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

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##### Webmaster

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#### March 19th Meeting

7PM—9:30 PM (3rd Tuesday)  
Downers Grove Public Works  
5101 Walnut  
Downers Grove, IL

#### **Demo: Pricing and Marketing your works**

We will be having a panel discussion on pricing and marketing your work. Panel members will be **Paul Pyrcik**, **Dave Neybert** and **Alan Carter**.

#### **Gallery Review: Surprise**



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## Meeting Site and Lathe Storage

A February 12 letter from Maintenance Facility management has confirmed that the policy prohibiting storage of third party owned equipment applies to us and our lathe. This was in response to several communications dating from October 15 seeking the rationale for the change and an exception for Windy City. The lathe is to be moved by March 14.

This bad news sponsored discussion and vast majority hand votes leading to the following conclusions:

1. Use of the Big Lathe is sufficiently important for club meetings that we should find a place to meet where we can store it on site.

2. Since preliminary discussions with the Lisle Park District have been encouraging and the location is nearby, we should attempt to complete discussions including permission to store our lathe on site.

3. In the event we do not succeed with Lisle Park District, we should pursue another alternate site within 5 miles of 5101 Walnut. (Members were urged to come up with personal contacts they may have that could lead to discussions with principles at such an alternate site.)

As the newsletter goes to press, we can report that discussions with the Lisle Park District have been encouraging, but are not yet complete. We hope to have further information for members at the March 19 meeting.

We have renewed our rental agreement for 5101 Walnut, including a provision that we be able to bring in a mini-lathe for each meeting. The confirmed financial terms under the new policy are \$200 refundable deposit and \$0 monthly rental. The "free rent" has been applied retroactively from the 4th quarter of 2012 when we were first advised of the new policy. So we will continue to meet at this site until further notice.





Dick Sing answering audience questions during February's meeting

## February Demo

February's demo featured Dick Sing in a question and answer session about what type of issues turners are having. Listed below are some things to take away from the demonstration.

Dick's demo started with the ABC's of woodturning; Anchor, Bevel, Cut.

- ⇒ Feel the tool
- ⇒ Move your body, shift positions, do the dance, shift from left to right
- ⇒ Post height should be at a comfortable spot, you can start at center, but find your comfort zone
- ⇒ Very little pressure is needed when the tool is on the wood, hold the tool lightly
- ⇒ Keep pressure forward, always progressing forward
- ⇒ Take your time
- ⇒ For beads or coves, start the bevel of the tool at 90 degrees then rotate the tool into the cut

## "Woods" of Wisdom

I don't like sharpening, but I really enjoy a sharp tool. For me, jigs are the answer. But there is inevitably the hassle of setup for a particular tool. I find that when I am using the same tool a lot, I can sharpen several times with the same grinder and jig setup. Life is good. But then I change tools and need a new setup. Before I change anything, I make it a point to first use the old setup one last time on the tool(s) it was made for. I feel like following this rule gives me maximum benefit from a setup and I always have sharp tools in the drawer.

Submitted by: Don Johnston

Bowls:

- ⇒ Half of your hold in the chuck is the diameter, the other half is where the face of the jaws touch the bottom or the other half can be touching the bottom of the chuck
- ⇒ Slow down when you get to the center



Chips are flying as Dick demonstrates techniques for turning the inside of a bowl

## 2013 Windy City Picnic

The shelter at the Lisle Park District (where we had the 2012 picnic) has been reserved for the afternoon of Sunday, August 25, 2013. That was the easy part. The work of the committee yet to be assembled will make the event a success. Please contact Don Johnston if you want to join the 2013 Picnic Committee.

## Upcoming events

### March 23-24

*Totally Turning 2013*  
Saratoga Springs, NY  
For more information see:  
[www.totallyturning.com](http://www.totallyturning.com)

### April 26-28

*Southern States Symposium*  
Cartersville, GA  
For more information see:  
[www.southernstatessymposium.org](http://www.southernstatessymposium.org)

### May 16 thru 18

*Utah Woodturning Symposium*  
Utah Valley University, Orem UT  
For more information see:  
[www.utahwoodturning.com](http://www.utahwoodturning.com)

### June 28-30

American Association of Woodturners  
2013 International Symposium  
Tampa, FL  
For more information see:  
[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

### August 23 thru 25

*SWAT 2013*  
Waco, TX  
For more information see:  
[www.swaturners.org](http://www.swaturners.org)

### October 11 thru 13

*Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild*  
"Turning 2013"  
Cincinnati, OH  
For more information see:  
[www.ovwg.org](http://www.ovwg.org)

### 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](mailto:fsornson@hotmail.com)



## Chicago Woodturners events

There are several demonstrations and classes coming up from some big name turners sponsored by the Chicago Woodturners (CWT) club. These events are \$30 at the door, or \$15 if you are a member of the CWT. You can join the CWT for \$25 for a one year membership. Demos are held on Saturdays at the Christian Liberty Academy which is where the CWT has their usual meetings. One day classes are held on Sundays and two day classes are on Monday and Tuesday. The cost for the one day class ranges from \$120 to \$125. For the two day classes, the costs range from \$240 to \$250. Classes and demos are from 9am to 5pm. You have to be a member of CWT to attend classes. Contact Rich Nye to register.

