



# Windy City Woodturners Newsletter



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

## July 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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

## Speaker: Don Johnston

### Creating a unique wine bottle holder

Thanks to Al Miotke for sharing his ways  
of texturing and coloring his projects.  
See photos of his work at the bottom of  
the Gallery.

## Event Chairpersons

We still need chairs of events coming up  
soon. Maybe you have wanted to do  
something to support your club but  
didn't know what would be involved.  
The following should help in that respect  
for two upcoming events – Art in the  
Park, and the WCWT Picnic.

## Art in the Park

This is a Lisle Park District outdoor  
event held just around the corner from  
our meeting site. It is a Craft show  
culminating in a charity auction of  
individually painted child's Adirondack  
chairs. (These chairs were constructed  
by a member(s) of Dupage  
Woodworkers.) This is the second year  
of the event. Windy City participated  
last year with a booth demonstrating  
turning and promoting our club. The  
date is Saturday, September 6. Hours  
are 1pm to 5pm.

Last year's booth amounted to:

Pop up tent with weights – setup is on  
asphalt in a parking lot therefore no  
staking down.

2 mini-lathes on stands plus table to display turning examples and hold tools.

Yellow tape and supports to keep observers at safe distance (Tape and signs available)

Trifold brochures

Extension cords to run to nearby pavilion (club has some)

AAW members to demonstrate (4 is adequate)

Club Banner (May need some repair to stand)

Hours are 1pm to 5pm – need time and bodies before and after to setup and cleanup

### **WCWT Picnic**

The pavilion in Community Park that we have used in the past couple of years is already reserved for Sunday August 24 from 12 noon to 7pm (Event hours are 2pm to 6pm). This activity calls for a chair and significant additional contributors to accomplish:

Invitations and RSVP's (This has been done lately via Evite.)

From RSVP's we get the count for purchased entre condiments, and paper goods.

Potluck food assignments, games, gift exchanges, grill hands and other stuff is well covered in a document prepared by Paul Pyrcik for past events. In addition we have a pretty good record of past picnic purchases. You wouldn't be starting from scratch and advice is available. **But it is time to get started if we are to have a 2014 picnic! So**

**step forward now. Call Don Johnston at 708-482-7628.**

### **“Turn and Learn” at Woodcraft**

Woodcraft in Woodridge has graciously allowed us to use their classroom from 12 noon to 4pm on July 26. The “Turn and Learn” event is an effort to address member interest in mentoring that was expressed in the survey conducted some months ago. The format will be loosely organized to permit both demonstration and hands-on turning by WCWT members. Topics addressed will be Turning Bowls, Hollow Forms, Basic Skills, and Sharpening.

We'll be using the mini-lathes in Woodcraft's classroom. If you intend to participate (versus observe) you should bring your own safety equipment and tools.

Be aware that Woodcraft customers will also be permitted to observe and will be intermingling among us. We will, of course, be courteous and inclusive, but non-WCWT members will not be permitted hands-on involvement.

### **Ornaments at Rockler**

On June 28 Windy City Woodturners demonstrated Christmas Ornaments at the Rockler store in Schaumburg. We were represented by Dawn Herdon-Charles, Don Johnston, Nick Page and Rich Rohrback. Rockler customers observed snowmen, Christmas trees, icicles, and acorns being created on the lathes. Demonstrators also promoted our club and Turn-on-Chicago.

At least one new turner was hooked and purchased a lathe – credit to Dawn. Thanks to WCWT members who

attended the event in support of the demonstrators and made purchases. We got a few more X's in the book that leads to gift certificates based on purchases credited to our club.

By the way, Rockler is again stocking figured maple bowl blanks – back by popular demand.

### **Demonstrators for Art in the Park**

We need demonstrators for the Windy City Woodturners booth at the September 6 Art in the Park event. Hours are 1pm to 5pm – we will be splitting this into two hour shifts on each of the two mini-lathes. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the July and August meetings, or call Don Johnston at 708-485-7628.

At this event, turning small simple projects is best as it gives the observer a better chance to see an item finished. Larger and more complex finished work can be displayed on a table that will be available for that purpose.

### **Upcoming Events**

August 15 – 17

**Turn ON! Chicago 2014**

Mundelein, IL

For more information see:

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

Lisle Parks Depot Days Sept.13-14

Lisle Parks Once Upon a Christmas

Dec. 6-7

October 4

**Chicago Woodturners Demo by Glen Lucas**

Glen is a production bowl turner and teacher from Ireland. The demo is at Christian Liberty Academy in Arlington Heights (502 West Euclid) and runs

from 9:00 – 4:30. Cost is \$30 at the door. CWT members pay \$15.

### **For Sale**

Jet 10"/20" drum sander with infeed and outfeed tables, a rolling stand, and several rolls of new sandpaper. Used once or twice. Asking \$250. Contact John Meyer at 708-799-8908 or [drmath@aol.com](mailto:drmath@aol.com).

If you have an item of interest that you would like to share, or have something to sell, please pass the information along to John Meyer at: [drmath@aol.com](mailto:drmath@aol.com) or 708-799-8908 so that it can be added to the newsletter in future months.



## GALLERY



