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

#### **Demonstrations**

Nick Page

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Rich Nye

#### Videographer

**Bob Bergstrom and Danny Yarbrough** Webmaster

Jeff Burklow

#### **April 16th Meeting**

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

**Demo: Finishes** 

Special guest Sheryl Monahan will share her expertise on General Finishes.

**Gallery Review: Rich** 

Nye



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### **New Meeting Location**

April 16 will be our first meeting at our new location – The Lisle Park District Recreation Center at 1925 Ohio Street, Lisle IL 60532, Multipurpose Room #4 The map that was available at our last meeting is included with this newsletter. Those who attended the 2012 Christmas Party will recognize the building.

The main entrance to the building (the 1925 address) is in the Southwest corner. OUR EN-TRANCE IS IN THE **SOUTHEAST** CORNER. Yes we will be using a back entrance which is very near our meeting room rather than going in the front entrance and walking though the building.

So, park in the rear of the building near the southeast corner. There will be a WCWT sign. The door will be opened at 6:30. Turn right after you enter to get to our meeting room.



# **Preliminary Survey Results**

Thanks to all of you who completed the survey last month. We have received 38 surveys to date, but would love to see more. If you haven't completed one yet, please complete it and bring it to April's meeting. We will have some blank survey forms at the meeting also.

Some preliminary results show us that there is a desire to see equipment demonstrated for bowl coring, hollowing and vacuum chucking.

Eighty percent of respondents wanted to see a Garage Sale and Saturday morning shop tours. Start saving 'stuff' for a Garage Sale at the September 17th meeting. Also watch for information about a tour of Bill Aitchison's shop in the coming months.

We have people that are interested in helping serve the club in different ways. And a lot of people needing mentoring, and willing to mentor.

Next month we will have a more in depth look at the results of the survey.

### March Demo

The March demo featured a panel discussion on selling your work. Panel members included Dave Neybert, Paul Pyrcik, and Alan Carter.

Each member of the panel brought a different perspective to how and where to sell your work, from craft shows, to art shows, to galleries.

Issue #24 in Woodturning Design was mentioned as a good resource for information on this topic.

Some important things to consider when selling your turnings:

- Make sure you have the best photos possible
- Set time aside on a schedule to turn
- Art shows and craft shows are a great way to get feedback on your work

Below are the questions you need to ask your self before to start selling your work:

- What is your money making goal?
- What is your target market?
- How much time do you want to spend doing this?
- What can I realistically charge for my work?
- What are my costs?

### "Woods" of Wisdom

How often have we said, "Never move the tool rest when the lathe is running?" Sometimes we say it with a grin while we are in fact moving the tool rest with the lathe running. I was reminded recently why this is good advice and shouldn't be treated lightly. I was hurrying to finish a wine caddy. The lathe was running and in moving the tool rest (as I shouldn't have been doing) my knuckle made contact with a fresh cut edge of the blank. That sharp wooden edge behaves a lot like a table saw. It took a while to get the bleeding to stop. And you know it takes guite a while for a knuckle to heal. I shudda listened.

Submitted by: Don Johnston



Panel members Dave Neybert, Paul Pyrcik, and Alan Carter talk about selling their work.

- Am I willing to travel?
- Do I need to create a booth?
- Do I want to deal with people?
- Can I create a web based operation?
- What is my level of production?
- Will I produce to order? special order?
- Can I afford to put more money in the business?
- Am I making it a business?
- Will it be at home?
- Will you take credit cards?
- Do I want to change my hobby into a job?

### In The News

Our very own Bill Aitchison was in the news recently. An article done in the Southtown Star titled "Woodworking as art: Hickory Hills man has nailed it" tells about how Bill built his house and most everything in it.

"For more than 30 years, he's done sculpting and woodwork from his home. He has made most of the furniture and artifacts in his home. from the round dining room table to the music speakers to the candy apple ring holder to the dancing jewelry box to his flower vase, one of his most elegant pieces."

Please check out the article in the Southtown Star.

# **Upcoming** events

### **April 26-28**

Southern States Symposium
Cartersville, GA
For more information see:
www.southernstatessymposium.org

#### May 4

Robust Tools open house Barneveld, WI For more information see: www.turnrobust.com

#### **May 16 thru 18**

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

#### June 28-30

American Association of Woodturners 2013 International Symposium Tampa, FL For more information see: www.woodturner.org

August 23 thru 25 SWAT 2013 Waco, TX For more information see: www.swaturners.org

#### October 11 thru 13

Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild "Turning 2013"
Cincinnati, OH
For more information see:
www.ovwg.org

### **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



### **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

# **Board Meeting**

A board meeting was held on April 6th at Don Johnston's house. Board members present included Don Johnston, Nick Page, and Frank Sornson. Members were also invited to attend and Bill Aitchison, Rich Nye, and Paul Pyrcik attended.

A balanced budget was adopted and initial summary survey results were discussed along with plans to respond to the member input.

In order to conform to a more rigid 9:30 end time for our meetings, it was agreed that we will be limiting the review / critique to no more than one item per member. Choose the one on which you especially want feedback. If necessary we will have a separate table for overflow.

# 2013 Windy City Picnic

We have reserved the same lovely shelter in Lisle Community Park that we enjoyed (in spite of the rain) last year. You will be driving by it on your right on your way to our new meeting location on Ohio Street.

The date you should be getting into your spouse's calendar is Sunday, August 25 – now is the time to be doing that. We still have open spots on the picnic committee. It is a good opportunity to serve your club and get to know some of your fellow members a little better. Contact Don Johnston.

# Gallery



Rick Ogren



Ray Luckhaupt



**Dave Neybert** 

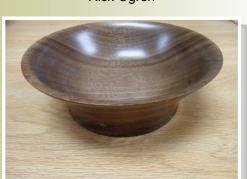


Alan Carter doing our Gallery review

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Rick Ogren



Hector Fuster



Ed Slee



Paul Pyrcik



Earl Weber



Ray Luckhaupt



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Paul Pyrcik



Dawn Charles



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# Windy City Woodturners New Location Map

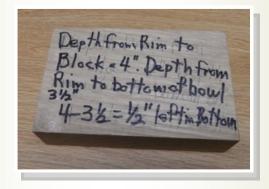


Windy City Woodturners meeting entrance southeast corner of building

## **Miscellaneous**



Bob Begstrom—Chuck Block



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Frank Sornson
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