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All the News That Will Fit On the Lathe

A Message From Don Johnston, Your President

Windy City Elections

We will be holding elections at the November meeting for 2016 club officers. Offices include President, Vice President, Secretary / Newsletter, and Treasurer. Our nominating committee headed by Bill Hochmuth has assembled a slate of candidates willing to stand for the 4 positions. Nevertheless, nominations can still be made until the voting takes place on November 17. Elections will be decided by majority vote of members present.

AAW Turning Scholarships

As you have read in your American Woodturner magazine, AAW, in cooperation with John C. Campbell and Arrowmont, is again offering scholarships at each school to AAW members. Winners will be drawn by AAW from members nominated by chapters. Windy City will select its nominee in a drawing held on Thursday, November 13, 2015 from among applicants received by noon that day. Windy City members can apply by email to Don Johnston at don-suej_2000@yahoo.com by noon, November 13. The Windy City winner will be notified promptly. AAW will notify winners of the scholarships by December 1, 2015. Be the first to apply.

Applicants must be paid up members of AAW; and must indicate in their application whether they prefer the scholarship be from Campbell or Arrowmont or "either one." Any Windy City scholarship winner 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 2016. Room, board, and travel are the responsibility of the winner.

Ornaments at Woodcraft

Six Windy City turners entertained a nice crowd of Woodcraft customers – and some fellow members – on Saturday, October 31. Thank you to Paul Shotola, Paul Pycik, Rich Nye, Dave Reilly, Marie Anderson and Don Johnston for their efforts. We demonstrated and displayed a nice variety of ornaments -- trees, hollow ornaments, birdhouses, icicles, acorns, bells and snowmen. All went well except for Nye spraying the room with bark from a vase he was hacking out of bone dry oak. We handed out some brochures and had a lot of fun. (see page 6)

Once Upon a Christmas

Again this year Windy City will be turning ornaments at the subject event in the Lisle Station Park Blacksmith Shop. Although the 1920's Sheldon lathe is powered and will likely be operational, the ornament turning will take place on a Jet Mini as in the past two years. Those interested in taking a shift of turning will be able to sign up at the November meeting or by contacting Don Johnston at don-suej_2000@yahoo.com or 708-482-7628. Once Upon a Christmas will take place on Saturday, December 5 from 3 to 8 pm and Sunday, December 6 from 11 am to 4:00pm. We will expect to operate in 2 1/2 hour shifts, but you can have two if you want.

Elaborate ornaments are not required for this demonstration – indeed simple is better as this audience of mostly families won't spend much time watching. Creation of chips and sample re-

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At Our October Meeting



Paul Shotola Demonstrated "Making A Custom Index Wheel"



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American Association of
Woodturners*



Due To A Scheduling Conflict, Our
October Meeting Was Not Held At
Lisle Park District. The Photos (ably
taken by Dave Burk) Were Not taken
In Our Photo Booth, And Don't Have
Artist ID Tags.

Enjoy and Be Inspired By These Pics.











A partial group portrait:
(from left) Dave Reilly, Don Johnston, Marie Anderson, Rich Nye, and Paul Pyrcik (3 out of 5 had on their safety glasses) Not poictured: Paul Shotola

Ornaments at Woodcraft



Rich Nye



Paul Shotola with his granddaughter,
Megan (age 12)



Paul Pyrcik

An ornament sampling



Marie Anderson with her Mom, Megan and Frank Presbitero. Note the Storm Trooper face shield-after all, it was Halloween!

On October 31 (Halloween), we gathered at Woodcraft to demonstrate and show turning Christmas Ornaments. An enthusiastic crowd watched as we turned and talked turning. Our thanks to all the volunteers, who arrived early and stayed late for the crowd's entertainment. All of the demonstrators made it home on time to go Trick-Or-Treating.

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THE MONTHLY REVIEW

Each month, an experienced member (in October it was Marie Anderson) reviews members' current work for form and new techniques in a non-competitive, positive way. All members are encouraged to bring their work to the review. What have you been working on? A new technique? A fresh design? Your fellow members want to know about it.



