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Windy City Woodturners

Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



The Holidays are upon us!

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November Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

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 November Mtg. will be a demonstration by Nathan Wick, Club VP

Details next page.....

Not to be missed!



WCWT ENTRANCE - LOWER-LEVEL

PARKING IS ALSO IN THE BACK LOWER-LEVEL PARKING LOT

1313 N Mill St, Naperville, IL 60563

November Mtg. Presentation

Nathan Wick:

Novembers demonstrator will be taking himself out of his comfort zone as this will be his first time demonstrating so please go easy on him.

Nathan wants to keep with the recent MPG+ small turnings demos that Mark Dreyer co-organized last weekend.

Nathan will be discussing several small and simple items that can be made from bottle stoppers, honey dippers, purse and book marks, and some decorative items. He will be going through the process of turning the top of a bottle stopper or honey dipper.



Message From Our President

November 2022

Welcome to November and Daylight Savings Time!

Days are getting shorter but not for long. I hope you are all taking advantage of the amazing weather. We won't talk about this past weekend's hurricane force wind and I hope you are not, like me, busy cleaning up after it. No turning wood from this storm, but plenty of firewood.

If you've read our newsletter since September or attended a recent meeting you are aware that this month we will elect officers for next year. The current board, myself, Nathan Wick, John Dillon and Nick Page all agreed to serve for another year and with no other volunteers or nominations we will make short work of the official election at the next meeting.

You should also be aware that there is a challenge that has been put forth by Allan Stratton of AsWoodTurns.com to turn, photograph and post your holiday Christmas Ornament for 2022. IF we as a club submit the most ornaments for this challenge we will win a free IRD by Allan for our club sometime next year. The challenge alone should be an incentive, adding the opportunity to have a professional demonstrator give us a demonstration is icing on the cake in my opinion so please, consider submitting an ornament for this challenge. Only rule is it must be turned this year!



Message From Marie (Cont.)

We are still collecting items for our 2nd Empty Bowls event (December 3rd, at Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL) and this is the last club meeting before the sale so please consider bringing something to the meeting.

We will have a Christmas Party next month in place of the regular monthly meeting. There will be a gift exchange – if you bring a gift, you will leave with a gift. There will be door prizes and there will be food. The cost per person will be \$20 and bringing your spouse is encouraged. Shall we bring back the Christmas Cookie Challenge or make it something else? It's your party, email me with your suggestions! There will be more information on this at the meeting next week.

Please take the time to read the entire newsletter and be sure to tell John what you think of it. He's put in a lot of hard work putting this newsletter together. It's interesting, relevant and worth your time. When you are done, go stand at your lathe and turning something!

See you on the 16th.

Marie

DuPage County is in “community low 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.



October Mtg. Recap

Marie called the October 19, 2022 meeting to order.

We welcomed visitors Scott Patulak (sp?) and Kim and Uriah.

Marie recognized Dan Anderson (not in attendance) for his birthday and she brought treats. Marie also thanked Kurt Wolf-Klammer for his excellent “bird-feeder ornament” September mtg. presentation.

Marie thanked all who have helped with set-up and clean-up at prior meetings and she passed around a sign-up sheet for: future mtg. help; Empty bowls help; and Christmas Party volunteers.

WCWT elections will be held in November and the current Board members were nominated 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 26 in-person for the October mtg. and 2 members joined us on Zoom. We have just over \$7,000 in our bank account.

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

Empty Bowls workday again **this Sunday, November 13th at the Chicago School of Woodworking.** Starts around 9 AM. Please let Marie know if you are available to come and help turn bowls 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. More details to follow, but we need a few volunteers to help!

There is an “Ornament Challenge” being sponsored by Alan Stratton, from **As Wood Turns**. Details can be found on the As Wood Turns web-site. Basically you make an ornament, take a photo and submit as a member of our Club. The Club with the most entries wins a demonstration from Alan. *more details in Marie’s President message.

October Mtg. Recap (cont.)

Marie reviewed upcoming AAW events.

Mark Dreyer talked about the upcoming MPG+ Small Turnings Expo coming up during the first weekend in November.

