



The Monthly Newsletter of the Windy City Woodturners

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Happy New Year to all members of our Windy City Woodturners Club. My name is Bruce Kamp and I will be the editor for the coming year. I hope to continue the great tradition of useful and interesting information that has been published in the past. Thank you to Paul Shotola for passing on a great foundation from which to work. I look forward to hearing from our members about any desires and suggestions for this newsletter.

You will also find included in this issue a message from our new president, Jason Clark. I think we can all look forward to an exciting and fun year

A welcoming message from our new president

- First off I'd like to apologize for the length of this message, I know it's rather long but I think it contains some very important information so I appreciate a few minutes of your time to read it thoroughly.
- For those of you who don't know me I'd like to take a few minutes to introduce myself as the new President of the Windy City Woodturners. My name is Jason Clark and I live in Algonquin Illinois. I moved here with my wife and kids just over 2 years ago from Arizona having lived there for 18 years.
- I've been a woodturner for roughly 15 years and have had previous experience running woodturning clubs including 3 ½ years as the Vice President and 3 years as the President of the Arizona Woodturners Association. I've also demonstrated at the AAW National symposium in both 2015 and 2017 and have done countless demonstrations for local clubs in both Arizona and Illinois as well as all day demonstrations and hands-on classes for clubs around the country. Additionally, I demonstrated at a regional symposium in 2016 and will be doing more in both 2018 and 2019. I've also had experience organizing and running large woodturning events including the Desert Woodturning Roundup in Mesa AZ from 2009 – 2013 and the AAW National symposium in Phoenix in 2014.

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 16 @ 7 P M

Club meetings:

3rd Tuesday of each month

7:00 pm

Lisle Park District

1925 Ohio St., Lisle

Attendance at meetings is free

Guests and visitors are always
welcome.

This month, January, Jason Clark will be demonstrating how to turn a salt cellar.



In addition we will have an important
update announcement regarding our club
discount at Woodcraft

Each month, an experienced member reviews members' current work in a gallery forum. We will have two tables set up, one for review items and a second table to show your work without a review. Current work is featured in this journal and on our website. All members are encouraged to bring their work to the tables. Members bringing work for review receive a raffle ticket for a gift card, so you could actually win a prize merely for doing something you actually love to do!

If possible, please prepare a card, for pieces on both tables, in advance that includes your name and any important facts about your piece. Include such things as wood, finish, unusual technique applied, etc.

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Librarian

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Rich Nye

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Tom Waicecuskas

Photography

Dave Burk

Webmaster

Brian Gravelle



WCWT 2017 Christmas Party

was held at The Bohemian Crystal in Westmont on
Tuesday, December 19



It was a great turnout and everyone seemed to have a good time.



Always a great atmosphere

Paul Pyrcik did another great job of MCing the evening including managing the raffles and exchanges



We also want to thank Rich Nye for bringing the door prizes, Don Johnston for the ornament display tree, and Dave Burke for the pictures.

Jason Clark (cont)

Other than my wife (Judy – married 21 years) and kids (Christopher – 16, and Rebecca, 13) woodturning is my passion. It's far more than hobby, it's also my therapy and my primary creative outlet. I hope that my passion for woodturning is obvious. I'm comfortable doing almost any turning with only a few exceptions (segmented, ornamental turning). I also prefer to do minimal surface enhancements like burning or carving and almost always avoid using color, preferring instead to let the natural beauty of the wood shine through. That's not to say that I don't appreciate segmenting, ornamental turning, burning, carving, or coloring; they're just not my personal aesthetic.

Regarding WCWT, I don't want to rock the boat too much. I really like the club and the members and the way that things operate but I do have a few ideas that have worked well in other clubs and I think will work well for WCWT. They are intended to get and keep members actively turning on a monthly basis and both encourage participation at club meetings and to improve the quality of those meetings. First, as president I commit to doing at least 1 demonstration for WCWT every year, preferably in January and I believe that all future presidents should follow the same commitment.

