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

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[www.windycitywoodturners.com](http://www.windycitywoodturners.com)

### September 17th Meeting

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

**Demo: There will be no demo or gallery review this month. Instead we will be holding a garage sale.**



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## Windy City Woodturners Picnic

We wish to thank all those members and spouses who attended and especially those who brought tasty dishes to share. Extra thanks to those members who added to the fun and subtracted from the shop clutter by participating in the white elephant and wood gift exchanges. Check out some pictures on the last page. Give a special thanks to:

**Paul Pyrcik** - Party planner extraordinaire!

**Dom Costabile** and **David Leach** - Iceman and grill masters

**Roy Lindley** - Transportation services and use of grill

**Bill Aitchison** - Lawn golf game creator and set-up

**Nick and Renee Page** - Event set-up/assistance

**Don and Sue Johnston** - Signage and condiments

**Robin Pyrcik** - Food, supplies, and shopping list assistant

**Marie Anderson** - Trash recycling manager

**Lisle Park District** and **Wendy Nadeau** - Venue access

**Frank Sornson** - Photography



## Club Membership Limit

Members present at the August meeting voted unanimously to increase the number of members allowed from 65 to 80. Two new members, Tony Leto of Plainfield and Mark Burk of Oswego promptly became our 66th and 67th Windy City members. Frank Sornson has prepared a new brochure to be used to inform other prospective new members about Windy City Woodturners.

## August Demo — Turning Miniatures



Marie Anderson did our August demo on turning miniatures. These tiny turnings are created from small scraps of wood. Marie showed us techniques on creating these small turnings, and how to create displays using them. Remember to keep your little scraps of wood and you can create these beautiful displays. Check them out on the Gallery page.



## Once Upon A Christmas

In the middle of downtown Lisle there is a collection of historic buildings including a farmhouse, a tavern, a depot, a caboose and a blacksmith shop – collectively, the site is called The Museums of Lisle Station Park. This park is jointly operated by the Village of Lisle, The Heritage Society, and Lisle Park District (our host). In addition to operating as a meeting venue and a museum, Lisle Station Park sponsors special events including one at Christmas called Once Upon a Christmas which will be on December 7 and 8.

The Blacksmith Shop is generally operational at these events. There is also a woodworking area in the blacksmith shop which includes an old wooden treadle lathe. At past events, the wooden lathe has been used to demonstrate spindle turning. We have been contacted by Brian Failing, the museum curator asking if Windy City would be interested in running the turning demonstration at the December event. The curator is open to power lathes being involved in the demonstration.

This is another opportunity to support an activity connected with the Lisle Park District. The open hours for the event are 3pm to 8pm Saturday and 11am to 4pm Sunday. We would need a couple of members to investigate and plan our involvement. Interested parties should contact Don Johnston at (708) 482-7628.

(You might consider attending "Depot Days at the site September 14 or 15 (noon to 5pm) to get a feel for their events and venue. 921 School Road, Lisle IL [www.LisleParkDistrict.org](http://www.LisleParkDistrict.org).)

## September Meeting Garage Sale Rules

Just a reminder of the rules for our garage sale meeting:

1. Tables in our meeting space will be available for setup from 6:30. The sale will start at 7:30 to give everyone a chance to look around before selling starts. Please, NO PRESALES!!
2. Be sure each of your items is marked with the price and your name or initials.
3. Large or heavy items may be left at home or in your vehicle. Bring photos and description for display.
4. Both buyers and sellers should have plenty of singles on hand.
5. Each seller will donate to the club 10% of their gross sales total – rounded to the nearest dollar.
6. We will be allowing extra time to move out the sold and unsold prior to 9:30. A short business meeting will be delayed until the end of the meeting. One table will be set aside for the Instant Gallery, but there will be no formal review.

## Upcoming events

### September 13 thru 15

*Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium*  
Loveland, CO

For more information see:

[www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com](http://www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com)

### September 20 thru 22

*Turning Southern Style XIX*  
Dalton, GA

For more information see:

[www.woodturner.org/calendar](http://www.woodturner.org/calendar)

### September 20 thru 21

*Great Falls Woodturning*  
Great Falls, MT

For more information see:

[www.gfturners.org](http://www.gfturners.org)

### October 11 thru 13

*Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild*  
"Turning 2013"

Cincinnati, OH

For more information see:

[www.ovwg.org](http://www.ovwg.org)

### October 26 thru 27

*Wisconsin Woodturners Expo*  
Eau Claire, WI

For more information see:

[witurnersexpo.org/](http://witurnersexpo.org/)

### November 1 thru 3

*North Carolina Woodturning Symposium*

Greensboro, NC

For more information see:

[www.northcarolinawoodturning.com/](http://www.northcarolinawoodturning.com/)

### November 9 thru 12

*CWT presents Bonnie Klein*

Arlington Heights/Geneva, IL

For more information see:

[www.dreyerhouse.com/cwt](http://www.dreyerhouse.com/cwt)

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

## Art In The Park

On Saturday, September 7 Windy City members demonstrated woodturning at the Art in the Park event sponsored by the Lisle Park District. Joel Bambas chaired the effort. Turners included Joel, Paul Pyrcik, Marie Anderson and Nick Page. It was a warm breezy day. Demonstrators were sheltered by Mark McCleary's popup tent held down by Dave Neybert's weights. Pyrcik and Johnston mini-lathes were kept humming for four hours making bird houses, weed pots, clocks and small things. Our Windy City banner was prominently displayed and after some adjustments held its ground against the wind. Even the casual observer could tell that turners enjoy their hobby and each other. Thanks to everyone for their participation. Check out the pictures at the end of the newsletter!

## Christmas Ornament Turning Event

At the August meeting Don Johnston asked for a show of hands willing to do a holiday event at Woodcraft demonstrating Turned Christmas ornaments. A number of members expressed interest. A tentative date of Saturday, November 16 has been penciled in at Woodcraft. The event would run from 10am to 2pm in the Woodridge Woodcraft classroom. Each participating member would demonstrate an ornament or two from their repertoire to the admiring throngs. Woodridge will promote the event via email and in-store posters. We need some names on a signup sheet at our September 17 meeting to solidify the tentative date.

Please check your 'master' calendars and be prepared to commit on Tuesday night. Also, if you will be signing up, please bring a sample of each ornament you would turn. We will borrow these for photographing and preparing promotional materials – they will be returned at the October meeting.

The Woodridge Woodcraft has recently changed ownership. Let's show the new Michigan owner how supportive Windy City is of his new store.



## Gallery



Mark McCleary



Bill Aitchison



Frank Sornson



Earl Webber



Ed Slee



Dave Neybert



Ray Luckhaupt



Ed Kostick



Bob Bergstrom



Dick Sing



Don Johnston



Roy Lindley



Bert LeLoup





## 2013 Picnic



## Art In the Park