MARIE ANDERSON

The October Meeting at Benet Academy



Thanks to quick thinking by Paul (*"I'll do it"*) Pyrcik and the generosity of Benet Academy, our October meeting was held in the lunchroom at Benet. Despite unfamiliar A/V equipment, Tom Waicekauskas and Bob Bergstrom were able to make everything work, and we were able to conduct our meeting.



Paul Shotola at an unfamiliar projection screen to give a PowerPoint presentation



Windy City Holiday Party Dec. 15

Bohemian Crystal Restaurant

639 Blackhawk Drive

Westmont IL 60559

Cash Bar: 6:30

Dinner: 7:00

\$10 @ person, payable to Nick Page

Gift Exchange:

If you bring a gift, you get a gift.

Members: A wrapped gift (value at least \$20)

Made Gift: A hand-made gift
(by you and /or your spouse)

Wrap your gifts and put your name inside

Free Raffle

(You must be present)

Put your money away-Santa Rich has something
for you!

Dues are Due!

Your Treasurer, Nick Page,
will be accepting 2016 mem-
bership dues at the next meet-
ing. Cost is \$25 for individu-
als and \$40 for families.

Cash or checks only, please.

Checks are preferred.



Nick Page
Your Treasurer

OUR MEETINGS

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from 7 pm till 9pm. 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?



**Roy
Lindley**



The Demonstration In November



As Seen at the AAW
National Symposium

From Don Johnston

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sults are the goal. Those who participated in past years didn't sweat much as the Blacksmith Shop is unheated, but it's not so bad with a portable heater and camaraderie. This event boasts "free old fashioned fun for the whole family." Consider bringing yours. There is lots more happening than us. More on the celebration is available at <http://lisleparkdistrict.org/museumsatlislestationpark-events.html>.

CBN Wheels Winner

The winner of the drawing for the pair of CBN wheels was Mark McCleary. He bought (*only* ed.) 4 tickets. Thanks to all of you who bought the rest.

Holiday Party

As covered in the last Newsletter and in the Evite you all have received by now (see page 9), this year's party will be held at the Bohemian Crystal restaurant at 639 Blackhawk Drive, Westmont. The party will be Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30pm for 7:00 meal. There is a \$10 per person charge (payable in advance) covering the complete meal – a cash bar will be available. Please reply to the Evite so we can have a solid number. You must pay Nick Page at the November meeting or mail a timely check to him at 670 Welch Street, Gilberts, IL 60136.

Our traditional optional exchanges will be part of the celebration. If you bring a gift, you take one home. The exchanges are as follows:

If you participate in the "Member Gift Exchange" you will 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 at least \$20 worth. Put your name inside the package so the exchange winner will know who to thank.

The "Made Gift Exchange" is, obviously, something you and / or your mate have made and that you would enjoy giving as a gift. Past items have included pens, bowls, clocks, baked goods, lidded jars, Aston Martins, whatever. Again wrap it pretty and put your name inside.

Rich Nye also promises a wonderful "Free Raffle."

Finally, everyone please bring the single turned ornament you like best to be placed on a tree at the party.

Join the fun at the social event of the 2015 holiday season.

Things To Do!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WINDY CITY WOODTURNERS EVENTS:

Once Upon A Christmas Festival: December 5-6 Park District, Lisle IL
Holiday Party: December 15 Bohemian Crystal Restaurant 639 Blackhawk
(go Hawks!), Westmont IL (See page X for details)

CHICAGO WOODTURNERS EVENTS

In addition to a turning symposium (Turn-On! Chicago), Chicago will host at least 3 demos and their attendant classes. Watch this space for demonstrators and dates in 2016.

OTHER EVENTS: AAW National Symposium: June 6-9, **2016** Atlanta GA

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Turn-On! Chicago Symposium: July 22-24, **2016** Mundelein IL
www.chicagowoodturners.com

Plan on attending the demos (and partaking of the hands-on classes) as dates are announced.

To register for classes, contact Matt Schmitz
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