Jason Clark(cont)

Bringback – The Bringback will function as an ongoing turning exchange. I will commit to providing the initial Bringback item. Participants in the monthly Instant Gallery will receive 1 ticket per person (bring 3 items still = 1 ticket). After the traditional gift card/certificate has been awarded another ticket will be drawn. That ticket holder has the option to become the owner of the Bringback item provided but only if they commit to bringing a finished item back the following month that will be given to the ticket holder drawn that month. If the ticket holder is unable or unwilling to bring an item the following month, tickets will be drawn until someone is willing to make the commitment. To put it another way I bring an item in, Dawn's ticket is drawn and she commits to participate. Dawn now owns the item I brought in and commits to bring an item the following month. If Dawn can't/won't commit, tickets will be drawn until someone makes the commitment.

Quarterly challenges – A topic will be assigned and club members are encouraged to bring an item that fits the challenge topic. Items should have been turned during the challenge period. Topics will vary and may include a particular form (bowl, goblet, plate), a particular wood (maple, cherry), enhancement (carving, burning, color), or any other topic selected. We'll track participation and will do something to recognize those who participate in some way, likely at the holiday party.

Jason Clark(cont)

Improved audio/video and safety. I think we can all agree that Bob Bergstrom does a good job running the video for our demonstrations. I think we can all also agree that the sound is sometimes not as good as it can be and that needs to be improved. The lack of a safety shield is also something that should be addressed; I know Mark Hubl got the WCWT a grant from the AAW to address some of these issues, including a frame for a safety shield and for mounting additional lighting and video cameras.

I also believe that there can be better coordination and involvement between the multiple Chicago area woodturning clubs. Quite a few members of WCWT are also members of either Chicago Woodturners or Illiana Woodturners. Events such as the annual Empty Bowls event at Oakton Community College and participation in Beads of Courage as well as partnering for demonstrations at SOFA immediately come to mind.

What won't change; monthly meetings will remain basically unchanged. Events that the club supports including the holiday ornaments, Depot Days, and Once Upon a Christmas will continue, as will the normal club events such as the picnic and the holiday party and plans for periodic mentor days or similar events.

Jason Clark(cont)

I also want to emphasize that I can't do it alone. Dawn Herndon-Charles as Vice President, Bruce Kamp as Secretary and Nick Page as Treasurer are also critically important as are past President's Mark Hubl and Don Johnston, Peter D'Attomo and Jack Harkins as librarians, Bob Bergstrom as videographer, Dave Burk as photographer, and Rich Nye as our resident raffle guru. I'd also like to thank Paul Shatola, our outgoing Secretary and newsletter editor for his service.

We all welcome your feedback on these proposed changes and welcome suggestions of your own. Ultimately it's your club. We look forward to a successful 2018 and beyond. Happy turning.

Jason

The American Association of Woodturners Happenings

A snapshot of the AAW website, featuring videos, journal archive, calendar of turning events and more



**The American Association of Woodturners
32nd Annual International Symposium
Portland, Oregon
June 14-17, 2018**

Some of the chapters included in the AAW



TURNING FUNDAMENTALS

Turning FUNDamentals is a collection of tips, tricks, videos, and techniques designed to get newer turners started off on the right foot. Newer turners, mentors and old hands alike will benefit from these gems of wisdom and guidance. Projects, techniques and safety are all covered

Visit www.woodturner.org

*Membership in the AAW is \$50 @
year, and guest memberships are
no charge*

WINDY CITY WOODTURNERS EVENTS

CHICAGO WOODTURNERS EVENTS

Turn-On-Chicago Symposium August 3-5 Mundelein, IL

Registration open at www.turnonchicago.com

Demonstrators as of January: : Rudy Lopez, Betty Scarpino,
Kip Christianson, Harvey Meyer, Jennifer Shirley. More to be announced

OTHER EVENTS:

Tennessee Area Woodturners Symposium Franklin, TN January 26-27

IAP (Chicagoland International Association of Penturners)

Bi-Monthly Meeting at Rockler Bolingbrook 10:00am-1:00 pm

February 17, April 21-August 18-October 20-December 19

AAW National Symposium 2018 Portland OR June 14-17

**CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

Visit Our Website

www.windycitywoodturners.com

Equipment Sale

**Mark Huble has a Nova 1624 lathe for sale
\$500**

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