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November 17th Meeting

7PM—9:30 PM (3rd Tuesday)
Lisle Park District Building
Multipurpose Room #4
1925 Ohio Street
Lisle, IL

No demo this month!
Instead there will be our
annual Christmas party!



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Holiday Party

Of course everyone knows that our December “meeting” is our annual Holiday Party. And that the party will be held in our normal meeting room. As usual, a great evening is planned with fun, food, frivolity, prizes and gift exchanges. Dave Neybert’s committee used an “Evite” to collect RSVP’s followed by an email and then another email to those who had not responded. If you intend to be at the party and haven’t yet responded, call Jan and Paul Shotola right now so that a place will be set (847) 226-2817.

Just a quick reminder of the general program:

- ◆ There will be an “Instant Gallery” table. Everyone should bring one of their favorite turnings to be displayed. They won’t be critiqued, just admired.
- ◆ There are two optional Gift Exchanges:
 1. “Member Gift Exchange” wrapped and worth at least \$20.
 2. “Made Gift Exchange” wrapped and made by member and / or mate.Put your name(s) inside the packages. You will be able to choose one if you brought one. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PLACE YOUR EXCHANGE GIFTS ON THE CORRECT TABLE. There will be signs.
- ◆ There will be a raffle of stuff Rich has been collecting all year. Tickets are free for this one.
- ◆ Finally, we expect a visit from an old friend that we haven’t seen for years..



November Demo - Turning Tool Handles

Bill Aitchison showed us how he makes his tool handles during November's demo. He gave us some really good ideas for using left over parts. For example, to get the proper diameter for creating a large handle, three smaller pieces of wood can be glued together; a piece of pipe can be used for a ferrule; a broken handle on a tool can be replaced easily with a wood handle. Bill put a tool with a broken plastic handle in a chuck and turned the remaining handle down to 1/2". He then put a piece of wood on the lathe that had a 1/2" hole in one end to



create a replacement handle. The replacement handle was shaped and the tool was epoxied into the handle.

Bill also created a larger handle the same way with a larger chuck of wood with a 1/2" hole drilled in one end. The handle was created using the same process, except that a tenon was created at the end with the 1/2" hole in it to mount a ferrule. The handle was finished with BLO and Shellac in a 50/50 mix. Again, epoxy was used to glue the tool into the handle.



Windy City Officers for 2014

Officers for the coming year were elected at the November meeting. They are: President, Don Johnston; Vice President, Dawn Herdon-Charles; Secretary / Newsletter, Frank Sornson; Treasurer, Nick Page. Please say a thank you to our retiring Treasurer, Rick Glau, who served for several years in that office.

2014 Dues

Lots of members paid their 2014 dues at the November meeting. Thank you. If you did not, you may mail them to Nick Page at 670 Welch Street, Gilberts, IL 60136 or pay them at the January meeting. Renewing members need to be prompt so that we can determine how much space we have for new members.

Woodcraft Ornament Turning Event

Six Windy City Woodturners entertained a pretty good crowd of customers in the Woodcraft Classroom on Saturday, November 16. We used 4 Jet Mini's to demonstrate a variety of ornaments. And, as usual, there was a lot of conversation on the topic of turning in general. One person who watched the demonstration has already joined Windy City at the November meeting. (Since we have raised the membership limit we are passing out information on Windy City at events like this that could bring us new members.) Thank you to turners Roy Lindley, Rich Nye, Paul Pyrcik, Mark McCleary, Don Johnston, and Dawn Herndon-Charles for their able services as demonstrators.

Upcoming events in 2014

January 31 thru February 1

*Tennessee Association of Woodturners
27th Symposium*
Franklin, TN
For more information see:
tnwoodturners.org/symposium/

January 31 thru February 2

Florida Woodturning Symposium
Lake Yale, FL
For more information see:
floridawoodturningsymposium.com

May 15 thru 17

35th Annual Utah Woodturning Symposium
Orem, UT
For more information see:
www.utahwoodturning.com/

June 13 thru 15

AAW 28th International
Phoenix, AZ
For more information see:
www.woodturner.org

August 15 thru 17

Turn On! Chicago 2014
Mundelein, IL
For more information see:
www.turnonchicago.com

September 13 thru 14

Virginia Woodturners Symposium
Fishersville, VA
For more information see:
www.virginiawoodturners.com

Items of Interest

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



Once Upon a Christmas

On December 7th and 8th, Windy City members were once again making ornaments on a Jet Mini. This time it was Paul Pycik's festive lathe and we were offering a contrast to the wooden treadle lathe beside us. The venue was the Blacksmith Shop at the Museums at Lisle Station Park. Those who participated can now attest that being able to see a blazing blacksmith forge does not mean you can feel it's warmth. Thankfully, Nick Page and Pete D'Attomo provided propane heaters that made our side of the barn bearable, and we were able to turn without gloves. The stage for this event was shared by Ed Kostek, Nick Page, Paul Pycik, Dave Reilly, Bill Aitchison, Dawn Herdon-Charles, Don Johnston, and Pete D'Attomo. We took turns standing close to the heater. A brightly lighted plastic palm tree gave the illusion of warmth. But when it started snowing Sunday afternoon, some of it fell inside via holes in the roof.

In spite of the cold outside our audience included lots of families, some of whom arrived on the Polar Express. Several turned items were donated to be sold in the museum gift shop. We were very cordially received by the Blacksmiths in spite of our being in variance to the normal historic character of the event, and new friends were made.



Gallery



Bob Bergstrom



Dick Sing



Ed Slee



Mark McCleary



Richard Rohrback



Bert Leloup



Nick Page



Davy Nybert



Bill Aichison



Ed Kosteck



Rich Nye

Gallery



Paul Pyrcik



Len Swanson



Charlie Scheffel



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