**hoping Mark can give us a summary at our November Mtg!*

The meeting demonstrators were Deb Hall-Reppen and Rich Hall-Reppen who took the Club through the process of making polymer clay pens. Details later in newsletter.

Bruce Metzdorf did the Gallery review and Rich Nye handled the monthly raffle. Thanks to both Bruce and Rich for your efforts!

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

For November: (we have a few open slots):

Set up volunteers: John Dillon and Dawn Herndon-Charles

Clean up volunteers: Bruce Metzdorf and

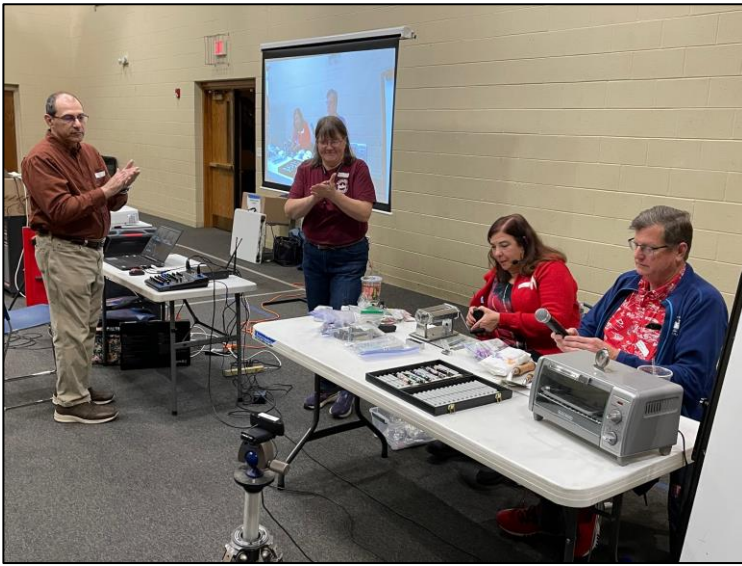
PLEASE sign-up for a shift at our next meeting!

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



October Mtg. Demonstration



Above - Mark Jundanian & Marie Anderson thanking Deb Hall-Reppen and Rich Hall-Reppen (seated)

Thanks to October meeting demonstrators Deb Hall-Reppen and Rich Hall-Reppen who took the Club through the process of making polymer clay pens also called Millefiori Pens.

Please reach out to Deb or Rich for details of their presentation, but here's a few random notes:

Deb procures most of her supplies to make the polymer clay pens from a variety of sources including Penn State Industries; JoAnne Fabrics and Etsy who all have supplies (and there are others).

In addition to polymer clay, the process also uses "clay canes" which are also sourced from a variety of resources. Deb has some favorite cane makers or Google "*polymer clay canes*".

Some of the tools Deb and Rich use include: a pasta machine to roll the clay and smooth it out. You knead the clay to soften and make sure the machine and all your tools are very clean. Deb also uses a razor blade to cut the cane material and a small rolling pin to help smooth the process and close any gaps. After rolling the clay, the patterns are installed. Patterns could be butterflies, flowers, etc. Pretty much an endless array of choices for the patterns which are cut from the "cane".

Once the pen is flattened and you are happy with the design, the pen is placed in an oven and baked until it is hardened.

Finally, sanding and finishing make a beautiful polymer clay pen!
THANKS Deb and Rich for a great demonstration!



October Photos

Pics from John Dillon



Below – Mark Jundanian (L)
pulling raffle prize
numbers with our Raffle
Chair, Rich Nye (R)

Above – Club members listening
intently to the mtg.
announcements



October Mtg. Photos



Above – some of the turned items for the Gallery Review

Below – Bruce Metzdorf having a good time doing the Gallery Review



October Gallery Photos

Left & Below

Two (2) shots of the fall leaves Bruce Metzdorf cut-out on his bandsaw and then turned on the lathe. Bruce mentioned he started with 4/4(?) boards to give the leaves “a little lift” off the table



