unlike the search for a new job, a new home, or even the best Medicare insurance coverage(!), before any long-term commitment is finalized, there need to be many conversations, personal visits (both on-site and virtual), and the inevitable reviews of "plus and minus" lists.

As suggested above, our Search Committee has been tasked with identifying more than just a physical space where we meet as a group for a few hours once a month. Rather, we are working on behalf of all members to find our club's next, new "Home". Not only does the place have to feel right, but it also has to accommodate our current and anticipated future needs.



Currently, we are at various stages of considering more than a half dozen "potential" dream homes. Our job is made a bit more challenging by the lingering, but nonetheless still frustrating, realities of Covid-related concerns and uncertainties, including landlord/host facility reluctance to move too quickly with a new tenant that they know very little/nothing about.
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Club News & Notes

(Lease Agreement (Cont.))

This simply requires our motivated committee members to move forward with persistence - and patience - but to also be ready to pounce (with a recommendation to our WCWT Board) as soon as that perfect place does pop up.

Until then, please know that the WCWT has a proven track record of successfully upgrading our space each time we have moved to a new home. If the past is any indicator, our next one promises to be our best ever!

As always, Thank you for your continuing trust and support!



WCWT New Home Search Committee:

Paul Pycik, Chair 630-921-1600

John Dillon

Don Johnston

Rich Hall-Reppen

Richard Nye

Club News & Notes

Don't forget about our monthly "Banjo Sessions" which take place at 6 pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

Stay tuned to your emails each month (from Marie) which will provide the monthly topic and Zoom link.



Club News & Notes

The board met in January to discuss this year's budget. Please plan to attend the February meeting where we will discuss and vote on the proposed budget for 2022. This is your club and we need your input. Our treasurer will present the budget, we will take questions then vote on it.



Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

On January 1st, Kimberly Winkle began her 3- year term as an AAW board member and chairperson of both the WIT Committee and the POP committee.

The WIT Committee will be continuing the WIT Presents program in 2022 on a quarterly basis rather than monthly starting March 5th with Tania Radda. Tania is an accomplished turning artist. She is well known for her colorful organic forms and boxes.



WIT Presents is not a demonstration but rather an in depth conversation with the artist to learn about their mentors, inspiration and journey on their artistic path. **This is a free presentation**, but you must register through the AAW website to attend (no later than noon on March 4, 2022). Please be sure to click through to the checkout section which will complete your registration with zero cost to you. Please consider attending this presentation!

<https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Communities/Specialty-Programs/Women>

Women In Turning (WIT) News Cont.

From: Marie Anderson

WIT has also committed to once again host a 2022 Virtual WIT eXchange. This year in order to defray some of the shipping costs that have been incurred by overseas participants there will be a nominal cost to participate. Registration will open on International Women's Day - March 8th. There will be more information available on the AAW website soon.

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



The logo features the letters 'WIT' in a large, black, cursive font. The 'W' and 'I' are connected, and the 'T' has a decorative swirl at the top. Below the letters is a solid black horizontal line.

Women in Turning



AAW News



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.



AAW News



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 year's theme refers to the continuum of work being created by our members, from primarily functional to completely sculptural, and all points in between.

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.

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.

AAW Upcoming Events

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

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



AAW Upcoming Events

Live Online Event

AAW Presents: From Penturning to Pen Making

with Mark Dreyer and John Underhill

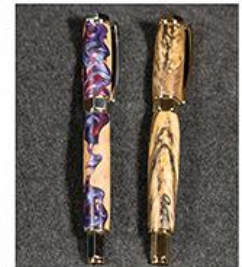
Saturday, February 19, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Join us for a mini-master's program in pen making in less than two hours! Whether you're new to pen making or a seasoned veteran of the art, Mark Dreyer and John Underhill's inspiring session will feature something for you.

Key takeaways:

- Pen blank and component selection, preparation, drilling, gluing, and tips
- Techniques for casting resin pen blanks, including clear and embedded object casting



AAW Upcoming Events



Saturday, March 5, 2022 NOTE: Registration to open soon
4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

WIT Presents: Tania Radda



Always changing, various IRD's are available as shown
on the AAW's IRD calendar found here:

<https://community.woodturner.org/events/ird-demonstrations>

In-Person Events



April 22-23, 2022 - Midwest Penturners Gathering, Schaumburg, IL (see page 30 for details)

June 23-26, 2022 - AAW National Symposium - Chattanooga, TN

July 29-31, 2022 - Turn On! Chicago, Northbrook IL (see page 31 for details)

Do you have something to add to this calendar of events? Send it to John Dillon!



**AAW Annual International
Woodturning Symposium**
Chattanooga, Tennessee
June 23 - 26, 2022

AAW – What Does the AAW do for me?

Demonstrate? Me? I don't know how to even start...

Have you ever thought, I would like to give back a little by doing a demo but I just don't know where to start (no problem!) or maybe you think that you don't have enough experience so no one would be interested (not true!). Well, I just found a new page on the AAW website that might be just the ticket to get you started demonstrating.

The AAW is dedicated to teaching the world to turn. They are actively adding things to the website to facilitate this mission. I was looking through the website and came across one of the newest pages (it was new to me anyway - I cannot tell you exactly when this section was added but I found it and wanted to share with you).

This page is called Demonstrators Direct. (From the website: "AAW's Demonstrator Direct: Develop A Demonstration is a learning module with resources intended for any turner who has been or will be conducting woodturning demonstrations.")

This is a step-by-step outline on how to develop a demonstration. It's 8 sections from Developing content, pre-planning, organizing, handouts, delivering the demo, AV elements, questions through to evaluation. They lay it out based on demoing for your local club, or local/regional symposium or a national symposium. There was obviously a lot of work put into this program and I would encourage you to check it out.

<https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/Learn/Learn-to-be-a-Demonstrator>

Local Events You Should Know About



Midwest Pen Turners Gathering

- ▶ April 22 and 23, 2022, Marriott Northwest in Hoffman Estates
- ▶ In-Person
- ▶ Top Of The Line Demonstrators
 - Dick Sing - WCWT!
 - John Underhill
 - Ed Brown
 - Mark Dreyer - WCWT!
- ▶ Top Of The Line Vendors
- ▶ Top Of The Line Sponsors
- ▶ Registration Is Open
- ▶ <http://midwestpenturnersgathering.com/>



TURN-ON! CHICAGO 2022

- ▶ **July 29 – 31, 2022**
- ▶ **Crowne Plaza Chicago-Northbrook**
- ▶ **Northbrook, Illinois**
- ▶ **<http://www.turnonchicago.com/>**

- 3 days of demonstrations from professional woodturning artists
- There will be 20 demonstrations on both Friday and Saturday to choose from during 4 – 90 minute rotations each day.
- There will be 9 demonstrations plus an Instant Gallery Critique to choose from on Sunday during 2 – 90 minute rotations.
- Trade Show with multiple Vendors
- Instant Gallery to display your artwork
- Hands-On Pen turning activity.
- Saturday evening banquet and auction.



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 - Don Johnston**

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** – Bob Bergstrom/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

