



Windy City Wood Turners

January 2013

Social Event of the Season

Well, here's the big news from the Christmas party – the number of participants and gifts were in agreement for both gift exchanges. For the past few years there has had to be a certain amount of gift shuffling between tables for things to come out right, but this year we all got it right the first time. Congratulations!

Rich Nye's door prizes included a lot of wood and a little baseball memorabilia. There was plenty of good food thanks to Dom Costabile and his gang and many willing hands made the setup and cleanup easy. The real highlight was the group carol sing featuring woodturning lyrics – it was indescribable – you had to be there.

Seriously, the best thing about the party was, as always, the chance for members and spouses to have some social time together – talking, laughing, remembering.

January Demonstration

Paul Pyrcik will be demonstrating for our January meeting.

Upcoming Events

January 26 & 27

Tennessee Association of Woodturners
Annual Symposium in Franklin, TN
For more, see www.tnwoodturners.org

February 16 & 17

Winter Wood Wonders Festival
Kane County Fairgrounds
525 South Randall Rd, St Charles, IL
10:00AM to 4:00 PM each day
For more, see www.winterwoodwonders.com

May 16 thru 18

Utah Woodturning Symposium
Utah Valley University, Orem UT
For more, see www.utahwoodturning.com

Meeting information **Windy City Woodturners**

Next Meeting: January 15th
7PM—9:30 PM (3rd Tuesday)
Downers Grove Public Works
5101 Walnut
Downers Grove, IL

Club Officers 2012

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Additionally, club members will be serving in the following important roles:

Demonstrations

Paul Pyrcik

Librarians

Mark and Shane Cummins

Promotions

Rich Nye

Videographer

Bob Bergstrom and Danny Yarbrough

Webmaster

Jeff Burklow

Have an item of interest?

If you have an item of interest that you would like to share, please pass the information along to Frank Sornson so that it can be added to the newsletter at fsornson@hotmail.com.

Things To Know

Dues are Due

January 1 was the due date for 2013 dues. Membership slots will be held for renewing members until the February meeting. Thereafter, openings will be available for waitlisted and other new members.

Don't lose your spot. You can pay your dues to Rick Glau at the January or February meetings or by mail at 414 Villa Circle Drive, Palatine, IL 60067. If you mail them, be sure Rick gets it before the February meeting deadline. 2013 dues are \$25 for individuals and \$40 for families.

WANTED: Club Librarian(s)

One of the significant resources of our club is the library of books and videos which have been purchased and donated and recorded over the years. Mark and Shane Cummins have served in the volunteer role of Club Librarians for the past few years. This amounts to getting the library boxes to each meeting and seeing that records are kept indicating who checks out what. This job requires the special effort of one or two and the cooperation of all club members. We thank Mark and Shane for serving. Please contact Don Johnston if you are willing to step up to fill this slot.

Demo Opportunities

We have two demo opportunities coming up in February and March – both are different and shorter than our recent demo formats.

The first is at Woodcraft in Woodridge on Saturday, February 9 at 1PM. Woodcraft Flyer will bill this as a one hour demo on pen turning. What we have talked with Karl about is possibly 3 demonstrators illustrating different kits and materials simultaneously for an hour plus. Please see Don Johnston with your interest / willingness and an idea of what you would demo. Don's cell is (708) 606-7628.

On Saturday, March 16 Rockler is planning a series of one hour demonstrations at 10, 12, 1, and 2. Demonstrators can choose one or more of the four 1-hour sessions on a first come, first served basis. The topic of your demo is up to you. Contact Nick Page with your interest and timeframe preference ASAP. Nick's cell is (847) 845-5829.

Art Show and Sale

If you have always wanted to get one or more of your best pieces into an art exhibit, here's your chance. Some of you may remember a former club member from Indiana named Larry Jensen. He is organizing an Art Exhibit to be held this April in Michigan City, Indiana. Larry is soliciting exhibit quality pieces from members of various area turning clubs hoping to have 150 pieces on display from April 5 through April 28, 2013.

Pieces need to be delivered the week of March 31. Windy City will organize transport for member items if desired. Larry would prefer that submitted items be for sale. As the exhibitor you will set price, and the sponsoring entity will retain 35% of any sale price. Individuals may submit multiple items. Major contributors should plan to attend the opening reception on April 5 to promote their art.

Please plan to indicate your interest in this project at our January meeting. Alan Carter has agreed to help organize Windy City's response to this opportunity. Pieces for the exhibition will need to be submitted at the February and March meetings.