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All the News That Will Fit On the Lathe

“the 360” A Message From Mark Hubl, Your President

Turnin' Thirty..... Have you been enjoying the AAW Anniversary Profiles? I have. If you haven't seen them, check out the AAW website. As the AAW celebrates its 30th anniversary and prepares for the symposium in Atlanta, they are profiling members that are celebrating 30 year anniversaries as well. Through the wonders of DVD and YouTube I consider some of these folks to be mentors in my brief journey into woodturning.

Turning thirty. Boy I can remember the dread of that thought! Now, to be thirty would be, well, about half my age!

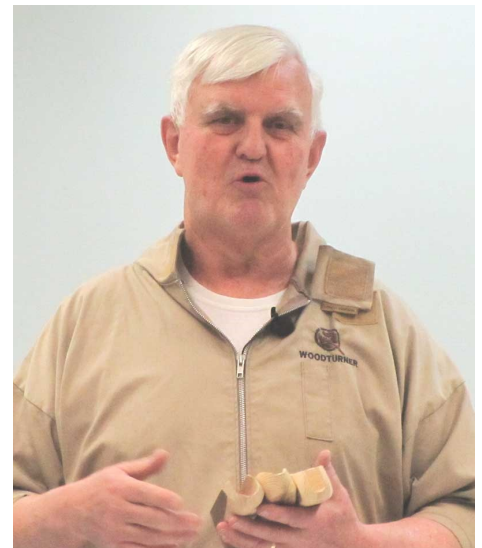
Turning thirty also got me to thinking, not about those that have been AAW members for 30 years, but about those that are closer to 30 years old than 60 years old. The next generation of great turners. Those that are carrying the torch of tradition, craftsmanship and creativity.

Before them came Prestini, Osolnik, Lindquist, & Moulthrop. These folks nurtured the resurgence of woodturning and the craft movement. Then Ellsworth, Hunter, Jordan, Betty, Bonnie, Raffan, et al stoked the flames with creativity elevating the work to true art.

Now we have Weidman, Bosch, Lucas, Clewes, Harwood, etc... These kids represent the present and the future. Whether cutting edge artist, talented production turner or entertaining teacher, they too are taking woodturning to new levels and audiences. It excites me to see young people I share values and passions with pushing the boundaries of quality and creativity. Their efforts continue to elevate woodturning to yet higher levels of craftsmanship and artistic acceptance. I am lucky to call these kids my mentors as well. I look forward to looking back over their careers in the AAW 60th Anniversary Profiles!

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The January Demo



**Bob
Bergstrom**

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The January Gallery



Bill Aitchison



Dave Neybert



Ed Slee Ash, Cedar-Deft, Minwax Finish



Mark Hubl Jatoba, Maple-Oil Finish



Jeff Williams Maple Burl



Roy Lindley





Dick Sing



Bob Bergstrom



Bill Aitchison



Dick Sing



Bob Bergstrom



Roy Lindley



Bob Barbieri Maple



Dawn Herndon-Charles



Marie Anderson



Bill Aitchison



What's new on our website

If you have not checked out the club website lately, windycitywoodturners.com, give it a look. We have updated its look and feel and added some new sections.

The gallery is back up and running. We hope to have this up to date soon.

We have added a Member's Favorite Gallery. Do you have a favorite piece or two? Just send your pics to Brian or Mark and they will add it to the new section.

We have added the "Junk Drawer" to the resource section. This will house "this and that." Just like a junk drawer.

If you have a suggestion, information you would like on the site or a link to your favorite turning website let Brian or Mark know.



Gavel Turning Challenge

Members have been challenged by the Club President, Mark Hubl, to turn a gavel. Gavels consist of spindle turning, generally incorporating classic shapes and elements. Assembly and fitting two (or more) pieces together make this a challenging, and interesting project.



We'll take a look at your gavel(s) at the April meeting. The choice of wood(s) and design is up to you. There, you've just heard all of the rules. Let your imagination run wild, and use your best craftsmanship.



Mark St. Leger

DEMO And CLASSES

Mark St. Leger, from West (By God) Virginia, is a retired woodworking and building trades teacher and still remembers his first lathe instructor (thanks Mr. Snyder!). He is a perennial demonstrator at symposia (including national AAW events), club meetings and folk schools such as Arrowmont. Known for his sense of humor and ability to effectively teach a variety of age groups and skill levels, Mark's teaching techniques are easily followed and incorporate much skill building. Visit <http://www.markstleger.com>

Demo: Saturday February 20 Christian Liberty Academy, Arlington Hts. IL 9:00am –4:30pm. Attendance Fee: \$30 Snacks and Coffee provided by the Chicago Woodturners. Pre-registration is not required.

