

Windy City Woodturners Newsletter



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August 21st Meeting

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

November Meeting will be on the 25th

As a result of a requirement imposed upon our Lisle Park District host, we will not be able to meet there on our regular meeting date of the 18th in November. Our meeting will instead be on the following Tuesday evening, **NOVEMBER 25TH** at the regular time and place.

We regret that this change is necessary. Please mark your calendars now – and tell your spouse.

Windy City Turns Ornaments at Woodcraft

Many of you will have seen the 'blurb' in the center of the recent Woodcraft flyer that says "Members of Windy City Woodturners will be demonstrating how they make their favorite Christmas Ornaments..." You can still be among those demonstrators if you are a member of AAW and sign up at the October meeting. Otherwise, plan to join the crowd of observers on Saturday, October 25 from noon to 4pm.

Chair Needed for Holiday Party

The June Newsletter included a call for Chairperson of the Holiday Party among other club activities.

Astonishingly, no one has yet stepped forward for the December 16 event. There are club members who have done this before so this year's Chair wouldn't have to start from scratch. The October meeting is the deadline for getting this ball rolling.

It is not a requirement that we have a Party, but it is necessary to get it going now – or not.

October Vacuum System Demo

If you have always wanted a vacuum chucking capability, but didn't want to spend the big bucks, don't miss the October meeting. Bob Leonard will be talking about his repurposing of vacuum pumps from the medical industry. Bob has made previous presentations at the Chicago Woodturners, Illiana Woodturners, and Turn on Chicago.

Turning Scholarships

AAW, in cooperation with John C. Campbell and Arrowmont, is again offering 14 scholarships at each school to AAW members. The winning 28 will be drawn by AAW from members nominated by chapters. Windy City will select its nominee in a drawing held on Thursday, November 13, 2014 from among applicants received by noon that day.

Applicants must be paid-up members of Windy City and AAW; and must indicate in their application whether they prefer the scholarship be from Campbell or Arrowmont or either one; and must provide a regular meeting program / demo covering any course they win. Scholarships apply only to courses directly related to woodturning and only

to courses offered in 2015. Room, board and travel are the responsibility of the winner.

Assuming that at least 50 members of Windy City are also paid-up members of AAW, we will be able to submit one (1) nominee to AAW from our club. You will have already received an email from Nick Page seeking to document how many AAW members we have. We had the required 50 AAW members last year, but not by much. **If you have been considering joining AAW, this would be a good time so that you can be part of our count.**

Windy City members can apply by email to Don Johnston at donsuej_2000@yahoo.com by noon, November 13. Winner of the Windy City drawing will be notified promptly. AAW will notify winners of the scholarships by December 1, 2014.

Nominations are Open

At the November meeting we will elect club officers for 2015. Positions to be filled in this election are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary / Newsletter. Any Windy City member can nominate any other member who consents for any of the above positions by:

- a. Email prior to the November 25 meeting to donsuej_2000@yahoo.com, or
- b. In person at the November 25 meeting.

Once Upon a Christmas

For the second year, Windy City members will be turning ornaments at the Museum at Lisle Station Park during their annual celebration – Once Upon a Christmas. This event boasts “free old fashioned holiday fun for the whole family.” In addition to our ornament turning, there will be blacksmithing, baking, model trains, games, music....

We will be in the Blacksmith Shop with a mini-lathe on December 6 from 3 to 8pm, and December 7 from 11am to 4pm. A sign-up sheet will be circulated in October and November seeking two shifts of two people on each day (AAW members only as usual). The building is unheated, but based on our experience of last year, we can make our space habitable with a portable heater.

Elaborate ornaments are not required for this demonstration – indeed, simple is better as the audience of mostly families won’t spend a lot of time watching. Flying chips and sample results are the goal. Those who participated last year didn’t sweat much, but enjoyed the camaraderie. Consider bringing the family. More celebration info is available at www.LisleParkDistrict.org.

Special CWT Demonstrator November 1

Derek Weidman is a talented artist from Pennsylvania with a very unique skill. He uses off-center turning techniques to create human and animal forms on the lathe. Derek will be in town for the SOFA show and has agreed to do a demo on Saturday,

November 1 at Christian Liberty Academy. The demo is from 9am to 4:30pm and will be \$30 at the door (\$15 for CWT members with advance registration).

SOFA

The annual Sculptural Objects and Fine Art show (SOFA) is again at Navy Pier from November 7 through 9. Hours are 11 to 7 except noon to 6 on Sunday the 9th. Tickets are \$20 daily or \$30 for a three day pass. Get more information at www.sofaexpo.com.

“Artistry in Wood”

This event, sponsored by North Suburban Carvers will be held October 18 and 19 from 10am to 4pm at the Odeum in Villa Park. Booths featuring woodworking and woodturning will be included in addition to woodcarving.

Gallery

Due to the tool garage sale last month, there is no gallery from September.

NOTE: Attached is the newest roster of the club.