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May 21st Meeting

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

Demo: Turning Balls

Dave Reilly will be giving us a demo on turning spheres

Gallery Review: Dawn Herndon-Charles



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Our New Location

On April 16 we had our first meeting at our new location – The Lisle Park District Recreation Center at 1925 Ohio Street in Lisle.

This new facility offers plenty of space and good parking. Please



be patient while we adjust to our new location, and if you have any suggestions regarding our new space, let us know.

We also had a special guest during last month's meeting, Michael Hosaluk was in town and was asked to attend our meeting and do our critique. Michael offered helpful suggestions and valuable insight on our creations.



Prevention

I have had way too many conversations lately about liability, insurance and litigation. It is true that these three topics are important these days, and we must have a good understanding of them to make prudent decisions. But these topics only deal with the aftermath, we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that our attention is best invested in preventing accidents and injuries in the first place. The attached AAW Safety Guidelines remind us of at least 26 practices we should be following. There shouldn't be anything here you haven't heard before. But please force yourself to read them over – putting them back in the front of your memory is a good thing.

April Demo

Sheryl Monahan from General Finishes did the April Demo. Sheryl talked about the different finishes carried by General Finishes, and how and when to use them.

Sheryl highlighted a finish called Woodturners Finish. It is water based and easy to apply. Sheryl recommended using nylons with paper towel inside to hold the finish. You can also use a foam or poly brush to apply the finish. Use a 220 grit sanding pad after 2 coats to remove bumps. It only takes about 15 minutes to dry and it will have a slight amber look.

Sheryl also gave information about some of the other products that they carry, like oil based stains, gel stains, and milk paint. Here are some helpful tips from her presentation:

- Oil based stains take 8-12 hours to dry
- Gel stains are best used on blocky woods like cherry, maple or birch
- Water based stains take 1-2 hours to dry
- Milk paint is easy to use as it will stick to and cover anything.

Contact General Finishes if you have any questions on how to use their finishes at: <http://www.generalfinishes.com>

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.



Sheryl Monahan from General Finishes discusses product finishes.

Woodturning Cruise - Norway 2014

There was a brief mention of this unique cruise at the April meeting. You can obtain more information on the web-site www.woodturningcruise.com. In brief, this is a moving tool show that makes a dozen stops on a cruise itinerary from the bottom to the top of Norway and back. The ship is not a luxury liner – it is rather small and spartan and without casinos, bars or floor shows. But there is good food; and there is cruising the fiords; and shore trips when the ship is in port for a show. Above all there is woodturning and woodturners, famous and otherwise, and there is plenty of social, turning and demo time between ports. If you are thinking about it for August 11 through 23, 2014, it is not too soon to be reserving your cabin. If you want to talk with someone who has been there, contact Dick Sing or Don Johnston or their wives.

Open House

Bill Aitchison extends an invitation to his fellow Windy City members to attend an open house at his shop on Saturday, June 29 at 10:00 am. As we all know, Bill's interests and business extends far beyond woodturning. He built his home around an extensive workshop which is enviable both in size and content -- here is a chance to see it. Bill's address is 7716 W. 91st Place, Hickory Hills, IL 60457."

Upcoming events

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

September 13 thru 15

Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium
Loveland, CO
For more information see:
www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com

September 20 thru 22

Turning Southern Style XIX
Dalton, GA
For more information see:
www.woodturner.org/calendar

October 11 thru 13

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

Rockler Customer Appreciation Day, Saturday, May 18th

Rockler in Schaumburg will be holding a day of giveaways and demos. Every hour there will be prize giveaways from 9 to 5, but you must be present to win. Listed below are the demos taking place during the day.

10am—Making Band Saw Boxes
11am—CNC Shark
1pm—Scroll Saw Magic
2pm—Working with Hand Tools
3pm—Offset Turning

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
Alan Lacer	Saturday, June 1	Sunday, June 2	Monday-Tuesday, June 3-4
Bonnie Klein	Saturday, November 9	Sunday, November 10	Monday-Tuesday, November 11-12

AAW Safety Guidelines

Safe, effective use of a wood lathe requires study and knowledge of procedures for using this tool. Read, thoroughly understand, and follow the label warnings on the lathe and in the owner/operator's manual. Safety guidelines from an experienced instructor, video, or book are a good source of important safety procedures. Please work safely.

- piece to travel as it comes off the lathe. A good safety habit is to step out of this zone when turning on the lathe, keeping your hand on the switch in case you need to turn the machine off. When observing someone else turn, stay out of this zone.
- Always check the speed of the lathe before turning it on. Use slower speeds for larger diameters or rough pieces and higher speeds for smaller diameters and pieces that are balanced. Always start a piece at a slower speed until the workpiece is balanced. If the lathe is shaking or vibrating, lower the speed. If the workpiece vibrates, always stop the machine to verify why. As a starting point, consult your operator's manual for recommended speeds for a particular lathe. Ensure the lathe speed is compatible with the size of the blank.
- Exercise extra caution when using stock with cracks, splits, checks, bark pockets, knots, irregular shapes, or protuberances. Beginners should avoid these types of stock until they have greater knowledge of working such wood.
- Hold turning tools securely on the toolrest, holding the tool in a controlled but comfortable manner. Always contact the tool rest with the tool before contacting the wood.
- Note that, when running a lathe in reverse, it is possible for a chuck or faceplate to unscrew unless it is securely tightened or locked on the lathe spindle.
- Know your capabilities and limitations. An experienced woodturner is capable of lathe speeds, techniques, and procedures not recommended for beginning turners.
- Always remove the tool rest before sanding, finishing, or polishing operations.
- Don't overreach, keep proper footing, and keep your balance at all times.
- Keep lathe in good repair. Check for damaged parts, alignment, binding of moving parts, and other conditions that may affect its operation.
- Keep tools sharp and clean for better and safer performance. Don't force a dull tool. Don't use a tool for a purpose that it was not designed for or intended for.
- Consider your work environment. Don't use a lathe in damp or wet locations. Do not use in presence of inflammable liquids or gases, and always keep a fully-charged fire extinguisher close at hand. Keep your work area well lit.
- Stay alert. Watch what you are doing. Pay close attention to unusual sounds or vibrations. Stop the lathe to investigate the cause. Don't operate machines when you are tired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Guard against electric shock. Inspect electric cords for damage. Avoid the use of extension cords.
- Never leave the lathe running unattended. Turn power off. Don't leave lathe until it comes to a complete stop.
- Many accidents to woodturners occur while using saws, especially band and chain saws. Learn and follow the safety guidelines for this equipment.
- Be aware of what turners call the "red zone" or "firing zone." This is the area directly behind and in front of the workpiece, the areas most likely for a piece to travel as it comes off the lathe. A good safety habit is to step out of this zone when turning on the lathe, keeping your hand on the switch in case you need to turn the machine off. When observing someone else turn, stay out of this zone.

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Gallery



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Dawn Charles



Dave Neybert



Nick Page



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Len Swanson



Jack Harkins



Charlie Sheffel



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