**February
20-23**

*To register for
hands-on classes:
Matt Schmitz at
(847) 439-6023
angelhaus@comcast.net*

AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

**Amaze your
friends and family!
They'll ask
"How'd you do
that?"**



In February Dave Neybert will demonstrate turning a natural edge form with a severe shape. Dave was inspired by a Jason Swanson demo several years back. If you saw one of these in last years instant gallery you know how cool they are and the beauty of Dave's work.

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Our Next Meeting: February 16 7:00PM

Meetings consist of a demonstration, short business meeting, a raffle, and a review of members' work.

All are welcome

THE MONTHLY REVIEW

Each month, an experienced member reviews members' current work (in January, it was Dawn Herndon-Charles) for form and new techniques in a non-competitive, positive way. All members are encouraged to bring their work to the review. What have you been working on? A new technique? A fresh design? Your fellow members want to know about it.



**Dawn
Herndon-Charles**



**Bringing the
Urban Forest
Full Circle**

Illinois Wood Utilization Team

Did you know that Illinois has an "Illinois Wood Utilization Team"? I did not either. The club got an email from their Director asking if we could make it known that they are having an event in Oak Brook on March 18th, 2016. Check out their website for details, Urban Wood Products Showcase. They are calling for entries and there are cash prizes! More details to follow at the February meeting.

Things To Do!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WINDY CITY WOODTURNERS EVENTS:

Rockler Demo Days

WCWT Picnic

Depot Days, Lisle Park District

Ornaments at Woodcraft

Instant Gallery Focus on Ornaments, November 15

Once Upon A Christmas, Lisle Park District

WCWT Holiday Party

CHICAGO WOODTURNERS EVENTS:

Mark St. Leger Demo and Classes February 20-23

Turn-On! Chicago Symposium July 22-24 Mundelein, IL

www.turnonchicago.com

Featuring: Mark St. Leger, Molly Winton, Graeme Priddle, Rob Nelson, Rex Burningham, Vince Welch, Clay Foster, Mark Sfirri, Stephen Hatcher, Robin Costelle, Frank Kobilsek, Rob Wallace, Nick Agar

Mark Sfirri Classes, July 25-27 NORMAC, Geneva IL

OTHER EVENTS:

AAW National Symposium: June 9-12, 2016 Atlanta GA www.woodturner.org

Desert Woodturning Round Up February 26-28 Mesa AZ

John Jordan at Badger Woodturners April 23-25 Monticello WI

Saskatchewan Woodturning Symposium July 22-24 Regina SK

Mid-Atlantic Woodturning Symposium September 24-25 Lancaster PA

Segmented Woodturners Symposium October 27-30 Quincy MA

Virginia Woodturners Symposium November 5-6 Fishersville VA

SOFA Chicago (Sculptural Objects and Functional Art): November 3-6 Navy Pier, Chicago IL

Please have any newsletter submissions (articles, event photos, pictures of your current work, shop photos, events for the calendar, etc.) to the editor (Paul Shotola p.shotola@comcast.net) by the 1st Friday of the month. This allows publication of the newsletter sooner. Our goal is to publish and distribute the newsletter by the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Make sure your Instant Gallery pieces are labeled with your name at the meeting (and any notes you wish to include) whether or not your piece is going to be reviewed. You should be proud of your work, and we want to see that you get credit for your creativity and craftsmanship in the newsletter. Photos will be available on the web site.

Board meetings are not closed. Attendance is open to all members in good standing. We want your input and opinions. Please attend. It's your club, after all, and you should have a voice in club matters.

Make certain that we have your correct email address. Check with Nick Page to make certain that the roster is correct. Nick will also collect your dues, if you haven't paid them for 2016.



Bob Bergstrom's Video

At our January meeting, "Slo-Mo" Bob Bergstrom showed us (in slow motion) how different shaped gouges cut, both inside and outside of a bowl. This enlightening and well-produced video is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1UM5mgcal&feature=youtu.be>



MEET YOUR NEW LIBRARIAN

Our library is a valuable resource and we're pleased to announce that Peter D'Attomo has volunteered to be our librarian. Thanks Peter! Optimally we would like to have two folks in this role. If you would like to help the club and Peter out let one of the Board Members know. Thanks again to Charlie Scheffel and Rick Ogren, our outgoing Librarians, for their service to the club.

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If I missed your favorite turner, forgive me. The beauty of our community is the vastness of the talent, the overwhelming desire to share and the astonishing work. Unfortunately, the time to take it all in for study and appreciation is much more finite.

On the business side of the house, sharpen your pencils and put your eyeshades and arm garters on for the February meeting. We will be going over the accountin'. Nick Page and I promise to keep it brief.



The Presidents Gavel Challenge is on! See our website for details (page 7 has more details) or catch me at the meeting. I look forward to seeing your work at the April meeting.

We have had several new members join the club in the last few months. If you see them at a meeting, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the club.

Thanks to Bob "Slo Mo" Bergstrom for demonstrating at the January meeting. The super slow motion video was a nice touch. It always amazes me how a few simple angles can be so perplexing.

Be safe & keep turnin'
Mark