

Windy City Newsletter

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AAW Turning Scholarships

October's newsletter announced the second year of AAW Tuition Scholarships to John C. Campbell or Arrowmont. Windy City will select it's nominee in a drawing held Thursday, November 13 from among applications submitted to Don Johnston by noon that day. (donsuej_2000@yahoo.com, or 708-482-7628)

Applicants must be paid-up members of Windy City and AAW, and specify in their application whether they are interested in "Campbell" or "Arrowmont" or "No Preference". Any Windy City scholarship winner must provide a regular meeting program / demo on the class they attend. Room, board and travel are winner's responsibility.

Special Date for November Meeting

Remember that the November WCWT meeting will not be held on our usual third Tuesday due to a scheduling conflict that impacts the Park District facility. We will instead hold our meeting on the fourth Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 in our regular room.

Dues

Annual dues are supposed to be paid by January 1 of a new year. Nick Page has already received some payments. The November meeting would be a good time for the rest of us to pay ours.

Nominations / Election

The November meeting is the time for election of Windy City officers for 2015. Elected offices include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary / Newsletter. Any Windy City member can nominate any other member who consents. Nominations can be submitted prior to the November 25 meeting by emailing donsuej_2000@yahoo.com or in person at the meeting. No negative electioneering please.

Woodcraft Ornament Turning Event

Windy City Woodturners officially kicked off the holiday season on October 25 by turning ornaments at Woodcraft. The event was advertised in the centerfold of the Woodcraft flyer. Paul Pyrcik, Paul Shotola, Rich Rohrbach and Don Johnston demonstrated their favorite ornaments to the amazement of throngs of Woodcraft customers.

This kind of event is not just a chance for the demonstrators to have fun together. They are a chance to generally promote woodturning and support our local merchant. For future reference, other club members are also permitted to attend such demonstrations.

November Program

Our program on November 25 will be by Gavin Wetendorf, Operations Manager of Reliable Finishes in Elk Grove Village. In addition to its own line of products, Reliable is the local distributor for several other lines including Mohawk. Have your product and application questions ready. See www.reliablefinishingproducts.com.

Once Upon a Christmas

We still have slots available for interested turners to demonstrate turned ornaments at the Once Upon a Christmas celebration at Lisle Station Park in downtown Lisle. The sign-up sheet will be circulated again at the November meeting. Hours are 3 to 8pm on Saturday December 6 and 11am to 4pm on Sunday December 7. More information on the celebration is available at www.LisleParkDistrict.org.

If you are not an AAW member but are itching to demonstrate, you are in luck. Al Miotke has recently brought to our attention that the AAW liability insurance now also covers non AAW members demonstrating at club events. So this demonstration opportunity is not limited to AAW members as originally announced.

Holiday Party

We didn't get a volunteer to chair the Holiday Party so we won't be having the party in our usual format. Nevertheless, your board decided that something special is in order. So the December 17 meeting will go something like this:

1. **We won't have spouses or a full catered meal**, but there will still be "eats". The club will provide **delivered pizzas and drinks for members** (a vegetarian choice will be included), and birthday celebrants will provide desert.
2. The **"Member Gift Exchange"** will still be a part of the event. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped gift of \$20 minimum value. It could be a tool or gift certificate, a used item, a fabulous piece of wood – as long as it is worth at least \$20. Put your name inside the package so that the exchange winner will know who to thank.
3. Another feature normally included at the Holiday Party will be the **Free Prize Drawing**. A variety of prizes will be available, all members present will get a ticket and each lucky winner will choose their prize.
4. The **Program will be from a Woodturning DVD** by Glenn Lucas, a production bowl turner who recently demonstrated at Chicago Woodturners.
5. There will be an **Instant Gallery Table** and **Critique if time is available**. This would be your last chance this year to bring in your latest and favorite ornament or gift idea.

This 2014 format looks pretty busy so we are putting the most important things first. If the DVD gets truncated or the critique doesn't happen, we'll be sure the partying gets done.