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*All the News That Will Fit On the Lathe*

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

**Patience is a virtue....** I have heard this my whole life and must admit that at times, when it comes to patience, I am not all that virtuous.

The woodturning hobby brings the virtue of patience to all new levels. Waiting for finishes to dry, waiting for glue ups to dry and waiting for green wood to dry! Sometimes it seems like there is a lot of waiting, especially for the patience-challenged turner.

I must not be the only one with the lack of patience gene. When it comes to the waiting game there is a never ending supply of articles on faster this and quicker that. There are lotions and potions, there are boxes and bags, there are passive and solar and electric and combo, there is boiling and baking and microwaving, the list goes on and on! There are methods, and processes, and best practices, and black magic, for goodness sake there is even alcohol!

What prompts this rant you may ask? Well there is a certain turner that promotes using green wood start to finish, heck it is all he uses these days. Just got to know the wood, know what to expect, be quick and have at it. Well I really don't doubt him, he is one of my favorite mentors and his work speaks volumes about his talent and understanding of the process. But watching a piece crack before your eyes and hearing mother nature giggling in your head can try your patience! (see said piece on this month's display table)

I will keep trying this and that, but in my head I know that **time** is the critical element to success. So I will cut and seal, rough and seal and wait! But when I am waiting I will turn green wood, try and get faster and thinner and continue to marvel at my wins and losses for I do love the game!

**Bring the Hammer Down Challenge....** I hope that everyone enjoyed the challenge, I know that I did. What a wonderful table full of creativity and execution. From Bill's piston and cam lobes to Dick's beautiful execution of mixed exotic wood, the collection was inspiring. I wish that I had more time to explore them, maybe a shelf at our upcoming library display could be dedicated to the gavels? What were your favorites, I am sure that you had a few?

**Presidents Prerogative....** After kicking it around in my head a bit and then consulting with my in-house cabinet, I have decided that it is too soon to feature "Your Favorite Spindle Turning" for our July instant gallery. So we draw again, and the winner is **"Your Thinnest Turning"**. So this will be our July instant gallery theme. I look forward to seeing what you all come up with!

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## **The April Demo**



**Kaleidoscopes**

## **Dick Dlugo**



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# The April Gallery



Mark Hubl



Len Swanson  
Quilted Maple



Jason Clark  
Firewood (maybe cottonwood)



Bill Aitchison





Bob Bergstrom



Dick Sing



Dave Leach  
Cherry



Bert LeLoup





Tony Leto

## The Saturn Bowl by Jason Clark



One piece of wood, loose rings turned off-center

This piece wowed the members at the April meeting. A technical and imaginative tour de force, each section is an independently turning ring, hence the name “Saturn.” The independent ring was popularized by Hans Weissflog, a noted turner from Germany, but this piece takes things a few steps further than Hans’. While each section is an independent ring, they are all turned off-center. The piece is made from one blank of maple. Note that the grain can be aligned, showing that it is truly one piece of wood. Immaculately finished, this is a genuine crowd-pleaser for wood turners and art collectors as well.





# Gavels, Gavels and More Gavels



Our President's Challenge for April was a turned gavel. Participation was strong, and the imaginations ran wild. Gavels ranged from traditional Judge's-type gavels as typified by Dick Sing to more out-of-the-box (to put things mildly) designs by Bill Aitchison, with everything in between. A lot of skill and imagination was shown. Did you learn anything? Are your creative juices flowing?



Our next challenge  
subject will be decided  
at the May Meeting.



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New Retail: \$1900**



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### **Heritage Society Ornament Demo**

Come a little early to the May meeting (6:25 – 6:55) for a demonstration on turning the 2016 ornament. The first batch of kits will be distributed. Each kit will consist of 10 ornament blanks, an example, a story stick, a dowel pin if needed and a set of instructions. We will do other demos as needed.  
Thanks for participating.

### **Indian Prairie Library Event**

On April 16th Mark Hubl participated in the DIY Expo at the Indian Prairie Library in Darien, IL. There were over 40 exhibitors talking about everything from brewing beer to scarf tying. Mark displayed a wide variety of items, did hands on carving and promoted woodturning and the Windy City Woodturners at the event. The event was attended by over 400 people and Mark had a nice crowd at his display throughout the day.

# MAX BROSI DEMO

**HAS BEEN CANCELLED  
DUE TO AN INJURY  
(Not Turning Related)**

**The Midwest's Only Turning Symposium**

# Turn-On! Chicago

**July 22,23,24 Mundelein, IL**



***Featuring***	Mark St. Leger	Robin Costelle
Clay Foster	Molly Winton	Stephen Hatcher
Frank Koblisek	Nick Agar	Vince Welch
Graeme Priddle	Rex Birmingham	Rob Nelson
Mark Sfirri	Rob Wallace	***All Pros***

***13 Demonstrators doing 55 Rotations***

Visit the web site ([www.turnonchicago.com](http://www.turnonchicago.com)) for up-to-the-minute details

**Instant Gallery**

**Trade Show**

**Banquet and Auction**

**FREE PARKING**

**AT OUR NEXT  
MEETING:**

**A fascinating and educational demo, A fair and objective review, the announcement of the next President's Challenge subject and snacks from the May birthday celebrants.**

**Don't Miss It!**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday May 17, 7:00  
Lisle Park District *All Are Welcome***



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**Our Next Meeting:  
May17 7:00PM**

## **THE MONTHLY REVIEW**

Each month, an experienced member reviews members' current work (in April, it was John Meyer, your past Secretary and Newsletter Editor) 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.**

**John  
Meyer**



# Things To Do!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WINDY CITY WOODTURNERS EVENTS:

**Rockler Demo Days** June 25

**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:

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

[www.turnonchicago.com](http://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](http://www.woodturner.org)

**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

**Beads of Courage....** Just a reminder that this year's deadline approaches. We will make the final collection at our June meeting. If you need more information, see the link on our website.

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**Thanks....** To Richard Dlugo for his demonstration on how to make kaleidoscopes and teleidoscopes. These items offer interesting technical challenges and an infinite artistic palate for implementation. Making one or two is now on my bucket list. If you want more information, Richard's presentation and handouts are available via a link on the club's website. The link is in the Junk Drawer. Enjoy!

**And Finally...** Thanks to all that have volunteered for our upcoming calendar of events. It looks like we are well on our way to another year of successful and fun happenings. If you missed the meeting and would still like to volunteer for one of the committees just see one of the club officers for more info.

*Be Safe & Keep Turnin'*  
Mark