October Gallery Photos



Left - Jack Harkins Lidded Vessel

Below - Jack Harkins Shallow Bowl



Left - Rich Hall-Reppen
Pie Server

October Gallery Photos



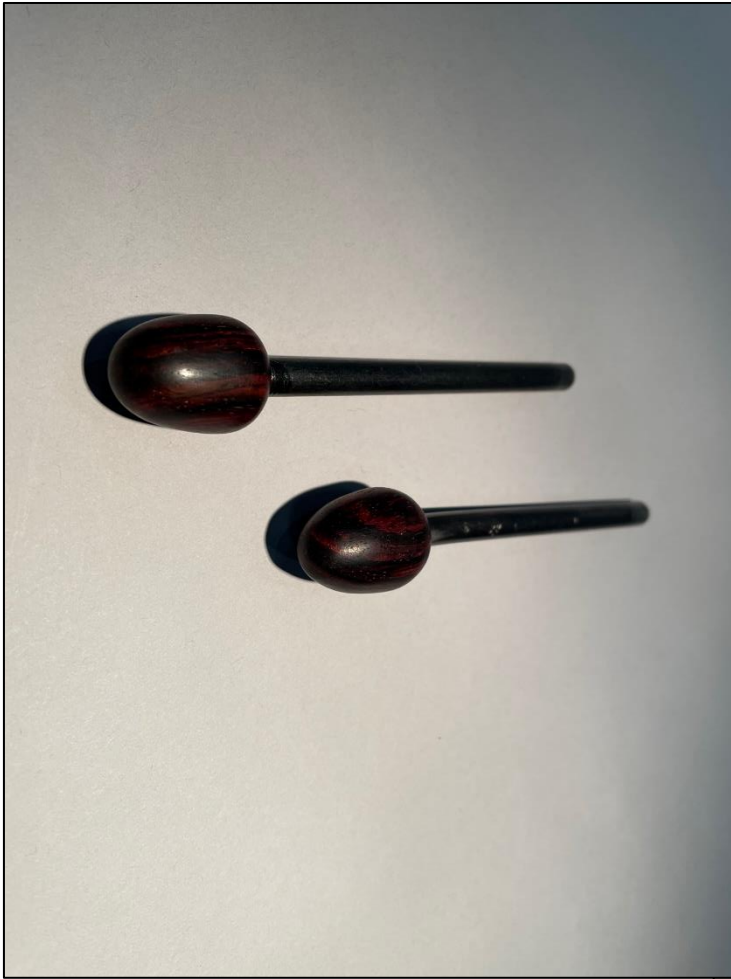
Left – John Dillon, Cottonwood
Tea Light Holder

Below – John Dillon, Cottonwood
Bowl

Both Items dyed Black and Red
then sanded back



October Gallery Photos



Left - Marie Anderson -Cocobolo
Tommy Bars

Below - Marie Anderson - marbling
technique



October Gallery Photos



Above – Paul Pyrcik, Bottle Stoppers

Right – Paul Pyrcik, Rings

October Gallery Photos



Left - Rich Nye, Ring (thanks Bruce M. for the use of "your leaf")

Below - Rich Nye - 5 sided bowl in collaboration with Paul Shotola - some Rose Engine work



Women In Turning (WIT) News

From: Marie Anderson

Women In Turning News -

Women In Turning News -

The last WIT Presents of 2022 was presented on November 5th WIT Presents: Helga Winter. If you missed it, you missed a good one. Fortunately for you, all of the WIT Presents events are recorded and after editing are posted on the archive page shown below. Give it a couple days to be posted and then those who missed the “live” version can view the recorded version

The latest WIT newsletter has been published and is available for viewing on the AAW/WIT website which you can access here:

<https://woodturner.org/common/Uploaded%20files/WIT/Newsletters/WITNews202208.pdf>

If you missed any of the previous WIT Presents presentations just follow this link on the AAW website which can be found here:

https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/WIT/WIT-Home-Page.aspx?WebsiteKey=c9100f02-c77e-4177-a9bc-7d3eb0216238&hkey=7f6a65b2-ec98-472f-a7b6-2ac573f7258d&New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon=7&100134f70e4f=9#100134f70e4f