Demonstrations held at:  
Christian Liberty Academy  
502 W. Euclid  
Arlington Heights

Classes held at:  
NORMAC Manufacturing  
2570 Kaneville Court  
Geneva

Demonstrator	Demo	One day class	Two day class
Michael Hosaluk	Saturday, April 13	Sunday, April 14	Monday-Tuesday, April 15-16
Alan Lancer	Saturday, June 1	Sunday, June 2	Monday-Tuesday, June 3-4
Bonnie Klein	Saturday, November 9	Sunday, November 10	Monday-Tuesday, November 11-12



## Gallery









## Classifieds

### For sale:

If you have an item for sale that you would like included in the next newsletter, send it to [fsornson@hotmail.com](mailto:fsornson@hotmail.com)

## Windy City Survey

A survey has been put together to gather information on Windy City Members – your equipment, your interests, and your talents. It stands to reason that the more we know US, the better we can direct the club. We want you to sign your name to the survey – that way we'll know you have responded. And we can follow up with you directly for instance to:

- ⇒ Contact you about participating in a program on a particular piece of equipment that you own and others have expressed an interest in learning about or purchasing.
- ⇒ Or contact you to clarify an idea for a demo you would like to see.
- ⇒ Or contact you about ways you are able to serve our club

The three-page survey form is being circulated with the March newsletter. Please take some time to answer the easy questions accurately and the hard ones thoughtfully. Some time will be allowed at the March meeting to complete the survey. If you treat the survey as homework and bring it in completed, you can use the time Tuesday to eat cookies and talk with your buddies about woodturning. In case you miss the March meeting, please mail your completed survey to Don Johnston, 240 So. La Grange Rd., La Grange, IL 60525.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us get to know the current Windy City. We intend to produce a summary of the survey for members.

## Windy City Woodturners 2013 Survey

The purpose of this survey is to enhance and direct the activities and program of the Windy City Woodturners. Access to raw information will be limited to club officers. Summary information will be developed and provided to members, but not to third parties. Thank you for your response.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Years at Windy City \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of AAW? Yes ☐ No ☐

### I. This section of the survey asks for information about the turning equipment you own.

#### 1. Lathe(s) – Check all that apply. Indicate number if you own more than one.

Jet ☐ Throw \_\_\_\_\_" Delta ☐ Throw \_\_\_\_\_" Nova ☐ Throw \_\_\_\_\_"  
Powermatic ☐ Throw \_\_\_\_\_" Oneway ☐ Throw \_\_\_\_\_" Sears ☐ Throw \_\_\_\_\_"  
Rikon ☐ Throw \_\_\_\_\_" Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Chuck(s) – Check all that apply. Indicate number if you own more than one.

Oneway ☐ Vicmarc ☐ Nova ☐ Delta ☐ Sorby ☐ Penn State ☐  
Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. What other lathe accessories do you own?

Sharpening Jig ☐ Brand \_\_\_\_\_ Hollowing System ☐ Brand \_\_\_\_\_  
Vacuum System ☐ Brand \_\_\_\_\_ Bowl Coring System ☐ Brand \_\_\_\_\_  
Steady Rest ☐ Brand \_\_\_\_\_ Powered Respirator ☐ Brand \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. What turning equipment will you most likely be purchasing in the near future?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5. What, if any, equipment / accessories would you like to see demonstrated?

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**II. In this section we are seeking to find out about your areas of experience and interest.**

**1. What is your level of experience as a turner?**

Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced ☐ Semi-Pro ☐ Pro ☐

**2. What do you do with most of the items you turn?**

Display / use at home \_\_\_\_\_ % Gifts \_\_\_\_\_ % Sell \_\_\_\_\_ %

**3. What skills do you have as a turner? (check). Which skills would you like to learn or improve? (circle).**

Spindle turning ☐ Bowl turning ☐ Platter work ☐ Hollow Forms ☐ Pens ☐  
Boxes ☐ Ornaments ☐ Goblets ☐ Sharpening ☐ Texturing / Carving ☐  
Burning ☐ Piercing ☐ Finishing ☐ Coloring ☐ Eccentric turning ☐  
Segmented turning ☐ Harvesting and green turning ☐

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Would you be willing to be a mentor to another member? Yes ☐ No ☐**

If so, in what areas? \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Would you like to be mentored? Yes ☐ No ☐**

If so, in what areas? \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Would you be interested in a meeting dedicated to a collective member “garage sale” where you could buy and sell turning tools and equipment? Yes ☐ No ☐**

**7. Which, if any, tool / equipment / supply vendors would you like to invite for a meeting presentation?**

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**8. What topic(s) would you like to see addressed in a club demo or program?**

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**9. Which, if any, of our club members would you like to see demonstrate?**

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**10. I would like to attend a Saturday morning tour of a member’s shop. ☐**

**11. I would like to host a Saturday morning tour of my shop. ☐**

**III. In this section we want to learn more about your general experience and talents and how you might see yourself serving the club.**

**1. What is your career expertise?** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. What is your major non-career skill?** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. What other hobbies do you enjoy?** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. To what other clubs do you belong?** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. What ways would you be willing to serve the Windy City Woodturners?**

Officer ☐      Website ☐      Drawing ☐      Library ☐      Videography ☐      Party Committee ☐

Meeting Demo ☐      “Store” or Other Demo ☐      Equipment setup / cleanup ☐

Newsletter article ☐      Photography ☐      Special Projects ☐

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**6. If you indicated a willingness to do a Meeting Demo, please specify the topic.**

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**Maybe you have a suggestion that doesn’t fit any of the above questions. Here’s the space for you to tell us what you think would make Windy City better.**

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