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All the News That Will Fit On the Lathe

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

Well it really **feels like spring** has finally sprung! Yahoo! Being a native I know that spring can be short-lived and we will be in the throes of summer in no time at all. I say bring it on. With the onset of warmer weather our extra-curricular activities begin. Some of us may not turn as much in the summer months, but that does not mean we are not still thinking about turning. Whether we are scavenging for wood, attending or participating in an art/craft show, attending a class or preparing for the National symposium, turning and art take a good chunk of our thinking time. It is great that even when we are not creating something we have such a wide variety of activities to support our habit.

The club also takes on extra-curricular activities this time of the year. We begin to think about our picnic, demo days, ornament making and mentor days. I will be meeting with our contact at the **Heritage Society** to finalize the design of this year's ornament soon. I will also be talking to Woodcraft about our mentor and demo day.

None of outside activities can be a success without **volunteers**. Over the next couple of days, I will be sending out emails to solicit volunteers

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The April Demo

**Al Miotke:
Texturing and coloring
turnings**



***“Is that bark?
That’s impossible!”***

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**THE
APRIL
GALLERY**



Jason Clark



Bill Aitchisoon



Bruce Kamp



Al Miotke



Dave Leach



Mark McCleary

Ed Slee



Paul Shotola







Al Stirt



Al Stirt is considered one of the founders, one of the godfathers of modern wood turning. Many of our “heroes” consider Al a major influence on their turning lives. A frequent demonstrator and teacher, Al is in great demand.

He considers himself

a “bowl maker” more than a woodturner, but his skills at the lathe are second to none.

He uses organic forms and geometric motifs to enhance his bowls. He recently taught a class at the Marc Adams school, and Mark McCleary (of course) attended. In his class,



he taught the use of milk paint to enhance turnings. A bowl by Mark McCleary done at this recent class is pictured at left, along with a demo piece by Al, pictured at right.



IAP (International Association of Penturners)

June 10, 9:00 am

Rockler Bolingbrook, 139 S. Weber
(No Charge)

Demo by Don McCloskey

Andrew Potocnic Demo

June 10, Arlington Heights



Andrew Potocnic is a teacher and wood artist from Victoria, Australia. A demonstrator at the American Association of Woodturners annual symposium this year, he will be demonstrating pod and hollow forms.

In Chicago, he will demonstrate those forms and more. His all-day demo and hands-on classes will go into much greater depth than the 45 minute rotation planned for the AAW Symposium.



Here is a rare chance to experience a demonstration by one of the up-and-coming turners in a rare visit from Australia.

There is no need to pre-register for Saturday's demo, but registration for one or two –



Visit
The Chicago Woodturners
Website for
Times, fees and directions

day classes is required. Contact Matt Schmitz (847-439-6023) to reserve your classroom spot.

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Our Next Meeting

May 16

Lisle Park District 7:00PM

THE MONTHLY REVIEW

Each month, an experienced member reviews members' current work. In April, Dawn Herndon –Charles, your Vice-President, conducted the review. Dawn avails herself of many classes and teachers, and she is experienced in many techniques, from turning spheres to casting with Alumalite.

We have two tables set up, one for review items a second table to show your work without a review. All members are encouraged to bring their work to the tables.

What have you been working on? A new technique? A fresh design?

Make sure you fill out a tag so we can credit the artist.

Your fellow members want to know what you have been up to.

Next month's demo will be by Rich Nye, on turning a rock-a-bye box. You say you don't know what that is? Come to the meeting on Tuesday and all will be made clear. We promise.

WINDY CITY WOODTURNERS EVENTS

Event Dates to be announced
Depot Days
Once Upon A Christmas
WCWT Picnic
Garage Sale
WCWT Holiday Party and Dinner

**CALENDAR
OF
EVENTS**

CHICAGO WOODTURNERS EVENTS

Andrew Potocnic demo and classes June 10 –13 Arlington Heights & Geneva (See pg. 7)
Demo fee \$30, Classes \$125 @ day

OTHER EVENTS:

David Ellsworth Demo @ Badger Woodturners Monticello WI May 20
Classes: May 21 & 22 ellsworthstudios.com \$30 demo, \$150 classes (8 students max)
IAP Meeting (International Association of Penturners) June 10 Rockler Bolingbrook
9:00 am Demo by Don McCloskey no charge (see pg. 6)
Turning 2017 (Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild symposium)
Jimmy Clewes, Ashley Harwood, Chris Ramsey, Nick Cook, Avelino Samuel and more
October 13, 14, 15 2017 Cincinnati, OH www.ovwg.org

AAW National Symposium Kansas City, MO June 22-25
AAW National Symposium 2018 Portland OR June 14-17, 2018

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for various activities. These will include but not be limited to the items I just mentioned.

A priority is someone to head the picnic committee. Over the past several years **Len Swanson** has headed the team, and he has put together some great documentation and task list for the picnic activities. So, this year's committee head will have a running start! **Who's in?**

Also I will be looking for someone to help me with the ornaments. My goal is to have the first batch of blanks ready at the June meeting. Over the months of June, July, August and September we will complete and deliver them.

We still need to get our **safety screen** built. I am contacting the Lisle Park District to see if we can get a day at our meeting spot to build it. Once I secure the date I will be looking for one or two volunteers to help build the unit. So, you can see there is a **bit to be done** in the coming weeks.

Unfortunately, I will miss the May meeting due to a business trip. Dawn will be leading the meeting. If you have an interest in volunteering for any of these tasks, please let her know. Have a great meeting and enjoy the Spring.

Be Safe and Keep Turning!