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 flourish. 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 Work Day

On Sunday, October 23rd club members met to turn bowls (and other items) to be donated for the Empty Bowls charity event which is coming up on December 3rd at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines. We will be hosting **another workday on November 13th once again at the Chicago School of Woodworking.**

Thank you to Shaun Devine for hosting the Empty Bowls workday at the Chicago School of Woodworking (CSW). Shaun is always a gracious host and we certainly appreciate the opportunity to host these events which benefit so many of those in need. Thanks to those fellow WCWT & CWT members who joined us on September 18th and October 23rd for our EB workdays including Clint Stevens, Todd Cohen, Tom Albrecht, Tom Hargrove, John Dillon, Frank Pagura, Tim Rand, Jack Harkins, Rich Piper, Pat Cogdal, Kurt Wolff-Klammer, Nelson Lehrer and Marie Anderson. Thanks to Rich Piper for bringing donuts and coffee on October 23rd. Thanks also to those who stopped by to drop off bowls and/or just to show support of our efforts including Bob Shuford, Derek Cadmus and Mike Canfield. Many of the students from CSW turned bowls during their class time (or outside of class) and left them in the collection box at the school (mostly unsigned...) so a big thanks to all of them as well.

Empty Bowls

From: Marie Anderson



Batavia – October 8, 2002

EB Crew – Mike Canfield, Rich Nye, Marie Anderson, John Dillon, Rich Hall-Reppen, Dawn Herndon-Charles, Nathan Wick and Jack Harkins

As reported last month, we raised over \$2,100 at the October 8th EB event in Batavia. The checks have been cut and will be distributed soon to the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry, Fox Valley Food for Health and the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

We still have one more EB sale to support this year at Oakton Community College from 10:30am to 2pm on Saturday December 3rd. This will be their first live event since the start of the pandemic and we are switching it up a bit. After more than 15 years working with the folks at Oakton, we are discussing holding a live “battle of the bowls” exhibit during their event – Potter vs. woodturner. We’ve discussed this for several years and with new leadership it seems like they are leaning toward making it happen this year if we can get the details ironed out. This will allow the folks that attend to see what goes into making both ceramic bowls and our wooden bowls on the lathe. The attendance at this event is huge so hopefully this will also create some good buzz and maybe even some press for their ceramics program and our woodturning clubs.

For those of you who may not have had time to turn something new, I’m asking that you look through your current “stock” and bring 1 or 2 items you are willing to donate to help us replenish for this sale. Bring it to the club meeting on November 16th! If you have time, this is your official excuse to get to your lathe to make some shavings, you are welcome! If you read this before November 13th and are looking for some social interaction, come to the last workday of 2022 (on November 13th) and enjoy turning with the group. I’m setting a goal of collecting at least 30 more bowls before December. I know we can do it!

Empty Bowls (cont.)



EB “Maker” Crew; Todd Cohen, Tim Rand, Jack Harkins, Rich Piper, Marie Anderson, Pat Cogdal, Kurt Wolf-Klammer, Nelson Lehrer

Thanks to all of you who have donated items for this event throughout the year. Your generosity is overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Please join us at one or both of these events to support this worthy cause.

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: Trent Bosch Hollowing for Everyone

Saturday, November 12, 2022

3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Cost

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

This is a great demo for anyone who is interested in hollowing, whether you are just getting started or have been hollowing for many years. Trent will share valuable techniques that he has learned throughout the years. Going through the entire hollowing process, using basic hollowing tools you will learn about form, steps of hollowing and how to check wall thickness. Trent will also touch on other techniques, tools, and tricks for faster more efficient hollowing. Be sure to join Trent for this informative demo.

https://woodturner.org/Woodturner/Virtual-Events/Trent_Bosch_Hollowing_for_Everyone.aspx

You'll learn:

- Tried and true techniques for creating hollow forms
- Tips and tricks for making hollowing fun!
- Useful information for turners of all skill levels

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 - 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** – 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

