



JANUARY 2015

*All the News That Will Fit On the Lathe*

## A Message From Your President

*From Don Johnston*

### Holiday Party 2014

Our celebration in 2014 took a different form than in years past. Refreshments were a variety of Passero's pizzas and an overwhelming table of deserts provided by many more than the traditional birthday celebrants. A special thanks to those who contributed beyond the call of duty.

The member gift exchange was ably conducted by Paul Pyrcik, assuring that everyone who brought, got. The free raffle helped restock winners' wood supplies. A Glenn Lucas demonstration video rounded out the evening.

### What I got from the Glenn Lucas Video

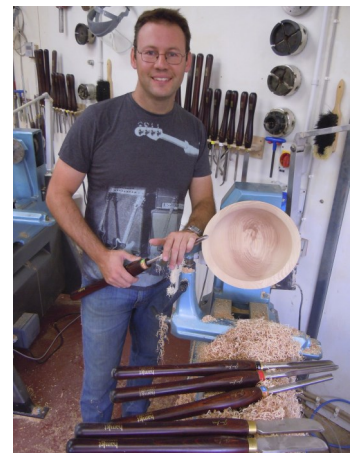
At the December meeting we watched an hour of Glenn Lucas' "Bowl Turning Techniques" video. It was selected because of the popular "bowl" topic and because it contains sections on both coring and vacuum chucking which were covered in 2014 demos. Glenn is certainly an able production bowl turner, and as such has a lot to contribute, even to those of us who will never be. Here are a few of the specific useful things I came away with:

1. The base of the bowl is one third of the rim diameter. (This is, of course, for a utilitarian bowl. But this rule of thumb also implies that bottoms of artistic bowls should generally be smaller than  $1/3$ .)
2. Bowl blanks are dried in Glenn's kiln to approximately 10% before he final turns them. (This is another handy number to remember whether you are air drying or have a kiln.)
3. "The best time to sharpen your tool is just before it needs it." (It is hard to argue with the validity of this statement, but I am still working on how to apply it in practice.)

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Paul Pyrcik, in his traditional lighted antler cap, was your Master of Ceremonies at the December meeting, admirably handling the gift exchange and drawings. He is actually happier than this picture shows.



Glenn Lucas in his shop. A bowl (soon to be for sale) mounted on the lathe



Fritz Wolf at the mini-lathe, fascinating attendees at "Once Upon A Christmas" in Lisle last year



**ARE YOUR 2015 DUES PAID?**

**Don't Make Me Get  
Medieval On You!**

See our Treasurer Nick Page At the January meeting or mail  
a check to: 670 Welch Street Gilberts, IL 60136

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4. Glenn cuts the dovetail for his chuck with a pointed scraper. The angle of the point is matched to the chuck using one of the dovetail jaws as a pattern. (This approach accomplishes the correct angle and the all-important flat face at the same time. Worth considering.)
5. Glenn uses each of his 2 and 3 inch sanding discs just once. (I am going to try to follow this practice. That way every time I pick up a disc it will be reliably sharp. Otherwise there is always the question of whether that partially used disc is good enough to really do the job. During Glenn's live demo at CWT, he did say that he throws his used discs in a bucket and lets people rummage through them for those that may have useful life.)
6. Glenn power sands only to 320 grit. But later in the video he shows how he "wet sands" using a "very fine abrasive paper" and walnut oil to cut the raised fibers and achieve his final finish.
7. Before Glenn even starts power sanding the inside of the bowl, he gives some 80 or 120 attention to just the end grain with the bowl stationary. (How often after some power sanding do you stop for a look only to find that the end grain sections are still raggedy when the side grain is looking good. You are going to have to give some special attention to those areas anyway, why not do it first?)
8. Be careful when you are finishing the bottom of the bowl while you are holding it on a vacuum chuck. If you cut through the bottom, the bowl will "leave the lathe." (This made my list not so much for the wisdom as the phrasing.)

To be fair, I should admit that I made up this list while watching the DVD again in the privacy of my own home. You can do that too as Glenn's "Bowl Turning Techniques" DVD and his companion "Tools and Techniques" are both being donated to the Windy City Library. Check one out.



*Nick Page showing intensity and serious concentration at the lathe*



*The kids were suitably impressed!*

## ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS LISLE PARK DISTRICT DECEMBER 2014



*Paul Shotola and Hector Fuster stay warm in the Blacksmith Shop*



*No Christmas festival is complete without a picture with Santa (and Mrs. Claus)*

## HOLIDAY PARTY GALLERY WINDY CITY WOODTURNERS 2014



Rich Nye  
fitted box



Bowl  
unkown turner



Bottle stopers  
unkown turner



Bowl  
Unknown turner



DEMONSTRATING  
AT THE JANUARY  
MEETING:  
**Dick Sing**

An internationally known  
turner, artist and teacher,  
Dick will demo Work  
Holding on the lathe and  
tool innovations.



Dick in the shop with his mini-lathe.  
Small lathe, big talent

*I have always tried to live by  
the old saying: "If it aint  
broke, don't fix it" but occa-  
sionally a new innovation  
comes along to change my  
mind. Dick Sing January 2015*



Bowl of turned Easter eggs of various woods.  
Always a crowd pleaser.

## OUR MEETINGS

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from 7 pm till 9pm and we meet at the Lisle Park District, 1925 Ohio Street, Lisle IL. All are invited. At each meeting we feature a demonstration of wood turning techniques and have a showcase of members' current work. Guests and visitors are always welcome. Each month, members celebrating their birthday bring in some snacks, so there is always something good to eat. Is your birthday this month?



An array of hollow Christmas ornaments



A collage of inlaid pocket watches

# *Things To Do!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WINDY CITY WOODTURNERS EVENTS:

**Depot Days Festival:** September 12-13 Park District Lisle IL

**Once Upon A Christmas Festival:** December 3-4 Park District Lisle IL

### CHICAGO WOODTURNERS EVENTS:

**Mark Gardner Demonstration:** Saturday March 7, 9am –5pm Arlington Heights IL

**Mark Gardner Hands-On Class (1 day):** Sunday March 8, 9am-5pm Geneva IL

**Mark Gardner Hands-On Class (2 day):** March 9-10, 9am-5pm Geneva IL

**Alain Mailland Demonstration:** Saturday June 20, 9am-5pm Arlington Heights IL

**Alain Mailland Hands-On Class (1 day):** Sunday June 21, 9am-5pm Geneva IL

**Alain Mailland Hands-On Class (2 day):** June 22-23, 9am-5pm Geneva IL

**Ashley Harwood Demonstration:** Saturday September 26, 9am– 5pm Arlington Hts IL

**Ashley Harwood Hands-On Class (1 day):** Sunday September 27, 9am-5pm Geneva IL

**Ashley Harwood Hands-On Class (2 day):** Sept. 28-29, 9am-5pm Geneva IL

### OTHER EVENTS:

**Tennessee Area Woodturners 27th Annual Symposium:** January 30-31  
Cool Springs (Nashville) TN

**Totally Turning Symposium:** March 28-29 Saratoga Springs NY

**Utah 36th Annual Woodturning Symposium:** May 14-16 Orem UT

**AAW 29th Annual National Symposium:** June 25-28 Pittsburgh PA

**Rocky Mountain 16th Annual Woodturning Symposium:** September 18-20  
Loveland CO

**Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild Turning 2015 Symposium:** October 9-11  
Cincinnati OH

This calendar is for **YOU**. Send notices of events to [p.shotola@comcast.net](mailto:p.shotola@comcast.net) Art shows, Craft fairs, Demos, Store events, Symposia will all be included. Self-promotion is encouraged.